

Potential for change seems everywhere

It might be too fleeting an impression, but it occurs to us that everywhere these days there is the potential for positive change, from the civic level here in Halton Hills to the highest government level guiding the world's evolution.

We'd like to express fervent hope on behalf of all people that those entrusted with that potential to change will not let it slip and certainly will not abuse it.

With the municipal election just passed, inauguration dates are being scheduled for Halton Hills council, Halton regional council, Halton Hills Hydroelectric Commission and the Halton board of education and its Roman Catholic counterpart. All terms are for three years, certainly enough time to at least conceive some solutions to the many problems facing taxpayers at the civic level.

For town council, especially, with a new official plan awaiting final approval, the time was never better to resolve disputes over the future growth of the Acton and Georgetown urban centres. The more recent controversy over ministry of natural resources plans for the town's aggregate is another major issue demanding quick and effective attention.

The condition of rural roads, the quality of recreation and - perhaps most important of all - the cost of living as it relates to municipal services, are other items that should keep council busy. Failure to resolve these issues before election time rolls around again in 1985 would have terrible consequences on all Halton Hills citizens.

For the school boards, the issue remains the same: maintaining quality education while keeping costs low. Difficult but not impossible, it's a job you trustees have taken upon yourselves. We'll hold you to it.

For the provincial government and the regional governments it guides so closely, the provision of health care and social services in these crucial times must receive more support and attention. These are not luxuries to be trimmed in favor of, say, bolstering sagging companies. The new leader of the New Democratic Party, in particular, promises to keep the provincial government on its toes, and for a majority government still deeply entrenched after 30-odd years, nothing could be more welcome.

For the federal government, a busy agenda indeed. A prime minister and a party in decline, the Liberal government has little time left to improve the economy, curtail rising unemployment and otherwise bolster Canada's position on the priority list, well behind the deflated dollar and the job crisis.

In global politics, two events this week conspire to force our government to carefully watch international relations and take measured steps when necessary: the result of the municipal referenda on disarmament and the death of Soviet president Leonid Brezhnev.

These are critical times. In one brief period, the various governments in Canada have been reshaped, put on their guard and further warned of impending danger. There is the power to change. We hope they will not let electors down again.



Holding power is trouble in unsettled Belle Province



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

From the Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

For federal political parties, particularly the Progressive Conservatives, the current situation in Quebec is, to say the least, unsettling.

The Conservatives deserve special mention merely because there now is a provincial party on the scene and federal Tory spokesmen say they will "ignore it." That tends to add a new dimension to inter-party co-operation. How a federal party can ignore a provincial party of the same stripe isn't exactly clear, but we'll see.

Meanwhile, Tory Leader Joe Clark has been careful not to close the door on Parti Quebecois support, saying that "we welcome support from whatever quarter it comes."

And while all this is going on, the Parti Quebecois itself has decided to postpone a decision on whether it should enter federal politics. This means the Quebec wing of the federal Liberal Party has to postpone a

decision on how it will campaign to maintain its massive presence in the province. The Liberals now hold 74 of the province's 75 seats.

MANY UNDECIDED
And just to ensure that no party knows exactly where it stands in the province, the Gallup pollsters have informed everyone concerned that a surprising 42 per cent of Quebecers are undecided about how they will vote in the next election, naturally, this is of greatest concern to the Liberals who clearly have the most to lose.

Surveys taken by the Parti Quebecois have indicated that they could win from 12 to 30 seats if a federal election were held now. But they don't know how this strength might hold up in the future and they are understandably reluctant to commit themselves to running federally.

The Liberals are already campaigning heavily to display a greater federal presence in the province, and MPs, including cabinet ministers, have been turning up all over Quebec to point out federal projects and achievements. But this is designed largely to offset provincial government publicity about what it is doing for the voters. "At the moment," said one Quebec Liberal MP, "we don't know who the enemy will be in the next federal election and he can't go on the offensive until then."

DIFFERENT PROBLEM
Joe Clark's problems are decidedly different. He knows who his enemy

will be. His trouble is establishing who his friends might be.

If the Parti Quebecois decided not to run federally, there is every indication - in fact Premier Levesque has as much as said so - that his people will extend a friendly hand to the federal Tories, simply to break the Liberal stranglehold on the province. However, should the PQ decide to seek an Ottawa presence, it will be forced to fight against the Tories.

The situation is somewhat delicate until the matter is decided.

And then there is that little nuisance about the formation of a provincial Conservative Party - something that has not existed in the past. What happened was that some 40 Quebec Conservatives got together, formed a party and named Jean-Gaston Rivard, a 58-year-old chiropractor, as interim leader.

"We were taken by surprise," said an aide to Clark. And party President Peter Blaikie said that "I don't plan to give it any attention whatsoever."

However, should the new provincial party start growing it can't be ignored indefinitely, particularly when its primary objective will be to attack the Parti Quebecois. The federal party will be forced to make choices.

The only party that is basically trouble-free in Quebec is the New Democratic Party - and that's because they are seat-free and, so far as the immediate future is concerned, they appear destined to stay that way.

Did you know?

From The Herald's "Did You Know?" department comes an interesting little background on the well-known logo used by one of Halton Hills' most



successful firms, Varian Canada, situated on Mountainview Road in Georgetown. According to "Art Without Boundaries: 1950-70" by Woods, Thompson and Williams (1972 Thames and Hudson Ltd., London), the Varian logo originated in Chicago, "the biggest printing centre in the

world" in the studio of Giulio Cittato, a native of Venice, Italy.

Cittato continues to design "corporate identities" for clients around the world, including industrial design and packaging. His work varies from the Milan department store to the Container Corporation of America.

"There is a marked clarity in his visual diagnosis of linguistic problems," the book states. "He employs symbols and signs to illustrate the meaning and function of an object or of a service. His choice of color and the legibility of the letter-forms give a distinctive quality to his work."

"Art should be the culmination of earlier graphic communications, after these communications have lost their initial utilitarianism." (Cittato says.) "If it was art to begin with, when it loses its functions it will remain art. I also consider my work precise yet emotional; geometric yet spiritual; mathematical but feeling."

Cittato was commissioned to design Varian's logo by the parent company office in Palo Alto, California.



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

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Critics of the provincial government's anti-inflation program have one aspect absolutely right. It is a five per cent wage control program for the public sector. It is not a five per cent price control program.

True, the legislation does provide for a review of administered prices under criteria established by the Consumer and Commercial Relations Ministry.

This will allow uncontrollable costs to be passed through. But some price

increases aren't considered administered.

The result, of course, will be some public sector price increases much in excess of five per cent.

Two good examples have already occurred. On Oct. 1 OHIP rates increased more than five per cent, and Ontario Hydro will take 6.4 per cent from public utilities.

To both opposition parties in the Legislature that is an outrage, although their responses are different.

NDP VIEW
The NDP, as the political wing of the Ontario Federation of Labor, totally opposes any form of wage control, but wants complete price controls in both the public and private sectors.

Four of their MPPs here have even issued a little manifesto that calls for an "interim price freeze" on gasoline, home heating fuels, OHIP premium payments, hydro electricity bills, transit fares, and auto and property insurance.

Wage control just a myth in Ontario inflation fight

Red Cross' top donors

Among the donors who contributed a total of 480 pints of blood - 100 more than last time - to the Red Cross clinic in Georgetown Nov. 8 were the following people who earned special pins: Douglas Harley donated his 80th pint of blood, while Ray Daniel, Walter Riley, Colin Vernon, Martin Boonema, Stephen Garneau and Alydus Sieben all made their 20th donations. Making their 20th were Robert Marchand, William Arthurton, Christopher Bridge, Janet Wickens and Jean DeLorne. Tenth donations were made by Angelo Tratopoulos, June Ford, Barbara Cocks, Deborah Titus, Jeannie Brookes, Jennifer Kilpin, Glenn Kay-Smith, Monica Hancock, Shirley Wilkinson, Ian Ramsdell, David Lough, Tom McLean, Lynn Shappard, Sandra Wells, Ronald Fuller, Betty Kennedy, Lori Taylor and May Valda.

Flora to speak

Former external affairs minister Flora MacDonald (PC-Kingston and the Islands) will be guest speaker at a special luncheon being held by the Federal Progressive Conservative Women's Caucus of Peel-Halton Nov. 25. Tickets can be obtained for \$8.50 from Norma Kleinfield (822-2080) or Jenny Amy (845-3405) for the noon luncheon at the Howard Johnson Hotel at Trafalgar Road and the QEW in Oakville.

Can you help?

Friendly Visitors are needed by Halton Helping Hands, especially in Norval, Limehouse and Campbellville. Only an hour or two a week or your time and attention could enable an elderly or disabled person to maintain community contact so essential to the prevention of institutionalization. Caring men and women are invited to contact the Volunteer Centre at 877-3219 Monday, Wednesday

and Friday. Our Friendly Visitors have a monthly discussion and training meeting.

Discuss disabilities

All parents are welcome to attend a videotape presentation on children's learning disabilities next Monday night (Nov. 22) at 8 p.m. at George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown. The school's parents group is sponsoring the meeting, which also features an introduction to the videotape by Mrs. G. Ferguson, a special education teacher. Admission is free.

School land sold

The sale of 1,201.3 square feet of property from the Speyside Public School site to the ministry of transportation and communications was approved Thursday by the Halton board of education. The ministry purchased the property for \$375 to use for improvements to Highway 25.

THIRTY YEARS AGO-Georgetown was luckier than neighboring municipalities Monday morning when hydro officials were plagued with a series of power interruptions. In town, power was off for a half hour period in the front of Bowers Garage on the highway.

A similar fire in Acton made a four hour interruption before all lines were restored. There was trouble all the way from Guelph to Acton and in several places in the Niagara Peninsula.

Trouble is believed to have been caused by the prolonged dry spell. Dust or other foreign matter had collected in the insulators and when the rain came, instead of running off the covering, as it normally does, the dust carried the moisture to the wires and caused fire and short circuits.

A temporary hook-up was made at the pole in town, but the pole will have to be replaced, hydro superintendent G.W. McCallum reports.

TWENTY YEARS AGO-With a seventh man declaring himself in the December election race this week, Georgetown may set a new record in number of candidates. Al Norton, a former deputy reeve, has announced he will qualify for reeve on nomination day, Nov. 22. Previously, two former mayors, Joseph Gibbons and Ern Hyde had stated they would run again for mayor. A former deputy reeve Walter Gray is a Ward 1 council candidate.

TEN YEARS AGO-There will be elections for every office but three in Georgetown and Esqueping Dec. 4. When the final deadline for a nominated candidate to withdraw passed at 5 p.m. Tuesday there were acclamations for just three offices in the two municipalities. Georgetown mayor Bill Smith will enter his second term unopposed as will Georgetown separate school board representative Hartley Sherk, and Esqueping's representative on the Halton board of education, William Lawson. In Georgetown, reeve Ric Morrow is being challenged by a former reeve, John Elliott, while councillors Joan Smith and Ernest Sykes are seeking the deputy-reeve chair vacated by retiring deputy-reeve Arthur Speight. The six positions for councillors are being sought by 17 candidates.

ONE YEAR AGO-Georgetown District High School's Rebel cross country team proved last weekend for its fourth straight season that it has the strongest squad in the province. At the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) meet at Boyd Park Conservation Area Saturday, Georgetown ended up top school overall, as well as first overall in the girls' division and tied for first in the boys' division. The finals had the six Rebel teams winning an Ontario division title, two strong seconds, a solid fourth and the other two teams both in the top 14 of their divisions which each contained 36 schools.

POET'S CORNER

Autumn

The beautiful leaves and the warmth of the sun, wild flowers bloom where the fence does run.

Air is soft under those shady trees, just like a dream what more could please.

Oh how great to live this day, and share its beauty along nature's way.

Setting sun goes down in the west, shadows fall along the hillside crest.

Then the stars light up the sky, a few stray clouds they pass by.

Morning comes as the night they go, great sun rolls up with a shiny glow.

Beautiful trees as their leaves they shed, a cluster of leaves green yellow and red.

A brand new day, a win to gain, New success is our greatest game.

--BY ALBERT BROOKS, Halton Hills.

Friendship

True Friendship is like a chain that cannot be broken

a strong bond between two people

It's having faith and trust in them just like a sage

telling their private information that's locked away

true friendship is understanding not shutting them out

softer winds bring you closer together and not a storm could break you apart

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