

Week number one

McDermid goes door to door



Brampton-Georgetown canvassers for the Progressive Conservative Party gathered round their candidate John McDermid Monday afternoon. Celebrating the opening of the Georgetown camp-

aign headquarters at 178 Guelph St. were (left to right) Marilyn Milton, Fran Baines, Sandy Morrow, Pam Johnston and Irene Wood.



At the Liberal campaign headquarters opening in Georgetown Monday, the special guest was Iona Campagnola. She was greeted by local Liberal

candidate for Brampton-Georgetown Ross Milne (extreme left) and Mayor Russ Miller along with former Halton Liberal MP Rud Whiting.

Iona Campagnola High profile boost for opening

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald staff

Iona Campagnola stepped into the newly opened Liberal headquarters for Georgetown Monday, giving candidate Ross Milne a high profile boost to the first day of his campaigning.

After a press conference and opening the Liberal headquarters on Queen Street in Brampton, Mrs. Campagnola stepped off in Georgetown for about an hour.

She spoke briefly to the gathering of about 60 people who jammed the Georgetown headquarters at 334 Guelph St.

In a traditional campaign pep talk, she mixed in words of praise for the Liberal Party with criticisms of the Progressive Conservatives and NDP.

The main issue in the election will be the economy and how it will affect our lives, she said. We live in a changing world and will increasingly have to start thinking globally and plan for a post-industrial society, she said.

She outlined the experience of prime minister John Turner and said the country needed a competent leader with the right skills.

No local issues

There's no burning single issue in Georgetown for politicians to get their teeth into, according to MP John McDermid.

The Brampton-Georgetown Progressive-Conservative candidate said the local issues are the same ones shared by Canadians across the country.

On the list of issues to be addressed by Mr. McDermid during his campaign are: unemployment, youth unemployment, high interest rates, the low dollar, acid rain, energy, the peace initiative and Canada's role.

Ross Milne, the Brampton-Georgetown Liberal candidate said people are interested in the national issues. "People look at the big news," he said.

Mr. Milne said an MP can work on a local level by providing good representation for their needs in Ottawa and by running a helpful constituency office.

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Ross Milne elected

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an of East Indian origin, refused to blame Mr. Milne for what he called a "slander campaign" and pledged his support for Mr. Milne during the election campaign against Tory MP John McDermid.

The 39 year-old catering firm operator said in his nomination speech that world peace, jobs for Canadians and especially youth unemployment were major issues.

Mr. Coelho has a Master of Education from McGill University and he has served on a number of associations helping teenagers, the handicapped, minority groups and the unemployed. He is a high school guidance teacher.

EXPERIENCES

In his speech, Ross Milne stressed the need to deal with jobs and employment and to strengthen the educational system. He spoke of his experience within the Liberal Party and his work as the president of the Liberal Party of Ontario.

Mr. Milne played on Mr. Coelho's recent move to Brampton-Georgetown: "This riding cannot be won by someone who has only lived here for four months and does not know this community."

Georgetown resident Bill Hawkins said he was "very much impressed" with the overall turnout because at the last nomination meeting there were only about 600 people he said.

SUPPORT

Ross Milne was heavily supported by Georgetown residents at the nomination meeting, Mr. Hawkins said. He was talking to many supporters of Kevin Coelho and his feeling was that the party would come out united, he said.

Former Halton Liberal MP Rud Whiting was in attendance at the meeting. The Georgetown resident recalls the crowds were bigger in Brampton than when he won the Liberal nomination in 1968 on the fourth ballot.

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Acton campaign headquarters, although the site, at 38 Mill St. has been chosen.

"We've been doing a lot of canvassing and all of our signs are being put up in the riding," Media relations director Paul Hoag said.

A new brochure about Halton PC candidate Otto Jelinek is hot off the presses this week and is being distributed by door-knocking volunteers and Mr. Jelinek himself.

The Party is also preparing for a big picnic at Jim Snow's Pineland Farms on Trafalgar Road, just north of Steeles Avenue, July 28. The party will be a campaign kick-off with dancing, music, a barbecue and a speech by Mr. Jelinek being featured. Tickets are \$12.50.

There's another picnic planned for Aug. 12 at the Croatian Social and Cultural Centre.

"We're trying to maintain good rapport with them," Mr. Hoag said. "There's a good Croatian population in the riding and their support was stated nationally by the 5,000 strong Croatian Peasant Party."

Although the Halton PCs are in good shape, the fact that it's a summer election has put a small crimp in their strategy.

There are 21 polls in Acton and the party is now identifying enumerators for all its 261 polls in the riding.

Acton area president Ron Henry said Halton

"Jelinek could be had. The election is a volatile situation and Halton has been a swing riding, especially this part of Halton," Mr. Henry said.

Over the years, he said he'd been impressed by the fact that Halton tends to go with the party in power. Mr. Henry has been a member of the PC party for 15 years.

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