

# Gamble makes it 2-way race for federal PC nod

By Jim Irving

There may be better people than Joe Clark to lead the federal Progressive-Conservative party, and there may be worse, but Clark is still "head and shoulders above Prime Minister Trudeau," according to John Gamble of Markham.

Gamble, 44, a partner in the law firm of Gamble and Garbe in Markham, made his remarks at a press conference at home last week to announce his candidacy for PC nomination in the federal constituency of York North.

This new constituency includes Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham towns.

Dustan Miklas of Thornhill, who announced his candidacy the week before, is the only other candidate so far for the nomination.

Gamble, who was asked his opinion of the present Tory leader, said he wouldn't "speculate at this time," but he did admit the PC party had a "history of displaying its dissatisfaction with its leaders."

In making his first bid for any kind of political office, Gamble said he decided to become a candidate after attending a number of meetings at which the question of capital punishment was discussed by federal government members.

Despite the fact public reaction was 80 per cent in favor of retaining the death penalty, the attitude of the MPs was that "democracy works in a limited fashion," Gamble said.

The public was left with individuals who heard them out, but "who didn't commit themselves to what they wanted."

"That's not the way the government should be run," Gamble said.

Were not the provincial PCs doing the same thing by announcing an election when the public said there was no need to?

It was a "technical" thing, Gamble said. Besides, they had no alternative after losing a vote of confidence.

Wasn't that the way they wanted it? "Well," Gamble started to say, and then dropped the matter with a chuckle.

Gamble said, also, he always felt he thought one way and the rest of the people another way. However, after talking with a widely-diversified group of people, he found they didn't disagree with what he had to say.

Now their views must be "marshalled" and correct legislation implemented.

He said it had become "increasingly apparent" to him over the years federal elections were "won or lost in the same way you would win a nomination for the Academy Awards."

One could "shrug properly, use vulgarity, carry on as a jet set image maker, but smile at the right times and kiss the young girls," while keeping the issues cloudy.

"Motion picture politics have given us bad government and if the country is to be saved from economic and political doom, then we must revert to elections run on issues," he said.

As with fellow candidate, Miklas, Gamble said he was very concerned with Canadian unity.

Separatism must be stopped if people have any belief in their country. There should be no dealing with Quebec on an economic basis; Quebec could be convinced separation wasn't palatable when the economy ground to a halt.

There was no "constitutional validity" for the principle a province could separate by a referendum. If

there were, then the same thing could apply to municipalities.

Markham, for example, could separate from Ontario, "and I in turn may make my house lot an independent nation by a referendum of my family," Gamble said.

Gamble said Trudeau had a "conflict of interest" where Quebec separatism was concerned, and Canada needed someone whose loyalties lay elsewhere.

Asked if there were a simple way out of unemployment and inflation, Gamble said there was, but he'd rather save that issue for another time.

However, he did say government spending could be reduced by an obvious \$2 billion right away.

Without elaborating, he said \$1 billion could be pared from "one expenditure alone," while another billion could be saved with the elimination of some government departments that shouldn't even exist under the British North America Act.

Gamble said he would use the money saved to give taxpayers a reduction in tax. Labor had said that, if taxes were reduced, pressure on wage demands would be reduced as well.

"Taxes must be reduced," Gamble said. The average Canadian worked two days a week (out of five) to pay his taxes.

"Where will it stop?" he asked. A native of Perth, Ontario, Gamble grew up in Thorold, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

He attended the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall law school, being called to the bar in 1959.

He was tax counsel with the department of national revenue in Ottawa from 1959 to 1963. Then he entered private law practice in Toronto. He moved his office to Markham last year.

He and his wife, Katie, and sons, Mark, 17, and Blake, 15, have lived in the Box Grove area of Markham since 1972.



York North hopeful and family

The nomination meeting is still more than a month away, but the John Gamble family of Rouge River Circle, Markham, was looking optimistic when The

Liberal photographer dropped around. Gamble, is seen here with his wife, Katie, and their two boys, Blake, 15, (left) and Mark, 17.

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# The model doctors

Visitors to York Central Hospital Tuesday and Wednesday of last week had a chance to see model doctors in action.

The occasion was the 'Flight into '77 fashion show, sponsored by the Pleasantville Branch of the hospital auxiliary. Medical staff at York

Central modelled the spring and summer fashions.

In all, 19 medical personnel were involved, modelling everything from formal wear to sports to rainwear.

Fifty door prizes were awarded. Commentator was Donna Fraleigh, hair stylist at Village

Coiffure. Most of the fashions came from Patricia Bridal Salon and the Man Shop in Markham.

Organ music was supplied by Bob Richardson, and vocal entertainment by Norma Martin.

All proceeds go towards the hospital building fund.



A bright young doctor

Out like a spring flower! Dr. Alexander Golab sports an over-the-waist soccer jersey, shorts

and wild striped socks. Just the thing to have it made in the shade!



For house calls

Doctor Jim McPhee is a picture of rain-wear elegance in the immortal trenchcoat. The double-breasted, belted, wide-lapelled fashion brings back memories of the '40's.



Working the short shift

Far from the emergency ward. Marilyn Grasse couldn't look cooler than she does in

this halter-top and shorts combination. Tennis anyone?