

Ken Gelok, machine operator NDP man

A 26-year-old machine operator will pit himself in the battle of the votes against Conservative Jim Snow, Liberal Bob Blake and Independent Robert McGrath in the Halton East riding on Oct. 21.

Ken Gelok first became interested in politics and the NDP party through the union at Gulf Refineries in Mississauga, of which he is past president and current executive vice-president.

Gelok is a strong supporter of his union and the philosophy behind trade unions. "I've never been a political animal but in 1965 I woke up. There was a strike at our plant and a lot of the people said the strike hurt. During the strike the company brought in machines to do the work of men," he said.

Gelok feels the unions must be prepared to take care of their workers. "Unions have been the major force behind all the social measures taken so far in government."

"You have to be political to get things done. Politics is power. What I want I'm sure the majority want and I'll win," he explained.

Gelok promises vigorous campaign NDP seeks "a better way of living"

"I'm going to campaign like never before," 26-year-old Ken Gelok said outlining the ways and means by which he intends to out Conservative Jim Snow from the legislature and his cabinet post.

In an interview with this paper, Gelok expressed complete confidence in pulling off a victory in the Oct. 21 election. Gelok said his association was prepared well before the call of the election and said it would be a case of NDP workers against Conservative money in Halton and across Ontario.

Gelok indicated that he and his party would campaign for a better way of living rather than specific issues in the campaign.

Some issues Among those issues he and his party have taken a stand are pollution, tax reform, education, freedom from dependence on the United States and nationalizing industry.

Gelok charged that Ontario industries were not paying their share of taxes. He said industry was the greatest benefactor from the educational system and yet their share is small. He claimed legislation passed under Tory

rule favored corporations. He claimed some resource industries could deduct up to 33 per cent of their profit from their taxable income.

Gain independence "It is vital that we gain independence from the American economy but we cannot do this with just secondary industry. An NDP government would have dental bills covered under an overall medicare plan and would provide public automobile insurance at a saving of 20 per cent to the motoring public.

Not impressive Gelok said the massive bundle of legislation the Tories processed prior to the summer recess were nothing more than an attempt to impress the Ontario public. "The only concrete piece of legislation was the lowering of the legal age and even then, Ontario was the ninth province to initiate that law," he said.

Robert Nixon's stand on the US surtax absurd. He agreed some industries would need compensation but the workers would need to be compensated as well.

The NDP candidate said Canada should lessen their dependence on the US and try to crack new markets in South America and Europe.

Not responsive He charged the Tory government wasn't responsive to the needs of the people and said

Like the Liberals, the NDP will campaign on the grounds that the province should pay 80 per cent of the education costs and leave the municipalities with dollars that could be put into programs or returned to the ratepayers.

The two parties are in agreement on the issue of providing extended aid to Roman Catholic Separate Schools. Gelok claims this is a provision in the British North American Act and a refusal to extend aid is a direction violation of the act.

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CHATTING ON THE PHONE, Ken Gelok working from his Oakville apartment. — stays in touch with party workers. While (Staff Photo) headquarters are now set up, Gelok has been



NDP CANDIDATE for Halton East Ken Gelok has one child. He is shown here with Donna, his five-year-old daughter. Gelok promises a strong effort for the NDP in the Halton East riding. —(Staff Photo)

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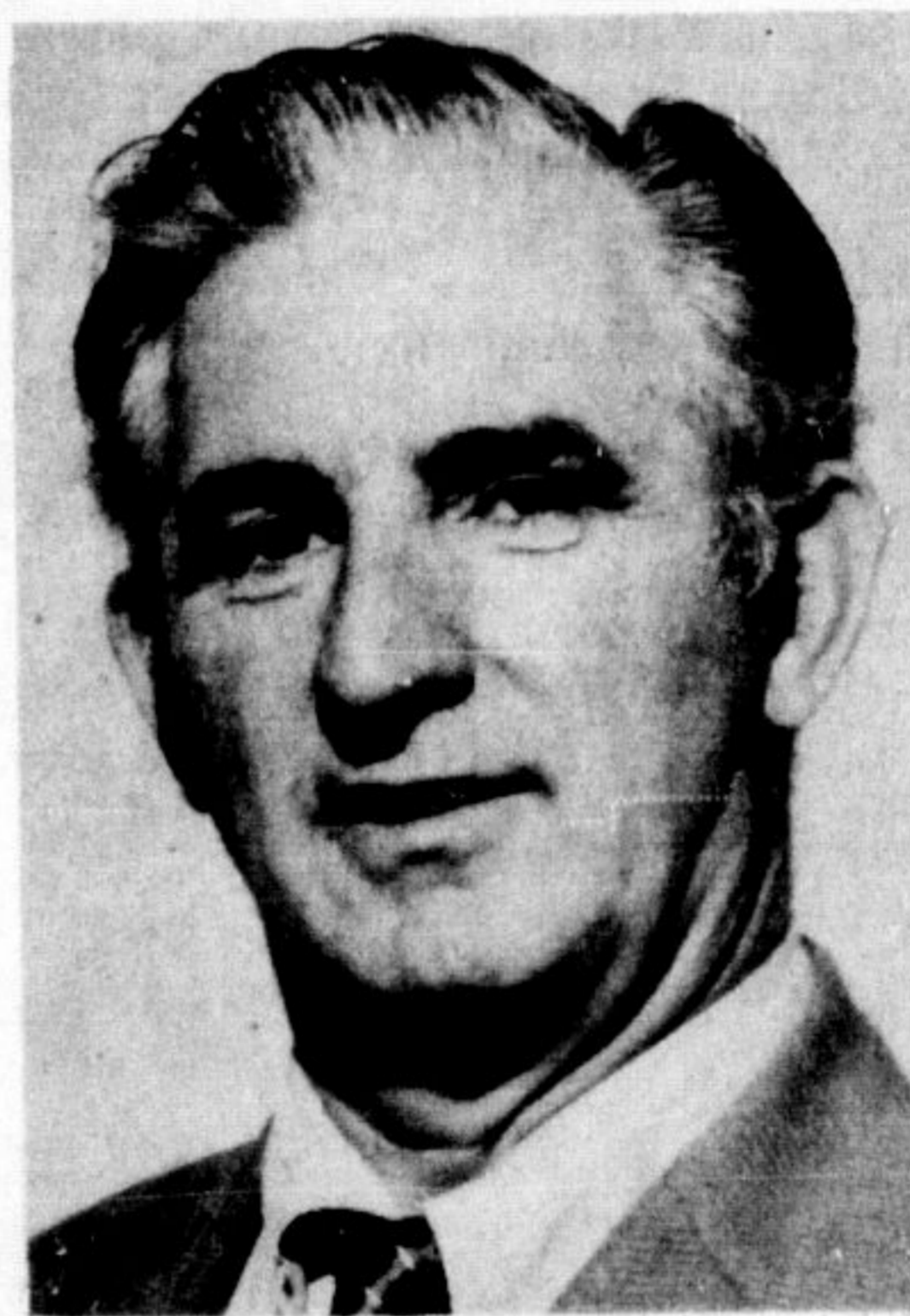
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