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NOTE: Coverage is invited at both events. Hellyer will be available for interview after his talk at the Confederation Club and at WLU.

Columnist Paul Hellyer to address
Confederation Club, speaks at WLU

Paul Hellyer, one of Canada's most controversial political figures and now a national columnist and commentator, speaks in Kitchener-Waterloo twice on March 11.

At noon, he will speak to members and guests at the regular luncheon meeting of the Confederation Club. In the evening, he will give a free, public lecture at Wilfrid Laurier University at 7 p.m.

He held senior cabinet posts under prime ministers St. Laurent, Pearson and Trudeau. He resigned from the federal Liberal cabinet in 1969 on a matter of principle related to what he saw as a lack of leadership in the housing field.

In 1971 he was founding chairman of Action Canada, a populist movement established to tackle the questions of employment and inflation. In 1972 Hellyer joined the Progressive Conservative Party and was defeated in a run for the party leadership in 1976

Currently he is a syndicated columnist for the Toronto Sun and is a frequent commentator on national radio and television. His most recent book, Exit Inflation, proposes a cure for Canada's high inflation rate and record unemployment.

His talk for the Confederation Club and at Wilfrid Laurier University is titled: The cure for inflation and unemployment.

The Confederation Club meets in the Valhalla Hotel, Kitchener. At Laurier, Hellyer will speak in the Paul Martin Centre in the dining hall building.