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Leader's visit here

means a lot to local industry

Opposition leader Joe Clark had an air of sincerity about him last week when he visited Brampton and Georgetown, showing genuine interest in the unique accomplishments of Varian Canada Incorporated and meeting news media officials, ostensibly to gain their insights.

As leader of the federal progressive Conservative party, Mr. Clark's luncheon discussion with newsmen was rather predicable, a combination of well-researched opinions and arguments - offered to editors and publishers concerned about the mail strike, the economy and regional issues like the VIA Rail closures — and a couple of classic politicians' promises to "look into" stated problems.

As a leader of the federal Opposition and chief critic of the Liberal government, Mr. Clark was dynamic and convincing, repeatedly underlining the popular vision of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau as a Louis XIV-type aristocrat who's more concerned about maintaining power than furthering the common causes.

Most alarming were Mr. Clark's explanations of the difficulties facing the Opposition parties when they try to initiate positive change in parliamentary procedure or government policy. The distressing fact is that Mr. Trudeau's Liberal Cabinet can veto an act of Parliament under present Canadian law. This, clearly, is not the stuff on which a democracy is built.

The way Mr. Clark describes it and the record seems to bear him out -

Prime Minister Trudeau has spent much of the past 13 years deliberately but inscrutably widening the gap between government and the people, almost to the point where the Liberals in Ottawa are beyond our control.

If we accept and acknowledge that the Trudeau government is moving in the wrong direction politically, can we view the Clark Conservatives as a worthwhile alternative when election time rolls around again? Certainly, the party's policies regarding each current issue must be considered as a whole, but we see the interest shown locally last week as a favorable characteristic of Clark the leader and of the party it-

Mr. Clark's tour of Varian last week was another in a series of substantial tributes paid the River Drive firm over the past few years. Just last year, NASA awarded Varian and several of its technicians for their contributions to the American space program. Twenty-six years in Georgetown has made the firm not only a major local employer but an industry of which we can be proud and in which we can share our pride with other Canadians.

Whether the Conservative leader learned anything last week that will shape his party's policies is hard to say, although it's safe to assume that if he learned nothing new, his previous beliefs were confirmed. The fact that he did take a concerned interest, however, means a lot to companies like Varian, just as it means a lot to the rest of us here in Halton Hills.



STAFF COMMENT

By Chris Aagaard

Comparing notes

There was a curt message to American air traffic controllers from US transportation secretary Drew Lewis Sunday night: If they walk out on striks (which they inevitably did Monday morning) then President Ronald Reagan's administration will "come down with the full force of the Justice Department".

By contrast, the Canadian government's message to striking inside postal workers was something akin to "Gone fishing, see you in a couple of months."

Every aspect of the current mail stoppage stinks, and judging by letters to the editor in Toronto's daily papers, Canadians are steadfastly refusing to take sides. While slamming the unmitigated avarice of the posties with one hand, most of us have been hurling upper cuts at the government's lack of action with the other.

On principal nobody really likes to legislate workers back to the job even if they are needed to perform a vital public service. In Canada, the right to strike among members of the public service is just that: a right granted by an Act of Parliament. The Americans recognize no such justification, but even the Reagan administration has expressed regret that it may be forced to use the law to get the air traffic controllers to return to the towers.

Nevertheless, the US government's tough position-the determination not to negotiate at all until the controllers return to work-indicates a greater concern not only for the welfare of the travelling public, but for that country's entire

economy. Ours, on the other hand, goes on holiday. Epitomizing its arrogance, its "laisser-faire" attitude to the country's economic doldrums, were postmaster general Andre Ouellet's infuriating

remarks last weekend that the current postal strike couldn't possibly have a detrimental affect on numerous types of small businesses.

Whether or not you agree with the system, it's a fact that our economic standards are too closely attured to the financial finagling in the rest of the world to sustain Mr. Ouellet's sentiments for any length of time. How we are perceived by the global neighborhood is reflected in the condition of our collar and lately that has slumped to Depression-era

Regardless of one's political persuasion, surely nobody can hide behind ideology and declare such an encompassing strike, as is the current postal dispute, right on the basis of principal. There is nothing emancipating about the strike, nothing socialistic or even Marxist about it. There is no lofty advocation from the already well-paid members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to share the wealth. It's a big union, making big, selfish demands and it's as nasty and unwelcomed as big government bureaucracy and big industry.

All over the world men and women have died: for the right to strike and unionize to protect themselves from the unjust wage and working standards imposed by short-sighted, profit-motivated employers. The pendulum appears to have swung 180 degrees. The rights of others are being impinged upon by the postal strike and it's well beyond high time the government stepped in to police the

During this period of economic strife, there's very little room for people who stand on principal, right or left-wing. But there's plenty of space for those who want to chart a strong and perhaps more independent economic course for the country to



Federal Opposition leader Joe Clark's visit to Georgetown's Varian plant last week proved enlightening for himself and for the people who had a chance to chat with him. including the editors and publishers of a number of Brampton-Georgetown newspapers. His concern for the

nation's problems appear genuine. At the same time, however, he expressed some anxiety about the current Liberal administration's attempts to curtail parliamentary discussion, and therefore, the democratic rights of the people.

Of news-starved journalists and other Montebello trivia



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

Ottawa Bureau Of The Herald

Judging by the surfeit of Summit information that blew around Ottawa in recent days, it's almost frightening to think what the rest of the world may have learned about us during the three days Ottawa dominated the screens.

You see, there were more than 2,000 journalists in town for the Summit, most of them covering briefings by officials who had been briefed by other officials, who hadn't even been in on the Summit talks. And since these diluted briefings were fairly scattered events, the journalists had to kill time in other ways. And when you turn 2,000 time-killers loose, the results can be devastating.

At any given time of the day, one could walk into the media centre in Ottawa — it was located a convenient 70 kilometres from the actual conference site - and hear the unmerciful chatter of 300 typewriters, churning out material for breathless readers around the world. And since not even members of official delegations seemed to agree on what actually happened in the talks, we can only assume that the thundering typewriters were spewing out other assorted trivia.

The army of journalists certainly couldn't get enough raw material from those TV cameras that kept sweeping the well-trimed lawns of Chateau Montebello where the Sumiteers held their talks, emerging from time to time for a "photo opportunity." Apart from an occasional argument over the color of a necktie, there wasn't much stimulation offered there.

Yet, hundreds of reporters sat around, their eyes glued to these TV screens. And that's about as close as most would come to the visiting leaders, apart from the closing news conference where, oddly enough, journailsis weren't allowed to ask quest-

But in the meantime, the typewriters had to be used for something. And If the visting reporters were as conscientious as their Canadian counterparts in digging up trivia, then the world must be gagging on incidental information about us.

Yes, an Ottawa restaurant did come up with a "summit sandwich" containing seven ingredients. And, yes, American TV anchorman Dan Rather did eat in one of those trendy little Ottawa restaurants. And, yes, Helmut Schmidt's wife did chat with children at a hospital.

We learned about the construction of the roof at the National Arts Centre. so we would feel confident it would hold the visiting dignitaries. We found out what was on every menu, not only at Chateau Montbello, but at the media centre. We were told about what the journalists did in their spare time, where they shopped, where they ate. what souvenirs they bought.

TRADE VIEWS Journalists interviewed each other

every politician's ego there lurks the

belief he or she can be the best premier

present is the federal NDP's finance

critic at Ottawa, Bob Rac, who has

good TV presence and is widely

acceptable among party members of

Rae appears to have two problems,

First is whether he really wants

Second, and somewhat serious, is

the job, or whether he might prefer to

stay around Oltawa in the hopes of

succeeding Ed Broadbent as federal

his lack of a seat in the Ontario

legislature. There has been no indicat-

ion by sitting members in "safe" NDP

seats that they will gladly step aside

and give him the means to enter the

Interestingly, Rae is known to

The big name in the gossip mill at

Candidate mill churning

the province ever had.

different persuasion.

NDP Leader.

Assembly if he won.

as well. A Japanese reporter thought the people of Ottawa were "very disciplined," a remark that must have impressed the readers of Helsinki. An Italian thought Ottawa's sidewalks were surprisingly safe' - which wasn't really surprising since half the police in Canada were standing on them. And British journalists couldn't get over the fact that Chateau Montbello was the largest log building in the world.

That was a real gem of information, especially since pictures of the building included Mounties on horseback. It was duly noted that the exposed ends of the logs were repainted for the occasion.

One cocktail waitress offered me the information that she had been asked by reporters from three countries about the tipping habits of the guests. It was, all after, an economic summit.

It really was a strange three days in and around Ottawa. There were times, as you watched hundreds of people staring morosely at a motionless television screen, that it reminded you of those expeditions to the moon when we waited around for an astronaut to emerge from the lunar vehicle. Other times, Ottawa looked like a great convention centre, with none of the delegates knowing where to register.

And at all times, it appeared as though we could have saved \$10 million if Prime Minister Trudesu had organized a closed-circuit TV hookup and beld the conference that way.

Trouble with that is that school children in Japan then would never know that President Resgan's favorite brand of jellybeans can actually be purchased in downtown Ottawa at \$5,29 a pound.

have had lunch recently with Scarbo-

rough West MPP Richard Johnston.

who is probably the front-running

leadership candidate if Rae decides not

to join the fray - or maybe even if he

ty, good political sense, and a long

association with former NDP Loader

Stephen Lewis that can only be useful

background for him if he were to

how time-consuming and family-dest-

roying the leadership job can be, and

third in the contest won by Cassidy

three years ago, and might try his tuck

one more time. But against Johnston or

Rae (as of now, anyway) a Breaugh

victory would be considered an upset,

chance, is the very intellectual MPP

Jim Foulds, who might stract the

iar with the rollicall of names who've

An even longer shot, but still with a

By September we should be famil-

he is just recently married.

although not impossible.

party Left-wing.

On the other hand, he knows just

Oshawa MPP Mike Breaugh ran

become leader.

Johnston has a pleasant personali-

THIRTY YEARS AGO — J.B. Mackenzie and Son have been awarded the contract for building the new Georgetown Public School. The Mackenzie tender of \$189,200 was chosen by the school board at a meeting last month. The firm has had considerable experience in building schools. Besides constructing the three-room school in Glen Willtams, they are currently building the addition to Acton Public School.

The wartime houses go on sale Sept. 1, council decided Tuesday evening. A representative of the Central Mortgage Corporation could not give the selling price of the various homes but said a down payment of 10 per cent is required with the balance

of the monthly payments spread over 20 to 25 years.

The visit of Dr. Zomb to the Roxy Theatre last Wednesday evening drew an interested audience. The California hypnotist, who is making a tour of Ontario towns and cities, had a program full of hypnotic feats. At one time, he had a stage full of volunteers shadow boxing, playing the violin chopping wood or lifting imaginary weights.

The Lorne Scots Band is planning to enter competition at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. Local music lovers are hoping they will repeat their success of last year, when they won first prize in their class. This year they didn't compete at the Waterloo Music Festival in June, where they have also been frequent prize winners.

The 1951 census figures show that in the past 10 years. Halton County has increased in population by 50 per cent. Halton population, according to the 1951 census is 43,844 of which 22,681 are urban residents and 21,183 are rural residents. The population in 1941 was 28,515. Both urban and rural residents show the same ratio of increase.

TWENTY YEARS AGO --- A purchase offer for a six-acre tract of land south of Sargent Road has been made by council to Delrex Developments for the site of Georgetown's sixth public school. An original site had been ruled out by council as being too expensive to service. The school board, although partial to the original site, agreed to the second choice because servicing costs are lower.

The Lions' Jamboree, which has been held in past years in the armoury at the park and in the arena, will be moved to Main Street and the open air this year. Joining the Lions in this annual fund-raising event for the hospital, will be downtown merchants who will co-operate in a grand two-day celebration to mark the official opening of Mili Stret after new paving and sidewalks have been completed.

One hundred and fourteen adults and children were admitted to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital during Its first month of operation. Included are: 29 births and eight major and 27 minor operations being performed. Administration staff reported that of the 112 people on hospital staff, 89 are long-term Georgetown residents.

Target date for completion of Main Street resurfacing is Aug. 19, according to the road chairman, Roeve Dong Sargent. The reeve told council the contractors are expected to start work Aug. 1 and will be finished within three weeks.

TEN YEARS AGO - A sub-committee of downtown merchants left Monday morning for a trip to Niagara-on-the Lake to visit town officials in an attempt to find the secret of their success in creating the image of 19th century stores and a quaint downtown atmosphere, attracting businesses from miles away. The decision to go was prompted by a discussion of promoting a united image for Main Street.

Gray Coach Lines no longer has a downtown terminal in Georgetown. The Highland Restaurant has given up its agency and the company has established a new agency at the Moore Park Texaco station. The agency transfer makes an important route change with buses no longer driving through Main Street.

The speed limit on Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown will be raised from 50 miles per hour to 60 miles per hour as soon as Esquesing council approves a Department of Highways recommendation to that effect. A traffic analyst told council that the highway had been designed for 70 miles per hour and that it was unrealistic to have a 50 mile per hour limit when a survey showed that the majority of the drivers drove at speeds above 60 miles per hour.

Plans for a straight high-speed road through the scenic namiet of Lowville were vetoed by Halton County Council ending a three-year battle by most of the residents to keep the village as it is. The plan to reroute the Guelph Line through the western fringe of the settlement of several hundred people has been under consideration for several years with the cost estimated at \$500,000.

An urgent plea for the installation of a sewage system in Gien Williams was made in a brief to Esquesing Council by Sam Penrice of Beaumont Knitting Company Mr. Penrice said that the Ontario Water Resources Commission is insisting on some sort of disposal for his plant which would force him to either cease operation, relocate his plant elsewhere, establish holding tanks or consider some other form of manufacturing process.

ONE YEAR AGO - Lack of funds is holding up plane to double the capacity of an Acton rest home. Janet Booth, owner and operator of Acton Seniors Residence on Mill Street West, wants to put an addition to the back of the existing two-storey brick house to accommodate ten more bads and include a library and recreation room for the entire bouse,

An environmental hearing on the proposed Site "F" landfill site in Milton will be held next month. The committee is concerned about Site F because of two woodlots on the Milton site which contain a rare pine community.

Halton Recovery House may be closed if no money can be raised to keep it open. Recovery House, a halfway house in Milton for alcoholics, has been faced with closing because of a shortage of funds. The house is run entirely on grants and donations.

Nor-Shaw Developments Limited has again offered to brighten the town's industrial future with a second proposal for extensive industrial development in northern Acton. Acton's sagging industrial assessment stands to get a hefty boost from a 196-acre industrial park proposed for Highway 26 north of the CNR line. The firm has also proposed a 575-acre industrial park for establishment near Hornby at the intersection of Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road.

Time Will Tell

Large salaries, they imitate the rich Puts working families in a striking

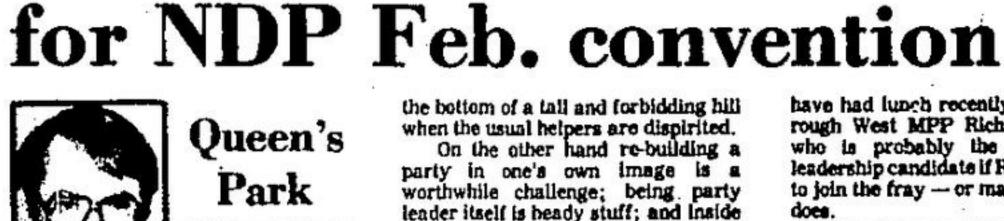
plich Higher wages, then prices sear Actually, you gain no more.

Taxes taken from your pay Money needed, spent in a worthless

Will bring manufacturers out of the shade. All the homes, that people buy. The reesen is they are priced too high Man will be forced to live in a shack That will bring our sensor back Inflation then will stop. Blg salaries end in a flop. Vacani farms shall gre again No one will have a hunger pain.

Register now for Y programs

There's still time to register your kids for summer programs at the Georgetown and District YM-YWCA. The Terra Cotta Day Camp is held at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's Terra Cotta conservation area and is open to youngsters from five to 12 years old. Kids two and a half to five years of age may participate in the Kinder Camp. "Summer Adventure Tours" are also available to boys and girls between six and 14 years of age and run from Aug. 24 to 28. Early registration is encouraged. Call 877-6163 or visit the Y's office at 39 Mountainview Road South (St. Andrew's United Church).





By Derek

Nelson

Of The Herald Summer's nearly over, the New Democratic Party leadership is to be decided at a convention next February. and most of those interested are still

dipping their toes at the water's edge. It is one thing to run for the leadership of the Progressive Conservalives, when you know winning automatically makes you premier.

Even seeking the Liberal leadership would be a different matter right now, should Stuart Smith step down this August as some say he will. The Grits are the clear second-choice party in Ontario today.

But running to succeed Michael Cassidy as NDP Leader is another matter entirely.

Whoever replaces him has a long, hard, grind ahead just to bring the party back to those head-swimming days of 1975 when the NDP was Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, with buttons to prove it. The party finished second in the election with 38 seats, and 28 per cent of the official vote.

Today it is a distant third, with 21 per cent of the vote, and just 21 seats. many held solely because of the sitting member's personal talents.

TWO VIEWS Thus, part of the agenizing among potential successors to Cassidy. Only a masochist wants to start climbing near POETS' CORNER

We are the ones that lives today Inflation prices make folks go grey Are they always going to stay? Cold winter comes but goes away. It is an age that man must face Planes they fly a very fast pace.

Man can go to the moon We get TV pictures and a tone. Cruel wars are a ceaseless pain To win their way, a bloody stain People gamble, cheat and steal Druge and alcohol, life's not real,

decided to take the plunge.

Our economy is in distress Hoping new governments will refresh Foreign goods, he a limited trade

- By Albert Breeks RRI Actes