

MP comments on UIC editorial criticism

To the editor of The Herald: A recent editorial in one of the Halton Newspapers referred negatively to the 35th Annual Report of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

As is well known, "UIC" has become one of Canada's favourite whipping-boys, for the public, for the media, for business, for anyone with a legitimate concern about it and for many with a social or political bias against it, for anyone that is exempt from work with it, both your elected representatives and your hard-pressed public servants in the UIC offices.

Even the format was criticized as being too short (14 pages), less glossy and complicated than other government reports when reason dictates that a short report is more likely to be read by more people and is more economical in a time of restraint.

premiums, then it has more people living here and more with jobs, a positive note.

Federal programmes such as DREE (Regional Economic Expansion) are designed to help the have-not provinces with jobs, and the Equalization Programme to help them financially until they can get on their feet. Such programmes help to keep Canada just and united, and help the economy for all Canadians and regions.

Even the UIC programme helps keep the economy functioning soundly by redistributing and stimulating consumer buying power and thereby supporting Canadian business and industry.

All citizens of course, have a duty and an opportunity to make the system work, rather than just being passive and cynical. When the irresponsible are also offensive enough

to boast about cheating the system before they are caught, their fellow citizens should report them, both for their own sakes and that of their fellow citizens. In our own experience as a constituency office, unfortunately, few people do.

Finally the editorial points out with legitimate concern that administrative costs for the UIC programme have increased significantly (up to about 10 per cent by my calculations). Sometimes they do partly to try to make a big complex system work efficiently, computers at least are enormously expensive. But remember, so are staff, and if you fail to honour the system or report people who cheat, the UIC will have to hire more people to do it for you.

Yours Sincerely,
Jr. Frank A. Philbrook,
Member of Parliament,
Halton.



DINEAN JONES, 12, tries her hand at magic during a muscular dystrophy carnival Saturday.

Minor injuries in only major accident

Mark Huising, 12, 88 Raylawn Cres., was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries after his west bound bicycle was in collision with a car driven by Douglas W. McNeven, 24 Dayfoot Dr. on Aug. 20, police said.

Brampton motorist Debra L. Shellhorn and her passenger Carl Geway, 76 Raylawn Cres., suffered minor injuries after the car they were riding was in collision with a truck driven by Gordon S. McIntyre, R.R. 1, Limehouse Aug. 20, police said. The accident occurred at Guelph Street and Sinclair Avenue.

Estimated damages were \$300 to Shellhorn's vehicle and \$25 to McIntyre's truck.

Beatrice L. Snyder L25 C10, was the victim of a hit and run driver Aug. 16 on the Ninth Line, west of 27 Sideroad, police said.

As she was westbound on the road, her car was struck by a driver who left the scene.

Estimated damages were \$1,000 to Snyder's vehicle and \$10 to a mailbox and post.

Chapel Street and Guelph Street was the scene of an accident Aug. 19 when a car driven by Steven W. Bowers, 30 Mill St., Georgetown, was in collision with one owned by Alan M. Bailey, 65 Duncan Dr., police said.

Estimated damages were \$1,000 to Bower's vehicle and \$700 to Bailey's.

An unknown driver caused \$125 in damages to the parked car of Peter Martin outside his residence at 28 Moultriey Cres., Aug. 17, police said.

Police said 20 Sideroad west of 7th Line was the scene of an accident Aug. 17 when Brampton motorist Wesley Wilkering rounded a bend and slid on loose sand on the road before striking some deep ruts.

Although the car flipped over, damage was estimated at \$100.

Motorists Michael R. Borland, 6 Cleaveland Dr., Gerald Tuffin, 36 Irwin Cr., each sustained \$500 in damages to their vehicles which were in collision at Mountainview Road S. and Delrex Boulevard, Aug. 13, police said.

An Akron, Ohio, man was in collision with a Norval woman at Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road, Aug. 16 police said.

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Inflation drops

To the editor of The Herald: In the battle against inflation, with the Consumer Price Index showing definite signs of moving steadily downward (only a 6.8 per cent increase July 1975 to July 1976) and from negotiations proceeding between business and government on profit margins, the other area of concern expressed to me by many constituents is of course the extent of wage increases.

Data released to me recently by the Government of Canada indicates that there are encouraging signs in this area also, even considering the early nature of this first transitional year of the Anti-Inflation programme.

Collectively bargained settlements in the second quarter of 1976 displayed a lower rate of wage increase than those of the first quarter 1976, the lowest recorded increase since the end of 1973 according to a report issued by Labour Canada.

The 143 settlements during the second quarter produced average annual increases in base rates of 11.5 per cent in compound terms. The comparable figure for the first quarter of 1976 was 14.5 per cent.

The figures are based on an analysis of collective agreements covering 500 or more workers in industries (other than construction) within both the federal and provincial jurisdictions.

There were 89 settlements in the second quarter which were classified as one-year agreements, 35 were classified as two-year agreements, and 19 as three-year agreements.

While the 143 agreements settled in the second quarter provided for the average annual increases in base rates equal to 11.5 per cent, in one-year agreements it was 12.4 per cent, in two-year agreements the annual average increase was 12.7 per cent for the first year and 8.4 per cent for the second year, in three-year agreements it was 20.9 per cent for the first year, 7.3 per cent for the second year and 5.2 per cent for the third year.

Of the 143 settlements during the second quarter of 1976, 36 provided for a cost of living allowance (COLA); and the average annual increase in base rates for these set-

lements was 10.1 per cent (excluding the effect of the COLA clause). The remaining 107 settlements without a COLA clause provided for an average annual increase in the base rates of 12.6 per cent.

During the 12-month period ending with the 2nd quarter, 1976 (starting in August 1975, 3 months before the Anti-Inflation Programme) there were 470 major collective agreements settled. These settlements provided for an average increase in base rates of 13.8 per cent.

Of the 470 settlements, 235 were classified as one-year agreements, 154 as two-year agreements and 81 as three-year agreements.

The 235 one-year agreements provided for an average annual increase in base rates of 15.7 per cent. The two-year agreements provided for increases of 16.8 per cent for the first year and 9.7 per cent for the second. The three-year agreements provided for increases of 17.9 per cent in the first year, 9.3 per cent in the second year and 4.9 per cent in the third year.

There were 133 settlements negotiated in the 12-month period ending with the 2nd quarter, 1976 which provided for a COLA clause. These 133 settlements provided for average annual increases of 14.9 per cent.

It should be noted that, where confirmed data was available, the settlement statistics shown above take into account the effect of rulings of the Anti-Inflation Board, and their subsequent ratification by the bargaining parties.

It is obvious from these figures that they represent a significant improvement over the 1975 average wage increase of 18 per cent plus, and that in spite of some of the rhetoric presented through the popular media, both labour and business have been cooperating with the Canadian Government in its determined attempt to defeat inflation through the Anti-Inflation programme, to the benefit of all Canadians.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Frank A. Philbrook,
Member of Parliament,
Halton.

A bad reporter spoils the barrel

To the editor of The Herald: Recently a member of the Ottawa press gallery, Stewart MacLeod, through the Georgetown Herald, commented sardonically that his group needed more specialized writers, for example a sports writer to cover such events as the alleged shoving match between the Prime Minister and a newspaper reporter.

I discussed the incident with one of that reporter's colleagues, for whom I have a great deal of respect. He did not seem to have as much respect for his colleague with the same organization, who did the shoving.

It seems to me and to many of my constituents who have also complained about the behavior of media people in this and other incidents, that

what Canada needs is reporters who specialize in respect and dignity for all Canadians including those who hold high office such as The Prime Minister.

While many of us would attest to the high calibre of many people in the news industry, many Canadians also can recount some bad experiences at the hands of others. Bad apples still spoil the barrel. There is no place in a civilized nation for hassling the national leader, even by a reporter.

Perhaps it is about time for Canada to embark on a new era of grace, whatever our individual differences.

Yours Sincerely,
Dr. Frank A. Philbrook,
Member of Parliament,
Halton.

RCAF reunion at Dunnville

To the editor of The Herald: There may be readers of your newspaper who would be interested in knowing of the forthcoming 31st annual reunion of No. 6 Service Flying Training School, Dunnville, and I would appreciate it if you would provide a news item through your public service facilities. Details for this get-together are as follows:

The RCAF men and women who trained during the last war at No. 6 Service Flying Training School in Dunnville will be gathering for the 31st successive year the week end of Sept. 24, 25, 26 at Dunnville. High-lights of this celebration will be a Friday night reception, Saturday morning golf tournament, Saturday evening banquet, fly past of wartime Harvard aircraft during a brief memorial service at the Civic Centre Harvard Memorial, and a Sunday morning break-

fast cooked and served by Mayor Charles Lundy.

All veterans of No. 6 are invited to attend. Contact Frank Scholfield, Box 187, Municipal Building, Dunnville, if not now in their mailing list and I would appreciate it if you would provide a news item through your public service facilities. Details for this get-together are as follows:

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Frank Scholfield.

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