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## Ambassador speaks on Free Trade

# Niles calls for patience

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
Herald Staff

American Ambassador Thomas Niles wants Canadians to "be patient" with Congress when it debates the free trade agreement.

"There will be some things said in the US Congress which Canadians won't find appealing," Ambassador Niles told about 100 people gathered for the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce's annual spring dinner.

Some congressmen might "display their ignorance or lack of sensitivity" to Canadian issues during the debate but Canadians will have to "be patient with the political process," said Mr. Niles.

The free trade debate in the two countries' political forums must be allowed to go through without interruptions from the other side, he said.

"We have to be sensitive to the system of other parties. Each side has got to allow the other to work out the political process more or less in isolation."

Free Trade is "almost a certainty" when it reaches Congress, said Mr. Niles.

He expects a vote on the issue in the summer and "it should be a relatively easy passage."

"Free trade doesn't represent a major change," said the ambassador. "It's just in good US-Canada tradition."

Turning his attention to the effects of the deal on agriculture, Mr. Niles said free trade "changes things very little in agriculture."

"Agriculture has been decided from the onset by market conditions - not by bilateral agreements," he said.

The ambassador said he would like all agricultural exporting countries to eliminate tariffs on their products over a 10-year period and let competition decide the prices.

Free trade hasn't received as much attention in the US - where many people aren't aware of the deal - because other issues, like the



Thomas Niles

Impending omnibus bill are filling the headlines, said Mr. Niles.

The original omnibus trade bill had some "disastrous" proposals in it but "cooler heads have prevailed," said Mr. Niles.

President Ronald Reagan has helped drop most of the "obnoxious parts" of the bill, he said.

He doesn't see a tie in between the omnibus bill and free trade in Congress. Should the President veto the omnibus bill that Congress passes, the politicians won't "get back" at him by stopping free trade - especially in an election year, said Mr. Niles.

Free trade won't put Canada at a disadvantage because of the size of the two countries, he said.

"If I were a Canadian company I wouldn't worry about the fact that there are bigger companies down south."

He said Asian companies would love to be in the position Canada will be in after the deal is complete.

"Bigger doesn't mean better in today's world."



American Ambassador Thomas Niles received a sketch from the Hobby Horse's All Spence at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Dinner April 19. Mr. Niles asked

Canadians to "be patient" with American congressmen when the free trade deal is debated this summer. (Herald photo)



Put on a sweater and prepare yourself for a hot time. The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and six sporting organizations are pooling their efforts to host a BIG Chill dance June 4 at Memorial Arena. Getting in to the spirit for the event are dance co-ordinators (from left) Jim Lindsay, Janet Arnold, Wayne Pries, Dave Martin and Pam Sheldon. (Herald photo)

## Groups working together

# Plans under way for BIG dance

Don't give this dance the cold shoulder.

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and six sporting clubs in town are organizing a BIG Chill Dance for June 4.

Don't be left out in the cold. This is no ordinary dance. As part of the BIG (Business In Georgetown) celebration, partners will be dancing to the sounds of a live band playing '60s and '60s music.

Tickets cost \$6 per person and showtime starts at 8 p.m. at Memorial Arena until 1 p.m. There will be refreshments, tacos and nachos, pizza and chicken wings offered to patrons.

A special treat is a specialty bar featuring fancy drinks and ice cream favorites.

The name BIG Chill is a double play on words, explains spokesman Joy Thompson. The Big Chill is a name of a popular movie re-living the experiences of a group of friends who grew up during the turbulent sixties. Hence, much of the music will cater to those who remember the Blues, the funk and the rock and roll of that era.

The BIG Chill also stands for the array of yummy ice cream available at the BIG Celebration and at the BIG Chill specialty bar. The Chamber of Commerce hopes to set a world record by compiling the longest ice cream do-it-yourself sundae bar.

The mood is bound to be uplifting. A "mood man" who specializes in decorating trade shows and dance halls has been hired to transform the hockey arena into a BIG Chill theme.

There will be palm trees and helium balloons representing a beach party theme. The live band performing is Lowdown, a group known for stressing audience participation. About 1,000 tickets will be sold for the event. For information and tickets call the Chamber office at 877-7119.

All of the profits for the dance will go to the six sports organizations and the Chamber. The Chamber is providing the rental of the arena, the cost of the live band and D.J. plus the fee of the "mood man".

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selling the food or liquor. Local suppliers have been generous in donating their products, said Mrs. Thompson.

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# Trustee goes for Liberal nomination

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
Herald Staff

Peel Board of Education trustee Pierre Klein has become the second candidate to seek the Liberal party nomination for the new riding of Halton-Peel.

The Caledon resident joins Milton's Oriana Currie as the only two Liberals who have so far declared their intentions to seek the nomination in the new riding.



Pierre Klein

Mr. Klein owns and operates an office supply and furniture company in Bolton.

He was elected to the Board of Education in 1985 but the Caledon resident is not new to politics at the federal level. Mr. Klein has been elected to several executive positions on both the federal and provincial level for the last 11 years, including two leadership conventions.

Mr. Klein believes free trade, education and acid rain will be the key issues in the upcoming federal election.

"I have serious concerns that the free trade economic package will threaten our economic and political sovereignty," said Mr. Klein.

"The energy portion of the agreement, the harmonization of standards between our higher standards and those of the U.S., and its effect on our agricultural community are areas of concern to me."

Mr. Klein said he is in favor of a reduction of trade barriers with the international community and not just with the US.

Liberal party leader John Turner has been quoted as saying he would "tear up" the free trade agreement if he is elected but Mr. Klein said there is a provision in the agreement which allows either side to nullify it in the free trade agreement.

"The free trade agreement has to be stopped," he said.

Turning to acid rain, Mr. Klein said the government must put more pressure on the US to cut down on acid rain.

"We've been pussyfooting around too long," he said.

A new Canadian administration will have to deal with a new president in the US so it's imperative that Canada "emphasize the disastrous effects" acid rain can have here and in the US, said Mr. Klein.

The Rotary Club member also wants education to be an issue in the impending election.

"We are not putting a high enough priority on post secondary education, research and development and retraining programs," said Mr. Klein.

## Barwell will be missed

Sports enthusiasts, Christians, and Georgetown neighbors lost a friend when Gord Barwell, 43, died of cancer last Thursday.

"It was a short life, but it was quality," said his wife, Nancy Barwell Tuesday.

Gord Barwell will be remembered for his football career, playing wide receiver for the Saskatchewan Roughriders from 1964 to 1973. More recently, he will be remembered for his work with Athletes in Action, a branch of the Campus Crusade for Christ.

John (Robbie) Robertson, sportswriter for the Toronto Star, spoke fondly of Mr. Barwell.

"We deal so much with stories of life gone wrong. It's refreshing to run across Gord Barwell's story. Gordie would say 'You're not alone, there's a better way to live'."

Mr. Robertson and Gord Barwell met 23 years ago when Mr. Robertson reported sports for the Saskatchewan Post, travelling with the Roughriders' football team. The two men corresponded until Mr. Robertson's return to Toronto in 1982.

Mr. Barwell worked with Mr. Robertson and former Toronto Maple Leaf Paul Henderson in Athletes in Action, established in 1977.

"Gordie and Paul were talking to young athletes, reaching out and trying to give them a better life - here, and in heaven," said Mr. Robertson.

"Because he loved people, and he loved the Lord, he just naturally reached out to people," said Mrs. Barwell.

Gord Barwell retired in 1973, making the transition from football stardom to relative anonymity.

"All of a sudden this one skill you had, and the cheering, are gone. Through Christ, Gord was able to make the transition. He reached the point where his football was among the least of his accomplishments," said Mr. Robertson.

One accomplishment was being a great father. "For the kids and I, he



Gord Barwell

was always there. He believed in us so much that we believed in ourselves," said Mrs. Barwell.

Gord Barwell met Nancy 27 years ago, when he turned to one of his friends and said, "That is the girl I'm going to marry."

December would have been their 24th anniversary.

The Barwell children, Jay and Jody, are both in school, Jay at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and Jody at the University of Toronto.

The family home on Delrex Boulevard is virtually filled with flowers, and a steady stream of consoling phone calls have been received.

John Robertson remarked how well Nancy and the family are holding up. Gord Barwell's death is recognized for the tragedy it is, but Nancy focuses on his productive life, and the good times.

"For 27 years, you were my very best friend in the world," Nancy Barwell writes of her husband in his eulogy.

"Gordie was a very good friend. What would he do if he were here? It's basically stopping and talking to people, instead of just walking by," said Mr. Robertson.

# Dump talks get off to heated start

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
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Milton councillor and environmentalist Bill Johnson will likely head the committee looking into the proposal to put a garbage dump in the United Aggregates quarry in Acton.

In a stormy meeting April 21 the committee, called the Proposed Acton Quarry Landfill Study Group, unanimously elected Mr. Johnson to chair the group after he agreed to take the position.

However, once Mr. Johnson was voted in as chairman, a representative for Reclamation Systems Inc., the dump proponents, said his firm might not agree with the decision, said POWER President Ruth French.

Eco Logic President Douglas Hallett, who owns the Rockwood consulting firm hired by RSI to conduct the public hearings, had suggested another consultant, Paul Rennick, for the position.

But the committee objected when Mr. Hallett said Mr. Rennick would be paid by RSI for the job.

Mr. Johnson has offered to chair the committee for no fee.

Mr. Johnson's name had come up in discussions before but he had twice turned the job down, said Jillian Daffern, the Public Liaison Officer for Eco Logic.

Former MPP Julian Reed had also been asked to chair the meetings but he declined, said Ms. Daffern.

The meeting ended with RSI objecting to Mr. Johnson as the chairman.

Mrs. French objected to the attempted veto of Mr. Johnson by RSI.

"The proponents have got everything lined up and we just have to go along with it," she said.

Ms. Daffern said RSI representatives met with Mr. Johnson yesterday (Tuesday) to attempt to iron out any problems with the proposed chairman. But there is a "fair chance" that Mr. Johnson will chair the meetings, said Ms. Daffern.

RSI is worried that Mr. Johnson, who is a Regional councillor, might have to vote on the proposed dump

## Group members chosen

The "Proposed Acton Quarry Landfill Study Group" consists of 13 members.

They include: two members from the citizens group POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources), a member of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, a member of the Halton Region Conservation Authority (who will not attend every meeting), a representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Diane Hallett of the University Women's Club (no relation to Eco Logic President Douglas Hallett), Campbellville resident Richard Brocklebank, Georgetown resident Barbara Haisall, Limehouse residents Terry Kirk and David Noble, Acton resident Nigel Pettipher, Provincial Kayak Club member Jim McCall and Acton resident Merlin Kobas.

Neither the town of Halton Hills, nor Halton Region have agreed to become official members of the committee yet but they do have "observers" at the meetings.

Both the town and Halton Region

at the Region at some point. That might put him in conflict if he is chairman of the quarry committee,

said Ms. Daffern. She said Mr. Johnson has been an outspoken opponent of the committee hearings in the past and he is known to oppose landfilling garbage.

Committee members also objected to a 26 page "working paper" prepared by Eco Logic.

Mrs. French said members were

to assess the process agreed upon before sitting on the committee.

The next meeting will discuss hydrogeology and engineering design on May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Acton Legion.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

-Thursday, May 12 - environmental impact assessment;

-Thursday, May 26 - odours, dust, noise;

-Thursday, June 9 - transportation;

-Thursday, June 23 - Black Creek and surface water;

-Thursday, Aug. 4 - leachate treatment and Black Creek assimilative capacity;

-Thursday, Aug. 18 - operations plan;

-Thursday, Sept. 1 - detailed hydrogeology;

-Thursday, Sept. 15 - socio-economic impacts;

-Thursday, Sept. 29 - monitoring and contingency plan;

-Thursday, Oct. 13 - outstanding issues;

-Thursday, Oct. 27 - review.

## No settlements in sight

# Workers remain on picket

The 270 workers on strike at Smith and Stone rejected a contract offer two weeks ago and across town where 150 workers at Standard Products are walking the picket lines negotiations have not resumed.

Smith and Stone chief negotiator for the Canadian Auto Workers union Bruce Davidson said the union met with management twice the week of April 11 to try and break the impasse created in negotiations when workers walked out March 6.

The workers voted 82 per cent in favor of rejecting the company's "final" offer April 15, said Mr. Davidson.

"Hopefully the resounding vote by the membership will signal to the company the futility of their efforts," he said.

He said management moved their position slightly in the second year of the agreement but it was not enough.

At issue in the strike are pensions, cost of living benefits and wages.

Meanwhile at Standard Products a 53-year-old woman employee was arrested shortly after 3 p.m. April 17 and charged with obstructing police.

CAW president Gerry Klatt said

there have been no plans to get back to the bargaining table since the negotiations broke off two weeks ago.

The two sides had everything settled but the cost of living allowance in that dispute, but they were unable to come to an agreement.

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