

# Our Readers Write



## The Town's in good hands

(The following letter was mailed to Rev. Ken Campbell, head of Renaissance Canada. Mr. Campbell approached councillors recently to comment on his questionnaire.)

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I am one councillor who will not be responding to your questionnaire of March 30.

When you announced your candidacy for mayor prior to the last election, you stated publicly that if successful you would delegate Mayor Krantz to carry on as mayor of the Town. Obviously, in your opinion, the Town is in good hands, and well under the mayor's guidance.

As far as human rights' issues, I personally have given them much thought, even though the level of government in which I serve, cannot rule on issues such as abortion.

On the subject of abortion, I have endeavoured to put myself in the place of a woman and I will state without hesitation, if I was a woman who had been raped, and found myself pregnant, I would not want to bear the child of a rape artist and I would have an abortion.

If I was a woman, and was over 35 and became pregnant, I would

have amniocentesis, and if the fetus was shown to be abnormal, I would have an abortion.

If I was a woman, and certain hereditary abnormalities were known to be present on investigation in the fetus I was carrying, I would have an abortion. Similarly, if I was a woman, and I contacted AIDS, I would have an abortion.

Bill Johnson

Reg. Councillor, Wards 1 & 3

## Appreciate your response, Bill

(The following letter was mailed to Councillor Bill Johnson. A copy was filed with The Champion for publication.)

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your response to my request directed personally to Mayor Krantz and to each councillor for filling out the Renaissance questionnaire.

Inasmuch as you were the only member of council to have acknowledged our personal request, we particularly appreciate your letter.

Inasmuch as the questionnaire sought the response of the members of the town council -- as to the most fundamental human rights issue facing our society, on which

the destiny of our civilization will be determined at a time when town and city councils are acting on "nuclear-free zone" proposals, one would assume that it is not impertinent or irrelevant to request the response of the members of our town council as to their position on this issue.

Having been recently enthusiastically applauded for our modest contribution to the pro-life movement by several prominent Canadian public servants, (including a Saskatchewan mayor and the Minister of Education, a prominent Parliamentarian and a Provincial Lieutenant-Governor), we thought it not unreasonable to anticipate at least the courtesy of such an acknowledgment of our personal letters to

the Members of town council.

Your courteous response was in character. We hope the non-response of the other members of town council is out of character.

In Choose Life Canada's joint commitment with Saskatchewan Pro-Life in this year's national "Let Me Live" and "Trees for Life" projects, we'll be seeking the endorsement of all levels of government to such a petition as proposed by the enclosed draft copy. We hope the response of our hometown council to this project when presented, will reflect as great a commitment to this fateful, fundamental human rights issue as town council has demonstrated for the protection of the environment! Milton could be in the vanguard

of a great renaissance restoring to honour and dominance in our Canadian culture of the ennobling, liberating, humanitarian values acknowledged with nostalgia by the popularity of such family TV drama as *Little House on the Prairie!*

Since these are the profound humanitarian values and commitments out of which the NDP was birthed in the heart of the Canadian prairies, I'm sure you'd find your best political and social instincts responding positively to the sentiments underlying the above proposal!

Thanks again, Bill, for your response, and as always, "God bless you, real good!"

Ken Campbell  
Choose Life Canada

## Halton candidates nominated today

Thur. July 6, 1854, Village of Milton, Canada West -- Farmers are in the midst of their wheat harvest and the hot July weather has continued sticky and intense for the nomination meeting today.

A good crowd has gathered in Milton, despite the heat, to name the candidates that will contest the coming election at the end of the month.

The platform has been constructed so it provides no shelter from the burning rays of the sun.

Mr. White, the sitting Member of Parliament, is nominated first, by John McNaughton, seconded by John Bowes.

George K. Chisholm was nominated next by L. Willson, seconded by Thompson Smith. He was chosen in the second Tory convention when Caleb Hopkins was first selected but agreed, amid controversy, to withdraw.

Mr. White, the Reform candidate, spoke first. For two hours he defied the scorching sun. He began by attacking the proposer and seconder of his opponent and soon changed to that gentleman himself, whom he abused in first rate style.

He threatened that if the electors failed to listen to him Mr. Chisholm should not be heard, which received a sympathetic cheer from his supporters.

One of Chisholm's supporters later suggested White had attacked his man "in the language of a man possessing a flood of billingsgate, who felt that he was playing a desperate -- an utterly hopeless -- game."

Mr. Chisholm spoke next, for about an hour. He referred to the political career of White from the platform-swallowing at Waterdown to the cowardly vote given against a defeated Ministry. Chisholm declared himself a supporter of the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, and an opponent of the vote by ballot, which he considered only worthy of demagogues. He thought a fixed location for the seat of government absolutely necessary and declared his opposition to the present government.

Following the speeches, the customary show of hands in support of the candidates, was called for. It appeared that Chisholm's support ran four to one against White. The significance of this sign is better understood when it is realized that White's stronghold is Milton, where the meeting is being held.

Feeling in Milton is against Chisholm on account of his opposition to Milton being chosen the county town.

Polling takes place on Friday and Saturday July 28 and 29 when electors are called upon to attend the polls and register their votes.

Sequel: George K. Chisholm was sworn in as the Halton member of the 5th Legislature of the Province of Canada Sept. 5, 1854.

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