



GEORGE GRAY GETS AN EMBRACE FROM DAUGHTER CINDY ON ELECTION NIGHT

Mood subdued at Gray's offices

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It was a difficult moment for George Gray, the 49-year-old defeated Progressive Conservative candidate.

He was at his campaign headquarters in Georgetown to address his surprised and subdued supporters after it was clear he had lost his first election campaign to incumbent Liberal Julian Reed when he noticed his daughter crying.

"Don't cry Cindy," Mr. Gray said as he embraced her. "Your mother thinks I've won... because I won't be away from home."

"Maybe I've done some things wrong," Mr. Gray told his supporters. "But everything I did, I did with great sincerity."

He said he would continue his efforts to bring jobs and nursing home beds to Halton. "Regional government probably helped to defeat me," Mr. Gray said, "but don't give it up."

He urged his supporters to get behind Premier William Davis, who failed to get a majority government, and also to get behind Julian Reed, who won Halton-Burlington with a plurality of 3,702, a healthy

Reed gains plurality

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his comments after someone shouted "that's enough George!"

Reed's brother Laurie, an Esqueping resident and Julian's campaign manager, said the tactic of the campaign was to ensure that Julian was confronted by the other candidates in all candidates meetings.

"It was Julian's choice," he said, "he observed that it was to his advantage to be on the platform and be compared with the other candidates."

He said the Reed committee had turned down a request to reduce the number of meetings because "everyone who goes to those meetings are usually committed."

The Reed re-election campaign was budgeted for about \$17,000.

Vandalism

A Georgetown resident reported unknown persons gained entry to his home and stole a calculator. Residents in Marywood Estates reported in separate incidents unknown persons kicked a hole in a wallboard after removing installation, and also kicked holes in the wall of a living room, kitchen and family room.

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NDP's Johnson optimistic about future

By COLIN GIBSON
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It's said that figures don't lie and those figures released by returning officer, Roy Coulter, for last Thursday's Provincial election in Halton-Burlington must have come as a bit of a blow to NDP candidate, Bill Johnson and his campaign workers.

Incumbent Liberal member, Julian Reed, swept the polls, gaining re-election by a more than comfortable 3700 vote margin over Conservative George Gray, who garnered 10,237 votes, while Johnson finished well off the pace, polling 5,598 votes.

Johnson, while keeping a stiff upper lip, offered a number of reasons for the NDP showing and although he and his cohorts did not appear thoroughly disheartened, the voice of the people has to cause them time to reflect.

In the 1975 election Johnson also ran third, behind Reed and the then Conservative candidate Gary Dawkins but polled 6,567 votes, to winner Reed's 10,535.

Seventy per cent of the eligible voters in Halton-Burlington exercised their franchise in 1975 and although the eligible voter list increased this time around from 33,791 to 43,337 the difference in turnout was negligible as the chief returning officer quoted a 69.1 per cent turnout for the 1977 election.

One main reason offered by both Johnson and his experienced campaign manager Bill Cumpsty, for the NDP slide was that Reed attracted voters who were "turned off" by George Gray's Madison Avenue type campaign, and thus voted Liberal as a form of disapproval of Gray, rather than an endorsement of Reed.

As the defeated NDP candidate wryly noted, "The people of Halton-Burlington were determined that Gray would not get in and for the most part, the disenfranchised Tories went Liberal at our cost."

Johnson and his supporters knew the chase was up even before half of the 164 polling booths had reported. After 40

polls had reported, Johnson was more than 1,000 votes off the pace set by Reed and Gray.

After 80 polls had reported, Johnson was trailing the eventual runner-up George Gray, by more than 2,000 votes and perhaps the battle was unofficially given up just after the 80 poll result, when a campaign worker approached Johnson, put her arms around him and offered solace by tearfully noting, "Well, we gave it a good go love."

Johnson, ever the optimist, replied, "Yes, but we'll be back at it again."

At approximately 8:45, Johnson and a party of NDP supporters journeyed next door to the Liberal campaign headquarters in Milton, to officially concede defeat to Julian Reed. As it happened, another sign that all was not going too well for the NDP that night, Reed wasn't there.

The re-elected member of the Provincial Parliament was at his victory celebration and Johnson made the trek to personally acknowledge Reed's victory.

There was no friction between the two contenders and obviously little bitterness on Johnson's part as he had earlier in the evening remarked, "Julian and I ran a good clean, sound campaign." The omission of Mr. Gray's name was well-noted by the NDP entourage.

Oddly enough, although last Thursday's results represented the second consecutive defeat of Johnson (both times he finished third) neither Johnson, his campaign manager, nor his supporters who rallied round him, would concede that "Wicked Willy" had sounded his last hurrah.

In an unofficial poll conducted at a gathering in the UAW Hall in Milton, after the results were confirmed, the support for Johnson was solid. Not one detractor could be found in the crowd and they all expressed the fervent wish that Johnson would once more attempt to tilt the windmill.

Bill Cumpsty, Johnson's campaign manager, was not in the least discomfited by the result. Cumpsty, who has been

a professional organizer for the NDP for many years, was able to glean rays of light from the apparent dark.

"I'm not disappointed in the least," claimed Cumpsty. "With this election, what we have established is a solid base in Halton-Burlington and I'm extremely pleased with the way Bill was accepted by the people and in the way he ran his campaign."

Cumpsty pointed out that Bill's first campaign, in the last election, was a veritable one man show but that this time there was a solid organization behind the candidate from the word go.

"Our (the NDP) successes have always come about wherever we have established a solid base," stated Cumpsty. "We have one here and I'm sure it will continue to flourish."

The terror of the Tories, "Wicked Willy" left the decision to his supporters. "If they want me back, I'll try again," said Johnson. The applause and cheering that greeted this remark at the UAW Hall on

Thursday would seem to signal yet another Johnson onslaught on the towers of power.

Johnson's wife, Mary, was slightly more hesitant about embarking on the campaign trail for a third try. "Oh Lord no," she exclaimed. "At least not until tomorrow."

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