

**NDP criticizes Jelinek**

# Letter abuses MP's mailing privileges: Black

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Halton NDP candidate Doug Black fired one of the first salvoes in the election campaign following his nomination Thursday, accusing incumbent Conservative MP Otto Jelinek

of using his MP's privileges for electioneering.  
Mr. Black distributed copies of a letter addressed "Dear Free Enterpriser" which he received from Mr. Jelinek. The letter was circulated to owners and operators of small

businesses in the riding, and was mailed out as part of the MP's mailing privileges. Each MP is permitted to keep his constituents informed about proceedings in parliament through free mailing service. The letter lists a number of

proposals affecting small businesses which the Conservative government had proposed. It then continues, "Unfortunately, the Liberal and NDP parties forced a premature and costly (\$65 million) election, cancelling these and many other programs which were to stimulate our stagnant economy."

"I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that I will continue to fight on behalf of the small business sector and that, all these positive programs, along with new measures, will be reinstated once the PC government is re-elected on February

*Oh What A Mess  
What does status quo mean? The youngster asked his dad.  
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18," Mr. Jelinek wrote.  
**NOSURPRISE**  
"Although the election was supposed to be a surprise to the Tories, it didn't take them long to get into action," Mr. Black told NDP members and supporters Thursday. He pointed out that the letter was mailed about a week after the election was called.

Mr. Black expressed concern that the MP's "franking" privilege, as the mailing privilege is known, was used for the purpose of electioneering.  
Mr. Jelinek rejected Mr. Black's contention that he had abused his franking privileges. "I'm allowed to use that privilege within ten days of dissolution of the house," Mr. Jelinek told The Herald. "He's just using this for political purposes."

Mr. Jelinek said he sent the letter to Mr. Black because he considers him to be a free-enterpriser, "even though politically he isn't," because Mr. Black is a lawyer and runs

his own office.  
"He's received the letters before, but if he wants to be taken off the mailing list, it can be arranged," Mr. Jelinek said.

**SEND TO ANYONE**  
Mr. Black said that the franking privileges are to be used to keep the entire constituency informed, and not just the portion representing those with their own businesses. Mr. Jelinek replied that he is permitted to send these letters to anyone in Canada under that privilege.

"When I was the opposition spokesman on small business, I sent similar letters on small business matters to small businessmen across Canada," he said. "This time, I restricted it to the riding."

Mr. Jelinek added that he had made political comments about the other two parties in these letters before, here in this riding, and in his previous riding in Toronto, and that the political comments in this letter are not unprecedented.



Doug Black was uncontested in seeking the NDP nomination for Halton riding Thursday in Oakville. This is his second try for the federal seat in Halton. The New Democrats believe the country needs a stimulus. Mr. Black told NDP supporters at the nomination meeting, and the stimulus is not going to come from "Cruncher Crosbie's budget". (Herald photo)

## NDP endorse Oakville lawyer

Oakville lawyer Doug Black has again been selected to carry the New Democratic Party banner in Halton riding for the February 18 election.

Following his uncontested nomination Thursday by riding secretary Martin Spigelman, Mr. Black launched his second federal election campaign - he has tried twice, unsuccessfully, at the provincial level - by railing against what he called the damaging economic and energy policies of the Liberals and Conservatives.  
Mr. Black accepted the nomination "gladly, with vigor, with interest, and with dedication."

"I expect that in this election, in this country, this party will do exceedingly well, much better than we did in 1979," he said. "I'm not here to do anything but to win this election and that's what I'm going to do."

"Since the 1980 election was called, we've heard a lot of puffery and large tears from the Tory government about the fall of the government," Mr. Black said. "But Clark could have governed in the manner in which he was elected, with a minority, but he wanted power, and he was like a bull in the china shop of the House of Commons."

Mr. Black supported the move by the opposition parties to bring down the Conservative government, making it one of the shortest-lived governments in Canadian history.

**FLIP-FLOP**  
"The Tories have been engaged in flip-flop government and I think it was important to bring this government down," he said. "The electorate in this country cannot trust the Tory or the Liberal policies. They have no policies."

Mr. Black said he recalls sitting on the platform at all-candidates meetings last May when Liberal incumbent Dr. Frank Philbrook defended what were then high interest rates, and hearing the Conservative candidate, Otto Jelinek, attack those interest rates.

"Now we have a reversal, with the Liberals attacking the Tories for the high interest rates," he said. "The NDP are saying that what the country needs is a stimulus."

The ultimate in flip-flop government came in 1974 and 1975. Mr. Black said, when the Liberals campaigned against wage and price controls, and then turned around and implemented them after being elected.

"Since that time, the government has been saying inflation is the big monster," Mr. Black said. "Now, inflation isn't quite as big a monster. There are other problems."

"It was the Tories and the Liberals who accused the Arabs of causing inflation when they raised the price of oil," he continued. "Suddenly we have to move to the world price for oil. All the things for

which they criticized the Arabs are now being adopted. The Arab countries have a two-price system, and it can work."

**NO LAW**  
"The price of oil runs through everything we produce and deal with: gas, plastics, synthetics and so on," Mr. Black said. "The effect of an increase in oil prices will be an increase in revenue. The bulk of the increase will go to the multi-nationals - \$33 billion over the next four years - and no law in the land to say what they will do with that money, no law to say it must be used for research and development."

"The other \$40 billion from the increase in oil prices will go to Alberta, Mr. Black said, and the increase will do nothing but cause tremendous suffering for the people in the industrial heartland."

"The increase in the price of domestic oil is aimed partly at trying to get Canadians to use less oil, but it isn't working, Mr. Black said.

The Liberals and the Conservatives have shown "flip-floppery" even in the presentation of their leaders, Mr. Black said.  
"Six months ago, the Liberals said on television, 'A leader must be a leader', which I thought was a stunning conclusion," he said. "The Tories' image was that of team players, and it's understandable. The Liberals are now saying they're team players, and Joe Clark, if the pundits are correct, will be pushed as the leader of an experienced government."

"The important kernel of leadership is not whether or not Ed Broadbent or Pierre Trudeau is a star," Mr. Black said. "It's consistency. Which leader is saying the same thing now as he said in 1979, as he said before 1979?"

Mr. Black said after his nomination that the NDP is going to be telling voters that there is no difference between the Liberals and the Conservatives, and if they want a fresh, new approach, they should vote NDP.

**FLOATING VOTE**  
"If the polls are to be believed, there is a large floating vote which has in the past voted Liberal," he said. "The course of this campaign is going to make them sour on the Liberals."

The NDP budget for Halton riding this election will be \$7,000, which is less than the budget for last May's election, but "we're able to get a lot more mileage for the dollars we spend than the Tories and the Liberals," Mr. Black said. "I think in the last election, despite the difference in funds, we had just as high a profile as the other two parties."

The Acton area office for the NDP in Halton will be operating out of the home of Allan and Sharon Foster at 201 Lakeview Dr. The phone number for the office, temporarily, will be 853-3346.

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