



(Photo by Ron Fawn)

Clowning, Free Fries, Fun And Softball

The well known clown Ronald McDonald arrives in person in the flesh at the main ball diamond at town park at 7 pm Monday on a Richmond Hill Fire Truck with these two local fire fighters to kick off the annual Fire Fighters' Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. Clown Ronald will entertain the children prior to the evening's big benefit softball attraction. First there is a game between teams from McDonalds Restaurants and CFTR Radio. Then the winners meet the tough

Fram Fire Fighters in the second game of the evening. McDonalds will be giving out tickets for free French fries. The fire fighters will be taking up a collection during the evening, with all proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada to assist in medical research into this terrible disease as scientists strive to discover the cure. The two third class firefighters are Herb Howes of Lynett Crescent (left) and Dave Shaw of Elgin Mills Road.

YORK NORTH OTTAWA REPORT



By **BARNETT J. DANSON, MP**
Federal Voters Well Informed, Sophisticated, Healthy, Skeptical

It is a good feeling to be confirmed in office as your Member of Parliament for the third time and I am grateful to all who supported me by their votes and work. To those who voted or worked for others, there must be some disappointment, but that is the democratic process at work and no system, government or policy can possibly please everyone all of the time. Now that the election is over, I am the MP for all residents of York North, whether or not they voted for me, and this includes those too young to vote. Indeed most of us subscribe to the philosophy that we wish to leave this world somewhat better than we inherited it. This means that much of what we do will benefit future generations and it is therefore important that I maintain contact with and reflect the views of the children and youth of the riding. It also means setting standards and examples of conduct and concern for them. It does not necessarily mean doing things for them. They must realise that anything worth achieving is worth working for and that there are others in our society who really need the help of all of us. They are those who are unable to look after

many of their own needs: the physically and mentally handicapped, the socially deprived and senior citizens who warrant our respect and support. I hope that no one will feel inhibited in calling upon me or expressing their views to me simply because they supported other candidates and other parties. I am your MP, like it or not, and your taxes support my efforts in Ottawa and in the constituency. This past election was an important and gratifying example of Canadian democracy at its best. One candidate who came to Canada as a poor immigrant laborer and who has reached the pinnacle of success in Canadian industry; another highly cultivated Law professor, who fled oppression in his homeland, washed dishes for his first year in this country and his settled into a modest business which gives him and his family security and satisfaction; a bright, idealistic and dedicated young teacher who reflects the special admirable qualities of the postwar generation; and myself whose grandfather came here as an immigrant some hundred years ago — one Catholic, one Protestant and one Jew; the fourth's re-

ligion was unknown and no one asked. The significance of this is that it did not matter — a pleasant change from years gone by. Each candidate has equal rights and equal time. Time to attack their government, its personalities and its policies. None were frivolous even if their chances of election were slim.

I found the voters the most informed, sophisticated and healthily skeptical of any electorate I have seen. I said this during the campaign and in my literature. No matter what the outcome might have been, I was satisfied that it would be a thoughtful judgement which was right for Canada at this time. It is now up to me to accept this result with a feeling of very special responsibility; to represent you faithfully and exert every influence I can in Parliament to make certain your Trust is honored.

I look forward to four or five years of personal and political stability. They will not be easy years but they should be years in which Canada and Canadians fare relatively better than others. We are especially blessed in this nation of ours so that we begin from a position of basic strength. We must make certain our riches and opportunities are fairly shared by all Canadians and that we share reasonably and generously with those in less fortunate lands.

You can write to me, without postage, by addressing your letters: Barnett Danson, MP, House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A6. My constituency office is at 5509 Yonge Street in Willowdale and the telephone number is 221-5327. Let's keep in touch.

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