



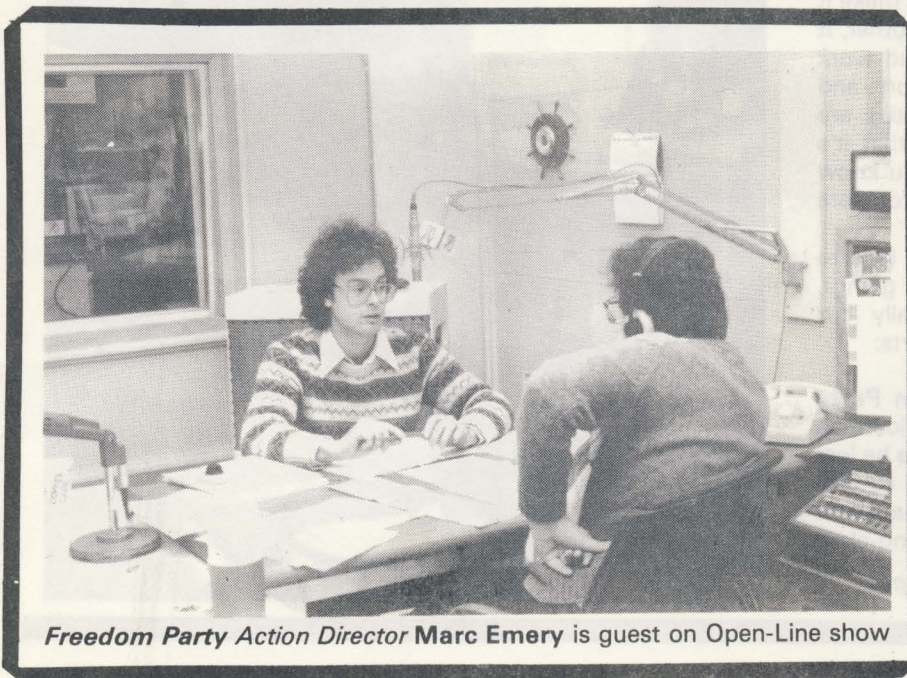
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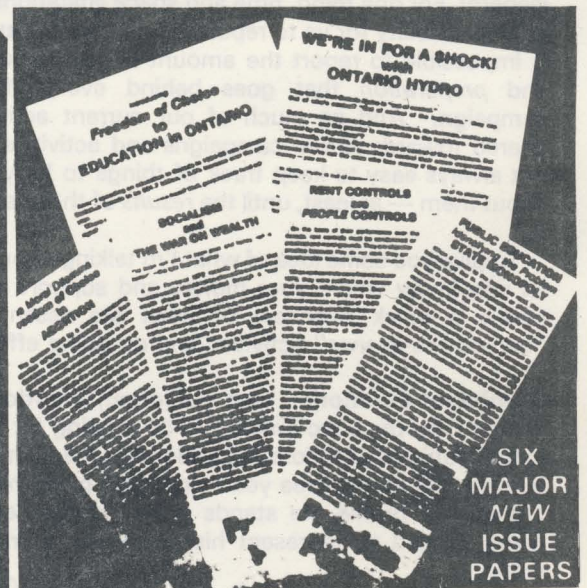
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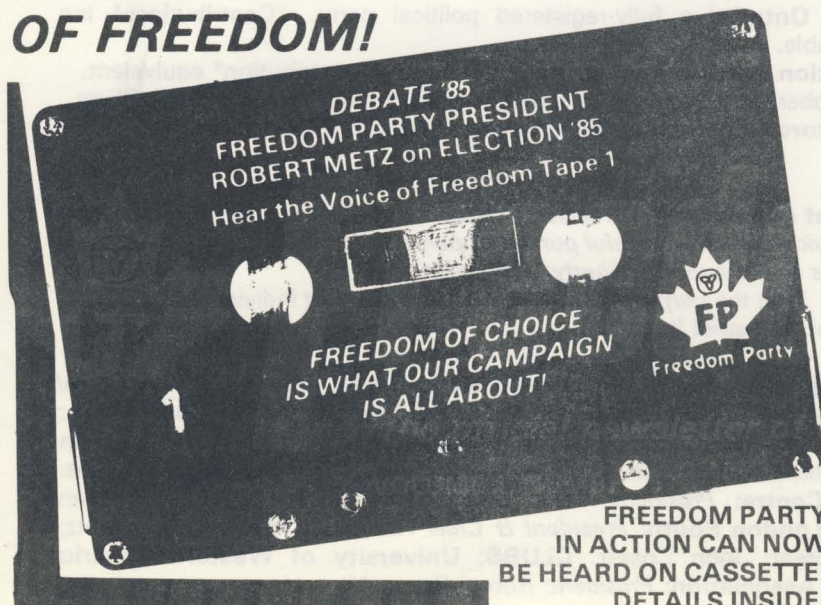
Freedom in Action!



Freedom Party Action Director Marc Emery is guest on Open-Line show



**HEAR THE VOICE
OF FREEDOM!**



**FREEDOM PARTY
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BE HEARD ON CASSETTE!
DETAILS INSIDE!**

NO-TAX FOR PAN-AM VICTORY!

Dear Mr. Jelinek:

As a taxpayer in the City of London, I am concerned about an application to your federal ministry to use federal tax money for London, Ontario's bid for the 1991 Pan-American Games.

I am opposed to any federal grants from tax sources for this kind of event. In these times of heavy debt and limited tax resources, funding for these kind of projects.

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The cover of one of our local initiative news-letters says it all: **VICTORY!** Your copy enclosed --- plus details on our campaign and its successful finish.

2 We know that many of you --- particularly those outside the immediate London area --- haven't heard from us for a while, but no need to despair, we haven't forgotten about you. In fact, when you don't hear from us for a while, you can always count on the fact that **Freedom Party** is channeling its efforts and resources towards intensive activities or campaigns aimed at promoting freedom of choice in the community. And that's something we're committed to doing on a *full-time* basis; after all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!

In these, our fifth and sixth issues of *Freedom Flyer*, we've done something a little different: we've recapped our activities over the past six months by segregating our election activities into a special *Election Issue* (Issue no. 6), while emphasizing our *non-election* issues and activities in *Freedom Flyer* no. 5.

By no means do these two newsletters represent a total accounting of all our activities here at provincial headquarters. What we report here is merely the tip of the iceberg! For one thing, time and space limitations make it an impossibility for us to report *everything*; for another, it is impossible to report the amount of background *work* and *preparation* that goes behind every effort and campaign. And so much of our current activities are geared towards *future* campaigns and activities that it's not always easy to keep track of things to let you know about them --- at least, until the *results* of those efforts are in.

To give you some idea of what I'm talking about (and to let you know where your money and support is going), here's a quick overview of what are essentially our "behind-the-scenes" activities and on-going efforts:

Municipal Elections: Lest we forget, **Freedom Party Action Director** Marc Emery will be running for alderman in the municipal elections in London this fall. Since he lost by only 500 votes three years ago, and given his current community profile, he stands a very decent chance of being elected to represent his north-east working-class riding.

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Openers

by
FREEDOM PARTY PRESIDENT

ROBERT METZ



FREEDOM FLYER

"Liberty and good government do not exclude each other; and there are excellent reasons why they should go together. Liberty is not a means to a higher political end. It is in itself the highest political end."

Lord Acton
*History of Freedom
in Antiquity, 1877*

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FREEDOM PARTY OF ONTARIO

Statement of Principle: **Freedom Party** is founded on the principle that: *Every individual, in the peaceful pursuit of personal fulfillment, has an absolute right to his or her own life, liberty, and property.*

Platform: That the *purpose of government* is to *protect* individual freedom of choice, *not* to restrict it.

Provincial Executive: Ontario President: Robert Metz; Chief Financial Officer: Murray Hopper; Action Director: Marc Emery; Action Co-ordinator: Gordon Mood. **REGISTERED CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS:** London North: President: Gordon Mood; Chief Financial Officer: Dean Hodgins. London Centre: President: Marc Emery; Chief Financial Officer: Dean Hodgins. London South: President & Chief Financial Officer: Robert Metz; Vice-President: John Cossar. **CLUBS:** University of Western Ontario Freedom Association: President: Robert Rozanski.

Emery's election literature has already been drafted, election signs are already in production, and a substantial number of volunteers have already made their commitment to support him. Needless to say, **Freedom Party** and its supporters will be backing him on this effort so if you live in London, you can expect that we'll be calling on you for your volunteer support.

Recruiting Members and Supporters is an on-going process that involves a great deal of time spent with individuals and groups who have expressed some interest in our ideas or activities. In addition, we're planning to recruit as many new supporters as possible from the ranks of other political parties: our volunteers have already entered thousands of names into our computer files, and we hope that our solicitations to these past supporters of other parties may attract some attention to our efforts.

One new activist gained after Election '85 was a past supporter and active volunteer for a successful *Progressive Conservative* candidate in the 1984 federal election in London West. But after being disillusioned by the provincial *Conservatives'* betrayal of free enterprise, and by the lack of actual substance being offered by the federal *PC* government, he made a *choice* --- and decided to join and support **Freedom Party**. He first saw Marc Emery run in the 1980 federal election ("...and I was impressed then") and dropped by our offices to pick up our literature early during the 1985 provincial election. After "thinking it over and over," he decided six weeks later to do some substantial amount of work for us and to run in the next election as a **Freedom Party** candidate. That's all we can tell you about him right now, but you'll be hearing more about this development in later issues of *Freedom Flyer*.

Research and Information: **Freedom Party** has been discovered by an ever-growing number of students (elementary, high-school, college, and university) who are using its *up-to-date* newspaper and clippings files, books, and reference materials for their essays and projects. These facilities are, of course, also used by **Freedom Party** in the preparation of issue papers, newsletters, speeches, etc., and are also available to the general public. Need some information on freedom? Check us out! --- We make it our business to *know* about freedom.

Fairs and Exhibitions: **Freedom Party** has been travelling on the road to help introduce the party to new communities by setting up booths displaying our literature and newsletters at various fairs and exhibitions around Ontario. Significantly, we will be present at Kitchener's *Central Ontario Exhibition* to be held August 27 to September 2, and at London's *Western Fair*, September 6 to 15 inclusive. Look for us!

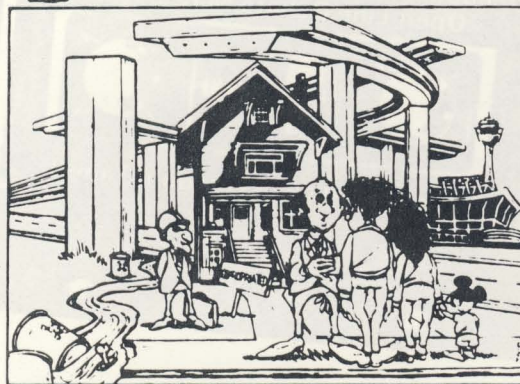
Speeches and Debates: As part of **Freedom Party's** involvement in the community, *President* Robert Metz and *Action Director* Marc Emery have represented the party and/or free market principles as public speakers on various occasions. While Metz gave speeches and presentations to various service clubs on the party's community activity and its philosophy, Emery was featured in several media events, including coverage in the print media, on *CBC* television, local television, and as a guest on radio talk shows in London.

Campus Club: **Freedom Party's** *University of Western Ontario Freedom Association* is already in the process of gearing up for the 85-86 term. Its new president, *Robert Rozanski*, has already determined the general direction of its activities; in addition to the association's new campus newsletter, *Freedom Forum*, it intends to present and sponsor speakers, and to make

Freedom Party's various audio and visual resources (including its literature and publications) available to faculty and students on campus. The club is currently seeking the input of both students and faculty and will be appealing directly to both for that support.

Election Literature and Issue Papers: Accompanying our fifth and sixth newsletters you will find, in addition to the reprints and updates of some of our older issue papers, our 1985 election literature and six *new* issue papers, including our expanded statements (*We're In For A Shock with Ontario Hydro; Introducing Freedom of Choice to Education in Ontario*) on issues that simply cannot be adequately covered in the space allotted on our regular-sized issue papers. Believe it or not, the process of developing an issue paper or statement can take as long as six months per issue! With each statement being written, re-written, edited, and marketed before we are satisfied with its release, we are confident that when it comes to a statement of political philosophy and intentions, *no* other party can compare with the offerings of **Freedom Party**.

What is the government doing to your neighbourhood?



"Here's the bill for all these services we're providing you with"

Freedom Party is a grass-roots Ontario political Party.
Your roots.
 It's our job to work in neighbourhoods and communities by addressing local problems.
In your neighbourhood.
 It's in *your* neighbourhood that government could be raising taxes, adding new ones, providing inferior services, or simply getting at your pockets via plain old political skulduggery.
 You can do something about it! A lot!
Freedom Party can help! Plenty!
 Organize with you. Develop petitions with you. Prepare a strategy with you. Offer you our tax-credible status (so your costs can be tax refundable).
Freedom Party and you. Together we can show your neighbours that freedom works --- for all of us.
 Contact us! (519) 433-8612. P.O. Box 2214, Stn. A, London, Ontario N6A 4E3.

Newsletters: *Freedom Flyer* is not the only newsletter published by **Freedom Party**. Five issues of our *No-Tax for Pan-Am* newsletter have gone to press and been delivered to over 1,000 subscribers in London. In addition, our first issue of *Censorship Alert!*, already in mid-production, will provide an in-depth look at the censorship scene in Ontario, Canada, and the world --- and at its consequences. *Censorship Alert!* coincides with **Freedom Party's** anti-censorship campaign, due to swing into full gear early this fall with accompanying buttons, placards, etc.

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HEAR THE VOICE OF FREEDOM!

For Only \$4.95

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Freedom Party, organized and officially-registered for only 18 months, has made significant inroads into the political consciousness of Southwestern Ontario. These cassette tapes, the first 3 of many more to come, will let you experience first hand the kind of coverage **Freedom Party** activity has been getting. Hear how **Freedom**

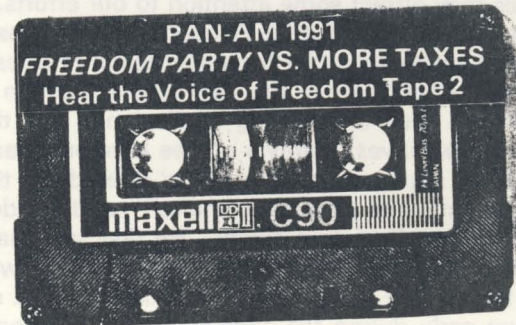
Party sets the philosophical direction of debate every time, and how our activists introduce the community around them to the ideas of individual rights and a free society. Originally broadcast and recorded live on various radio stations etc., the tapes also include our own narrations to help explain the context in which each debate occurred.

PAN-AM 1991 --- THE ISSUE IS PHILOSOPHY!

"Mr. Metz heads up a particularly radical political party and he is expressing a particular political philosophy. The simple reality is, that what that particular party represents is a very right-wing, radical, political philosophy that is generally not accepted by the majority of the people."

Gordon Hume, Chairman of the Pan-Am Bid Committee
June 7, 1985

Is Hume right? --- or just *left-wing*? Find out in this compilation of the issue that **Freedom Party** brought to London!



FEMINISM VS FREEDOM!

Is the modern *feminist movement* a movement favouring an entrenchment of equal *rights*, or has it evolved into something quite different? For an insight into this controversial issue, listen to the opinions of **Freedom Party Action Director** Marc Emery and *London Status of Women Action Group* member Heidi Strasser as they debate issues ranging from **abortion** to **equal pay for work of equal value**. Should **pornography** be regulated by government? Is there a difference between *obscenity*, *erotica*, and *pornography*? Should housewives have **pensions**? Should **prostitution** be legalized?

Entertaining, provocative, educational.

FEMINISM VS. FREEDOM
Freedom Party vs. Organized Feminism
Open-Line Debate, May 3, 1985
Hear The Voice of Freedom Tape 3

DEBATE '85!

Here's your chance to hear how **Freedom Party** represented the *issues* of the 1985 Provincial Election. **Freedom Party President** and London South candidate Robert Metz debates with fellow candidates Gordon Walker (PC), Joan Smith (Lib), and David Winger (NDP) in a round table discussion recorded and aired by *CFPL-AM Radio* during the Election '85 campaign. Contesting the common premises and philosophies shared by the other three parties, Metz clearly spells out why **Freedom Party** is different.

Plus --- samplings of election coverage, and **Freedom Party** in the news!

More Tapes to Follow on topics as varied as our issue papers --- and guaranteed to be as controversial and entertaining as politics can get! Over 100 hours of recorded material featuring **Freedom Party** and its activists are available --- including many hours on *video*! Watch for them!



Of course, your purchases are tax-creditable as well! **Order today!** *Cheques should be made payable to:* **Freedom Party of Ontario.**

NO-TAX for PAN-AM CAMPAIGN

results in

NO TAXES for PAN-AM!

It all began in June 1984 when **Freedom Party Action Director** Marc Emery sent a letter to the editor of the *London Free Press* which was critical of London City Council's attempt to host the 1991 Pan-American Games in London. The event would have cost municipal, provincial, and federal taxpayers over \$100 million. Emery's letter, lengthy because of its many facts, statistics and philosophical arguments, was printed by the paper but edited significantly enough to leave anyone reading it only partially informed as to the economic and political significance and long-term effects of London's hosting such a large government sponsored extravaganza.

What to do? How could he make sure that Londoners had all the facts necessary to base their decision on, a decision that would affect the future of the community of London for many years to come? So, on the advice of his lawyer, Emery decided to *reprint* his original *unedited* letter in the form of a pamphlet and after gathering a team of volunteers to help him with deliveries, 15,000 pamphlets were delivered in the immediate area around his home.

In addition to his original statement, Emery's pamphlet encouraged citizens to call their aldermen and to write letters to the editor of the daily paper. Sure enough, within two months, over 50 letters of support showed up in the pages of the *London Free Press*, prompting the media to focus attention on his efforts. City Councillors were swamped with calls protesting the tax-financed Games, while Emery himself received over 100 calls of encouragement.

Clearly, Pan-Am 1991 was an issue with long-term political potential.

By October 1984, Emery, in conjunction with **Freedom Party**, printed an 8-page, much more sophisticated brochure (enclosed in past issues of *Freedom Flyer*) to deliver to every home in the city of London. Though not promoted as an official **Freedom Party** publication, the party was given credit on the brochure as the *supporting organization* behind Emery's efforts. Donations were solicited and post-paid cards were enclosed to obtain an active and current list of donors, volunteers, and supporters.

Response to the campaign was generated so quickly that by November our first issue of the *No-Tax for Pan-Am Newsletter* was printed to keep respondents updated and informed as to developments on the issue.

By December, our second newsletter encouraged its over-500 subscribers to attend a City Hall Council meeting where an important vote to commit tax dollars to Pan-Am 1991 was coming up. Supporters packed City Hall's public gallery, despite having to wait for over three hours for the issue to be motioned. Throughout the entire event, including over sixty minutes of debate on the issue, **Freedom Party** supplied free coffee, banners and placards for supporters in attendance. With obviously nervous and agitated glances cast back at the packed gallery, municipal politicians nevertheless chose to vote in favour of the tax-funded scheme, though this was certainly not unexpected.

We lost the vote, but we gained the respect of the public and a good deal of long-term political credibility.

By this time, **Freedom Party President** Robert Metz assumed the role of "chairman" for the *No-Tax for Pan-Am Committee*, and he used the position to focus his efforts on deflecting comments and opposition criticisms that insisted Emery was nothing more than a "one man band" who was out to make a political reputation for himself --- despite the fact that the *No-Tax for Pan-Am Committee* was the only group offering any *documented evidence* of the support behind it.

In fact, every straw poll taken on support for tax-funding Pan-Am 1991 averaged a 75% rate of opposition to the idea --- which meant a rate of 75% support for us. One supporter, *Stan Hall*, became so irate when he watched a local cablecast program promoting the Games that he called the cable company up himself and scheduled Metz and Emery to be his "guests" on a talk show presenting the other side of the issue. The program was re-broadcast regularly during the period that a decision on Pan-Am was still pending.

As the campaign continued, over 1,000 cards of support and over \$2,000 in donations were received by April 1985, which helped to offset Emery's personally incurred costs of over \$10,000.

Our fourth newsletter mailed to supporters contained two cards addressed to government representatives: one to Gordon Walker MPP, and the other to Otto Jelinek, federal Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport. After receiving over 600 cards and letters from No-Tax for Pan-Am supporters, Jelinek sent letters acknowledging their receipt to everyone who mailed in their cards.

It was Jelinek, of course, who was the minister responsible for calling a halt to federal funds being used to host Pan-am 1991. And it wasn't long afterwards that London City Council conceded defeat on the proposal.

By the time our No-Tax for Pan-Am campaign wound down, over 45,000 homes in London had received a copy of our brochure, over 140 letters of support appeared in the editorial pages of the *London Free Press*, and Metz and Emery received extensive media coverage on the issue, including C.B.C. radio and television, local television, radio talk shows, cablecasts, and public debates and presentations.

It took exactly one year, \$10,000, and the efforts of many committed supporters --- but *we did it!* **Freedom Party**, Marc Emery, the *No-Tax for Pan-Am Committee* and its supporters can share in the knowledge that they played an effective and significant role in saving \$10 million of Londoners' taxes, and over \$90 million in federal and provincial taxes. By helping convince the federal government not to subsidize another gigantic money loser and by keeping City Council clearly on the run for over a year, there's only one way to judge the results of our efforts --- *we won!* --- and against all the odds. Remember, much of the print media and broadcast media was definitely *against* us on this issue, yet the ultimate decision still worked in our favour.

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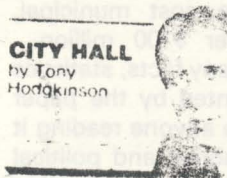
This is just the beginning of things to come!
How about you? **Freedom Party's** Marc Emery or Robert Metz will be glad to come to your community to help you out in a similar style campaign for freedom! It does *not* have to be a "partisan" issue for us to be involved.
We'll show you how to organize for the long-term, how

to issue press releases, raise money, get lists of supporters and volunteers, how to pack City Hall, how to philosophically control the direction of public debate, etc., etc., etc. Our experience will be invaluable to you in saving money, making efficient use of your time, getting the issue across and *winning the battle!*
Call us!

Pan-Am Games grist for municipal election

Although there's nearly eight months to go before the municipal election, the rumor mill is buzzing with speculation about who is running for what.
You can bet your ballot box a conversation about the Nov. 12 vote will begin with "what do you think of so and so's chance?" before an inquiry to elicit reinforcement of the questioner's own opinion and the answer, invariably, is that a lot depends on the outcome of the 1991 Pan-Am Games proposal.

candidates, Pan-Am Games or not. Mayor-elect Alderman Wilson Bolton has been encouraging them and has run his own campaign for electioneering.
Among those expected to jump into the fray are the irrepressible rebel with a cause, Marc Emery, unemployed worker and advocate John Burke and environmentalist Warren.
Emery and Clarke are lining up for what will likely be the toughest aldermanic contest of all in Ward 3, where the contest is taken on Alderman



CITY HALL
by Tony
Hodgkinson

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Pamphlet campaign aims to sink Pan-Am bid

London businessman Marc Emery has launched a 20,000-pamphlet campaign aimed at creating and vocalizing opposition to the city's bid for the 1991 Pan-American Games.
Over the past week, Emery said Monday, he and about 11 volunteers distributed 12,000 pamphlets outlining Emery's views on why London should *not* be the site of the Games.

the letters to the editor column in The London Free Press earlier this month. It concludes by urging those who agree with Emery's views to write letters to The Free Press or express their opposition to Ward 3 Aldermen Joe Fontana and Pat O'Brien.
"I always do stuff like this," said Emery when asked why he started the campaign. "I make it my life's work." He said he

and fire services and should not be involved in sports promotions or job creation. He said the Games should be financed entirely by private money and organized by a private group.
Gordon Hume, chairman of a special committee organizing London's bid for the Games, said Emery has a right to express his views, but points out the pamphlet is riddled with "half-truths."

fund-raising has not yet been determined. It depends largely on the amount of federal and provincial grants.
Under the committee's financing plan, city coffers would only pay up to \$10 million in 1984 dollars for the cost of the Games with revenues, grants and donations covering the rest. The federal government will not negotiate the amount of grant it will pay until after a bid site has been chosen.

his committee's view that the Games are good for London. He also noted he has received no comments from the public as a result of the pamphlets.
Fontana, who supports the city's bid for the Games, said he has also received no callers in the past week. In the past three weeks he has received nine calls about the Games.

Here's response to Pan-American Games survey

By Bert Marotte and LuAnn LaSalle
of The Free Press

Readers who responded to a Free Press mail-in survey on the Pan-American Games were overwhelmingly opposed — but only about two per cent of the potential 81,000 readers in the city circulation area filled in the coupons.
They were asked in a coupon prominently displayed in the paper whether they endorsed the city's decision to bid for the Pan-Am Games in 1991.
And 82 per cent said they didn't think the city should spend \$10 million of taxpayers

PAN-AMERICAN GAMES SURVEY

- 1. Are you in favor of the City of London being host to the Pan-American Games in 1991?
YES 252 NO 1,171
- 2. Are you in favor of the city spending \$10 million of tax money on the games?
YES 215* NO 1,171
*252 minus 37 who said yes to the games but not with municipal funding

But Alderman Andy Grant, a key opponent to the Games, said the response was a "good kick in the ass to the two gold dust twins at city hall — the mayor and the deputy mayor (Controller Orlando Zampogna). They don't seem to be listening to

Games because he doesn't want to see an "albatross saddled around the neck" of the city in the years to come.
"The survey vindicates my position," he added.
Zampogna said the validity of the survey was limited to one-sixth of the circulation of the paper. "It's not only unscientific,

being host to the Pan-American Games in 1991? Yes or No?
"Are you in favor of the city spending \$10 million of tax money on the games? Yes or No?"
"We don't need another white elephant. It takes too much to feed the ones we have now," wrote E. M. Edwards, 30 Baseline Rd. W., in a comment representative of those opposed to the Games.
Opponents often referred to Centennial Hall, Theatre London and London Regional Art Gallery as the city's "white elephants."
"If the city has \$10 million to spend, why not use it for job creation or to provide welfare recipients with adequate incomes," wrote A. M. Gibb, 23 Becher St.
"But, please, let's look before the city leaps into the kind of project (Pan-Am Games) which is draining on oth-

Those in favor of the Games pointed to the need for improved sports facilities, putting the city on the map and boosting the local economy.
"If this city is successful, London will never be the same again (for the good) — facilities for the future, co-operation for others and a great new spirit," wrote Bill Young, RR 3, London.
"We are about to become a city. Let's go for the sports dollar," wrote Ken MacKay, 806 Hamilton Rd. "Even in bad times sports flourish."
"This conservatively slow city should get off its duff and do it," wrote Richard Chwieki, 520 Mornington Ave. "There is plenty of money in this city and if properly obtained is a viable and limitless opportunity."
City council voted 11-5 on June 22 to kick

Games could be hot election issue, say opponents

By Tony Hodgkinson
of The Free Press

TORONTO — The 1991 Pan-American Games could become a hot issue in next November's municipal election, opponents of the proposal said Sunday.
Reacting to news that the Canadian Olympic Association opted for London's \$91 million bid over Hamilton's \$125-million challenge, Controller Art Cartier raised the spectre of a political battle.
Cartier, one of five city councillors who opposed London's Games bid from the outset, said "The Games will now be a major

He was supported by another council veteran, Alderman Alf James, who said "I think it could be an issue in the election. I think London has perhaps made a mistake, but only time will tell."
"There will be another election before then (next January, when London's proposal will be submitted to the Pan-American Sports Organization) and I'm sure the public will decide whether to support those (politicians) who favor the Games or those opposed to them."
Alderman Pat O'Brien, whose early enthusiasm for the Games has been tempered by an outpouring of opposition, said he intends to ask council at its next meeting to initiate a poll of Londoners on the issue.

"Maybe now we should go to the people and say now that London has been chosen, do you feel we should hold the Games?" O'Brien said he hoped a poll could be conducted within a couple of months.
The most radical opponent of London's bid, bookstore owner Marc Emery, said he would step up his efforts to persuade the city that the tax-supported Games would be a bad thing. He said he would start contacting volunteers today to plan strategy to "intensify our efforts to the umpteenth degree."
He said he has so far spent \$4,000 on an anti-Games brochure delivered to 25,000 of London's 68,000 households. He said it will be revised at a cost of about \$2,500 and distributed to the remaining citizens.

to the Games, "otherwise it is going to be disastrous. I think people are going to be very concerned."
Emery said the Games could become a political issue in the election but that would depend on whether he and his supporters could keep it alive until then.
"I think when council (members) reassess the wishes of their constituents, they will change their minds and vote against it (the Games)."
A colleague of Emery's, Robert Metz, president of the Ontario Freedom Party, said the decision "means I have a lot of work ahead of me. We are going to have to intensify our no-tax campaign."
Since the Games proposal leaped to the forefront last January, mounting opposi-

However, bid committee chairman Gordon Hume told a crowded press conference in Toronto, where the decision was announced, he felt community resentment to the proposal was "over-extended" and said the "criticism comes from a small pocket of people."
The Games will provide hundreds of construction jobs over a two-to-three-year period and the total economic impact on the city will be \$500 million, he said.
Hume and other members of the bid committee travelled by minibus to the meeting. He said work on a financial plan would begin "on the bus home."
Mayor Al Gleeson said he felt London should be entitled to senior government financing for new sports facilities. "I think it is time we

Pan-Am Games question polarizes Londoners



JUDY HESK
--- downtown would benefit



HENRY WILLIAMS
--- hardship for taxpayers



LOUISE BROWN
--- rejects plebiscite



SCOTT ADAMS
--- \$10 million is cheap



DALCY PARSONS
--- good advertising



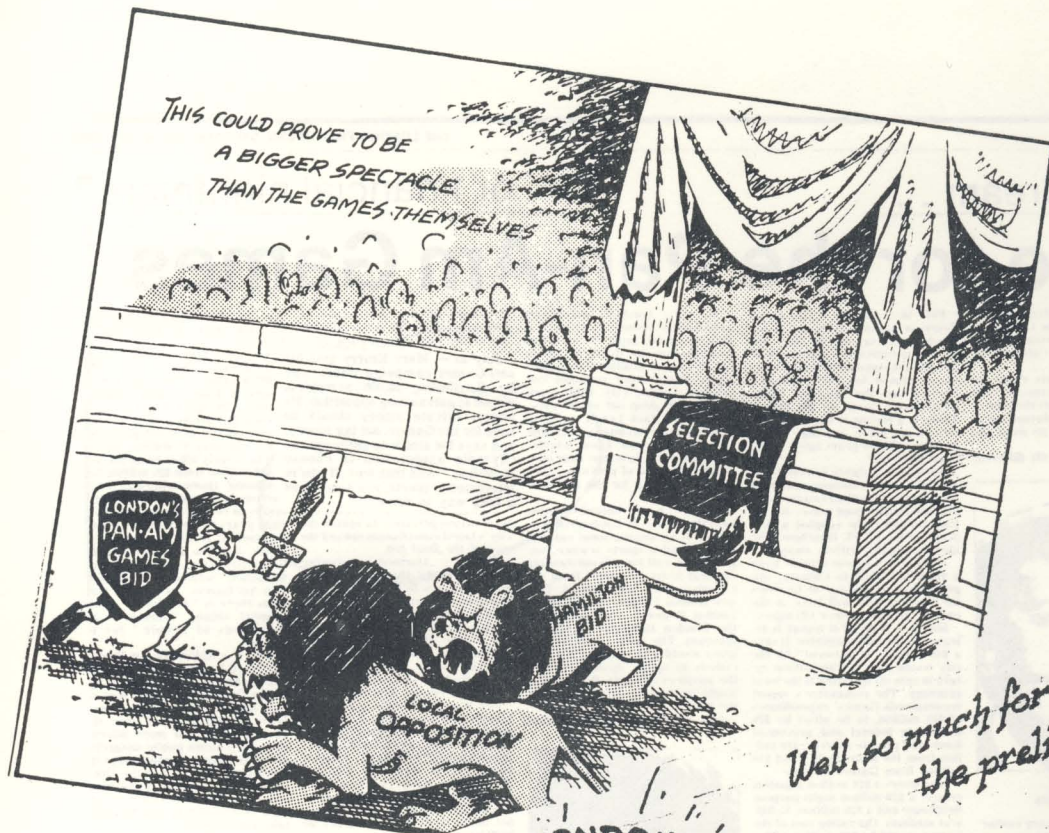
GORDON MOORE
--- facilities poorly used

Pro or con, views expressed are strong

By Dave Miller
of The Free Press

(reproduction is 60% of original size)
just weren't ready to share them.
No one claimed London's success.
Downtown shoppers are

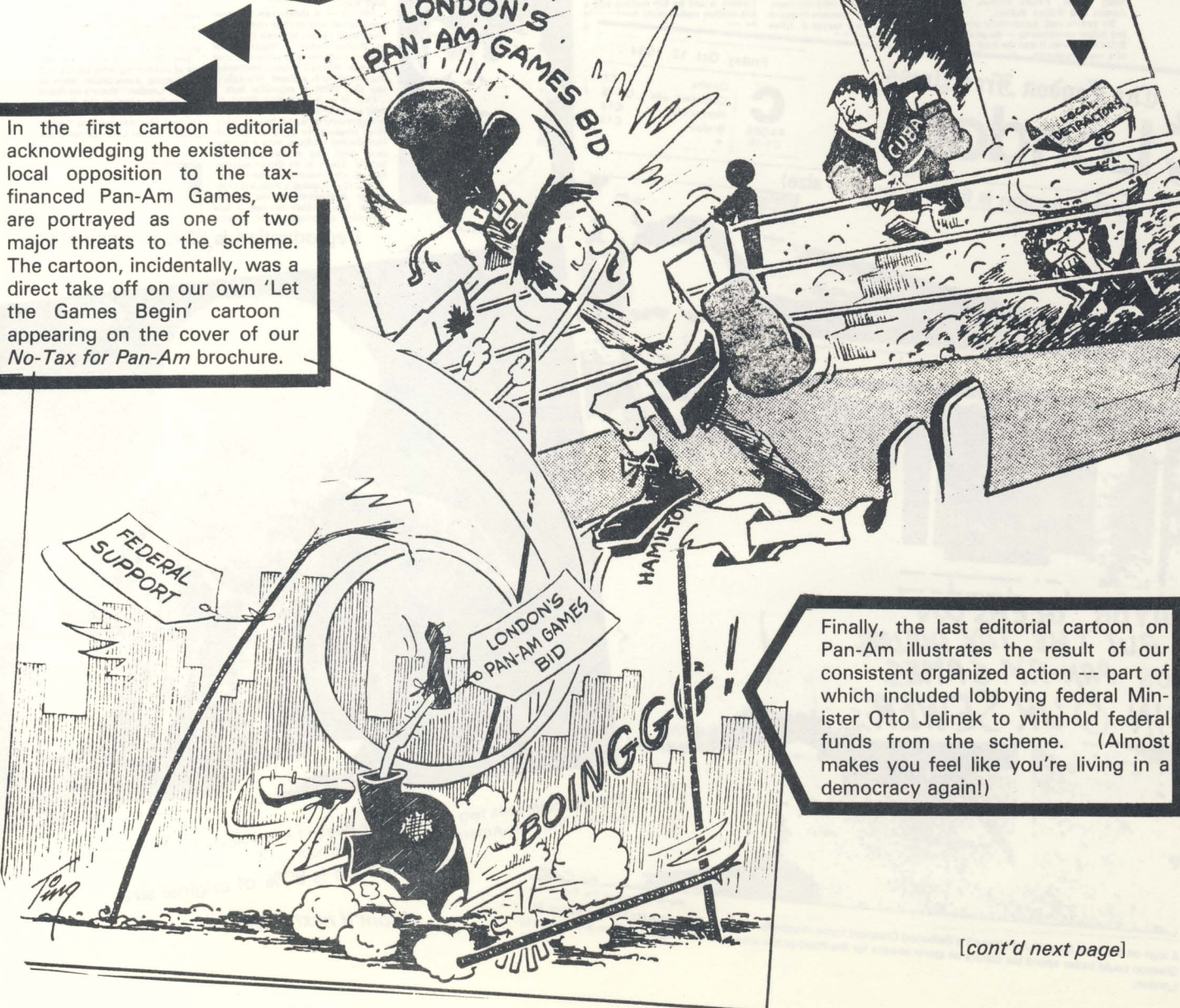
Those opposed talked most about the money and the later use or lack for Gordon Hume, bid committee chairman, as he fielded dozens of calls from opponents.
mile in 1954. He ought to know about the Games.



In the second editorial cartoon on the issue, Emery has been reduced to playing the role of a local detractor to Pan-Am 1991, but nevertheless continues to maintain his firm grip on the public purse.

Well, so much for the preliminaries, now...

In the first cartoon editorial acknowledging the existence of local opposition to the tax-financed Pan-Am Games, we are portrayed as one of two major threats to the scheme. The cartoon, incidentally, was a direct take off on our own 'Let the Games Begin' cartoon appearing on the cover of our No-Tax for Pan-Am brochure.



Finally, the last editorial cartoon on Pan-Am illustrates the result of our consistent organized action --- part of which included lobbying federal Minister Otto Jelinek to withhold federal funds from the scheme. (Almost makes you feel like you're living in a democracy again!)

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London following dream . . .

. . . or financial nightmare?

The chase for the Pan-Am Games

London and Hamilton will go before the Canadian Olympic Association Sunday in a final attempt to woo the officials who will choose the city they would prefer to hold the 1991 Pan-American Games. The winner will advance to the international level of the selection process as this country's candidate. Unlike Hamilton, London has been mired for a year in controversy over the proposal to seek the Games. Following is a recap of what happened.

By Tony Hodgkinson
of The Free Press

London's bid for the 1991 Pan-American Games proved to be a year-long political hot potato that ruptured city council, caused a community upheaval and exhausted just about everyone on both sides of the issue.

The year saw Gordon Hume emerge as knight-crusader, exuding Olympian fervor as head of Mayor Al Gleeson's blue-ribbon Pan-Am Games committee.

It saw London bookstore owner Marc Emery declare an unrelenting one-man war in which he fired off thousands of anti-Games newsletters, evoking a public outcry that dominated the Letters to the Editor section of The Free Press.

In the beginning, there were five declared opponents to the Games on the 19-member council — Controller Art Cartier and Aldermen Andy Grant, Frank Flinton, Alf James and Wilma Bolton.

By year's end, apparently growing public resentment — despite of fiscal assertions it was the loud view of a vocal minority —

came the Canadian Olympic Association's choice for the Games, he would call for a professional opinion poll to gauge accurately the mood of the people.

O'Brien's comments came as Alderman Gary Williams warned "the people who support the Games had better get out in a darned hurry or this thing will go down the tubes."

It was a year markedly different

Feb. 16 — Liberal leader David Peterson jumps on the Pan-Am bandwagon, saying he feels the Games initiative is "a great idea" and enough community support can be generated to "pull this off."

Gleeson says the "movers" of the community "want to do things. There is a feeling it's time for this city to get going and take a bold initiative. Three years ago it would have been no."

April 11 — Calgary, lawyer Doug Mitchell, new commissioner of the Canadian Football League, says it would make "good sense" for the Pan-Am bid to be coupled with a proposal for a CFL franchise. The idea eventually fritters away.

April 11 — Gleeson returns from a three-day visit to Calgary, impressed at the legacy of facilities the Western city will have at the end of the 1988 Winter Olympics.

May 2 — A go-for-it report is released by the bid committee. It says a \$10 million "investment" by the city would yield a \$300 million return in spin-off spending in the local economy. The committee's report recommends Games expenditures of \$39 million, to be offset by \$75 million in federal and provincial funds and private sources, \$10 million from the municipality and \$10 million from Games revenue.

It proposes a \$10 million aquatic centre, a \$20 million multi-purpose fieldhouse and a \$20 million, 35,000 seat stadium. Operating cost of the Games would be \$30 million and a \$10-million endowment fund would be set up.

May 29 — London's preliminary proposal is rushed by courier to Canadian Olympic Association headquarters in Montreal, sneaking in under a deadline for submissions. Three other rumored contenders, Quebec City, Ottawa and Vancouver, drop out of the race.

June 1 — Jack Lynch, technical director of the Olympic association says he does not know whether Hamilton will have the edge over London because of previous experience in bidding for the 1983 Pan-Am Games.

June 1 — A new committee report says the Games in London could be linked to an international cultural festival and a sports science congress. The call for "an outstanding cultural festival" comes from the Canadian Folk Arts Council, the London Regional Orchestra, the London Regional Art Gallery and the London Regional Children's Museum. The sports science congress would attract about 500 specialists in sports medicine under the auspices of UWO. Both events would be funded separately from the Games.

June 6 — The Canadian Cycling

\$10 million of taxpayers' money on the Games, which could potentially read in the city's regulation area.

July 23 — Marc Emery gets his anti-Games campaign under way by distributing 20,000 pamphlets aimed at galvanizing opposition. He argues private money should be used for the Games, not tax money, and says his aim is to encourage the Olympic association to choose Hamilton. "And that way, if you're interested in sports, you won't have a long way to drive."

July 23 — The development of the Games in London has been raised privately to match the city's latest contribution toward the cost of the final bid.

Aug. 2 — Alarmed by growing resentment to the Games, city council agrees to a motion by Pat O'Brien for a series of public information meetings.

Aug. 27 — A public rap-session at the central library shows heavy support for the Games. Only a handful oppose, including Blake who calls for a professional poll to determine citizen interest.

Oct. 1 — Bill Wardie, a native of London and vice-president of marketing for the 1988 Calgary Olympic Winter Games, says if London can't muster enough community spirited volunteers to stage the Pan-Am event, the project should be dropped. "If there's an element of community pride, go for it. If it's not there, don't go for it. Don't go half way."

Oct. 15 — A three-man Olympic association site review committee, chairman James Worrall of Toronto, Walter Sieber of Montreal and Robert Osborne of Vancouver visit London. Worrall's most encouraging comment is a bland "it's safe to say that there is potential here."

Oct. 16 — A Canadian Press report says the site review committee is impressed by an ambitious Hamilton proposal to build an \$85-million domed stadium with a permanent roof and retractable side panels. There is no direct attribution to site committee members.

Oct. 17 — London's Pan-Am committee announces at the second public information session it has scrapped its proposal for a velodrome.

run an advertisement presenting "all the facts" in support of Games.

Nov. 28 — The \$39 million Games estimate is slashed by \$4.1 million to \$33.9 million — basically through proposed lower capital expenditures for the three major sports facilities. Estimates project a scaled-down stadium of 10,500 permanent seats will save \$7 million, but it will be largely offset by an increase of \$2 million from \$20 million for the velodrome. Hume reiterates the fact that taxpayers would be making a small contribution of \$5.00.

Dec. 1 — The development of the Games in London has been raised privately to match the city's latest contribution toward the cost of the final bid.

Dec. 1 — Alarmed by growing resentment to the Games, city council agrees to a motion by Pat O'Brien for a series of public information meetings.

Dec. 2 — Alderman Joe Fontana and Ward 3 colleague O'Brien tell rate-payers' session the city is up on the Games issue. Both men say they are not ready to cast votes favor of the proposal until they have a great deal more information. They admit public misgivings are widespread. Fontana says it "embarrassing" a city the size of London cannot offer many of the sports facilities smaller centres such as Tillsonburg and Brantford take for granted.

Dec. 3 — Thirty protesters in a public gallery of the council chamber look on as the politicians vote 13-5 to set up the reserve fund with an initial contribution of \$800,000.

Dec. 20 — Trevor Tiffany, director of swimming with the Canadian Swimming Association, says on visit to London "there's no chance of London winning the Games any Canadian city for that matter. He says the 1991 event is 'going Cuba' ... that's an educated guess."



GORDON HUME
... sees huge benefits

from a quarter of a century earlier. One January night in 1959 city council took only three minutes to quash a proposal by then mayor J. Allan Johnston for a small



MARC EMERY
... unrelenting opponent

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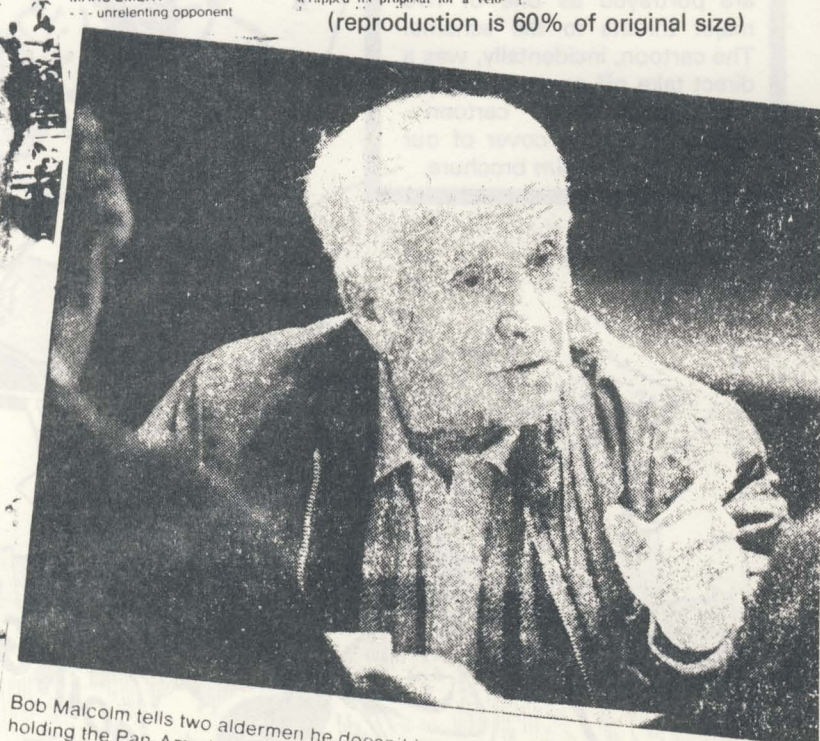
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MAYOR GLEASON
PUT THE TAX DOLLARS
FOR PAN-AM GAMES
IN OUR SEWERS



Bob Malcolm tells two aldermen he doesn't know anyone on his street who favors holding the Pan-American Games in London.

Bill Ironside

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A sign on the front lawn of Jim Haskett's Bellwood Crescent home misspells the name but suggests London Mayor Al Gleeson could better spend tax dollars on storm sewers for the flood-prone area than on bringing the Pan-Am Games to London.

Pan-Am games divide London City Council

By DAVID HELWIG

Special to The Globe and Mail

LONDON, Ont. — Canada's bid for the 1991 Pan-American Games narrowly avoided a major setback Monday night when London City Council decided against holding a referendum on whether the city should be the host for the \$94-million event.

But the city's plan to contribute \$10-million toward the cost of the games is almost certain to become an issue in the Nov. 12 municipal election.

London's preliminary bid to be host to the games was approved last month by the Canadian Olympic Association, which chose the city over Hamilton, Ont.

City council has already approved a financing formula for its \$10-million contribution, but it does not expect to give final approval to the games bid until June or July.

If the approval is granted, the city will make a formal presentation to the Mexico-based Pan-American Sports Organization next January. Cuba is expected to be the only other contender for the 1991 games.

At Monday night's meeting, council voted 9-7 to take no action on a proposal from Controller Art Cartier that the games issue be placed before the electorate in November.

Prior to the vote, Controller Ron Annis said Mr. Cartier's suggestion was "an attempt to sabotage" the games, because it would jeopardize financing negotiations with other levels of government.

Alderman Alf James and Controller Joan Smith predicted that the games will become a municipal election issue.

Yesterday, at the offices of the London-based Freedom Party of Ontario, half a dozen volunteers were working hard to fulfil that prediction.

The workers were unpacking and sorting a shipment of 15,000 freshly printed brochures urging Londoners to oppose the use of taxpayers' money to pay for the games.

Above article reprinted from *Globe and Mail* (March 1985). Letters to the editor (right & below) are a sample of *Freedom Party's* continual visibility in the local press. (*London Free Press*)

Thousands of mail-in postcards addressed to federal Sports Minister Otto Jelinek and Ontario Consumer and Commercial Relations Minister Gordon Walker also arrived.

The postcards ask Mr. Walker (London's only Conservative MPP) and Mr. Jelinek to oppose any government contribution to the games.

"The election is our only resort. If they (members of City Council) won't listen to reason, maybe they'll listen to numbers," Marc Emery, a founding member of the Freedom Party, said. Mr. Emery is running for election this year in a

working class ward in northeast London.

Members of the London bid committee argue that the city has much to gain from being host to the 1991 event: a new 35,000-seat stadium with artificial turf, a 6,000-seat fieldhouse for indoor sports, and a 1,000-seat aquatic centre.

Price Waterhouse, an accounting firm retained by the committee, said that London would get \$500-million in economic benefits from the games, including 200,000 man-hours of work and tourist spending by 75,000 visitors.

The virtue in capital gains

Sir: It is regrettable that Leonard Shiffrin, in his June 3 column deploring the effect of the recent federal budget on needy pensioners, has seen fit to make foolish and misleading statements about the capital gains tax exemption.

He asserts that the money saved by the government through partial de-indexing will be given to rich investors. But this argument is completely false; no such correlation exists. How can allowing some people to keep what is rightfully theirs be characterized as "giving" them something?

Shiffrin refers to some un-named "social activist" who regards the government's action as "breath-takingly evil"; I regard his attitude as breath-takingly stupid, given our horrendous budget deficits. (By the way, in my forthcoming "collectivist glossary," the term "social activist" is defined as "one who gets his keep from the state by advocating yet another government program whose benefits accrue to those who do not pay, but not to those who do.")

Shiffrin quotes figures which show that the top half per cent of income tax filers get 43 per cent of all capital gains. So what? It's their money, not his. Why not look at something much more significant, like the actual percentage of taxes paid by the rich?

Here are the figures: The top four per cent of taxpayers — those with taxable incomes of \$40,000 and up — pay 29 per cent of the total income taxes paid, a ratio of one to 7.25; the top two per cent pay 18

per cent of our taxes, a ratio of one to nine. Extrapolating these figures to the top half per cent would give us a ratio of about one to 12. In other words, the rich are paying their fair share.

Abolition of the capital gains tax simply allows people to keep what they have earned by wise and prudent investment. There's was the risk; theirs is the reward. The Carter commission was wrong; a buck is not a buck. The dollar earning interest in a bank account is relatively safe; the dollar invested in volatile equity markets is not. Yet it is this last-named dollar which, when invested in companies that are perceived to have the potential for growth, allows such companies to expand, thus creating jobs and mitigating poverty.

The average Canadian, if he would just take off his blinders, could use the capital gains tax exemption as the cornerstone of an investment program which could provide him with a substantial retirement income and free him from money worries in his golden years. Contrary to Shiffrin's view, this exemption is available to all, not just to the rich. We could have a whole generation of future senior citizens who wouldn't care one whit if governments chose to completely de-index or even reduce their pensions.

Speaking as a senior citizen myself, and who should put his money where his mouth is, let me affirm my full support for both the application and principle of de-indexing. Indexing, as a June 1 *Free Press* editorial pointed out, is no solution.

London MURRAY HOPPER
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Politicians' cries of alarm create false impressions

Sir: In a recent mailer to Ontario voters, Bob Rae, leader of the provincial NDP, makes the following statement: "Did you know that in 1981 more than 3,000 people in Ontario who made over \$100,000 didn't pay a cent in income tax? And that you can earn up to \$41,000 in dividends and pay no tax?"

This insinuation of injustice reveals a dark side to the elective process: the growing tendency of politicians of every stripe to tell just enough of the truth to create a totally false impression. Here are the facts that Rae chooses to ignore:

1. Business losses of prior years, since they represent the loss of dollars on which tax was paid previously, can quite properly be written off in another year.

2. Tax on income earned in the United States might be paid directly to the U.S. IRS and might not appear in Revenue Canada statistics.

3. Tax on the \$41,000 is paid by the corporation; the dividend tax credit is simply a way of ensuring that the shareholder who ultimately gets the dividends does not end up paying tax again on the same dollars. Surely, even Rae would have to cry "foul" at any hint of double taxation.

4. Alimony payments are taxable in the hands of the recipient and are therefore

deductible from the income of the ex-husband.

5. The 3,000 people referred to represent only about two or three per cent of the total for that tax bracket.

There are probably many more reasonable, logical and equitable ways in which taxable income may be reduced. All the above information is well known to any tax lawyer or accountant. It is unfortunate that reporters do not include such information in pertinent news items; it would eliminate much pointless controversy.

Rae goes on to accuse the big corporations and wealthy people of getting a free ride at the expense of others. Has he forgotten that, despite opposition from lovers of freedom of expression, there is now on the books a law which makes it a criminal offence to incite hatred of any identifiable group?

Here's a bit of hard cheese for Rae to nibble on: Jobs are created by the rich, or by those who are on their way to becoming so. Example: In the early '70s, a small, three-year-old company named Intel had a breakthrough in the field of microprocessors; five years later, the original staff of 12 had grown to 8,000, scattered all over the globe. In other words, Intel, in the process of creating all those jobs, had become a multinational corporation, the

very organization socialists so love to hate!

London M. L. HOPPER
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BOB RAE

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EATON'S UNIONIZATION STRIKE A FAILURE

Because **Freedom Party** assisted the downtown London *Eaton's* employees in their successful attempt to resist union certification last fall, our reporting on the outcome of the highly publicized *Eaton's* strike is more than just a passing interest. It is a testament to the ever-eventual collapse of any "movement" that abandons the spirit of voluntarism and reason in favour of coercive tactics.

During the closing months of the *Eaton's* strike, left-wing interest and lobby groups were out in full force displaying their "support" of *Eaton's* strikers to the public --- a necessary move prompted by the reality that *real* support for the strikers was extremely low, both within the ranks of non-striking *Eaton's* employees and with the general public.

Of course, strike supporters could never admit it.

Canadian Labour Congress President Dennis McDermott, in an effort to make the strike appear more significant than it actually was, openly challenged *Eaton's* during a press conference in December: "I say to the T. Eaton Company and the rest of them: You are not taking on just a few hundred or a few thousand employees in your own enterprise, you are taking on the entire labour movement in this country."

Given the validity of McDermott's comment, the "labour movement" in this country has some interesting components. In addition to the *Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union* (the only union with a legally justifiable interest in the *Eaton's* strike), *Eaton's* has been subject to the lobbying, criticism, and charges of the *Ontario Federation of Labour*, the *United Auto Workers*, the *Public Service Alliance of Canada*, the *National Action Committee on the Status of Women*, the *Womens Strike Support Coalition*, the *Ontario Labour Relations Board*, *Bob Rae* and the *New Democratic Party*, and the *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*.

But does the "movement" know where it's going? The above-mentioned groups all share one thing in common: a left-wing ideology that scorns economic freedom, competition (particularly in labour), and the profit motive. To achieve their *ends* they all appeal to or use the same agency --- government --- thus revealing the coercive nature of their *means*. The spectacle of all these lobby groups aligning themselves so clearly for easy ideological

identification by the public was possibly the most significant aspect of the *Eaton's* strike and did more to promote public *opposition* to strikers rather than support. Considering the number of lobby and special interest groups that found it necessary to become involved in the *Eaton's* strike, the company fared extremely well --- proving where public support actually was.

As a consequence, the *Eaton's* strike proved to be a tremendous blow *against* the very "labour movement" that all the left-wing lobby groups hoped it would enhance. The labour movement's inability to deal with economic and political reality has exposed it to be seen as a *privilege-seeking* movement that is even incapable of *recognizing* what "rights" are, let alone capable of advocating any of them. Thus, it finds itself resorting to coercive tactics (i.e., plastering stickers on the private property of *Eaton's*, creating physical blockades to prevent customers from shopping at the store, etc.) which, even though always having been an integral part of the "labour movement", were made far more *visible* by the inexcusable behaviour of those who chose to participate in displays of "support" for strikers. As a result, the movement has been left with less money, less credibility, and even less public support --- results the opposite of those its own supporters worked so hard to attain.

To add insult to injury, the five and a half month strike at *Eaton's* resulted in the signing of the *same* contract that was turned down by the *Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union* last November. As usual, the people hurt most by strike action are always the strikers themselves, leaving one to ponder why it is that so many people join and support "movements" that invariably work to their own detriment. Half a year of lost wages, tarnished reputations as desirable, competitive employees, and a promise of more of the same in the future are but a few of the prices that union members must pay to be regarded as part of the "labour movement."

It's a high price to pay, but for abandoning reasonable argument and negotiation in favour of coercive tactics, one could argue that even when it appears that legal and political justice seem lacking, *economic* justice eventually visits even those who cannot recognize it for what it is --- an (economic) expression of the public's *freedom of choice*.

...AND Freedom Party helped!

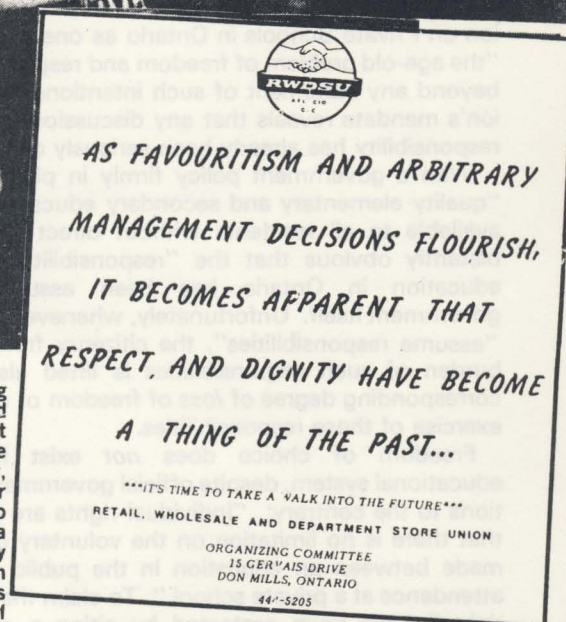
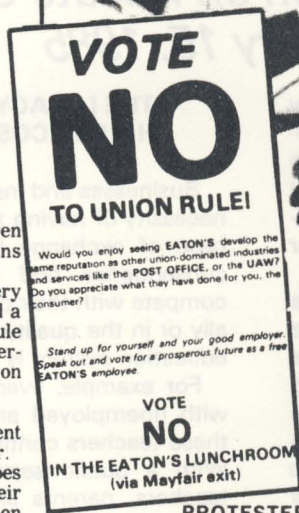
Eaton's strike's a scam

GARTH TURNER

Business Editor



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The Eaton's strike is a scam. In fact, it shouldn't even exist — and probably wouldn't, if other unions weren't pulling the wool over our eyes.

This is organized labor's finest hour. It has picked a very visible, consumer-oriented target and then manufactured a strike. The support among Eaton's workers is miniscule and the attempts to turn this charade into a workers-versus-rich or (more laughably) a "women's issue" border on fraud.

Not to mention irresponsibility.

It's no wonder the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union is losing. It couldn't organize a sock drawer.

Doesn't anybody else see what's happening? Why does the media concentrate on the few bandit strikers and their bussed-in supporters? Why did 1,500 workers join the union and 30,000 didn't?

And while the papers report 1,500 workers are on strike, it's not true. Eaton's employees tell me a great many of the unionized souls either never went out or have drifted back to the shop. One informed estimate puts the number on the pavement outside the six struck stores (of 111 in the chain) at only 300.

Worse, a majority of those people are said to be part-time employees, who work only 12 to 24 hours a week — and don't have as much to lose as full-time workers.

So, if just 1% of Eaton's workers are on the outside and 99% are on the inside; if 95% of the company's stores are not affected by the strike — then where do these people come from and why are they media darlings?

Last Saturday, in a spectacle I couldn't believe, more than 3,000 people stormed the Eaton Centre, and paraded through the store disrupting business, offending shoppers and slinging verbal abuse on the workers.

But that store isn't unionized. The workers who took the slurs aren't involved in the strike. And neither were the people marching through the aisles.

No, they were participants in an International Women's Day parade, made up of women's groups, various left-wing splinter political groups and unions. There may have been 50 legitimate Eaton's strikers, but the other 2,950 were women downtown for a good time.

What right did they have to bust up Fred Eaton's store?

They had none.

Tomorrow it's going to happen again.

Sixteen striking female Eaton's employees will lead an assault on the Eaton's store at Scarboro Town Centre. But when they get there at 11 a.m., their numbers will be swelled by followers of the United Auto Workers, the Ontario Federation of Labor and the Metro Labor Council. On at least three occasions already, stores have been entered or forced to close — which is illegal.

Like the Eaton Centre, the Scarboro Town Centre is private property.

Jack McGee, a car dealer in Peterboro, represents the view of the majority of decent people.

"I grew up with Eaton's, and a better family you couldn't find," he writes me. "My father took three pay cuts during the Depression and still Eaton's kept him on — as they did most of their employees in those dark days."

"Every Irishman that got off the boat had only to appear at Eaton's door and he was immediately hired by Timothy Eaton."

PROTESTERS harassing innocent shoppers and workers at a store not involved in the strike were acting illegally and unfairly, says Business Editor Turner. There also are two sides to the propaganda war (though we usually only hear about the union side), as these pamphlets from opposing groups of workers indicate.

"Unions refuse to compromise their position. Unfortunately, over the past several years they did get it their way initially, and now they're finding out that business can get along without them very nicely."

Meanwhile, the current issue of *Toronto Life* carries a huge story on the Eaton's strike written by David Olive. It is tremendously slanted towards the union, does not point out that the overwhelming majority of workers rejected it, and does not include the company's view.

It also implies that my opposition to the union, its tactics and its unsavory friends is somehow influenced by the company.

This, natch, is a crock. I admire Fred Eaton. I like Eaton's. I like to see a family succeed on hard work, value-for-money and entrepreneurial guts.

I do not like to see half-truths or innuendo. Ditto for listless and lumpy lemmings parroting empty slogans and dirtying Mr. Eaton's carpets.

Hey, fellow reporters: We've been had.

Even though the press ignored *Freedom Party* in its coverage of the Eaton's strike, it didn't completely ignore the results of our efforts. In fact, in his March 15 *Toronto Sun* column, Business Editor Garth Turner went so far as to proclaim the strike an outright publicity "scam" by showing how much opposition to unionization within the company actually existed among the majority of employees themselves. As part of his evidence that this was the case, Turner used the piece of literature produced by *Freedom Party* for the employees of Eaton's in downtown London. (Ours is the one on the left: 'Vote NO...')

When, in December 1984, the *Commission on Private Schools in Ontario* requested submissions by placing ads in many Ontario newspapers, **Freedom Party** seized an opportunity to address what will undoubtedly be one of the major political issues facing Ontario residents over the next decade --- the funding of education.

The Commission, headed by Dr. Bernard Shapiro, was given the responsibility to: [a] *document and comment on the contribution of private schools to elementary and secondary education in Ontario*, [b] *identify possible alternative forms of governance for private schools and to make recommendations for changes deemed to be appropriate*, [c] *assess whether public funding, and its attendant obligations, would be desirable and could be compatible with the nature of their independence*, and [d] *identify and*

comment upon existing and possible relationships between private schools and publicly-supported school boards.

Anyone who understands the nature of government "commissions" or public forums of this type, knows that they are usually a prelude to some intended government action. In this case, it was evident by the Commission's mandate that the Ontario government seemed intent upon *expanding* the "principle" of "public funding" to private, independent schools and that the commission was looking for ways to rationalize or justify such a move. Sad to say, many independent, privately-funded schools submitted briefs indicating that they were more than eager to accept public funding with, of course, the stipulation that their "independence" not be threatened.

Their willingness to accept such a contradiction may ultimately prove to be their undoing.

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FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY IN ONTARIO'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Brief to The Commission on Private Schools in Ontario *January 15, 1985*

Without doubt, Dr. Bernard Shapiro has correctly identified his task as Commissioner of Ontario's Commission on Private Schools in Ontario as one of dealing with "the age-old problem of freedom and responsibility." But beyond any statement of such intentions, his Commission's mandate reveals that any discussion of freedom or responsibility has already been seriously compromised.

With a government policy firmly in place that states "quality elementary and secondary education should be available to all residents without direct charge," it is blatantly obvious that the "responsibility of providing education in Ontario has been assumed by the government itself. Unfortunately, whenever governments "assume responsibilities", the citizenry from whom the burden of such responsibilities is lifted also suffers a corresponding degree of *loss* of freedom of choice in the exercise of those responsibilities.

Freedom of choice does *not* exist in Ontario's educational system, despite official government proclamations to the contrary: "Individual rights are protected in that there is no limitation on the voluntary choice to be made between an education in the public system and attendance at a private school." To claim that "individual rights" have been protected by citing a *single option* available (only to those who can afford to financially support *two* educational systems) within the government's educational framework is an affront to the nature of individual rights.

Legitimate "individual rights" cannot impose obligations or restrictions upon others. Individual rights encompass *all* choices --- but only those choices for which *individuals* are willing to accept the responsibility.

It is disturbing to note that the mandate of this Commission appears to be less concerned with discovering "the one and only right position," and most concerned with finding "a public policy that responds to as many priorities as possible, maximizing the benefits and minimizing the costs." Given such priorities, it would appear that the Commission's role has less to do with the challenge of providing "quality education" than with dealing with an age-old *political* problem: *to whom* should the "benefits" accrue, and *to whom* should costs accrue?

Freedom and responsibility must go hand-in-hand. To claim that "quality education" should be available to all *without direct charge* totally violates any and all principles dealing with "responsibility."

Freedom Party contends that the current problems facing Ontario's educational system are a direct result of separating freedom of choice in education from the necessity of having to assume direct financial responsibility for that education.

THE LEGACY OF "PUBLIC" EDUCATION HIGHER COSTS --- LOWER STANDARDS

Businesses and institutions that are exempted from the necessity of having to *earn* their revenues on a voluntary base of exchange (the free market), will as a natural consequence find themselves increasingly unable to compete with their private counterparts, either economically or in the quality of service they provide. Our public education system is no exception to this rule.

For example, even though the marketplace is glutted with unemployed and underemployed trained teachers, these teachers continue to command excessive salaries. With a public service monopoly on the services of teachers, parents and students can easily be used as pawns in labour disputes, while other students and teachers who would be willing to buy and-or offer services at market rates are effectively prevented from entering into voluntary transactions. The problem is intensified by the existence of a single monolithic government education system, leaving those affected without alternatives to turn to --- alternatives that would readily be available in an environment where private schools flourish.

The current public school system is also top-heavy with non-teaching personnel. For example, in 1984 London's Board of Education employed 1,075 non-teaching personnel and 2,070 teachers and principals --- a ratio exceeding 1 non-teacher for every 2 teachers! Since 1959, the increase in non-teaching staff has outstripped the increase in teaching staff by a ratio of 2 to 1.

The lack of competition and excessive bureaucracy in the public school system has resulted in a system that has too many large schools in certain areas that can't be filled (although the taxpayer is still committed to their upkeep and maintenance), while in other areas, availability of school space comes at a premium or is non-existent, requiring bussing with its attendant increase in expense.

With a decrease in the birth rate, and with changes in the residential character of certain neighbourhoods, the public bureaucracy is sadly behind the times in reacting to market realities. Small independent schools in a competitive marketplace would be in the best position to cater to areas where larger schools find they can no longer economically exist.

If nothing is done soon, taxes will continue to increase while educational standards will continue to decline, making the possibility of students seeking alternative methods of education even more remote.

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Independence from Government THE PRIVATE ALTERNATIVE

Independent [Private] Schools:

Independent schools are, as a general rule, much smaller schools than those existing within the public school system. They employ fewer staff, pay lower salaries, offer more flexible styles of teaching and are more intimately in contact with parents.

As a consequence, they are able to anticipate and react to new advances in technology, information, teaching techniques, etc., without the necessity of having to deal with the unwieldy political and bureaucratic processes that the current public system is faced with. However, because of "double taxation", these developments are generally out of the reach of the majority of parents.

"Double Taxation" Destroys Effective Freedom of Choice:

Currently, parents wishing to send their children to an "independent" school must pay, in addition to the fees necessary for their children's attendance at such schools, the compulsory education tax.

Freedom Party regards this as unacceptable.

Since children should have access to the best education available, and since parents should have it available at the most affordable price, compelling these parents to contribute to an education system with whose standards and objectives they obviously do not agree, is blatantly wrong.

Worst affected by this policy are the children of poor-, low-, and middle-income families who are financially discouraged from seeking alternative private education by the knowledge that there is no legal escape from having to support the "public" school system. Least affected by the policy are the children of high-income families, whose parents can obviously afford the extra burden of supporting *two* educational systems: the one of *choice*, the other of *compulsion*.

Public Funding for Private Education --- A Contradiction In Terms:

It is no mere coincidence that from the government's perspective, when it comes to private education, "the only restriction in the exercise of choice rests in the fact that the schools are not government assisted." As a glaring example of how the government is attempting to provide "choice" without its attendant responsibilities, such statements are merely an extension of the philosophy employed in the public system. It is a philosophy that, if practised, will assure that the problems currently facing public schools will spread to the private sector as well.

Any attempt to "assess whether public funding, and its attendant obligations, would be desirable and could be compatible with the nature of their independence," is an attempt at trying to prove a contradiction. In particular, it is those "attendant obligations" that will ensure the destruction of any such independence.

IMPLICATIONS OF PUBLIC FUNDING on HIGHER EDUCATION

As many university admissions officers will attest, high-school graduates are more than ever unable to read or write correctly. In addition, current youth unemployment statistics at the secondary school graduate level are a compelling indictment against the government's ability to train youths to be competent, independent, or versatile.

But the problem extends beyond the mere "quality" of education being offered. Because the state has "provided" them with an education *at no direct cost* to the parent or student, the *value* of that education has virtually lost all its meaning. As a result, the state has deprived individuals of the necessary *incentive* to seek a *marketable education*.

Economic:

If already stretched tax-dollars are further stretched to encompass private education, fewer dollars will be left for post-secondary funding. At a time when university students have been publicly marching for increased tax support of their schools, it is most inappropriate to confront them with increased taxes in addition to increased fees.

Social:

(a) Government funding of private education will necessarily lead to government *control* of private education. This will result in a removal of the diversity of education now available (though limited) in the province, a diversity vital to the university environment.

(b) Public schools suffer a greater degree of severe discipline problems, drug and alcohol abuse, vandalism, and other similar problems. These problems often continue after high-school into university and can be traced to a lack of respect for both education and property. Since parents do not directly pay for their children's education, such a result is not to be unexpected!

THE MEANING OF "EDUCATION"

There has long been a general misconception of the meaning of the word "educate." The dictionaries have not aided in the elimination of this misunderstanding, because they have defined the word "educate" as an act of imparting knowledge.

The word "educate" has its roots in the Latin word *educare*, which means to develop *from within*; to educe; to draw out; to grow through the law of *use*.

An "educated" person is one who knows how to acquire everything he needs in the attainment of his main purpose in life, without violating the rights of his fellow men. It might be a surprise to many so-called men of "learning" to know that they come nowhere near qualification as men of "education." It might also be a great surprise to many who believe they suffer from a lack of "learning" to know that they are well "educated."

[Napoleon Hill; *Laws of Success, Success Unlimited Inc.*, Chicago, Illinois, 1969]

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ON THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION

Private funding (i.e., payment for services rendered, directly from the education recipient --- the student or parent) encourages excellence in teaching. Under our current public system, *seniority*, not *excellence*, determines employment.

Worse than that, the government-controlled education system is evolving more and more into a part of the government's political agenda rather than being an institution of education. Courses that would never be justified in an educational system geared to meeting the *needs* of its students are now the main staple of primary and secondary education students.

Moreover, with the two levels of government (provincial and municipal) constantly at odds over funding, affirmative action hirings, cutbacks, French instruction, etc., both the Ministry of Education and the local school boards have become highly politicized.

When a militant teacher's union finds itself in opposition to the political party in power, the political manipulations of the education system that ensue clearly indicate that "education" must be taken out of the hands of the political process as much as possible.

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Inquiries: Election '85 produced no less than 300 new inquiries and contacts, and in addition to sending these people their requested issue papers and information on **Freedom Party**, they will be invited to attend our meeting in September which will kick off our campaigns and activities for the 85-86 season. The meeting will feature speeches from our candidates, audio-visual presentations, and a re-cap of **Freedom Party's** progress to that point. And of course, members and supporters will be invited to the event as well; we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

GET INVOLVED!

As you can see, there's a lot of activity going on around here at **Freedom Party** --- and a lot more planned for the future. However, critical to the success of *our* efforts is *your* support. We're well aware that many of you don't always have the necessary time available to fully participate in each of our campaigns, and it's not something that we realistically expect. But support can be given in many ways: In addition to offering your time on whatever limited basis possible, financial contributions are always welcomed and always put to good use. If it has been a while since you last gave a financial contribution to **Freedom Party**, consider that option of involvement right now. Any amount (within provincially-established limits) is welcomed, as is any method or arrangement of payment support (i.e., post-dated cheques).

Though **Freedom Party** members and supporters have always come through with enough contributions to sustain our high-priority campaigns, many other projects and initiatives (which we haven't even told anyone about yet) are still waiting on the shelf for that financial input that will make them a reality. And if you've got some free time available, by all means, let us know.

OUR PROPOSAL

Freedom Party contends that the key to solving most of the problems currently facing Ontario's educational system lies in *restoring* freedom of choice to parents and students --- a freedom that cannot possibly exist under any system of direct "public funding." To that end, we advocate a "voucher" plan (see *Introducing Freedom of Choice to Education in Ontario*) through which all education recipients could direct their education taxes to the schools of their choice, and through which their taxes would be limited by the amount of actual education expense incurred.

As a political party that advocates individual rights and responsibilities, we must insist that the beneficiaries of *any* service be required to bear the responsibility of paying for such services.

Freedom Party believes that the *purpose* of government is to *protect* our freedom of choice, *not* to restrict it.

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The more people that are willing to help us out, and the sooner they are willing to help, the sooner success will be waiting for **Freedom Party**. Tell your friends and relatives about **Freedom Party**. Spread the word. Help distribute literature. Help *write* literature. Write us letters to criticize or compliment us.

It's all part of *getting involved*.

Do it now!

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...Wrong!

MARCHING TO FREEDOM

One of the more popular misconceptions generated by the philosophy of **Freedom Party** revealed itself in much of the public's coming to regard it as a "right-wing" party. Given the issues of our times --- primarily *economic* --- this perception is an understandable one. No doubt, had **Freedom Party** come into existence during the social upheaval of the sixties, it would have been labelled a "left-wing" party because of its support of civil liberties and opposition to censorship.

Of course, as a political party dedicated specifically to the preservation and protection of individual *rights*, not *interests*, **Freedom Party** cannot objectively be defined as either "left-wing" or "right-wing." Nevertheless, objectivity has rarely been a consideration in determining public perceptions of the political spectrum, so the onus has fallen back on us to help shape those perceptions. Define or *be* defined!

To that end, **Freedom Party** will be publishing literature in the near future to address the differences between "left-wing", "right-wing", socialist, capitalist, anarchist, communist, fascist, and the many many terms used to describe political philosophies.

Watch for it!