

Biggs swipes at Trudeau, Chretien for 'laissez faire' on dollar

Everett Biggs took an aggressive swipe at the Trudeau government Thursday for its fiscal and economic policies. Lashing out at Finance Minister Jean Chretien, the former Ontario deputy-minister told about 25 people at the North Halton Golf and Country Club that the finance minister isn't a good poker player on the international money markets. He condemned the "laissez-faire" attitude of the government toward its lack of intervention earlier last week to support the sagging dollar and pronouncements that no such action was expected. "By not saying (that the government would intervene) it's an open invitation to speculators," he said, causing the dollar to take further downward pressure. Mr. Biggs was in Georgetown to seek support from local Progressive Conservative members in the newly-formed federal Brampton-Georgetown riding.

Canadians should know what position the government is now taking in its negotiations under the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), but Trade Minister Jack Horner says revealing such a position might harm the talks, Mr. Biggs said. "This lack of knowledge about a positive government move in the economy is contributing to a lack of confidence which is reflected by the growing number of unemployed. Quoting former Ontario premier John Robarts, he said the role of government is to provide leadership and to inspire confidence. Many of the countries involved in the negotiations under the GATT talks have now in place direct and indirect government aid to industry. Canada must compete with these countries on a world scale to maintain its export markets. Profit, he said, has become a hard word, but it must be remembered, that it is industry and not government which

creates wealth. Mr. Biggs said 65 per cent of employment depends on the independent small businessman but the government has had a trend to "squeeze small business." He urged tax recognition for labor intensive industry because "it's realistic to use tax concessions to encourage the manufacturing industry to create jobs." It is particularly important today with production at about 83 per cent efficiency to regain this lack of confidence in the economy to provide the 290,000 jobs that now stand idle, and provide for an additional 600,000 new jobs. "If an industry is to flourish it must have the right economic climate," he says. That is the role of government. Mr. Biggs also says Prime Minister Trudeau uses a "lever technique" of saying it is the role of business to provide stimulus to the economy and when it doesn't come about to say people are not supporting the government.

The prime minister's bureaucracy -- 90 people in his office -- is a countervailing force within the federal government, he says. The trend to more government must stop and he supports the use of sunset laws to place review and expiry on present and future legislation. He supports a Progressive Conservative policy of a three year freeze on government hiring and a reduction in size through attrition which could save \$2 billion. He also attacked the rapid growth of the federal budget during the Trudeau years to a projected 1978 level of \$49 billion from \$18 billion and said all areas of government, including the reluctance of local members to see program cuts, is responsible.

Although he has reservations against circumstantial evidence, Mr. Biggs said in reply to a question that he supports capital punishment and would carry his conscience on a free vote but a member should seek conclusive information on the feelings of constituents. "I think the Progressive Conservatives at this moment have an excellent leader and he will make an excellent prime minister and deserve the support of all PCs," Mr. Biggs said comparing Tory leader Joe Clark to Prime Minister Trudeau. He carried the analogy to show that Mr. Clark is happily married, respects the institution of parliament, and has an "understanding of the needs of the ordinary person."

Police Beat

A Georgetown resident had a pickup truck stolen from his driveway last week in one of a number of thefts in the area. Thieves stole the pickup truck some time during the night of Feb. 25. They also attempted to remove the man's car, but they were unsuccessful. An Acton resident reported that her residence was broken into by a former boyfriend. Nothing was stolen, but once he was inside the residence the suspect allegedly assaulted the girl's present boyfriend. A warrant has been issued for the suspect's arrest. An employee of Georgetown Chrysler reported that some time between Dec. 7 and Feb.

20, someone removed a car radio from a 1978 Dodge Aspen. The theft was discovered when the car was checked before being sold. Vandals cut a television cable wire at the home of a Georgetown resident some time between Feb. 18 and 19. A performer at the Hollywood Tavern in Norval reported his musical equipment stolen last week. It was taken after the band finished playing and the equipment was being loaded into the car. A Milton resident reports that two people entered the Doughnut Shop on Mill Street in Acton last weekend and started to kick and punch him in the back and the head. The man said he did not fight back, and did nothing to provoke the attack. Warrants have been issued for two suspects. A pickup truck stolen from the driveway of a residence in Glen Williams was recovered by a member of the Guelph OPP. The truck was found on the Ninth Line of Erin Township one mile north of the Halton Hills town boundary. Unknown persons removed a CB antenna from the car parked in the driveway of a Georgetown residence early this week. In another incident, thieves in Acton removed the battery from a car. Vandals smashed the front of the Red Apple Farm store on 15 Sideroad. It appeared that a vehicle had been driven or backed into it. Two men were arrested on outstanding warrants early this week when they were found to be in breach of their recognizance, drinking and staying out after curfew. They were held for a bail hearing.

Policy vote change fails

Halton Hills procedural by-law should be altered so that a change of council policy requires a two-thirds vote, Coun. Roy Booth told administration committee Monday. A motion to that effect failed to pass at committee and Coun. Booth said he intends to re-introduce the motion after the budget has been discussed and a clerk administrator hired. Coun. Booth said the change would prevent defeated motions from being re-introduced again and again as under the current procedural by-law. If the change is passed by council, it will mean that nine councillors will have to vote in favor of a policy change.

Helping Hands seeks publicity

By DIANE SHEPHERD
Rev. Richard Ruggle who was recently appointed to the board of directors of Helping Hands, said the reason that the group has so few clients is because the group itself has not become publicly-known. The government-funded group's main reason for being, is to help senior citizens and temporarily or permanently disabled persons around the home with odd jobs. Barb Stephens, co-ordinator for the northern division, is "astounded" that there is this service and it is not being used. She also can't understand why none of its potential clients know that there is such a service offered. There has been some advertisement, such as on Cable TV and old people groups have been notified of the service. Mr. Ruggle of St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams, and St. Paul's Norval, feels that in time the service will become known and they will have more clients and volunteers.

Three car collision

A three-car collision on Trafalgar Road at the east-bound ramp to Hwy. 401 resulted in \$1,500 damage last Wednesday. A car driven by John McCreddie, 32, of Burlington was southbound on Trafalgar Road when an unknown vehicle turned across its path, and the car had to stop suddenly. When the brakes were applied, the car went out of control, moving partially into the northbound lane, and hitting a second vehicle, driven by Norman MacMillan, 50, of Burlington, which was northbound. While the second car was trying to avoid colliding with the first car, it struck a third vehicle, driven by Art Ticknor, 54, of R.R. 2, Brampton. None of the drivers suffered any injuries.

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Beans		Fish
Cabbage	Condiments	Ham
Carrots	Ketchup	Hamburger
Cauliflower	Mustard	Liver
Celery	Pepper	Park Chops
Cucumbers	Pickles, Olives	Roasts
Lemons	Salad Dressings	Sausage
Lettuce	Salt	Spareribs
Limes	Spices	Steak
Onions	Vinegar	Turkey
Oranges		Wieners
Peppers	Dairy Bar	
Pineapple	Butter	
Potatoes	Cheese	
Tomatoes	Eggs	
Turnip	Ice Cream	
Grapes/Fruit	Milk	
	Shortening	
	Lard	
	Yogurt	
Canned Goods	Frozen Foods	Drugs
Applesauce	Desserts	Headache Tablets
Beans	Fish	Deodorant
Carrots	Fruit	Razor Blades
Corn	Juices	Sanitary Napkins
Fruit Cocktail	Soups	Shampoo
Fruit Juices	TV Dinners	Tissues
Mushrooms	Vegetables	Toothpaste
Macaroni		
Peaches	Miscellaneous	Bakery Items
Pears	Cake Mixes	Bread
Pork & Beans	Candy	Cakes
Salmon	Cereals	Cookies
Sardines	Cigarettes	Pies
Soups	Crackers	Rolls
Spaghetti	Jams	
Tomato Sauces	Marmalade	
Tomatoes	Lunch Bags	
Tuna Fish	Macaroni	
	Margarine	
	Noodles	
	Peanut Butter	Other Items
	Pet Foods	
	Pop	
	Palato Chips	
	Pizza	
	Spaghetti	
	Rice	
	Wrap: Wax, Foil	
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