

## Postal strike . . .

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 "literally hundreds of times" at the Canadian Open.  
 "Literally hundreds of people approach me and said that we should get off our butts and do something, that something more had to be done."  
 Last Saturday morning Mr. Jelinek, his wife Leata and several volunteers had set themselves up outside the public entrance to the Glen Abbey golf course, soliciting signatures.  
 They collected over 1,500 in the first two hours of operation.  
 "The response has been absolutely fantastic," he said, "especially after Mr. Trudeau said people don't care about this strike."  
 Mr. Jelinek added that he intended to continue circulating the petition in the shopping malls of the town and in any other area he can.  
 The petition calls on the government to recall Parliament immediately to deal with the postal strike by legislating the Canadian Union of Postal Workers back to work.  
 Decked out in an "End the Strike" tee-shirt, Mr. Jelinek said the gesture was designed to show the government that people do care about the mail service.

"We have to try every possible approach."  
 "We hope that this will get some other members of parliament started, but somebody had to take the first move."  
 "Everything else that has been tried to end this strike, including mediation has failed," he said.  
 "Public pressure is probably the last thing that will work and the only way to do that is to put these petitions right under their noses."  
 Asked about recent comments by Postmaster General Andre Oulette that the postal strike cannot be having a great effect on business and that any businesses that have to rely on the post should find other ways of operating, Jelinek's first response was unprintable.  
 "That is one of the dumbest and most arrogant statements, I have ever heard," he said later.  
 "The man should be kicked out of the cabinet for that."  
 Further information about the petition and places where it can be signed may be obtained by calling Mr. Jelinek's riding office at 845-8275.



Petition still goes to Ottawa. Halton MP Otto Jelinek, right, was canvassing through Milton, last Thursday asking people to sign his stop the postal strike petition. He met with enthusiastic support in Milton.

## End strike privilege

By Steve Arnold  
 Changes have to be made to ensure that the recently ended strike is the last one the country is forced to endure, according to Otto Jelinek.  
 The Halton MP said he plans to start immediately in efforts to build support for a package of changes to the system.  
 "The fact that the strike is over doesn't change anything, it doesn't solve the problems," he said. "Today is day one for starting to deal with the whole labor situations, especially in the essential services so that this thing doesn't continue to happen on a nearly annual basis."  
 In past election campaigns and in response to other labor problems Jelinek has urged the suspension, at least, of the right to strike in

essential services, the introduction of sector bargaining under which all the unions in a particular industry would be required to bargain together and the adoption of a version of the American Taft-Hartley Act which imposes a 60 day waiting period between a strike vote and the beginning of the walkout.

"Unless we do something, the government is going to cheer that the strike is over and then do nothing, until the next time. There can't be a next time because these strikes are too damaging to the economy," he said.  
 Jelinek said he would start within his own party to build support for his proposals.

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## Swim program nears completion

By Jane Muller  
 The final session of swimming lessons at each level began Monday wrapping up another successful season at Rotary Park pool.  
 Each year parents are reminded to enroll children early due to the great demand for lessons at certain levels.  
 Enrollment statistics for this season are not yet available but pool program co-ordinator Pixie Schmitz said enrollment over the past several years has been basically the same.  
 Lessons are offered for those from one year of age to young adulthood beginning with the parent and tot program which last year attracted 65 participants combined in the four morning sessions offered.

to five-year-olds in the four classes offered each weekday morning.  
 Children are taught basic water adjustment and learn-to-swim progressions like front and back floats.  
 Pre-beginners hit the 200 mark in last year's enrollment figures. Participants of approximately 5 years of age learn to swim five meters, tread water and float.  
 Once these tasks are accomplished they make the move to the beginner level for children age six to eight.  
 Swimming skills are primed at this step of the ladder and that is followed by pre-junior survival level which includes learning to dive.  
 Drownproofing, front and side strokes and diving make up the junior program which had an enrollment of 59 with pre-junior classes at 104 enrollment.

Those in the intermediate lifesaving program must swim 250 meters and learn life-saving skills. Last year 46 children participated in classes.  
 The next step is senior lifesaving where they are required to swim 400 meters and learn rescue, drownproofing and first aid skills. The approximate age in these classes is 12 years.  
 At age 14 the bronze medallion senior resuscitation course may be taken. Last year five were enrolled in this program with six on the enrollment list for the final phase of the Red Cross swim progressions offered at Rotary. This water safety leader patrol level qualifies participants to be lifeguards.  
 This summer there were 12 qualified lifeguards on duty giving instruction and keeping the pool safe for those afternoon recreational swimmers.



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