

Reed attacks Tory policy on unemployment

Halton-Peel Liberal candidate Julian Reed, Monday issued the following statement on the Canadian unemployment situation:

"The bleak economy with the loss of existing jobs and lack of new ones is one of the major issues bringing the people of Canada together in this election.

To date, the Progressive Conservatives are continuing to show their callous indifference to the needs of the unemployed. For instance, Garth Turner maintains that the government has no place in job creation. Even the Prime Minister has said there will not be much hope for the unemployed in Canada until the year 2000.

In other words, the Tories

do not plan to do anything to address the plight of 1.6 million jobless except to slash the federal deficit. They believe that the private sector will then create jobs which will trickle down to the unemployed over the years. Ronald Reagan called it Social Darwinism.

This approach ignores the fact that Canadians need jobs right now, as well as at the turn of the century. It also ignores the fact that social programs, on which many unemployed rely, may disappear as the Tories slash away at the deficit.

We shouldn't be surprised at this reaction from the Progressive Conservatives, given the philosophy at the Bank of Canada. Journalists

used the Freedom of Information legislation to get access to a memo written last January to John Crow, the governor of the Bank of Canada. In the memo, a senior bank official noted that, reducing the unemployment figure of 1.6 million by one million "would take us well below the natural rate of unemployment and lead to undue hardships to business due to rising wage expectations."

I find it unconscionable that the Progressive Conservative party and the Bank of Canada would believe that a high level of

unemployment is a "natural" occurrence that is good for business.

Unlike the Tories, the Liberal Party has spelled out its plans to attack unemployment, both in the short and the long term. That is only half the battle because we, too, recognize that government spending must be restrained. We are also committed to a fiscal policy that will control debts and spending and reduce the deficit. Our policies are in print and have withstood scrutiny by Canada's economists. They will work to re-establish our pride and our economy."

Square dancers strut their stuff

By Ken Lamb

The Pine Valley Squares marked their 15th Anniversary in grand style Saturday night at Georgetown District High School.

To help celebrate, about 100 couples from Grand Bend, Kitchener, Barrie and dozens of places in between. They strutted and twirled to the musical commands of veteran callers Al Calhoun and Les Greenwood. The colorful costumes belonged on a movie set.

Since 1978 the local square dance club has taught scores of couples international dancing. Because the dance moves and calls are the same in North America, Europe and elsewhere, dancers can find friendly clubs wherever they travel.

Jackie and Wes McCarthy

of Pine Valley call for two local evening groups each week. Beginners meet Tuesday at George Kennedy School; intermediates dance at Pineview School. Newcomers are always welcome; full details may be obtained from Cathy or Gord Hunt (877-6224).

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