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YORK NORTH

Candidates clash on Cable TV

By STEVE PEARLSTEIN
Liberal Staff Writer

The three major candidates running for a seat in the federal riding of York North made their first public appearance together on an open-line TV show and responses to viewers' questions made it clear the battle has just begun.

Out of 10 questions fielded by Barney Danson (L), NDP candidate Bruce Searle and PC candidate John Gamble during the live, one-hour program last Wednesday, eight callers addressed themselves to Mr. Gamble.

The other participants were allowed comment on the same question and final word was given to the man who first answered the query.

Callers managed to touch on almost all major issues including the economy, the performance of the Liberal government over the past 11 years, bilingualism (not national unity), defense spending, abortion, the Tory proposal for the deduction of mortgage payments from income taxes and attitudes towards the Arab economic boycott.

Only Mr. Danson and Mr. Gamble attacked each other for

their stands or their respective party's stand on specific issues. Mr. Searle chose to leave personalities out of his comments.

Aside from one frivolous caller who accused Mr. Danson of not spending enough time in his riding, the incumbent became irritated over Mr. Gamble's charge the Liberals had not really wanted unanimous consent of a bill which would have outlawed the Arab boycott.

"I think it was some sort of conspiracy by the PC's to stop that bill from going through. All the parties in the house clearly wanted to give it unanimous consent but the Conservatives voted against it," said Mr. Danson.

Mr. Gamble pointed out the bill didn't pass because of votes by one PC member and one Independent member of the house.

While the two discussed parliamentary procedure, Mr. Searle said they were skirting the issue with rhetoric.

"My feeling and those of the NDP party are that we shouldn't let any country determine our economic policies or our future," he said.

Both Mr. Danson and Mr. Searle felt Joe Clark's mortgage

deductibility scheme is open to abuse. Mr. Searle said the plan could eventually inflate taxes and induce buyers of homes "to go in over their heads." He mentioned the C. D. Howe Institute as the latest economic adviser to warn against such taxation policies.

"This could serve to create a significant tax dodge and tempt some people to go out and re-finance their homes," said Mr. Danson. "Then they'd probably go out and spend the extra money acquired — to us it's just bad tax law."

Mr. Gamble backed the Clark proposal by saying it is something "sociologically needed" at a time when the housing industry is supposed to create 100,000 new construction jobs. It's not something just for the rich, he said, but something even the not-so-rich would like to be able to take advantage of.

After another caller wanted to know why he was greeted in French first when he called two Federal government agencies in Toronto, there was heated discussion about the Quebec statute Bill 101. Mr. Danson feels it is a small inconvenience to be greeted in French first, though he claimed that isn't standard policy.

Mr. Gamble said he is appalled that bilingualism is a pre-requisite for a position as a Federal civil servant. He claimed the Trudeau government has wasted millions on the training of government employees for programs that are of little or no benefit.

Mr. Searle pointed out English is taught in Quebec schools, the same way French has been introduced into Ontario public schools.

Mr. Gamble disagreed but the NDP candidate challenged him, saying he had recently spoken to schools in Quebec where English is taught an hour per day.

Asked about the problem of noisy, shunting trains in Thornhill, Mr. Gamble said if elected, he'd be able to bypass all the bureaucracy involved with a Crown Corporation and deal directly with administration at CN.

Both Mr. Danson and Mr. Searle felt that was a ridiculous approach but admitted noise levels can only be lowered to a certain extent.

"Realistically, you don't expect us to be able to move the rail line. We're always trying to improve the situation there, it has been around even longer than most of the houses in that part of Thornhill have," said Mr. Danson.

The show ended with several calls still on the line, an indication many viewers are quite interested in both the candidates and the issues of the May 22 election, though it is early in the campaign.

A press conference for all three candidates, which will likely include Libertarian candidate Dan Davidson, is scheduled for May 17 at Bayview Secondary School.



SEARLE DANSON GAMBLE

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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to canvass. The Canadian Cancer Society is desperately in need of individuals willing to canvass industries. You would call on 5 or 6 industries to request funds on behalf of the Cancer Society. Pamphlets and information will be provided for your calls. If you can help, please call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.	to be a handyman. If you are handy and able to fix broken toys, shelves, chairs, etc. then the York Region Family "Y" needs your help. They are seeking someone who would either come into the "Y" to fix the day care equipment or take the equipment home. This volunteer job would be great for a retired gentleman. If you would like to help, call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.	to do typing. The Richmond Hill Public Library needs someone who can type file cards. Your eyesight should be good because some of the typing will be done from old or micro-film records. Your help would be needed for 3 or 4 hours a week on either Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. If you can type and would like to help, call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau.	2 York Region Chapter of Children with Learning Disabilities, meets at Richvale Community Centre, 8 p.m. Speaker: Sylvia Bleiweiss, M.A. Thornhill Community Centre Library Art, now to May 12, Holly Clifford — Mixed Media. Young Life youth group meeting, 81 Crosby, 7.30 p.m. Info: 884-4217.	3 Richmond Hill Lions meeting, Lions Hall, Centre Street, 6.30 p.m. Richvale Writers Club, 79 Denham Road, 889-6703, 8-11 p.m. Block Parents Association executive meeting at York Region Police Station, Major Mackenzie Drive, 7.30 p.m. Info: 881-5600. Hill Potters Guild, pottery sale, Markham Place Mall, Steeles and Don Mills, 9 a.m. — 9.30 p.m.	4 Don Head Secondary School Reunion, all former students welcome. Info: 884-3330. Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club spring dance, Richvale Community Centre, 8.30 p.m. Tickets: 773-4369. Toronto Waldorf School, 9100 Bathurst Street, Open House, 7.30 — 9 p.m. Hill Potters Guild, pottery sale, Markham Place Mall, 9 a.m. — 9.30 p.m. Teen Drop-In, Concord Community Centre, 8-11 p.m. Ages 13-17. Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge St. 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689.	5 GARAGE, RUMMAGE SALES: 11th R. Hill Brownies Mothers Aux. 10-3 p.m., St. Gabriels, Crosby & Bayview, Info: 884-8441, 884-9564; Maple Leaf Accordion Band, 261 Elka Dr., 10-4 p.m. — 884-8390; Block Parents, Old Fire Hall, Wright St., 9-2 p.m.; Emmanuel Anglican, McKay Dr., 10-1 p.m. 884-8908; Young Life, R. Hill Presbyterian, 10.30 a.m., 884-2313, 884-9005; Garage sale, 48 Elmwood Ave., 10-2 p.m. proceeds to mentally retarded. Canadian Bible Society, Maple Branch, walkathon, 9 a.m. Maple Community Centre, Info: 884-9854. One Parent Families Assn. dance, Thornhill Comm. Ctr. 8 p.m. Thornhill Scouts & Guides art exhibit, Heintzman House.
6 Richvale Lions Bingo, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Ave., 7.30 p.m. Thornhill Scouts and Guides art exhibit and sale, Heintzman House. Richmond Hill United Church celebrates 176th year of congregation, 11 a.m. Guest Minister: Dr. Robt. F. Smith.	7 Godspell, Richmond Hill United Church, 8 p.m. Info: 889-0344 or 883-5244. Lions bingo, Centre Street, Richmond Hill, 7.40 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689. Sea Cadets, RSCCC Patriot, St. Mary's Anglican Church, 7.30 p.m. Info: 884-3630.	8 Meet the candidates — federal election — Henderson Avenue School, 66 Henderson, 8 p.m. "French-English Bi-Culturalism in Canada", at St. Paul's United Church, Oak Ridges. Speaker: Rev. Guy Deschamps. R. Hill Horticultural Society meeting, Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m. Info: 884-8564. Godspell, Richmond Hill United Church, 8 p.m. Info: 889-0344 or 883-5244. One Parent Families Assn. general meeting, Thornhill Community Centre, 8 p.m.	9 St. John Ambulance brigade training session, Don Head School, 8-10 p.m. Info: 884-4204. Bridge and euchre, St. Gabriel Church, Bayview. Info: 884-3697. Medical Secretaries Assn. meeting, York Central Hospital, 8 p.m. Info: 884-5789. Godspell, Richmond Hill United Church 8 p.m. Info: 883-5244. Richmond Hill Group of Artists meeting, Crosby School, 7.30 p.m. Bond Lake Skating Club annual meeting, 8 p.m. Info: 887-5627.	10 King's College Ratepayers Assn., general meeting, Johnsvieview School, 8 p.m. Civic Improvement meeting, town office, committee room 'B', 8 p.m. Godspell, Richmond Hill United Church, 8 p.m. Info: 883-5244. Deadline for THEOS Conference registration. Info: 884-2760.	11 ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING — Don Head School, 7.30 p.m. Media panel, audience participation. Juvenile girls softball club dance, Richvale Community Centre, 8 p.m. Info: 884-5200. RICHMOND HILL SPRING FAIR — 9 a.m. — 10.30 p.m. Godspell, Richmond Hill United Church, 8 p.m. Info: 889-0344, 883-5244. Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689.	12 Bazaar in aid of Animal Welfare & Adoption, 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., Emmanuel Anglican Church, 15 McKay Dr. Info: 889-5022. Children's Hospital Day program, York Central, 1.30 — 3.30 p.m. Lecture Hall. RICHMOND HILL SPRING FAIR — 9 a.m. — 10.30 p.m. Bike Auction, York Regional Police Station, R. Hill. Oak Ridges Lions annual bike-athon. Bargain Hunters sale, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Wrixon Hall, R. Hill, 11 - 2 p.m.
13 Richvale Lions Bingo, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce, 7.30 p.m. RICHMOND HILL SPRING FAIR, 9 a.m. — 6 p.m. Mothers Day plant sale, sponsored by Richvale Lions Drum Corps, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Pine Ridge Open House, 1 p.m. — 4 p.m. Yonge St., north of Bloomington.	14 York Regional Camera Club annual awards dinner. For tickets, call, 727-3254. Pine Ridge open house, 1-4 p.m. Yonge street, north of Bloomington.	15 Ladies night out. Yoga and a variety of crafts, Viking Club, Oak Ridges. Storytime for pre-schoolers, 3-5 years old at 2 p.m., Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library. Richmond Hill Coin Club meeting, Richmond Hill High School, Wright Street, 7 p.m.	16 Thornhill Amateur Radio Club, Thornlea Secondary School. Info: 889-3848. St. Paul's Lutheran Church LCW meeting, 8 p.m. Evening book discussion group, 7.30 — 9.30 p.m., Thornhill Community Centre Library. Young Life youth group meeting, 81 Crosby Ave., 7.30 p.m. Info: 884-4217.	17 Richmond Hill Lions meeting, 6.30 p.m. Lions Hall, Centre St. B'nai B'rith meeting at Gallanough Library, 8 p.m. Info: 881-2027 or 889-7084. Widow and widowers meeting, Victoria and Grey Trust building, 8 p.m.	18 Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689.	19 Richvale Branch Library, Symphony Street Mini-Concert with Don Keuhn on percussion, all ages, 2 p.m.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday York Philharmonic Choir practice, R. Hill Baptist, 7.30 p.m. Tuesday Legal Aid Clinic, 7 to 10 p.m. 884-9148. Mother's Break, Richmond Hill United Church, 9.30 - 11.15 a.m. 884-4294. Yoga, Richmond Hill United	Church, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. for beginners; 8.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. for intermediates. Richvale Lions Drum Corps and Color Guard, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. R.H. Public Library Pre-School Story Hour 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Pre-registration. Navy League Cadets R.H. United Church 6:30 pm. Boys 10-13 years 223-8868	CGIT, Richmond Hill United Church for girls, 12 to 17 years of age, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 884-5971. Wednesday Thornhill Lions Bingo, Thornhill Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. Parent Concern, 8 to 10 p.m. Call Joyce, 884-3503. Counterweight, Richmond Hill Public Library, 7.30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, St. John's	Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge. Information: 884-1689. A Morning Out, Richmond Hill United Church, 9.30 - 11:15 a.m. 884-9722. Seniors Euchre games, club rooms, 10149 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 1.30 p.m. Richmond Hill Lions Majorette and drum corps practice, Lions Hall, 7-9 p.m. Free topical fluoride clinic for	children 3 to 16 years, 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Call the Health Unit for information and appointments: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, Legion Hall, Ohio Road, Richmond Hill, 7.35 p.m. Thursday Yoga Classes at Thornhill Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 8.45 to 10 p.m. Yoga Class, Richmond Hill	United Church, 9 to 10.15 a.m. for beginners and 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. for intermediates. 884-2671. Weight Watchers, Concord Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. 669-2173. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Maple Leaf Accordion Band, McKillop School, 7 to 9 p.m. 884-8390.	Navy League, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Wrixon Hall, 6.45 p.m. Boys 10 to 13 welcome, 223-8868. Saturday R.H. Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Rd.E. at Leslie, 10 am — noon. Thornhill Recycling Depot Bayview at Green Lane, 10 am to noon. Euchre, 1:30 pm. Seniors Club Room, 10, 149 Yonge St. R.H. All welcome.
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