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**Reed says withdrawn legislation would give Tories 'dictatorial powers'**

## Aggregate plan 'same old Bill 127'



By MAGGIE HANNAH  
 Herald Special

The provincial government's proposed new aggregate bill appears to be nothing more than a minor reworking of the 'old' aggregate bill which was withdrawn prior to the last provincial election, said the natural resources critic for the Ontario Liberal Party.

Julian Reed said he received a copy of the text of the promised bill a week ago, and so far his staff has not completed a comparison between this and the former Bill 127, which the opposition forced into committee in 1980. By the time then Resources Minister James Auld withdrew the Bill just before the election a total of 132 amendments to it had been proposed.

Bill 127 would have given the minister "virtually dictatorial powers" on the placing of pits and quarries and Mr. Reed said he sees nothing in the proposed bill to change that.

"Our position has always been that the municipalities didn't have enough power (under the original proposed bill) and I see nothing to give them more power in this," Mr. Reed said.

Mr. Reed said there are five major amendments in the bill, one to do with

including tailings from mining as aggregate, one a definition of the environment, a definition of public authorities who will be excluded from obtaining wayside pits and an undefined amendment to look after territories without municipal organization.

The only encouraging amendment for the public is the right of anyone in conflict with the ministry over an aggregate issue and to seek a restraining order through the Ontario Superior Court.

Mr. Reed said that might also have a detrimental effect since he questions whether anyone seeking a restraining order who was proven wrong might then be liable for any costs incurred by the issuance of that order.

That question was one he had no answers on from his legal advisors, he said.

The new bill is to replace the old Pits and Quarries Control Act and was expected in the legislature early in the spring. Then the government promised it would be available for study through the summer.

"By the look of it I suspect it was thrown together in a few hours one afternoon after we complained about not getting it on time," Mr. Reed said.

It was a hot and sunny day and about 30 people turned up to swing their clubs at the Milton Heights Golf Course. The nine-hole golf course was the scene of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service annual golf tournament. Ambulance volunteers and their husbands and wives, seen here back at the Chapel Street ambulance hall, teamed up to meet the challenge for the fourth year of the event.

(Herald photo)

## GVAS: come celebrate!

Two modern pieces of ambulance service equipment will be in Georgetown Sunday inviting inspection. "Bandage One", an air ambulance service, will be landing at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital about 12:30 and everybody's welcome to check out its interior. As well, the public is invited to the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service (GVAS) headquarters at Chapel and Guelph Streets to poke a head into the ten-stretcher

ambulance that will be arriving about noon. Called the "Metro Bus" because of its size, the ambulance is usually used during disaster times. The two ambulances are in Georgetown to help celebrate the GVAS' 25th anniversary open house. Everyone's invited to drop by, look at displays, watch emergency demonstrations and dunk donuts in free coffee. The open house runs from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

## Ottawa focus on unemployment 'major breakthrough', MP says

By BOB THOMPSON  
 Herald Special

The staggering unemployment rate may be eased by the federal government decision to shift priority toward job creation, but funds for the programs may be difficult to obtain, John McDermid says.

Mr. McDermid, Brampton-Georgetown MP, said this week he is encouraged by the reports out of Ottawa suggesting the federal focus may move from inflation fighting to relieving the high rate of unemployment.

Mr. McDermid called the decision a "major breakthrough", but cautioned that it would be difficult for the government to find money for job creation programs.

Ottawa officials had been steadfast in maintaining the way to an improved economy was through fighting inflation, but in an apparent turnaround, the cabinet revealed it will embark a major program aimed at providing jobs for some of the 1.3 million Canadians unemployed. So far, Ottawa has yet to



JOHN McDERMID reveal what the employment strategy will be. Cabinet spokesman Gerald Regan, after a

meeting in the Gatineau Hills with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and his ministers, would only say there has been a change in policy.

Mr. McDermid said he applauded the announcement because the government finally "recognizes unemployment is a problem."

The Progressive Conservative MP has been touring his riding and pointed out the city's Canada Employment centre has been deluged with requests for unemployment benefits. The

number of people collecting benefits has more than doubled compared to the same time last year, Mr. McDermid reported.

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 The unemployment rate across the country has been inching toward record rates the past few months. The 12.2 per cent unemployment rate is the highest it has been since the depression of the 1930s.

Mr. McDermid blames the number of people out of work on poor government performance, but specifically on the National Energy Plan.



## GOOD FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE

It was all for a good cause last Saturday when Herald editor Paul Dorsey climbed in the Kinsmen Club dunking tank at the Georgetown fall fair, but Herald staffers weren't going to miss a prime opportunity to repay their boss for all those veiled stories and rewrites that make their lives miserable. Senior reporter-photographer Chris Aagaard (right) fired a few baseballs at the mechanical arm that collapsed his editor's perch, as did sports editor Dave Rowney, advertising consultants Donna Brown and Sandra Wilson (who eventually joined him in the tank) and correspondent Harald Bransch. The three throws for \$1 price went to cystic fibrosis research. Mayor Pete Pomeroy, councillors Marilyn Serjeantson and John McDonald and independent editor Hartley Coles also took the plunge for charity.

(Herald photos)