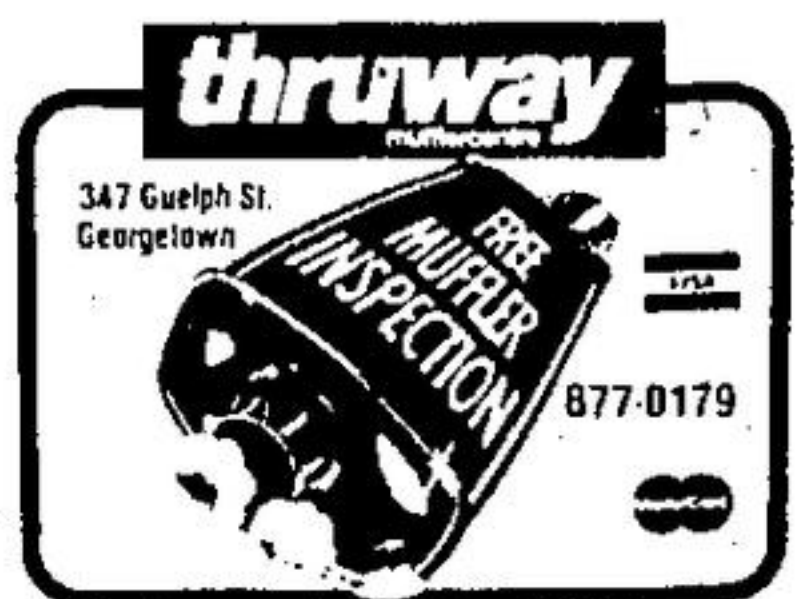




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HOW THE VOTE WENT

BRAMPTON-GEOGETOWN	
John Deamer NDP	13, 270
Ross Milne LIBERAL	23, 433
John McDermid PC	47, 954
Jim Bridgewood Communist	154
Steve Kaasgaard GREEN	460
HALTON RIDING	
Otto Jelinek PC	37, 625
Oriena Currie LIBERAL	14, 074
Kevin Flynn NDP	9, 062
Chris Kowalchuk GREEN	1, 476

ELECTION BRIEFS

Kowalchuk happy

OAKVILLE - Halton's Green Party candidate Chris Kowalchuk feels "pretty happy" over the results of the election. He was hoping for only a few hundred votes, but the Green candidate gained 1,225.

He will be staying with the party and will help to organize the provincial campaign for a local Green Party candidate.

As a parting word, Mr. Kowalchuk said he hopes the Progressive Conservatives will realize the concerns the Greens stood up for in the election. He's willing to wait before judging the Mulroney backed PCs on their attention to environment and nuclear disarmament issues.

In good humor

BRAMPTON - Liberal candidate for Brampton-Georgetown Ross Milne was in good spirits despite his loss to incumbent John McDermid.

The engineer for TransCanada Pipelines says he doesn't know if he'll be back to run for another election. He was voted in as an MP from 1974-79, but then lost to John McDermid in the 1979 and 1980 elections.

In his speech to party faithful, Mr. Milne kept his humor by recalling how his son Alec had helped in the campaign, but one of his toughest jobs was waking up Alec.

He is an employee at Lester B. Pearson International Airport and works the night shift so Mr. and Mrs. Milne flip a coin to see who has the difficult task of waking their son up.

Davis gives lift

BRAMPTON - Following up on the campaign support he gave Progressive Conservative candidate John McDermid, PC buddy Bill Davis, Premier of Ontario, made a crowd-pleasing appearance at Mr. McDermid's victory party Tuesday night.

Showing up about 11:15 p.m., the Brampton riding representative in the provincial legislature congratulated his federal cohort.

Premier Davis, accompanied by his wife, said Mr. McDermid's victory gave the PC party a great lift.

"I said to a group of reporters the other night, that the only thing that would satisfy me would be if you got a majority, which you did," Mr. Davis said. "Don't let anyone tell you you weren't a major contributing factor (in your victory)."

Words of praise were also directed to Mr. McDermid's campaign workers.

Other political supporters in the audience included Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, and town councillors Mike Armstrong, Marilyn Serjeantson, Pam Sheldon and Mayor Russ Miller (who says he isn't affiliated with any political party).

Swing to right

BRAMPTON - Brampton-Georgetown Green Party candidate Steve Kaasgaard was surprised by the election results which brought a "big swing to the right".

Mr. Kaasgaard is worried that the new prime minister Brian Mulroney will be "like (U.S. President) Reagan - a real monster".

"He (Mulroney) will definitely let the wheels of industry run loose," said Mr. Kaasgaard. The result will be a problem for the environment similar to what has happened in the United States, he said.

It would have been much better if the Liberals had won with regards to Green Party issues, he said.

Tory wave sweeps ridings

Herald Special
In a tidal wave of Tory blue that swept the nation last night, Progressive Conservative candidates for Brampton-Georgetown and Halton ridings were returned with resounding majorities.

Otto Jelinek (PC-Halton) and John McDermid (PC-Brampton-Georgetown) left their Liberal opponents far behind in their wake. Mr. Jelinek beat Liberal candidate Oriena Currie by 23,551 votes while Mr. McDermid won by a 24,521 margin.

Both PC candidates won by more votes than they had in the February 1980 elections.

A Progressive Conservative landslide became known to party workers by 8 p.m. Tuesday as the Maritime results came in.

As the local results trickled in, it became evident that Ontario would follow the trend set by the Atlantic provinces and Quebec.

To John McDermid, the landslide victory for his party caught him off guard. "It's quite staggering," he said.

Polis indicated from over two years ago that people wanted a change, Mr. McDermid said.

His counterpart in the Liberal camp, Ross Milne conceded to Mr. McDermid by 9 p.m., realizing early there was no hope of pulling off a victory. He was being beaten poll after poll by a 2 to 1 margin.

Halton incumbent Otto Jelinek felt he had the election wrapped up about 9 p.m. when he addressed the P.C. supporters at the Oakville headquarters. Oriena Currie spoke

to her supporters at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oakville at 10 p.m. and acknowledged defeat. When all the polls were tallied Mrs. Currie had only won four of the 297 polls in Halton.

Mrs. Currie congratulated Mr. Jelinek at Howard Johnson's about half an hour later.

In the NDP camps, Halton candidate Kevin Flynn and Brampton-Georgetown candidate John Deamer were pleased with their party's tally of votes.

"If you think about where we were in the polls three months ago, I feel we've done well," Mr. Flynn said.

He noted the party's seats in the House of Commons remained almost the same as before the election — 30.

Mr. Deamer said he was satisfied with the campaign he ran.

"We have a lot to be encouraged about. A lot of people expected the worst concerning us, but it did not happen," Mr. Deamer said.

In Brampton-Georgetown, the NDP captured about 16 per cent of the popular vote.

Shortest reign

BRAMPTON - It may not have been something former Prime Minister John Turner was aiming for, but the new Leader of the Opposition broke a record Tuesday night.

Brampton-Georgetown MP and Progressive Conservative candidate John McDermid brought the achievement to the attention of the press and his supporters Tuesday night as he claimed his victory.

"He (Turner) beat Sir Charles Tupper by two days," Mr. McDermid said. "He lasted 67 days; Sir Charles lasted 69 days (in office)."

Mr. McDermid noted that Mr. Turner was nominated in the parking lot of Sir Charles Tupper High School, adding another twist to his story.

Missed in passing

BRAMPTON - While MP John McDermid was being interviewed on Rogers Cable, his Liberal opponent Ross Milne was graciously conceding victory in the Tory party headquarters at Century Gardens Recreation Centre in Brampton.

The two never formally shook hands or met Tuesday night after the results of the federal election, which returned incumbent McDermid to office.

Mr. Milne made his visit about 9:20 p.m. He was the only opponent who did so.

Neither NDP candidate John Deamer nor Green Party candidate Steven Kaasgaard or Communist Party of Canada candidate Jim Bridgewood showed up at the PC headquarters to offer their congratulations to winner McDermid.



The PC victory stretched across Canada, winning the party 211 seats to the 40 Liberal seats, 30 NDP seats and one re-elected MP John McDermid's victory party in Brampton. Also celebrating the federal win Tuesday night was Ontario Premier Bill Davis, who made a guest appearance at celebrating was Mr. McDermid's wife Elayne.

(Herald photo)

'Beyond dreams' says McDermid

Landslide stuns PC candidate

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff

BRAMPTON - Although John McDermid and his party, the Progressive Conservatives, were expecting victory Tuesday night, the 211 seat federal majority was beyond their dreams.

"It's quite an evening. I'm still trying to absorb what's happening on a national basis," Mr. McDermid, the winner of the Brampton-Georgetown seat, told Rogers Cable interviewers on election night. "It's quite staggering."

Mr. McDermid said he had been polling the riding for the past year and had learned what the issues were for Brampton-Georgetown voters early.

"Then, my door-to-door knocking (during the campaign) indicated what was going on out there," Mr. McDermid said. "We had a good reception from day one."

Calling polls a snapshot, good for indicating a situation at a particular moment, Mr. McDermid said they have to be studied over a period of time to determine what is the trend line.

Studying polls during the past two and a half years showed the people of Canada wanted a change, the MP said.

The television debate by the party leaders during the campaign merely increased Tory support, Mr. McDermid claimed.

"Reception was lethal almost, the day after the television debate," he said. "There was no question in my mind who won the debate (Brian Mulroney)."

"I think you're going to find the Liberals shut out, and it may be a long time till you see them in power again," Mr. McDermid prophesied.

He said that during the campaign he'd had a positive feeling from riding residents as he canvassed door-to-door.

"As a candidate, you're never really sure," Mr. McDermid told reporters in a press conference before his victory speech at Century Gardens Recreation Centre in Brampton.

"There was a good feeling."

Declining to say what the personal goal he had set himself was, Mr. McDermid did say that it had been reached Tuesday night.

"It's your victory; it's our victory; it's Canada's victory tonight," Mr. McDermid said as he was welcomed with a big cheer from his supporters and began his victory speech around 10:15 p.m.

In a humorous dig at Liberal opponent Ross Milne, the victor said thank you to everybody who had read Mr. Milne's red campaign signs.

"I want to thank you for obeying those red signs tonight," Mr. McDermid told his 500 plus audience. "We returned a Liberal candidate to the private sector."

Mr. Milne's signs had asked voters to "Return Milne," meaning to the seat Mr. Milne had held from 1974 to 1979 when he'd been ousted by Mr. McDermid.

"The other good news is that there's not one Liberal government left in this country," Mr. McDermid told the crowd which willingly cheered.

Calling everybody "fabulous," Mr. McDermid praised his supporters for turning up on the Labor Day Monday evening to put literature

reminding residents to vote Tuesday on riding 3607 ballots.

"Prime Minister Mulroney sounds pretty good, doesn't it?" Mr. McDermid asked with a smile. "About time we had an Irishman there."

Reading the results of 406 riding polls, just handed to him, Mr. McDermid said at 10:25 p.m. that the Liberals had gotten 20,204 votes, the NDP 11,097 and the Conservatives 41,000. A huge cheer broke out.

Tremendous effort

BRAMPTON - Campaign worker Amarjit Grewal felt his candidate Ross Milne put on a tremendous effort throughout the '84 campaign.

He found that people accepted Mr. Milne as a hard and honest worker.

He felt the national campaign with John Turner didn't emerge as strong as people had expected it to be and this was an overriding factor in the Tory sweep.

Liberal supporter Jack Kruswyk of Brampton felt the presence of Ontario Premier Bill Davis hurt Ross Milne. The provincial support from Mr. Davis had an effect on Brampton-Georgetown voters, he said.

Hard workers

BRAMPTON - Hard workers on the campaign trail with Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid weren't forgotten after the victory for the incumbent was announced Tuesday night.

Campaign chairman Phil Upshall invited key helpers to join him on the raised platform at Brampton's Century Gardens Recreation Centre.

Georgetowners Irene Wood, Jack Bellegham, Graeme Goebelle, Tom Hewer, Rick Morrow, Pam Johnston, Ab Tennant and Al Norton were singled out for special recognition and thanks.

National trend helps sweep Otto to victory

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

The national trend towards a Progressive Conservative government and a traditionally perfect campaign are what MP for the Halton riding, Otto Jelinek, attributed to his landslide win.

Loosing a total of only four polls to Liberal candidate Oriena Currie, Mr. Jelinek sensed his victory after approximately 50 polls had been tabulated in his favor.

By 9 p.m. Mr. Jelinek was addressing a jovial, confident crowd of supporters at the PC headquarters in Oakville.

"Your work as Canadians is over tonight. My work, with everyone else in Parliament, will begin tomorrow on behalf of everyone in Canada," he said.

Mr. Jelinek said he saw the momentum moving towards the PC

party through various social functions in the last weeks of the election campaign.

"We are now in a position, finally, to do the right thing for Canada," he said.

A cabinet position for Mr. Jelinek may be in the offering pending a call to Brian Mulroney early today (Wednesday).

"Mr. Mulroney said no matter what happens he would like me to call him in the morning. I would look forward to being a member of his cabinet but would not be disappointed. If I wasn't," he said.

Minister of Transportation and Communication, James Snow, arrived at the P.C. headquarters in Oakville on election night.

Early in the evening Mr. Snow said he didn't like to make predictions

Speculating he may become the minister of small business under the Mulroney government, Mr. Jelinek said the only negative factor was himself not being from a geographically ideal spot such as Hamilton or Toronto.

"I haven't let Mr. Mulroney down and it's anybody's guess right now."

Mr. Jelinek's campaign manager, David Whyte, had predicted a majority PC government before any results had been known.

"I'm going with the polls which predict a majority government.

on the outcome. He did state that Otto Jelinek did well last time and saw no reason why he wouldn't do equally well.

"This is a major shift in the political map in Canada," he said.

The vote today is heavy across the country which will assist the Tories. I can't predict what the swing to the Tories on a national level will do for us in Halton," he said.

Mr. Whyte was thanked and praised by Mr. Jelinek at party headquarters in Oakville and later at the victory party held at the Howard Johnson's Hotel. Party members, campaign workers, and Halton voters were also thanked by Mr. Jelinek.

Citing this election as his fifth campaign, Mr. Jelinek said he had probably worked harder during the course of this election than ever before.

"Even if I wanted to slack off, I couldn't," he said, adding that his campaign staff had put such a good effort into the campaign which enabled him to "stay with the big wave."



Otto and Leata Jelinek address the Progressive Conservative supporters at the victory party held in Howard Johnson's in Oakville. The couple in the background seem to be 'behind' them.

(Herald photo by Robin Bakewell)