

# High School Teachers Against Insurance Plan

Haltom high school teachers county except Milton district. Blakelock representative Al told MP Rud Whiting last week high school, was represented at the meeting, as was Halton Board of Education.

By next year the Liberal government plans to bring into an overhauled and extended unemployment insurance plan about 1,250,000 people not now covered, including public school teachers.

The executive council of the Haltom Branch of Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation met at M. M. Robinson school in Burlington last week with Whiting, John Morrison (Liberal MP for Halton-West) and Peter Connolly, a special assistant to federal labor minister Bryce Mackasey, to try to make clear why the teachers don't want to join.

**LITTLE DISCUSSION**  
Every high school in the

Little two-way discussion took place. Participants agreed afterwards that questions from teachers and the answers they got from the government spokesmen often did not mesh.

Morrison commented afterwards: "Rud and I didn't have much choice but to support our party's unemployment insurance proposals."

**OBJECTIVES**  
Nevertheless the teachers pressed the following objections to joining the program:

1. Chances are slim that teachers would ever need to claim unemployment insurance benefits so why contribute?

## NEW PROGRAM

2. The new program would be, in effect, a welfare tax; the teachers claimed, but it would not be spread universally, since self-employed like doctors and lawyers are not included in the U.I. program.

The teachers said they would not object to aiding "the less fortunate" who can't find work, if everyone in society contributed on a graduated income tax basis. They do not envision themselves as directly benefit-

ting because apparently they do not envision themselves being unemployed long enough.

## DESTROY INITIATIVE

3. The new program will "destroy initiative" in Canada and lead to a "welfare state", the same criticisms the Liberal government stirred up over its white paper on tax reform.

Whiting's answer to this was the new program will plug many of the holes that allows the current U.I. program to be milked, and so, will be a step away from a welfare state attitude compared to what exists now.

4. The new program by demanding about \$130-\$150,000 from the Halton education board in its first year alone would overburden the already squeezed property tax base. It would probably lead to cutbacks in school programs, since the board would have to find the funds somewhere, teachers commented.

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