

NDP, Tories ready to go, Liberals aren't

The Conservatives and the New Democrats in Halton have their candidates lined up and ready to go for the federal election February 18, but the Liberals are still sitting in the starting gate without any candidates yet for the nomination.

Liberal spokesman Joan Gibb said there are three people seriously contemplating the nomination, but none of them had announced their decision as of Friday. Former Liberal MP Dr. Frank Philbrook, who was defeated by Conservative candidate Otto Jelinek in May, has not announced his intentions yet. He told The Herald before Christmas that he would make his decision known after the holidays.

The Liberal nomination meeting will be held January 7 at Blacklock High School in Oakville.

Doug Black, an Oakville lawyer, has decided to seek the nomination for the New Democrats. Mr. Black ran in the last election, placing third behind Dr. Philbrook and Mr. Jelinek.

Sheila Lippai, NDP spokesman, said, "You want to believe it," when asked if the local party workers are ready for the election. She said the party is looking now at locations for committee rooms, and hopes to have offices in Oakville, Milton and Acton shortly.

The NDP nomination meeting is tomorrow evening (Thursday) in Oakville, and Mrs. Lippai said she expects

the nomination to be a formality. The bulk of the meeting following the nomination will be dealing with planning and strategy, she said.

Incumbent MP Otto Jelinek will be seeking to retain his seat on behalf of the Conservatives, and local party spokesman Brian Cargill said the nomination won't be contested. The nomination meeting will be held at the Country Squire Inn in Oakville on January 9.

Mr. Cargill said the party workers are ready for the election.

"It wasn't something unexpected," he said. "We knew that at the first opportunity, this would happen. The opportunity came along, and here we are. The party is ready. I don't know anyone who isn't."

Erin celebrates 100th birthday

The village of Erin marked its hundredth birthday recently with a special ceremony highlighted by I.A. Gov. Pauline McGibbon's unveiling of a historical marker at Erin District High School.

Mrs. McGibbon led a contingent of dignitaries, including Wellington County Warden and Erin Reeve Larry MacKenzie, Erin Township Reeve Bert Wheller, Wellington-Dufferin-Peel MP Jack Johnson, Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe MP Perrin Beatty and Ruth Schatz of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, which provided the historical plaque as part of an ongoing, province wide series.

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Unity not an issue, MP says

"The whole thing is unrealistic and I definitely do not support it," Brampton-Georgetown Conservative MP John McDermid said of the Quebec referendum question this week.

"The question is just too wordy," Mr. McDermid told the Herald. "It's another Levesque trick and I don't like it."

Campaign of issues this time, with energy, budget: Milne

Former Liberal MP Ross Milne will try to reclaim the House of Commons seat taken from him last May by Progressive Conservative John McDermid.

Mr. Milne said last week he will seek his party's nomination for the Brampton-Georgetown riding on Feb. 18 federal election. The party's nomination meeting will be held Jan. 9.

"We decided we're going to have a go at it," Mr. Milne said, adding his family was involved in the decision.

"It has to be a family decision. They're involved in it just as much as the candidate."

Mr. Milne, who was Orangeville and area's MP for five years, predicted this campaign will be "much more issue-oriented" than May's.

And, he added, several issues prompted him to run.

Mr. Milne is upset that the Tory government turned over control of offshore energy re-

sources to the provinces since "that's where our future is."

The measure will make a few provinces rich to the detriment of others, "none more so than (to the detriment of) Ontario," Mr. Milne said, adding natural resources belong to all Canadians.

Mr. Milne also criticized the Conservative budget which led to the government's downfall. He described the proposed 18

cents a gallon increase in excise taxes a regressive tax of "the worst kind."

Mr. Milne said there was nothing in the budget which indicated proceeds from the tax hike would go toward energy programs.

Mr. Milne said the budget would have a "devastating effect on people", and its measures should only be im-

plemented when the economy's healthier.

Under Mr. Clark's plan, each Canadian over the age of 18 would be given five shares in PetroCan, with the option to buy more. No individual or corporation would be allowed to own more than three per cent and the government would retain 30 per cent. No



JOHN McDERMID

shares would be allowed to be sold to non-Canadians.

As far as any possible opposition to his nomination at the riding association meeting set for January 19 in Brampton's Central Peel Secondary School, Mr. McDermid said he is not aware of, nor is he expecting any challengers.

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