

# Election '84—the candidates and the issues

Otto Jelinek says:

## Trains will stop here if Tories win

Otto Jelinek, the sitting Member of Parliament for Halton, has stated publicly that if the Progressive Conservatives form the Government after September 4 they will reinstate Acton IA Rail stop "forthwith".

He notes that when the Liberals cut out many of the smaller rail stops in Canada that his party opposed them, sent out a task force. It found, among many other things, that the Jasper-Banff rail cut cost tourism in Alberta \$100 million. Brian Mulroney and the Conservatives have pledged to undo much of the harm which resulted from these cuts, he notes. It is not just a personal pledge and Acton is included.

That's only one of 64 issues on the Tory election platform Mr. Jelinek says will turn this country around and provide jobs for the unemployed. He sees unemployment as the number one problem facing the country now.

His party has four economic pillars on which they formulated policies, including new and innovative training and retraining, establishment of local training councils, incentives to encourage the private sector to initiate training programs and utilize UIC benefits for training purposes as well as tax credits for employers who use the system.

Another theme which dominates the Jelinek campaign is the aim to help small business, to remove where ever possible, government interference and red tape that ties small business people up in bureaucracy. He says that Canada's 750,000 small businesses create over half the new jobs in the private sector and need a simplified tax system, reduced taxation, more management assistance and tax incentives.

Mr. Jelinek notes that once again the issue of capital punishment has surfaced with the murders of three policemen. He points out that in his 12 years as an MP he has advocated the return of the death penalty for 1st degree and premeditated murder. He says Brian Mulroney has promised to allow a free vote in the House of Commons on the issue. "I have no doubt it is a deterrent," Mr. Jelinek says, Society does not have to countenance it.

Mr. Jelinek in another flaming issue, says that he does not agree with those who advocate abortion on demand or as a means of contraception, but differs with his leader, Brian Mulroney, whom he says is against all abortion.

Mr. Jelinek says he favors abortion when

the woman's physical or mental health is endangered or on the advice of a physician.

The incumbent feels the success of Progressive Conservative policies is becoming more evident every day in North Halton. He points to the success of a corn roast at Chudleigh's Farm on 25 Highway Saturday where 1500 people attended and wished the Tories well, optimistic about this election, Mr. Jelinek said in obvious understatement.

The Tory MP says that the party is also dedicated to providing relief for senior citizens, 600,000 of whom, he claims, are living below the poverty line. He says the PC government will make sure there is good pension security for all Canadians, including development of a program of home-makers' pensions through the Canada Pension Plan.

The deficit? A Tory government will be dedicated to "responsible deficit reduction," he says, and lower interest rates. Patronage, the bugbear which the Tories say Liberal leader John Turner acquiesced with when he endorsed the appointments of Pierre Trudeau, would be eliminated under a Tory government, Mr. Jelinek says. On July 23 he called for an end to all major political appointments based solely on par-

tisan patronage. When Parliament reconvenes, he will insist that all such appointments recommended by the Prime Minister be brought before an all-party parliamentary committee for a full public inquiry.

"I believe that the latest series of Liberal appointments is a disgrace," he says "and a costly insult to every Canadian." He estimates that of the 200 appointments made over the last two months taxpayers will foot the bill for \$84,411,600.

Mr. Jelinek, who lives with his wife Leata and son Misha in Oakville is a member of the shadow cabinet with responsibility for small business and tourism. First elected to Parliament in 1972 he has held several portfolios including corporate affairs, transport, and fitness and amateur sport. He has participated on several Parliamentary committees including health and welfare, employment and immigration, and external affairs. He is a member of the finance, trade and economic affairs committee now.

Otto Jelinek also has a high profile in Canada for his work as a commentator with the CTV network of figure skating competitions both at home and abroad.



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Oriena Currie says:

## Get rid of the dumps and put people to work

by Mark Holmes

If Oriena Currie is elected in the September 4 Federal election she promises numerous changes for the better.

Currie, Halton's Liberal candidate, is one of a handful of women running for federal office. According to Charles Caccia, the federal minister of the environment, there are currently only 15 women on Parliament Hill to represent Canadian women who make up 52 per cent of the population.

While she agrees with most Liberal policy sanctioned by Prime Minister Turner, Currie said she has several ideas of her own on which she is basing her campaign platform including issues concerning the economy, foreign policy, social issues and, closer to home, the toxic waste disposal site near Milton.

The waste disposal sites, which are currently under provincial jurisdiction, were proposed for the Milton area because of the red clay soil base, said Currie. Where toxic waste from industrial centres wouldn't have much chance of seeping into the underground water systems in the area.

After some thorough checking Currie found there is an alternative system that would rid the area of the unwanted dump sites.

According to Currie's research there is a system presently used in Germany that is technologically ten years ahead of the system proposed for Milton. The system, above ground, has three walls built into it to considerably cut the risk of leaks and, being above ground any leaks would be easier to spot she said. The real bonus of the system is that it can be put anywhere so instead of bringing toxic waste to Milton Currie has proposed that the dumps be located closer to the industrial sites.

On federal economic policies Currie has a few ideas that she believes will considerably lessen the unemployment situation that has plagued Canada for the past decade.

The biggest problem facing the Canadian economy is unemployment and a proposal to increase import regulations is the best way to combat the problem, Currie maintains.

"For example," said Currie, "Canada monitors steel imports into the country but there are numerous steel products crossing our borders in the form of finished goods that all come under the one heading of steel." Currie proposes that additional custom agents should be examining goods that come across the borders and stopping the huge quantities of goods that otherwise could be produced in Canada.

A perfect case in point is the Robertson Whitehouse company in Milton. They produce steel screws that are in direct competition with screws imported into Canada. "Why," asked Currie, "should goods be imported into Canada when there are already industries here that can manufacture goods."

If we can eliminate unnecessary imports we'll create more jobs for Canadians," concluded Currie.

Having her own businesses, Currie feels that her expertise will be invaluable in Parliament. She hails from Campbellville where she has owned and operated a service station and currently runs an amusement machine business and is transforming a lumber yard into a retail business complex.

Currie said she wants to encourage rezoning in many centres across Canada to allow for a better small business environment. "I didn't know how lucky I was to have my business in Campbellville," said Currie. "Campbellville, while incorporated by the Town of Milton, is zoned as a village and under municipal laws it is a better environment for small business growth."

If all centres rezone part of their area as a village then there will be more growth in the small business sector, she concludes.

On the national deficit Currie said she agrees with P.M. Turner that pumping money into the economy has far more benefits than lowering the national deficit.

Creating jobs and instituting training and retraining is following the old and proven philosophy that it takes money to make money, said Currie.

Currie also pointed out that although the national deficit has caused the Canadian



ORIENTA CURRIE  
Liberal candidate

dollar to become deflated against the American dollar it is extremely strong against all other foreign currencies. She predicts the dollar will level out at around 80 cents American in the near future.

If you bury a large quantity of money in Acton and tell people about it there would soon be a rush to buy bulldozers and chhoes, labor would be hired and it would create a healthy economic environment, Currie hypothesizes.

While current economic problems are her first concern, Currie said that social issues are also a major issue.

She said she wants to see a revamped pension system that circulates more money to elderly and retired workers.

People don't mind paying into pension plans said Currie, because most, at one time or another, will benefit from them.

Putting additional money into circulation through increased pension benefits has many advantages, including a stronger retail market. People with incomes of over \$60,000 who pay little or no federal tax may be paying a 13 per cent tax on income if a proposal by P.M. Turner is passed. However, continued Currie, it might not be wise to plug every loophole in the tax system. Accounting in Canada represents a multimillion dollar business that employ hundreds if not thousands of people who are kept busy looking for the loopholes, she said.

Currie said she plans to push for increased training and retraining facilities for people who are over 50 and looking for work, if elected. Foreign policy is the third big issue on Currie's platform. She maintains Canada should step up its role as a global peace-maker. r Canada has lived up to its NATO commitments of an annual three per cent increase in forces, but it's time we started stressing arms reduction and global peace at the bargaining table," stated Currie. As for Cruise missile tests on Canadian soil, Currie said she sees no reason to back out of agreements with the U.S. but there should be no testing or introduction of armed nuclear weapons in Canada.

She says Canada is a middle power on the globe and pushing for arms reduction and peace should be a Canadian prerogative.

Currie, 49, said she decided to run for federal office because she feels her expertise in the field of business and her former position with the Women's Perspective Advisory Committee (an elected office) will be beneficial in government.

Despite her former dealings with women's issues Currie said she isn't going after the female vote any more than the male vote.

Currie says she considered entering politics 10 years ago but instead pursued a business career and got into politics two years ago.

## Let people make laws — Kowalchuk

Put national issues before the people of Canada and base our law-making system on the majority vote, Green Party candidate Chris Kowalchuk pontificates.

Speaking at the all candidates' meeting August 23, Kowalchuk pointed out that radical changes must be made in governmental policy if we and our children want to survive.

"I'm not just a 23-year-old standing here stating what I believe," said Kowalchuk, "these changes have to be made if we are to survive."

Kowalchuk stated that the Green Party's number one priority is developing alternate energy sources noting that existing reserves of conventional energy sources like coal, oil and gas are running out quickly.

"We must also develop alternate energy sources to save our already poisoned environment," declared Kowalchuk.

The Green Party's second priority is abolishing the nuclear threat. According to the Green Party candidate nuclear power plants must go. The spent fuel of the nuclear reactor stays radioactive, and therefore dangerous, for 500,000 years.

Kowalchuk said the Green Party is the fastest growing political phenomenon in the world's history with two countries having already elected the Green Party to power.

There is no secret said Kowalchuk, we work for the people and let the people make up their own minds.

"There was a referendum distributed to Canadians that showed 80 per cent of the population in favor of a nuclear freeze. When it was returned to Ottawa nothing was done about it," claimed Kowalchuk.

Under the Green Party, Canadian laws would be based on the results of a monthly poll to all Canadians.

On the issue of abortion Kowalchuk explained that it wasn't up to the government to make the decision but to the people themselves.

He restated that under the Green Party a series of referendums would be sent to all Canadians each month and laws would be made based on the results of the popular vote.

"We must also change our entire industrial system continued Kowalchuk, "The name of the game is not waste but recycle and industries producing toxic waste should be closed down."



CHRIS KOWALCHUK  
Green Party

## Balance the system, solve problems—Flynn

If the corporate sector and the "ordinary Canadian" were treated equally by the federal government, unemployment and financial problems could be eliminated, says Kevin Flynn, NDP candidate for Halton riding.

"When you start to give special attention to one part of the system, the system becomes unbalanced," Flynn said in a recent interview.

Unlike the Progressive-Conservatives and the Liberals, the NDP is, "accountable to the people who elect us, not the corporate sector," he claimed.

Flynn pointed to Manitoba as an example of the success of the NDP's theory.

"If Manitoba keeps going the way it is, they will have full employment within four years," he said.

Under the present system, Canadians are paying the bill for corporate tax breaks which amount to \$25 billion, or \$1,000 out of the pocket of each Canadian.

Flynn criticized the loopholes in the tax credit system and other tax breaks corporations receive. People who have money can take advantage of the loopholes in the system, but the ordinary Canadian cannot, he said.

For instance, if two companies merge, they are not required to pay interest on any money they borrow for the move, but a merger means job losses.

"The government is paying that corporation to get rid of jobs," Flynn said.

"We (the NDP) want to see a tax system which wealthy Canadians are required to pay their fair share. Tax breaks should be based on performance. Keep the breaks, but let the corporate sector that they have to



KEVIN FLYNN  
NDP candidate

earn them the same way the ordinary Canadian has to."

Flynn also said he thinks an abortion should be accessible to those who choose that route, although he and his wife have decided abortion is not a choice for them. "I respect the choice for others though," he said.

Capital punishment? Flynn said he is completely opposed to it.

"It's been proven that capital punishment is not a deterrent to violent crime," he said.

Used as a deterrent, capital punishment has resulted in a rise in violent crimes, inexplicably, Flynn said.

"What really annoys me is that a group of politicians, even in our own riding, would appeal to the darkest side of humanity—revenge," he said.

If it was proven to be effective, Flynn said there is no way he could not support capital punishment. He would like to see the number of violent crimes committed across the country decrease.

Those who commit violent crimes have to

be treated "progressively," he said.

"We have to make the culprits understand the vile nature of the crime they've committed," he said.

Flynn pointed out that the N P was the party which forced the Liberals to set up a national oil company, but the Liberals have mismanaged the company.

"We won't sell PetroCanada, it would be a betrayal to our kids," he said.

Canada has relied heavily on foreign investment in their energy field and, "It's fallen back in our faces again and again," he said.

Flynn is confident of his chances in the election, especially in the Acton area.

"We fully expect to take Acton," he said.

He has been successful in reaching through to the people and offering honest, straightforward talk along with viable solutions to their own individual problems, which are the problems of all Canadians, he said.

## Robert Martin health council head

At their July monthly meeting, the Halton District Health Council elected officers for the coming year.

Robert Martin of Hornby was elected chairman, Bonnie Brown of Oakville vice-chairman, Eunice McGowan of Georgetown is secretary and Dr. George Torrancia of Burlington is the treasurer.

Continuing Council members include Mrs. Marilyn Booth, Councillor Jackie Cutmore, Dr. June Robertson and Dr. Anthony Ross of Oakville; Brian Brady and Councillor

Bradford Clements of Milton, Moya Johnson of Georgetown; Dr. J.W. Macfarlane, Councillor Patrick McLaughlin and Edmund Smith of Burlington. Mr. Smith was appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor to the health council in July, 1984 for an initial two year term.

The Halton District Health Council, one of 26 in the Province, is a voluntary body whose main task is to provide advice to the Minister of Health on the planning, development and co-ordination of health care resources for Halton.