

Liberal travelling caucus

Affable Mitchell Sharp defends Trudeau, policies

Former Liberal cabinet minister Mitchell Sharp made his first visit to Acton Monday, as part of the Liberal travelling caucus. A public reception was arranged for him at the United Church, where the affable long-time politician spoke informally, chatted with everyone and had a light lunch.

About 50 people spent an hour and a half with the Liberal member for Eglinton, who has a long career behind him. He hails from Winnipeg, graduated from the University of Winnipeg and the London Schools of Economics, was in the grain trade, was deputy minister of Trade and Commerce, with Brazilian Light and Power, elected to Parliament in 1963, was Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Finance, secretary of state and president of the privy council. He resigned from

The Cabinet in 1976. "I can be more objective now," Mr. Sharp smiled on hearing his introduction, "but not less a Liberal!"

He spoke first on the economy. "The situation we face is without precedent in the history of the world." Countries were determined there would never be depression and unnecessary suffering again. We set in train a whole series of programs—unemployment insurance, medicare, family allowances, old age pensions, aid to education. Our standard of living rose after the war two and a half to three times that what it was before.

But that structure began to fall apart.

A strong inflationary bias developed, everyone thought everything would continue to improve. There was world-wide inflation. Internationally, the U.S. went off gold; then came the

energy crisis which quadrupled the price of oil. Now we realize governments must restrain expenditures. "It has to be dealt with and there is no way Canada by itself can cure the problem."

The anti-inflation board has been very useful, helping to eliminate inflationary expectations. People don't expect as much as they did. "There are no cures."

He spoke of legislation which Actonians are well aware of, protecting the leather industry. But protectionism is the surest way to depression, he said. Liberals believe in an international stance; we have to prosper together.

Mr. Sharp changed the subject to the threat to unity and declared we should be grateful to have Trudeau as our leader today. He explained that Trudeau became a member of the Liberal party and interred politics

because of the Quebec situation.

Levesque says the champion of Quebec is the government of Quebec. Trudeau says the champion of Quebec is the government of Canada. The people of Quebec know their champions are Levesque and Trudeau. Levesque was elected as an alternative to Bourassa, not because of separatism. Support for separatism is no longer growing.

He recalled in 1942 when he entered Politics there were no French Canadians in the upper ranks of the bureaucracy; none spoke French. There has been a tremendous change.

"I am confident of the future," he concluded. A couple of spirited questions were asked about indexed pensions and on bilingualism.

Again Mr. Sharp defended support for French but opposed action to suppress the rights of English-speaking people in Quebec. The policy is not to have people bilingual but to enable people to deal with the government in their own language. "It's institutional bilingualism."

Travelling with Mr. Sharp were Jacques Leger, research assistant to M.P. Frank Philbrook, and Halton treasurer of the Liberal association Roel Vis who acted as driver for the day.

Mr. Sharp came to Acton from Oakville and continued on to Georgetown. He was interviewed by the Georgetown Independent and attended the opening of Halton Hills Community Conservation Centre there. Then he returned to Oakville, and dinner in Mississauga. Wellington M.P. Frank



STAFF and residents of Jeanette's home for senior citizens were among those who met former Cabinet Minister Mitchell Sharp Monday. Majorie Hughes and Jeanette Fernandes are pictured.

Maine was in Milton and Acton high schools, at a Chamber of Commerce lunch in Milton, Mississauga city hall and a dinner in Oakville.

Three Federal Ministers and four Members of Parliament toured the Halton and Mississauga regions. Dr. Frank Philbrook, Halton M.P., took part along with Mr. Sharp, Dr. Maine, Norm Cafik, Minister of State for Multiculturalism; Robert Andras, president of Treasury Board; Tony Abbott, Minister of State for Small Business, and Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier).

"The concept of this travelling caucus evolved out of the government's concern to maintain closer contact with the people and to gather important feedback on

government policies," Dr. Philbrook explained. "Caucus members will meet with high school students, municipal governments, businessmen, community college students, ethnic community representatives and service club members in the area. Dr. Philbrook said this travelling caucus is the 19th in a series which have taken place throughout Ontario. "It's a chance to let the Federal Government know the areas of concern in the region so we are more sensitive to them in Ottawa."



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March break at Y

March Break fun fest is planned for the Y during school break next week. Open to youngsters from age five to 12, it runs Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 20 to March 23. Times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be both indoor and outdoor activities which are still being planned, including sessions at the pool, arena and park.

The special days are sponsored by both the Y and the recreation department. Registration is Wednesday (today) March 15 from 8 to 10 p.m. at the town office or on the days following.

There is no program on the Friday as it's Good Friday.

The young people registering will be divided by age for the programs. What's done will depend partly on the weather, as they hope to be outside as much as possible.

Quentin Thwaites will be the co-ordinator of the program. On staff will be some of the potential summer recreation department employees.



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ABOUT THE NEW REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN

THE TOWN OF MILTON WILL BE DISCUSSING, IN GREAT DETAIL, THE NEW REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AND WILL BE FORWARDING OUR SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGION IN APRIL.

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP.

This new Plan is available free of charge if you call the Regional Planning Department at 878-5571 and ask that a copy be mailed to you.

Study it and if you have concerns, write down the Page Number, Item Number along with your views and mail it on or before March 31st, 1978 to:

Mr. R. J. Zasadny, Planning Director, Town of Milton, 251 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario L9T 1P1

C. THOMPSON, CLERK.

Obituary

Gil Malcolm

Funeral service was held March 13 at Shoemaker Funeral home for Gilmour (Gil) S. Malcolm, of 139 Tidy Ave.

Mr. Malcolm died suddenly in Guelph General Hospital March 10. He was in his 54th year. His death was a shock to the community where he has been especially active and well-liked.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he met and married his wife Doreen there, before moving to Canada in 1952. He served in the Royal Navy during World War two. He had lived in Acton for 21 years, where he belonged to the Royal Canadian Legion and Acton Chorallers, and was involved in minor hockey and minor soccer. His hobbies were singing, darts, golf and hockey. Mr. Malcolm was a member of Knox Presbyterian church. Mr. Malcolm served many years on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

He was employed as an electrical installer with Ontario Hydro.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, Doreen, two sons, Scott, at home, and Ron, of Guelph; daughter-in-law Wendy, and grandchildren Sherry and Terri; one brother, Alex of Glasgow and a sister, Allison, also of Glasgow. He was predeceased by his parents, Alexander and Allison.

The Rev. Andrew McKenzie officiated at the funeral services. Pallbearers were S. Reed, J. Shadbolt, W. Hibbard, J. Higgins, H. O'Rourke, and B. Inscow. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

Members of the Canadian Legion and the Acton Chorallers attended the funeral. There was a special Legion service Sunday evening.

Leather

A theft of three pieces of finished leather from Beardmore is being investigated by Halton Regional Police. Police say the theft took place March 3 and 4.



THE REV. Chuck Beaton and former Cabinet Minister Mitchell Sharp chat over lunch at Trinity Church Monday. Over 50 welcomed Mr. Sharp to town.

Board rejects prayers for unity

Acton-Esqueing Trustee Bert Hinton found no support at Halton Board of Education Thursday for his plan to have Halton pupils pray for national unity.

He asked the board to consider following the example set by Hastings-Prince Edward Separate School Board and have students read a prayer, written in English and French, once a week. He noted the Eastern Ontario board has 4,000 pupils reciting the prayer weekly.

"In view of the groping that goes on with regard to the importance of concern for Canadian unity, it would seem that a prayer is perhaps the most constructive resource available as a cure to our problems," Hinton's prepared statement to the board said.

Earlier, he said he thought his prayer plan made more sense than most dealing with national unity which have come to the board such as having students write letters to Quebec Premier Rene Levesque, protesting his plan to take Quebec out of Canada.

Trustees didn't debate Hinton's plan before rejecting it.

Special delivery?

A special delivery parcel mailed from Toronto to Acton IGA at 7 a.m., March 10 arrived in Acton yesterday (Tuesday) four days after it had been mailed. Maybe it went to Acton England first.

CORRECTION NOTICE

Please Note The Following Corrections

Due to an error on our part in our furniture ad of March 8th, we advertised a 26" Bradford Colour T.V. for \$449.00

THIS SHOULD HAVE READ **\$549.00**

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NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING

A meeting to select a Progressive Conservative candidate for the Federal Progressive Conservative Association of the riding of Halton will be held:

Thursday, April 6 at 8 p.m. sharp
Blakelock High School
1160 Rebecca Street, Oakville

Declared candidates: Tris Lett
Otto Jelinek
Art Ross

Eligible to vote are residents of the riding of voting age who have become members of the Halton Federal P.C. Association by midnight, March 23, 1978 or who were members of the Association in 1977, and buy memberships at the door.

Memberships are available from the following area Presidents:

Oakville Burnhamthorpe: Bill MacLeod 827-3619
Acton: Bert Hinton: 853-1147 or 853-1246
Nassagaweya: Ken Murray 853-1688
Milton: Mel Phelps 878-6836
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