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## viewpoint Political climate

with MIKE BOYLE



This is certainly the summer for political pratfalls. In Canada, John Turner has derrièred and civil-serviced himself into the Gerald Ford Blunder Hall of Fame (and he's only been on the job for a month).

And in the great U.S. of A. Walter ("I'll have this nomination sewed up by New Hampshire") Mondale is doing the best John Turner imitation I've seen since Rich Little.

Mondale's gaffes are far too many to be listed in such a small column. However, his latest move strikes me a little odd and somewhat, if not wholly, opportunistic.

This is, of course, naming Geraldine Ferraro as his vice-presidential candidate. Although the title may be related to that of chief petty officer on the Titanic, Mondale has drawn cheers from editorial writers from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Why? Because he named a woman to the post. All of a sudden, women writers are scribbling (or scribbling may be a better choice of words) that he has opened up a whole new sphere for women's careers.

Where have these women been for the last 20 years? Maybe they haven't noticed that there are women mayors, women senators, women members of parliament, congresswomen, women governors, etc., etc.

It's as if all of a sudden, these writers discovered that women could be elected officials and... maybe even president of the U.S.A.

For starters, if there's any significance in the whole thing is that the position is appointed and that a man appointed her. Take into consideration that women have been elected to more important positions in the last 15 years, and the situation becomes ludicrous.

Now Iona Campagnolo has the best response to the whole thing. Iona, formerly an elected MP, a Cabinet member and elected president of the federal Liberal Party, said (and I paraphrase) if animals were in fashion, he'd have nominated one of them too.

The move reeks of a special-interest group to get

votes so much, it's sure to backfire.

Certainly one thing any electorate looks for in any president is his/her ability to act "presidential". That means, to act in full conscience.

Now this Mondale seems like a nice guy, being from Minnesota and all that. But, I mean, how can anyone so tied up in special-interest groups even pretend to represent everyone.

And that's the Democrats' platform.

I don't like Ronald Reagan any more than the Soviets. But if the Democrats are ever to beat this guy in Round 2, they surely could have come with some other candidate, even Gary Hart, for whom a large group of people voted.

Isn't there a budding JFK out there?

Ferraro was picked firstly for her sex, and secondly for her political awareness. Isn't this what women were fighting against for so many years.

And now that the tide is turning, the political parties of North America seem to have turned the other way and come through with a modern day version of "what's good for the goose, is good for the gander."

I'm afraid we should all duck, it's really flying now. Now the Brits know how to handle this. I mean, they've got Maggie Thatcher. They didn't pussy-foot around with ceremonial candidates. They just went out and started electing top candidates and Maggie just happened to be a woman. None of this ceremonial baloney for them.

In many ways, one must feel a certain amount for Ferraro. She's been selected to a good position and if the U.S. comes 19th in the Olympics and Reagan decides to invade Israel, the Democrats might just win the '84 election.

But I'm afraid Ferraro will just go down as an answer to a 1999 version of Trivial Pursuit—long after a qualified women candidate is president of the U.S.

pages  
of the  
past

### One Year Ago

From the August 3, 1983 issue  
A man described as "a real asset" to the Milton Fire Department has died after 29 years of service. Captain Vernon (Barney) Coulson, 63, succumbed to cancer last week at Milton District Hospital. He was buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

A robber made off with an undisclosed amount of cash from Canada Trust at Main and Charles Streets Saturday noon, after handcuffing four female employees. The suspect, who entered the bank minutes before closing, told the four women he had a weapon, but did not show it during the robbery.

The saying, "too much of a good thing isn't good for you", can apply to the excellent summer weather we've been experiencing if you happen to have crops in the field. Too much sun and too little rain nearly spelled disaster for this area's principal crop of corn.

A five-year-old Toronto girl has become the third drowning victim at Kelso Conservation Area in less than one year. Despite the valiant efforts of a lifeguard, Lisa Marie Lowe, of San Romanoway, North York, died within minutes of being pulled out of 2.5 feet of water last Wednesday afternoon.

### 20 Years Ago

From the Thursday, Aug. 6, 1964 issue

A supply of good domestic water "far beyond the earlier expectations" has been definitely proven to exist at the Town of Milton's new Kelso well site, it was revealed this week.

However, pumping and seepage problems at the swimming pool delayed the expected opening on the weekend. Conservation authority officials were not at liberty to say when it might open again to the public.

Transfer of the head office from Toronto to Milton, increased earnings and a general rosy picture of operations were highlights of the reports to the annual meeting of Milton Brick Co. Ltd., held in Toronto last week.

The Toronto office is to close completely and the present office at the plant near Milton will be expanded.

George Bundy, Deputy-Chief of the Milton Fire Department was named second vice-president of the Ontario Firefighters' Association at their annual convention and election held in St. Mary's over the civic weekend.

### 50 Years Ago

From the August 2, 1934 issue

Two young women in beach pyjamas startled Milton residents on Monday as they promenaded along Main Street. The next thing we know, Milton will have a nudist colony.

While hoeing in the garden Ernest Alexander, farmer, near Norval, added to his collection of rare coins an English halfpenny dated 1816 and with the words "Montreal" and "token" inscribed. On one side was a sketch of a sailing vessel and on the other the figure of a man.

A terrific electrical storm raged over Milton and district early Monday morning. Telephones on Martin St. were out of commission for many hours, while lightning striking a transformer on Martin St. shut off hydro power for some time.

The men members of Milton Golf and Country club were entertained by members of Waterdown Golf Club on Saturday.

### 75 Years Ago

From the Aug. 5, 1909 issue

Arthur George Jemson gave up his situation as driver of the Mount Dairy milk wagon and went to Manitoba on the 19th ult. On Friday he met with a horrible death at Point du Bois where he had gone to look for work on the Winnipeg power plant now under construction.

On his return to the city he fell beneath a civic tramway car, had one leg cut off and the other badly mangled. He was taken to a city hospital and died the same day. He was the eldest son of Alred Jemson of this town and was 17 years of age. His body was brought to Milton yesterday.

Last Friday two dogs from the village strayed out into the country and set upon a number of sheep belonging to Geo. Sparling, killing 12 of them. This was in broad daylight and the dogs were caught in the act. They were followed home and since destroyed.

Sidney Young of Georgetown was in town on Monday on a visit to his daughter Mrs. W.I. Dick.

Mr. Oliver, of the Metropolitan Bank, Streetsville returned home on Saturday being two weeks in charge of the Milton agency during Mr. Clement's vacation. He like Mr. Wilson, of the Bank of Hamilton, made many friends here and is a lawn tennis expert. He hopes to arrange a Milton-Streetsville match.

## Dying dream

It's the dream no one wants.

Petro-Canada has become the latest firm to turn down the "chance" to have Halton Region's Energy From Waste (EFW) plant.

Basically the EFW concept is a plant which would incinerate garbage to produce either steam or energy. Generating energy is much more efficient than steam; therefore, it was not surprising Ford of Canada was the first selectee for the EFW plant.

After angry protests from Oakville area residents, including a public meeting which about 600 attended, Ford announced it would have nothing to do with the plant. Now Petro-Canada, a regionally-preferred site, also has stated EFW is not in its plans.

Regional officials are disappointed in this. They are disappointed their first choices have backed away; and they are disappointed because a commitment to build an EFW plant has been publicly made. Naturally, it makes much more sense to have EFW at a site where it will be efficient, and thus cost less regional dollars to run, than having it at a steam site.

Regionally, EFW makes many people points. It will be expensive, but Halton is banking on people being prepared to shoulder the cost of EFW rather than larger and more garbage dumps.

The thing to do now is find that willing landowner and start the ball rolling toward implementation of EFW.

## Good luck

Among the more popular expressions in the English language is "Good Luck".

We wish "Good Luck" at sporting events, school exams, wedding receptions, starting new jobs, leaving old jobs, etc.

Luck cannot be packaged. Luck is often said to be the residue of hard work.

But it can't come in a letter — especially a chain letter. A chain letter informing its recipients to read and mail 20 copies to friends is making its way around Milton.

Although it is technically legal — no where is money involved — chain letters are among the lowest form of reader involvement in use today.

They are trash and should be discarded and stopped as quickly as possible. Anybody who believes in this material will need all the luck they can possibly get.

## dump view

Editor's Note: The following is the complete text of the Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) response to the injunction announcement made last week by the Town of Milton councillors Rick Day and Brian Penman. It is presented for the information of our readers.

In an application to the Ontario Supreme Court yesterday the Town of Milton and other parties have challenged the legal authority under which the Ontario Waste Management Corporation is conducting its search for a liquid industrial-waste treatment site.

A number of statements which were made concerning that application and particularly a press release from the Town of Milton contains several inaccurate statements and other misleading information.

Representatives of the Town of Milton, in their application to the Supreme Court, are seeking among other things to have OWMC placed under the Environmental Assessment Act and to have the Corporation subject to public hearings under that Act. OWMC has always been subject to full public hearings on its proposed site and those hearings are at least as rigorous as those called for under the Environmental Assessment Act, according to

Dr. Donald A. Chant, Chairman and President. Full public hearings and public funding for intervenors in those hearings were two conditions which Dr. Chant made before accepting the positions of Chairman and President of OWMC in 1981.

"We have always taken the approach that our hearings would be at least as thorough and comprehensive as hearings which would be held under the Environmental Assessment Act," said Dr. Chant.

"For instance, both the hearing panel on Industrial Waste Management and OWMC have agreed that the broad definition of the "environment" set forth in the Environmental Assessment Act will be used in the public hearings on OWMC's technical proposals. In addition, OWMC's hearings process is one of the first in Ontario to allow for public funding of intervenors, a feature not now available under the Environmental Assessment Act hearings process."

In its press release, the Town of Milton claimed the OWMC Act does not allow for consideration of alternative facilities, sites or technologies. Since November 1981, when OWMC rejected the site in South Cayuga, the

Corporation has been engaged in an extensive site selection process. This search has involved a broad consideration of alternative sites and technologies. OWMC began its search for sites with a consideration of all of Ontario. Applying a number of key factors, that search was gradually narrowed first to southern Ontario, then to the Golden Horseshoe area at the western end of Lake Ontario, then in May of 1983 to several broad candidate areas and finally in March 1984 to the eight candidate sites currently under consideration. In addition, the Corporation has sought out every available proven technology for the treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes and published in September 1982, a report outlining over 100 alternative technologies.

Comments by representatives of the Town of Milton have suggested that OWMC has conducted its search for sites and technologies without the benefit of public consultation. Throughout its process of selecting sites and technologies, the Corporation has consulted extensively with the public through environmental and citizens groups, professional associations, municipalities, individuals and

others.

"We have undertaken the most comprehensive public consultation program on an environmental issue ever in Ontario. To date we have met with more than 500 groups and organizations, including Milton Town Council, in our efforts to narrow the search for a suitable site and identify appropriate technologies," said Dr. Chant.

The press release from the Town of Milton also stated that OWMC will be selecting a preferred site by the end of August 1984. This is not true and the Corporation has stated on many occasions that it will not have completed its work towards selecting a preferred site or sites until late fall.

Once a preferred site or sites is selected, that site will be studied in more detail before OWMC makes its submission to the Hearing Panel on Industrial Waste Management, which will conduct formal hearings on it. The panel will make its recommendations to the Ontario Cabinet, which will make the final decision.

OWMC will respond appropriately in court to the Town of Milton application.

## our readers write

### What choice

Dear Sir:

I am a 21-year-old, single male who has worked for the past five years. In 1983, I paid \$1,968.38 for income tax on a taxable income of \$12,473.18. Recently, I received a bill from Revenue Canada for an additional \$1,032.03. According to the 1983 Tax Table the total income tax payable for my income is \$2,998.00, which is 24 per cent. I have received two additional notices informing me that this amount is due, plus interest; the second notice also contained a threat to garnishee wages if the balance is not paid.

What choices do I have?

Firstly, I could borrow the money and pay an additional 15 per cent interest (\$154). Why should an individual have to borrow money to pay the government if he wants to work?

Should the working people be fined for working?

Secondly, the government could garnishee my wages, against my wishes and without my consent. Is it morally right to take away from those who want to work and give to those who are too lazy and abuse the system by going on welfare?

Lastly, I could challenge the system and go to court. Since I cannot afford a lawyer, my alternative is government-sponsored legal aid. The government, in order to prosecute me, must pay a judge, a prosecuting attorney, a defence lawyer and any other court costs.

Then, if I am convicted for refusing to pay income tax, and get a jail sentence, the government will have to pay to keep me in jail. After my release, the government will still not have received the \$1,032.03 plus inter-

est, and I have a criminal record. Jobs are hard to find, and with a record, it will be nearly impossible. The only solution is welfare. The government is going to pay me to live without working and I will still not be paying income tax.

I am an individual who enjoys employment and works hard for what he earns. Why should a person who works for a living be penalized by having to pay income tax and while there are others who use the welfare system and are excused and receive money for not working?

The Charter of Rights states: "Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination..." (15-1). Is it equal rights to have to pay income tax if you work but be excused if you live off welfare? What has the government done to

earn this tax money? Nothing! I worked hard for it and I believe I should be able to keep it. They have sent me a bill for something I do not owe!

The end result? A working Canadian borrowing money to pay the government for working; an individual's wages being taken away to pay a debt he does not owe; or another Canadian citizen with a criminal record, forced to live on welfare and not paying income tax because of an unfair government system. And the government is still short of \$1,032.03 plus interest.

Ironically, in Canada you have to pay to work and if you do not, you could end up in jail. Under the present structure of government, a Canadian is better off living on welfare.

ERIN S. GODDEN  
Saskatoon