## Hydro corridor answer

Dear Sir:

I was very pleased to read an open letter to me from Mr. D. A. Moffat in this week's Canadian Champion. In fact, I'm always happy to receive any form of communica-tion from any of my constituents on any subject which they deem important, including hydro lines.

As we all know, this particular issue (Hydro's 500 kV line: Have the public all the facts?) is one under the jurisdiction of, and will be decided by the Ontario Provincial Government.

However, we all as citizens, have a vested interest on the entire energy field, as well as the other important related fields such as conservation of arable farm land, preservation of the environment including scenic beauty of our countryside, management of public finances, public safety and modern technology.

To an increasing degree ways must be found to accommodate these various prior-

ities of our society. Mr. Moffat's letter was both entertaining and informative. I would certainly agree with him without hesitation that the line should be buried if at all possible at normal cost. I would further encourage him and all like minded citizens to stay on top of this issue and work as closely as possible with Ontario Hydro and the Provincial Government.

Just this week the press informed us members of the corridor-opposing group met with the new Ontario Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell and were promised a decision within the next week as to the future of the Bradley-Georgetown corridor.

As the Ontario Liberal leader Bob Nixon

stated recently during his visit to the riding, it is literally a hair-raising business. However, as long as citizens like Mr. Moffat are concerned enough to be actively involved there's always hope for a reasonably satisfactory solution.

Once again, let me assure everyone of my sincere concern for such problems, especially in Halton, and of my appreciation of being informed of the opinions of my con-

> Yours sincerely, Dr. Frank Philbrook, M.P. Halton.

## Correction

Typesetters missed a line of typewritten copy in a letter to the editor titled "Turn it Back to the Indians" from Ken Campbell of Milton, published in the April 2 Champion. The omission changed the meaning of one paragraph, which should have read as fol-

And surveying the wreckage of our civilization strewn from sea to sea by the selfishness of the warring factions that control our systems of government, religion, education, industry and economy, I wonder if our Prime Minister might not find those new values he seeks in the challenges of this new age of chaos from the wisdom of such a noble Indian for a Canada where "the Great Spirit", the Creator and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" has dominion from sea

## Ottawa Report

By Dr. Frank Philbrook

HALTON MP



Thanks to teachers Don McColeman and Ron Nelson of the Georgetown District High School, I was in Halton Hills Monday, April 7, to discuss the federal government's green paper on immigration with students. There were two sessions. The first was with approximately 70 grade 13 students and the second with approximately 250 grade nine students. There were very vigorous discussions with lots of questions and certainly a variety of attitudes on the part of the students. They have mixed emotions about population growth in Canada and immigration quotas. It was a stimulating experience for me and was part of the students' general program in history and political science.

Following the student sessions, I had lunch with a number of Georgetown lawyers to disucss the general political and business scene in the riding. I find meetings such as these very useful in keeping in touch with riding matters.

On Friday, April 4, I attended the Oakville Lions' Club Citizen of the Year meeting when they presented their Citizen award to T.O.W.A.R.F. The Lions' Club should be commended for their overall contribution to the community and in particular for singling out particular people or organizations each year for such honourary recognition.

One point which comes through loud and clear in our committee work in Ottawa when we are working on Bill C-2 the Competition Act is that most people don't understand the bill is meant to protect, not only the consumer, but small businessmen. I think that people who run small businesses in our riding are often and backbone of the community and they deserve equal protection from big business as the average consumer. Bill C-2 provides that protection.

There is mounting confusion over how many Vietnamese children will be coming to Canada because of policy changes by the government in Vietnam. There is also mounting criticism about people suddenly wanting to adopt because of the publicity. Some social workers are saying, "where were these volunteers last year when we needed them?" I don't think this sudden

surge of interest is a bad thing. The plight of these children who are tiny victims of a terrible war have received a great deal of publicity. This in turn has stimulated the interest of Canadians who have not given much thought to social problems in Vietnam. I think we can rely on our children's aid societies to ensure that any Vietnamese children who come to Canada are placed in warm and loving Canadian homes with parents who will cherish them.

Salaries for Members of Parliament are again in the news and therefore it is appropriate that you know where I stand. I think it is wrong for MP's to have to arbitrarily set their own pay scales. The whole matter of MP's pay should be in the hands of an independent commission. This was attempted in 1970, but the House of Commons could not get full party approval to adopt the report. I have seconded a private member's bill by the Honourable Robert Stanbury for a long term or permanent commission on salary payments to Members of Parliament. I will bring this matter up again when we are debating the pay raises in the committee stages this

> Dr. Frank A. Philbrook, MP Halton.

## Philosobits

by Edith Sharpe

I really believe that children learn more from what we do than what we say.

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