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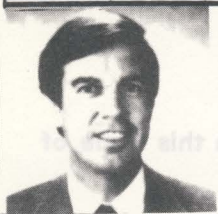
**"One must never fail to pronounce
moral judgement." - Ayn Rand**

**TAX CREDIT
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**"You should never wear your best
trousers when you go out to fight
for freedom and truth." - Ibsen**

**Freedom Party Members
Help out Merv Lavigne
in his successful court challenge**



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**"Government is a broker in pillage,
and every election is a sort of
advance auction sale of stolen
goods." - H.L. Mencken**

**"A rational man accepts that
freedom is to his interests."
-Ayn Rand**

**...we survive
"Landlords Against
Rent Control(LARC)"**

CENSORSHIP Alert!
OUR FIRST
PROVINCE-WIDE
CAMPAIGN!

OPENERS



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Marc

We know! --- We're several months late and you probably thought we forgot all about you!

Not so. Since our last newsletter, many events have occurred that regrettably put us in the position of having to delay the publication of our party newsletter, the *Freedom Flyer*. We've been involved in so many projects and political efforts that, admittedly, we over-extended our resources. While we accomplished tremendous results, our communication with members and supporters suffered as a consequence.

But all that's about to change. *Freedom Party* is now heading in new directions, and our members and supporters will become the most critical element of our improved approach to marketing freedom of choice.

For starters, we are currently producing *three* issues of *Freedom Flyer* so that our newsletter can be sent out with more regularity so as to enable you to be informed of our activities *as they happen* --- not only *after* they've happened.

And much *has* happened.

Since our last newsletter, *Freedom Party* has participated in a municipal election, launched a province-wide anti-censorship campaign, activated its campus club at the *University of Western Ontario*, sponsored speakers, discussion groups, and audio-visual presentations, and much much more.

Naturally, this description of our activities is much over-simplified. For example, in saying that we've launched an anti-censorship campaign, remember what this actually entails: it entails the research, writing, editing, typesetting and layout of the campaign's accompanying newsletter. It entails the work of many volunteers and participants in the distribution of that newsletter. It means raising money to help pay for printing and distribution. It means setting up computer programs and files to administer the campaign and subscriber lists. It means calling retailers to help us distribute our publication in their communities. And the list goes on.

And that's just *one* campaign.

As you can see, we've been busy --- so busy in fact, that there simply isn't enough room in this issue of *Freedom Flyer* to account for all our activities, but you'll be updated over the next few issues.

But *Freedom Flyer* won't be the *only* way we'll be communicating with you in the future. You can expect to receive frequent separate mailings outlining current campaign objectives, and we'll be phoning many of you for your input and reaction to our campaigns.

Most importantly, this increased emphasis on communicating with our supporters and members will *not* come at the expense of our on-going campaigns --- it will become an integral part of those campaigns.

What all this means, of course, is that we'll be counting on your continued support. It should go without saying --- but I'll mention it anyway --- that no matter how hard our core group of *Freedom Party* activists work, without your continued financial and volunteer support, our efforts will be shortchanged. I have no hesitation in letting you all know how hard our current activists and supporters are working. It never ceases to amaze me how much can be accomplished by the very few who have the will and drive to get the job done. And those few have been steadily growing in numbers.

So if you're really serious about wanting to see a new political choice created in Ontario, you know what to do. Leaving the task to be accomplished by *others* simply won't do the trick.

Help us accomplish even more. Get involved with *Freedom Party* today!

GROUP OF CONVICTION RUN BY MAN WITH MANY CONVICTIONS!

The legitimate attack on rent control weakened by fraudulent advocacy group ---Landlords Against Rent Control (LARC)

Undoubtedly the worst single setback in the short history of **Freedom Party** occurred when it became involved with a lobby group calling itself *Landlords Against Rent Control* [LARC].

Formed pursuant to the provisions of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (R.S.O. 1980, c.452, s.122), the profit-oriented lobby group claimed that: "Our primary objective is to improve legislation, regulations, guidelines and policies which will protect the interests of the landlord. Our purpose is to secure and enforce the rights of landlords in Ontario through effective lobbying, proper legal representation in court, and educating the public."

If it's really true that you can't judge a book by its cover, then it's equally true that you can't judge a lobby group by its *intentions*. In fact, when it came to LARC, intentions were just a cover.

When LARC president Datinder (Bill) Sodhi wrote (September 18, 1985) **Freedom Party** asking for permission to reproduce the party's issue papers dealing with *rent control* and *property rights*, he also indicated an interest in working with the party to fight rent controls. Naturally, the prospect appealed to us, and preliminary negotiations were undertaken to see what could be done.

Things got off to a good start when, on November 2, 1985 at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Toronto, a seminar dealing with "The Future of Rent Controls in Ontario" was officially sponsored by LARC, and supported behind the scenes by **Freedom Party**.

The seminar, a full-day forum offering legal, political, and economic perspectives on *rent control*, featured representatives of five fully-registered Ontario political parties, lawyer Ronald J. Farano, and keynote speaker, Dr. Walter Block, senior economist at the *Fraser Institute* in Vancouver. [Seminar speech to be reprinted next issue!]

Aside from a lower than expected attendance rate, the seminar appeared to be a resounding success. In fact, it was decided that a similar event should be sponsored in London Ontario where **Freedom Party** headquarters could be used as a base from which to promote the seminar. Sodhi promised to return the favour by offering office space to **Freedom Party** in Toronto, when the party was prepared to organize in that area. But the reciprocal part of that offer never came to pass when, after only three days of working beside LARC employees in London, it soon became evident that LARC was not all it appeared to be.

For one thing, LARC's membership was much lower than the plus-thousand figure Sodhi kept using; for another, his "Rental Information Bureau," a tenancy "credit bureau" for landlords, was not in operation and was evidently not computerized, as he claimed. Creditors were constantly at Sodhi's heels and his employees were seldom paid; his favourite method of management seemed to be intimidation.

With the London seminar planned for November 27, and with LARC's promotion of the event beginning only two weeks earlier, sales were far below the number needed to break even or to even have a respectable looking public event staged. LARC employees were beginning to abandon ship --- a consequence of not having Sodhi present each day to intimidate them into action --- and staff morale among LARC employees was dismal.

Emerling ***is coming to*** ***London!***

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With the hope that he would take remedial action, **FP** president Robert Metz phoned Sodhi from his home one evening to make him aware of the problems that were accruing. Sodhi's reaction to Metz's concern was totally irrational and, needless to say, quite a surprise. Instead of *thanking* Metz for bringing these problems to his attention, he hurled accusations that Metz was interfering in the operation of his business and that if the London seminar wasn't a success, it would be Metz's responsibility.

In the ensuing telephone conversation, Metz discovered that, contrary to Sodhi's promise, he had no intention of maintaining a permanent **LARC** representative in the London office. As soon as the London seminar was over, he would move his complete staff and operations to Ottawa to promote yet another seminar.

That having been admitted, all pending agreements and commitments between **LARC** and **Freedom Party** were duly terminated, with the exception of seeing the London seminar through to the end. Sodhi's group was given till that time to vacate the London office.

But the story doesn't end there.

During the final week preceding the London seminar, **Freedom Party** supporters were recruited by Sodhi to help sell the seminar while party executive were commissioned to write, edit, and typeset his group's first newsletter, *LARC News Update*.

Knowing that our relationship with **LARC** was about to end (on unfriendly terms, at that) we insisted that he pay for the newsletter service upon receipt, a condition to which he agreed in the presence of many witnesses.

But when the time arrived for Sodhi to pick up the newsletter material we prepared for him, he began to evade the subject of payment by insisting that he was not satisfied with the product and that it was of no value to him. (This, despite the fact that everything, including corrections, had been prepared precisely according to his specifications, and that he was fully aware, in advance, of what he was getting.)

Metz fully expected Sodhi to behave in this fashion (it was becoming a pattern) and thus offered him an out: if Sodhi wasn't satisfied with the product and-or couldn't use it, then he was under no obligation to pay for it --- but of course, he wouldn't be permitted to remove the material from our offices either.

It was at this point that Sodhi was finally forced to reveal his true intentions, upon which he physically attacked Metz from behind and pulled him down to the floor pinning him in a choke-hold that forced his own staff members to come to Metz's rescue.

Police were called and Sodhi fled the office --- typeset work in hand. Sodhi was later arrested at a printers shop where police laid assault charges based on statements given by Metz and one of Sodhi's staff. Following the attack, Metz promptly evicted **LARC's** staff from **Freedom Party's** offices --- only five days before **LARC** was to host its London seminar at the Holiday Inn.

Ironically, two days later, Metz was contacted by a member of the media who was curious to find out if **Freedom Party** was involved in any way with **LARC**. Fortunately for us, the relationship was over. Because Datinder S. Sodhi, **LARC's** founder and president, we were informed, had a criminal record spanning a decade: obtaining goods by false pretenses, fraud by impersonation, and using mails to obtain money under false pretenses.

On May 12, 1986, *assault* was added to the list when Sodhi was tried and convicted on the charge involving his attack on Metz.

RISK vs COST

Freedom Party's brief involvement with **LARC** was a tremendous setback for the party. But had the relationship worked for the best (i.e., if **LARC** was run by reputable people), it would have been a tremendous advance for the party. With an opportunity to expand into the Toronto political market, and with the potential to be seen by Ontario landlords as a political alternative clearly opposed to rent controls, we would have been less than remiss had we not accepted the risk.

But as things turned out, we got the short end of the stick while **LARC** accrued all the benefits resulting from the work and input supplied by **Freedom Party** and its supporters.

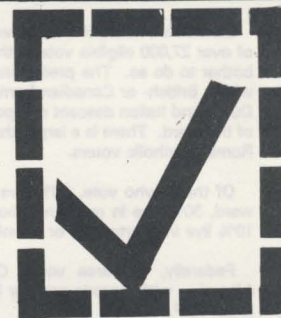
In addition to providing Sodhi with the contact for his first seminar's keynote speaker, Dr. Walter Block, **Freedom Party** lost two of its most valuable supporters when Sodhi hired members Doug Forder and Lisa Miles (Miles was working full-time in our office) as part of his own full-time staff at **LARC**. Normally, such an event may have been considered good news, except for the fact that Miles and Forder were never (and have never been) paid by Sodhi, despite the hard work they did on his behalf over a gruelling four week period.

Freedom Party members Gordon Mood and Steven Sharpe were similarly never paid their promised commissions for seminar sales they made. **FP** president Robert Metz was not paid for speaking at Sodhi's Toronto seminar, as promised, or for the expenses involved in attending the seminar, also as promised. The cost of phone installations and incidental set-up costs on **LARC's** behalf were also absorbed by **FP** president Robert Metz. Staff writer Murray Hopper was never paid for writing virtually every article in **LARC's** newsletter, and Metz was never paid for editing and typesetting same.

Although our direct relationship with **LARC** spanned but a few short weeks, the momentum of that involvement has carried us to the present. The time lost in getting involved with **LARC** can never be recovered.

We hope that **Freedom party** members and supporters have not lost faith in us, because throughout it all, we never stopped doing what we do best: promoting freedom of choice in our community and educating the public on the benefits of living in a free society.

Action Director Marc Emery Goes to the Polls in London Civic Election



...Close, but no cigar this time...

In a municipal ward election, people are less concerned with traditional "political" issues than they are with getting the services they have already paid for through municipal taxes: sewers, sidewalks improved, curbs and gutters repaired, etc.

For that reason, **Freedom Party** activist *Marc Emery's* Ward 3 (London, Ontario) municipal campaign was based on the premise that money being spent on municipal mega-projects, social programs, grants, and subsidies ought to go into the physical infrastructure of the city (i.e., sidewalks, sewers, roads, etc.) where progress was falling years and years behind. This was a particularly relevant approach in older areas of the city, where Emery's opposition to municipal expenditures on political mega-projects was greeted most receptively.

But Emery's problem in getting elected was somewhat unique.

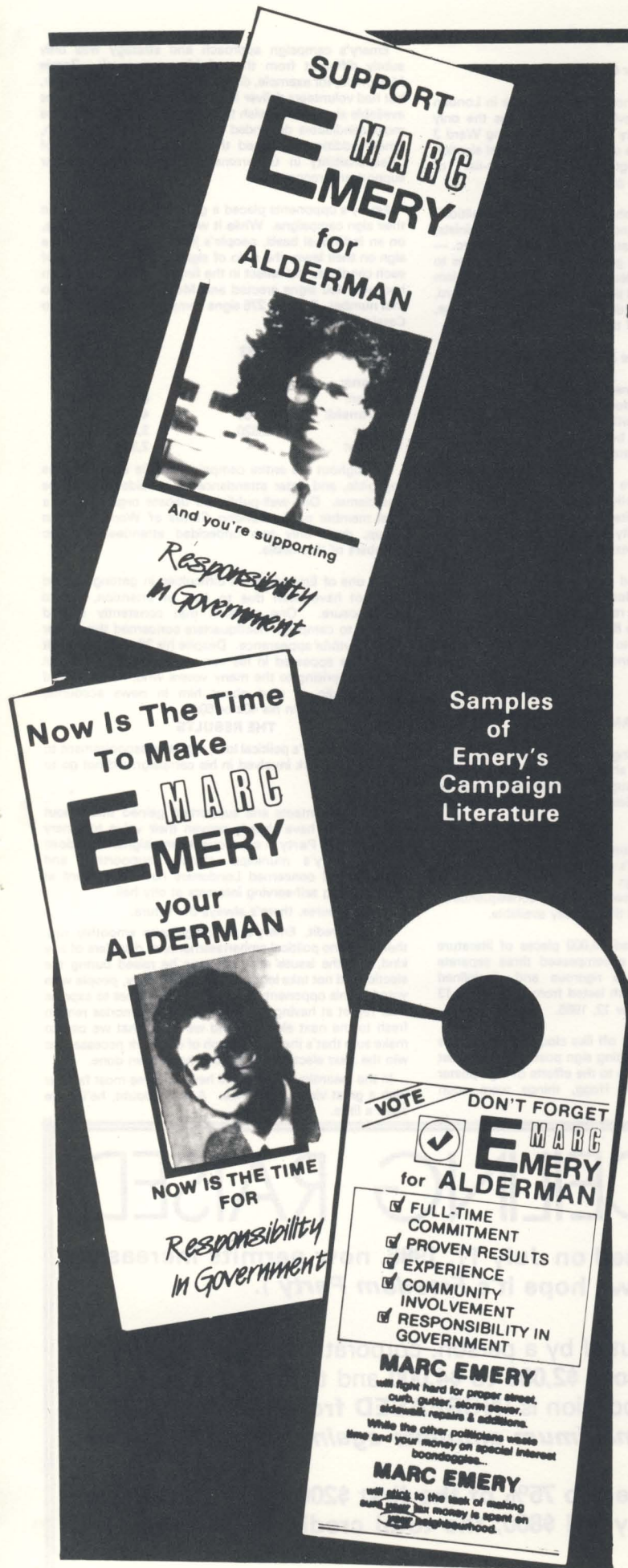
In contrast to his political opponents' strong public profile within his *ward* (and absolutely none on a city-wide basis), Emery had a very high *city-wide* profile (and less recognition within his own ward). (A city-wide campaign was out of the question, given resource limitations.) Regrettably, on a ward level, recognition really centers on how many "little" things one can get done (or more accurately, take credit for), which naturally gives the *incumbents* an incredible political advantage when election time rolls around.

Intellectual and ideological arguments have very little value at the ward level; for that reason, Emery's rather *defined* attitude towards government [see *election literature, enclosed*] may have been a liability in the soliciting of votes. He could not help but appear to be "rigid" or "uncompromising" in attitude, while his opponents, who expressed no ideological principles at all, appeared "flexible" and "openminded."

Another unique circumstance was in the fact that voters can vote for *two* candidates in a municipal election; thus, Emery's strategy concentrated on his not saying anything too negative about any of the other candidates. An "offensive" comment could lose the vote of the person who was prepared to vote *both* for Emery and the candidate criticized.

Thus, the campaign was generally reduced to promoting Emery's *personality* and image, while trying to ignore the shortcomings of his opponents.

Samples
of
Emery's
Campaign
Literature



London's Ward 3 is a solid, working-middle-class ward of over 27,000 eligible voters, though only 9,000 actually bother to do so. The predominant ethnic background is white, British- or Canadian-born, with minority groups of Dutch and Italian descent composing less than 5% (each) of the ward. There is a larger than average percentage of Roman Catholic voters.

Of those who vote, 60% live in older sections of the ward, 30% live in modern suburbs, while the remaining 10% live in apartments or townhouses.

Federally, the area voted *Conservative*; provincially *Liberal* --- with Ontario premier David Peterson being the local MPP.

Municipally, the media considered Ward 3 to be the toughest aldermanic race to predict, since both incumbents were subject to much public criticism (largely as a result of Emery's off-election campaigns), and since the challengers both had high local profiles in their own right.

The Candidates:

In a municipal election, voters can vote for one or two aldermen; two are elected.

Incumbents:

Pat O'Brien

Pat O'Brien, a Roman Catholic school board trustee from 1980 to 1982, was elected alderman in 1982 when he defeated incumbent Bernie McDonald, making McDonald's the only defeat of an incumbent in four elections for aldermen (1978, 1980, 1982, and 1985).

Emery clashed with O'Brien often, seeing him as vulnerable due to his flip-flop stands on municipal issues (see past issues of our *No Tax for Pan-Am Newsletter*). Despite his inconsistencies in principle, O'Brien nevertheless is a hard worker and had built a fair level of support based on his work.

Bernie McDonald

When Ward 3 senior alderman Joe Fontana was appointed to Board of Control seven months earlier, Bernie McDonald, who had been defeated by Pat O'Brien in the previous election, was appointed to fill Fontana's position.

It would seem that McDonald was the perfect type of incumbent to challenge. Generally lacklustre in every way, McDonald rarely, if ever, uttered a word in City Council; during his previous term in office, 18 months passed before his first remark was recorded!

As a union activist in a labour-oriented ward, McDonald's major asset came in the form of organizational and financial assistance from organized labour. Additionally, McDonald's literature conveyed a simple "folksy" style that was appealing to most voters. It is a sad truism that, the more simply and unintellectual a candidate comes across, the better chance he has against a principled opponent.

Challengers:

Peter Cassidy

Peter Cassidy, the provincial *NDP* candidate in London Centre during the last provincial election, was the only other person besides Emery who was contesting Ward 3 incumbents. With the help of the *NDP* provincial election machine, Cassidy's strength lay in the "hot-list" of support he received in the provincial election.

Cassidy's campaign emphasized a "rainbow coalition" which promised benefits and considerations to feminists, environmentalists, single-parents, the unemployed, etc. --- not exactly an emotionally galvanizing set of priorities to put forth in a municipal election. But his main problem was the fact that he wasn't personally known in the ward, a circumstance that was a distinct political disadvantage, given the public profiles of the rest of the candidates.

Marc Emery

Marc Emery, businessman, community activist, and *Action Director for Freedom Party*, had no problem whatever with voter recognition (polls indicated he was on par with both incumbents), but what form that recognition took was not as easy to determine.

Emery received extensive press coverage over the six years preceding the election; his involvement with *Freedom Party* was quite well known, as was his involvement with community groups like his local *Optimist Club*, of which he was an executive member.

Like Cassidy, Emery had the support of a provincial election machine: *Freedom Party's*. But this was Emery's *second* aldermanic race. In his first (1982), he fell 1,200 votes behind candidate Bernie McDonald, which now seemed a plausible gap to fill given Emery's interim campaigning. Emery's chances at gaining an aldermanic seat appeared to be good.

THE CAMPAIGN

When it came to organizing Emery's election machinery and strategy, he was well ahead of the game. Election signs had been printed in August, literature was prepared in advance, and volunteer delivery schedules were already mapped out.

A mass-mailing to London *Freedom Party* members and to supporters of Emery's previous campaigns brought money, volunteers, and sign commitments. The mailing lists had been compiled on computer as a consequence of previous activity, and were thus readily available.

While volunteers delivered 50,000 pieces of literature throughout Ward 3 (this encompassed three separate deliveries), Emery began a rigorous and disciplined door-to-door campaign which lasted from September 13 to election day --- November 12, 1985.

The campaign itself went off like clockwork, with the minor exception of coordinating sign posting in the most efficient manner. But thanks to the efforts of sign poster and party stalwart, David Hogg, things were soon corrected.

Emery's campaign approach and strategy was only subtly different from that of his opponents: Bernie McDonald, for example, didn't bother going door-to-door, but had volunteers deliver literature indicating that he was available should they wish to speak to him. And whereas most candidates depended solely on *name* recognition, Emery additionally hoped that his campaign *theme* of "Responsibility in Government" would attract further support and recognition.

Emery's opponents placed a great deal of emphasis on their sign campaigns. While it was difficult to determine, on an individual basis, people's justification for having a sign on their lawn, the ratio of signs erected on behalf of each candidate *did* reflect in the final vote count. O'Brien had over 450 signs erected and McDonald had close to that number. Emery's 275 signs compared more closely to Cassidy's 200 signs.

RESULTS:	1982	1985
Fontana:	4,907	-----
O'Brien:	3,608	5,376
McDonald:	3,707	4,248
Emery:	2,520	3,347
Cassidy:	-----	2,328

Throughout the entire campaign, media attention was negligible, and voter attendance at candidates' debates was dismal. One well-publicized debate organized by a local member of the *London Status of Women Action Group*, drew only two undecided attendees and no members of the media.

But one of Emery's main difficulties in getting elected may not have been due to *lack* of attention, but to *overexposure*. One reaction that constantly filtered through to campaign headquarters concerned the matter of his *youthful* appearance. Despite his 28 years, to most people, he appeared in his very early 20s, a factor that proved surprising to the many voters who, having heard him on radio or read about him in news accounts, assumed he was in his 40s or 50s!

THE RESULTS

Despite Emery's political loss, a great disappointment to be sure, the work involved in his campaign did not go to waste.

The new contacts and supporters gained throughout the campaign have already proven their value to Emery and *Freedom Party* in subsequent campaigns. *Freedom Party*, Emery's municipal election supporters, and thousands of concerned Londoners have been hard at work fighting self-serving interests at city hall.

And of course, there's always the future.

To his credit, Emery's campaign was smoothly run, there were no political embarrassments or disasters of any kind, and the issues and concerns he raised during the election did not take long to surface. Already, people who voted for his opponents have called our offices to express their regret at having done so. If their memories remain fresh to the next election (and we'll do what we can to make sure that's the case), much of our work necessary to win the *next* election will already have been done.

In the meantime, Emery will have become most familiar with a great virtue: patience. And no doubt, he'll have aged a little.

TAX CREDIT CEILING RAISED!

The new **ELECTION FINANCES ACT**, passed on July 11, 1986, now permits increased donations to your favorite political party (we hope it's *Freedom Party*).

Highlights of the new Act include:

- * The **maximum amount** that may be contributed by a person, corporation or trade union "*in any year*" to a political party is **INCREASED** from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and the maximum amount that may be contributed to a constituency association is **INCREASED** from \$500 to \$750.
- * The contributor may contribute **up to the maximum amounts again** during an Ontario election campaign.
- * The amount of tax credit has been changed to **75%** of the first \$200; **50%** on the next \$600; and one-third for any contribution beyond \$800; the total credit may not exceed \$750.

FREEDOM PARTY SUPPORTERS HELP WIN A BIG BATTLE FOR MORE FREEDOM FOR MERV LAVIGNE AND MILLIONS OF CANADIAN WORKERS

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION vs COMPULSORY ASSOCIATION

As many supporters may already know, **Freedom Party** has in the past participated with the *National Citizens' Coalition* [NCC] on an issue critical to our freedom of choice: its successful court challenge to *Bill C-169*, a federally-drafted bill attempting to enforce political censorship during federal elections. The NCC won, and all Canadians benefitted as a result.

In August 1985, **Freedom Party** once again found itself aligned with the NCC on yet another critical "freedom of choice" issue, namely, the right to associate.

Freedom Party believes that the right to associate includes the right *not* to associate.

You will recall that we stood behind this principle when, in September 1984, we designed and printed literature (at our own expense) advocating this right of association for *Eaton's* employees in downtown London. Well, we did it again in August 1985 when we arranged to allow the NCC, under strict mutual supervision, to mail a fundraiser to **Freedom Party** members and supporters for the purpose of supporting the NCC's court challenge to the concept of *compulsory union dues*, and the idea that such dues may be spent (by unions) on causes with which the contributor disagrees.

Central to the court challenge is the case of Merv Lavigne, a teacher at the Haileybury School of Mines who, despite a teacher's strike called by the *Ontario Public Service Employees Union* [OPSEU] (October 1984), decided to continue teaching *without pay* in order to avoid being personally fined \$500 per day and to avoid having his college fined \$10,000 per day.

Remarkably, Lavigne was not even a member of OPSEU, yet was required to pay full union dues.

Lavigne and the NCC have been arguing that the compulsory nature of unions and the manner in which they collect their dues violate Lavigne's fundamental right and freedom to associate. In being forced to pay union dues as a condition of his employment, Lavigne rightly argues that his own money is being used against him when unions take a portion of his dues to contribute to political parties (i.e., the NDP) and lobby groups which work against his own interests.

It is a frightening thing, in a "free" society, to find that *anyone* is a "member" of *any* group or association against his or her will. It is equally frightening to realize that *working* itself has become a crime, punishable by fines and threats of imprisonment. Yet, this is the reality in Ontario today.

For that reason, **Freedom Party** will continue to support the efforts of individuals and lobby groups who are working to reverse this trend.

LATE BREAKING FLASH! On July 7, 1986, it was announced that Merv Lavigne has won his case in the Ontario Supreme Court! While this represents a tremendous victory for freedom of association, we can still expect an appeal to be launched by the union. Remember that those who have *interests* to protect *at someone else's expense* will always remain unrelenting in their efforts to attain that elusive "something-for-nothing"; it will always be left to those who value their freedom to continue defending it.

Teacher wins key case on use of union dues

By Tony Van Alphen

TORONTO (CP) — A community college teacher from a small Northern Ontario town has won a key court case that strikes down use of union dues for political parties and other causes, a traditional practice of organized labor for many years.

Mr. Justice John White of the Ontario supreme court says in a landmark decision made public Monday that a contract between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the province's community colleges that includes dues collection represents a "government action" and breaches the right of freedom of association under the Charter of Rights for teacher Merv Lavigne.

"It therefore follows that the applicant is entitled to a declaration implementing my findings of breach of his charter-protected freedom of association," White said in his conclusion.

Lawyers for Lavigne, who teaches at the Haileybury School of Mines, argued that the 1984 contract between the union and the Council of Regents: the governing body for colleges, violated his right to freedom of association and speech because about \$2 of his \$338 compulsory annual dues goes to support causes other than bargaining.

The decision, if upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada, could be a major blow for organized labor,

which has traditionally supported issues and causes beyond the bargaining table. The union plans an appeal.

White expects to hear submissions from the union and Lavigne, who is backed financially by the conservative National Citizens' Coalition, on how to implement a remedy, based on the decision.

Dennis O'Connor, one of Lavigne's lawyers, said he will ask that the judge provide for an "opting in" formula, which would let union members contribute voluntarily to causes other than bargaining. Most unions now use a portion of dues for other purposes, such as support for the New Democratic Party, and have a provision whereby members can request or "opt out" of spending contributions for other issues.

Cliff Pilkey, president of the Ontario Federation of Labor, whose umbrella union group acted as intervener in the case, said lawyers have already advised him there are strong grounds for an appeal. "I'm confident that the Supreme Court of Canada will rule in favor of trade unions speaking out on social and political causes."

Organized labor is involved in several court cases that challenge its power and effectiveness under the charter.

David Somerville, vice-president of the coalition, said in retrospect the decision will be seen as "a watershed."

"I think in the long term this development will be very, very good for the union movement in that I think it's going to enhance its political integrity," Somerville said at a news conference. "I don't think it has much political integrity now because of the way in which it gets its money."

"When they go to their members and ask them voluntarily to subscribe to political activities which they want to further then I think that's going to make their case much stronger. I think in the short term it's going to hurt them a great deal because most of the rank and file do not agree with the political priorities of their union."

Colin Brown, president and founder of the coalition, whose motto is "more freedom through less government," said the decision is an important victory for individuals. The coalition has spent about \$400,000 supporting the legal challenge, he said.

"It also proves that in our system the little guy can still get justice even when he's up against the power of big unionism," Brown said.

Meanwhile, Ontario Labor Minister Bill Wrye said

the court decision will mean a review of provincial laws, but no changes will be made until the Supreme Court has ruled on the case.

"Obviously any aspects of our legislation which need to be reviewed will be reviewed," Wrye told reporters. "But obviously this is the first step in a procedure I expect will end up in the Supreme Court of Canada, and we will want to see how things proceed from here."

Donald Wood, emeritus professor and retired director of the Industrial Relations Centre at Queen's University in Kingston, said it is difficult at this point to assess court decisions related to challenges on the definition of individual rights under the charter. "We'll have to wait for a definitive response from the Supreme Court of Canada before there's a firm pattern on jurisprudence."

In May, the B.C. supreme court ruled the constitutional rights of prison guard Charles Baldwin, who also challenged the use of dues for activities other than collective bargaining, were not being violated by his union.

But O'Connor said the challenge was different than the Lavigne case because the lawyer for Baldwin didn't approach the case from the argument that there was a government action. The court ruled that the union's action doesn't apply because it is a private entity and the charter relates to public actions, O'Connor said.

Promises, Promises!

As they say, "You can't have it both ways."

When Ontario's government first introduced socialized medicine, it promised physicians that they wouldn't become "civil servants." It promised not to eliminate their right to bill for the services they provided.

With the *uncontrolled demand* placed on medical services by socialized (i.e., "universally free") medicine, it's no surprise that *uncontrolled costs* resulted. "Extra-billing" provided doctors with a mechanism to control these costs, reduce demand, and thus maintain a level of quality health care to those who truly needed it.

But the Ontario government's recent ban on extra-billing will once again ensure that demand for healthcare will continue at an uncontrollable level, and with it, its *costs*.

So much for promises.

It is a tragedy that the concept of *insurance* as a protector against costs incurred in medical *emergencies* has been replaced by the concept of "free" medical service for all. *Universality* means that millions of Canadians who are ready, willing, and able to pay their normal medical costs *need not do so!* Does this make any sense at all?

Consequently, resources that could have been available for true medical *emergencies* are absorbed in expenditures relating to the *routine* --- expenses that could have (and *should* have!) been paid directly by those receiving the benefit of treatment.

Yes, the so-called principle of "universality" in health care has run its inevitable course, unavoidably costing physicians their professional independence and freedom. And in the process, yet another choice has been denied them: the choice of having a **political alternative** that respects this independence and freedom.

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

Liberals, Conservatives, and New Democrats alike have made it clear that they consider a physician's rights inferior to those of "society." But there's a tragic flaw in this philosophic approach --- how can the rights of "society" supersede those of the *individuals* who comprise that society?

The existence of state interference in the medical profession is no new precedent. Virtually all areas of our social and economic relationships are increasingly being **pre-determined** by governments comprised of representatives who have come to believe that it is *their* privilege to make *our* choices for us.

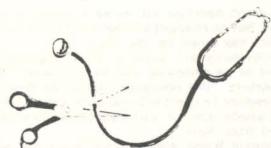
The time has come to pursue action of a definitive and long-term nature --- and that means *supporting the creation of a new political alternative*.

Lobbying those who obviously see nothing morally wrong with violating individual rights is no solution to *any* problem! Such action, at best, only offers a short-term avoidance of the inevitable; in the long-term, it actually sanctions the state's prerogative to interfere with our lives.

At this critical juncture in medical relations, it is perhaps time for the medical community and those of us who depend upon quality, reliable health care to reconsider a return to basic proven principles, of which the most important is *having the right to choose and assuming responsibility for the choices we make*.

Support your local doctor --- and support **FREEDOM PARTY!**

The next move is yours --- and ours. Together we can make the *long-term* difference on which the future of medicine in Ontario depends.



MEDICINE: THE DEATH OF A PROFESSION

Why are the best
doctors giving up
the practice
of medicine?

by LEONARD PEIKOFF

**"If I knew nothing about today's world but the nature of our politicians...
I would predict the destruction of doctors by Government."**

This is a brief quote from "**Medicine: The Death of a Profession**" --- a lecture by Dr. Leonard Peikoff at Toronto's Ryerson Polytechnical Institute on April 7, 1986.

Freedom Party is proud to be a distributor of tapes of Dr. Peikoff's lecture. In it he provides both the inspiration and the information needed to prevent the ongoing takeover of medicine by the Government.

☐ Yes, please send _____ cassette(s) at **\$5.95 ea.** and-or _____ transcript(s) at **\$2.50 ea.** to the address below. Enclosed please find \$ _____ (including \$1.00 for postage and handling) ☐ cheque ☐ money order payable to **Freedom Party of Ontario.**

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FREEDOM PARTY CAMPUS ASSOCIATION GETS ROLLING IN 1985-1986 CAMPUS YEAR

Seminars, newsletters, and promoting the issues highlight year...

Freedom Party's first campus association, at London's *University of Western Ontario* [U.W.O.], got off to a respectable start in its first full year of operation, with activities ranging from the establishment of its own newsletter to the hosting of a public forum featuring the *Fraser Institute's* senior economist, Dr. Walter Block, who spoke on the subject of "affirmative action." [see press article, reprinted below.]

Add to that the incredible number of letters generated by club members to the editor of the campus newspaper, the *Gazette*, and on-campus video presentations on fundamental issues (i.e., capitalism vs. socialism), it would be hard to deny that the U.W.O. *Freedom Party Association* was having its influence felt in the university community.

And of course, that's the entire point of having a campus club --- to wield intellectual and moral influence on issues that would normally be beyond the scope of a provincially-registered political party. For that reason, the first issue of the club's newsletter, the *Freedom Forum*, featured articles on subjects ranging from the operations of the University Student Council to the issue of apartheid in South Africa.

Worth noting, however, was one planned event that never quite materialized: a debate between solicitor Doug Christie (legal counsel for Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra during their famous "hate-literature" trials), and someone willing to speak out in *favour* of censoring the views expressed by his famous clients. The problem was in finding that "someone else" who would be willing to tackle the other point of view.

As early as September 1985, Christie had confirmed that he would be willing to speak on the subject of censorship and that he, like us, would prefer a debate format. What was particularly disturbing, from our point of view, was the nature of the resistance we received from those we approached to speak against Christie.

Comments for the Jewish community ranged from accusations that Christie did not sufficiently "disassociate" himself from the views of his clients (which would have been impossible, given the nature of the trials) to the basic fear that in debate, Christie "might win", which would be to the detriment of his debating opponent.

And of course, there was the response received from U.W.O. law professor and past-NDP candidate Rob Martin who wrote:

"I must tell you that I find both the Freedom Party and Douglas Christie odious. I will not, therefore, do anything which might confer a degree of legitimacy or dignity on either."

Martin, who had previously been outspoken in his opposition to freedom of speech that may be considered "hate-literature", was, as we observed in the *Freedom Forum*, simply being offered an opportunity to "confer a degree of legitimacy or dignity" to *his own* point of view.

In any event, it has become increasingly clear to us that, when presented with a clear, consistent, and principled platform favoring freedom, freedom's enemies are hasty to retreat from the challenge of defending their own points of view. Our experience in this respect is growing day by day, and it's an experience worth extending to every university campus in the province.

If YOU happen to be a student on some Ontario campus, and if you'd like to get a *Freedom Party* association started, call us (collect) at (519) 433-8612 and ask for Gordon Mood. He'll be happy to tell you what's involved --- it's less work than you think! And you'll have the advantage of our experience, coupled with the resources we have to offer. Get involved! --- No one else will do it for you.

Article below from page 3 of London daily paper

60% of original size

Wage gap blamed on women's own views

Marriage and upbringing — not employers — are keeping women from closing the wage gap with men, a senior economist with the Fraser Institute told about 35 persons Wednesday at the University of Western Ontario.

"It's as if we are having a 100-yard dash and women are carrying a 30-pound weight on their back," Walter Block said during a speech sponsored by the London Freedom Party.

The Fraser Institute is a non-profit conservative "think tank" in Vancouver which Block said has produced about 55 publications in the

past 10 years, including recent books opposing equal pay for work of equal value and affirmative action.

The Ontario government estimates women on average earn 38 per cent less than men. In presenting a similar array of figures, Block warned statistics are misleading.

He said many married women view their jobs and salaries as secondary to their husbands'. As well, he said many women leave the work force to raise their children or to be full-time homemakers. Statistics Canada doesn't consider homemakers to have any earnings, although

Block said they spend at least half the money their husbands earn.

He said when the salaries of men and women who have never been married are compared, women earn only slightly less than men and in some categories they earn more.

The other problem facing women workers is that many still grow up believing they won't appear attractive to men if they are too competent, Block said. "They are socialized not to compete with men. My own feeling is this is horrendous, but it exists."

Block said the marketplace usually pays a worker according to pro-

ductivity. He said in a free enterprise system, if women were producing the same but earning less, employers would be snapping them up. If women were being discriminated against on a broad basis, then Block said it should follow that industries which employ mostly women would have a higher profit margin. He said that's not the case.

When South African employers began hiring lower-paid blacks for jobs normally filled by whites, Block said "racist" white trade unions obtained equal pay for equal work legislation. He said there was no longer an advantage in hiring blacks.

UNEMPLOYMENT --- AS A GOAL IN LIFE

It should come as no surprise to anyone that **Freedom Party** stands opposed to the views and philosophy behind the *London Union of Unemployed Workers [LUUW]*.

Led by activist John Clarke (who will "neither confirm nor deny" that he is a Communist), the group has adopted a very recognizable Communist tactic: it claims to speak for "all" the unemployed in the area in order to justify a claim to unearned benefits.

"As far as we're concerned, people have a right to either be provided with jobs or they have a right to a decent income. I'm talking about an income that people could expect to make if there was no job available," says Clarke.

But the subject of "jobs" was one on which Clarke revealed a great deal of ignorance. When confronted by **Freedom Party** president Robert Metz on the Wayne McLean *Hot Line* program (*Radio '98* - London, Ontario), Clarke's ignorance was accompanied by another easily recognizable Communist tactic: name-calling and evasion.

The conversation went like this:

Metz: (Mr. Clarke), how is a "job" created? Where do jobs come from in your opinion?

Clarke: People own capital, they set productive units in motion, and they hire people to perform work for them.

Metz: (Then) you're saying that *capital* is the thing necessary to create jobs. Yet you have already denounced private enterprise and capitalism as being evils and that the profit motive cannot and does not serve the unemployed well. How do you account for this contradiction?

Clarke: I was obviously describing the present system. I'm not saying that there isn't a better system.

Metz: I'd be interested in your describing the "better" system.

Clarke: The better system would be one in which working people owned and controlled the means of production, not for the profit of private individuals but for what was socially beneficial as a whole.

Metz: So what you prefer is profit for the "people" rather than profit for the (individuals) who put it all together. Isn't everyone entitled to earn money?

Clarke: I would say that under the present system, profit is made, not out of entrepreneurial skills, (but) out of the labour of working people, as it has done from time immemorial.

Metz: What you seem to be telling me is that management and people who organize, collect capital, and put it all together are not "working."

Clarke: Yes, I think that's about the size of it.

McLean: (But) there are companies that allow equity participation on the part of their staff or employees.

Clarke: Yes they do, but I would consider that a shabby fraud.

McLean: Why is that?

Clarke: You have a situation where workers produce profits. They take back a portion of their labour in the form of wages, whether (or not) you give that the glossy name of "profit-sharing," and introduce quality circles and other collaborationist [*sic*] measures. It comes down to the same thing: you're producing profit for the employer by working as a worker.

Metz: If the workers *own* the factory, how are they to get paid if they are not to make a profit?

Clarke: This is all fascinating stuff, but I came here today to talk about (an) attack that was made on us at the *London and District Labour Council*. ...I think that all the capitalists who find themselves out of work because of the lack of value for the parasitic existence they live at the moment (will) have my full support and sympathy.

Metz: Your "sympathy" will not do much good. These people need jobs, no matter what their political stripe. There is a reality here that you don't want to deal with. You (claim that you) want to pursue "public" works. Where does (*that*) money come from, Mr. Clarke?

Clarke: Just a second! This is really getting really, truly absurd!

Metz: (That's because) I'm addressing the *premise* of what you think. You don't like (having) that addressed, do you?

McLean: What is the "absurdity," John?

Clarke: I came on this program today to discuss the split with the *London and District Labour Council*, not to be party to a political party broadcast for the **Freedom party**.

Metz: (But) you're evading my questions, Mr. Clarke.

Clarke [*now agitated and getting angry*]: I'm not interested in answering your questions! They're of no consequence to me! You come on here and want to talk about the glories of free enterprise, laissez-faire capitalism and other political irrelevance. It means nothing to me!

Metz: (But) how is a job going to be created? I want to hear your "process." You haven't created (any) job yet, either in theory or in practice.

Clarke: Perhaps you're not listening to me. I regard you and your organization and your mentor to be a guru of political irrelevance! It means nothing to me! It's of no interest to me! I don't want to debate with you! I don't want to discuss with you! You offend me! You revolt me! Please go away!

McLean: Bob, hang on --- I'm going to give you the last word.

Metz: I (can only) say that Mr. Clarke's evasion is very indicative of what he stands for. I hope people are listening to this because Clarke does *not* believe in the freedom of people to work for whom they (choose). His Marxist platitudes have been swallowed by people (of the political) left, right, and center. Everything (Clarke) advocates creates *unemployment* --- (without) exception. (His inability) to deal with (this) is quite evident by his manners.

That the *London Union of Unemployed Workers* exists only to attain unearned benefits cannot be disputed. Clarke himself proudly announced that one of the "achievements" of his group was to have the unemployment insurance job search requirements cut in half.

But if *you* were unemployed and *wanted* to work, wouldn't you want to *increase* the number of job contacts you made, rather than cut the number in half? We can only assume the purpose of joining the *LUUW* is to remain unemployed.

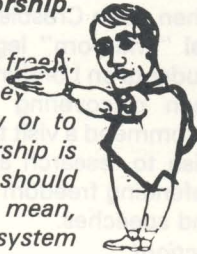
In that respect, the group has been a remarkable success!

A FOUR LETTER WORD STARTING WITH "F"

A dictatorship has four characteristics: one-party rule, executions without trial for political offenses, expropriation or nationalization of private property, and **censorship**.

Above all, this last.

So long as men can speak and write freely, so long as there is no censorship, they have a chance to reform their society or to put it on a better road. When censorship is imposed, **THAT** is the sign that men should go on strike intellectually, by which I mean, should not cooperate with the social system in any way whatever."



--- Ayn Rand

--- the Playboy Interview, March 1964

We at **Freedom Party** are pleased to announce the launching of a campaign aimed exclusively at fighting the alarming spread of **censorship** in Ontario --- **Censorship Alert!**

Yes, the pervasive extent of censorship in our province is alarming, and includes restrictions on the language we may use, the units of measurement we employ, the numbers and types of television broadcast and cable channels we receive from our cable companies, the religions we may openly support or criticize, the movies available in our theatres, the political books we are permitted to import to Canada, the political opinions we may express, and much much more.

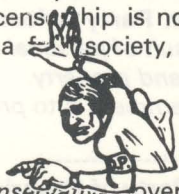
If you were under the impression that these freedoms were somehow guaranteed to us under Canada's *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, then consider yourself to be put on the Alert! Our *fundamental freedoms* are being systematically violated each and every day by lobby groups, politicians, bureaucrats, and government agencies who are all of the common opinion that *they* should have the right to make *our* choices for us.

Censorship Alert! has been formed to fight for *your* right to make *your own choices* when it comes to areas of expression.

Unlike most "anti-censorship" campaigns, which tend to be *selective* in who's opinions and views deserve the legal right to freedom of expression, **Censorship Alert!** is a campaign opposing *all* government imposed censorship on the simple grounds that such censorship is not only dangerous to the foundations of a free society, but is wrong in *principle*.

The Problem:

With the current *Liberal-NDP-Conservative* government coalitions in both the provincial and federal legislatures, political support for increased censorship is virtually unanimous and has unleashed upon our society a *subjective view of law* that is becoming increasingly pervasive, even in areas unrelated to censorship.



CENSORSHIP Alert!

SOUNDING THE ALERT!

The newsletter dedicated to complete freedom of expression, association, and thought

Censorship Alert! is a tax creditable organization (accompanied by this newsletter of the same name) that has been formed specifically to arrest and reverse the alarming growth of censorship in the province of Ontario.

Just what is censorship? Simply, all government restrictions and regulations that obstruct, diminish access to, and/or make (or threaten to make) illegal the expression of one's opinion with the use of his or her own property.

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CENSORSHIP Alert!

CALL TO ACTION!

Censorship Alert! has been formed to fight for *your* right to make *your own choices* when it comes to areas of expression.

Our newsletter intends to address every area of censorship with input provided by lawyers, politicians, victims of censorship, advocates of censorship, censoring government agencies and various media sources whose articles and editorials will be of great assistance in helping keep us informed as to the developments (past, present, and future) that are rapidly leading us down the path to a society where our opinions will ultimately be pre-determined by others.

But Censorship Alert! will do much more than just inform.

Censorship Alert! is a call to action!

Initially, the campaign will be acting through this newsletter and through the purchase of large (usually full page) ads in the daily papers of your community. These ads will increase the public's awareness of our official opposition to censorship and will serve to rally those of us with a common interest in fighting censorship under a single identifiable banner. (continued on pg. 19)

HELP US PAY FOR
THIS FULL-PAGE AD

CENSORSHIP WORKS.



ASK THE EXPERTS
THEY KNOW --- IT WORKED FOR THEM.
THEIR IDEAS HELPED SHAPE THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

The "fascist" experts are in abundant supply.



The above full-page ad is attacking censors and censorship. HE



It goes without saying that **Censorship**'s goals are of a *long-term* nature, whose effects will not be so readily self-evident. Most Ontarians have no idea whatever as to how extensively our right to freedom of speech has been curtailed; worse, they are philosophically impotent in their ability to argue against censorship, and thus end up unwittingly supporting the idea that *others* may make their choices for them.

Another chief problem in fighting censorship lies in the necessity of having to defend some of the "extreme" examples of freedom of expression. Few people have the moral courage or will necessary to defend the right to expression of those who adopt highly unpopular views. It is assumed, quite wrongly, that in protecting these individuals' right to *express* their views, that one is in *agreement* with those views. Thus, the battle against censorship can only be fought and won by those with a *consistently principled* approach to the issue, which in turn, requires a thorough understanding of the *real* issues involved, and even more importantly, of the issues that are *irrelevant* to the nature of censorship, yet are constantly used to justify it.

The Solution:

We at **Freedom Party** believe that one of the best ways to begin fighting the threat of increased censorship (in addition to the censorship that already exists) is to begin by informing the public about what censorship actually is, how censorship laws are being used and applied, and of the ultimate danger posed to any society that allows censorship to take root. An informed public is always better equipped to make decisions than an uninformed one.

And that's what **Censorship Alert!** is all about!

Accompanied by a newsletter of the same name, **Censorship Alert!** is a campaign of information, advocacy, and action whose short- and long-term objectives are:

(a) to **alert** Ontarians as to the pervasiveness and extent of censorship in their communities through advertising, advocacy action, and the spread of information,

(b) to **educate** the public on the dangers inherent in censorship, and on the inevitably detrimental consequences of censorship,

(c) to **assist, participate with, and unite** (where possible) various and differing anti-censorship groups,

(d) to put **pressure** on provincial, municipal, and federal **governments** in order to reduce their control of the right and means to expression,

(e) to **offer assistance**, where possible, to **victims** of censorship, and

(f) to ultimately **abolish the Ontario Censor Board** (ostensibly renamed the *Ontario Film Review Board*).

Tax-creditable contributions to our campaign have been and will continue to be used exclusively for the purposes outlined; our first 5,000-copy print-run of **Censorship Alert!** was distributed through retail video and bookstore outlets in Toronto, Kitchener, London, and Windsor, making it **Freedom Party's** first major campaign to extend beyond the immediate area around London, where the party was first formed in January 1984.

Reaction:

As expected, public and media reaction to the campaign has been slow and protracted. But most significantly, **Freedom Party** has come to be seen --- by the media and public alike --- as being the *only* identifiable group publicly opposed to any and all forms of censorship. As a consequence, we were the only group approached by London's media to offer a freedom of speech viewpoint when John Crosbie unveiled his government's controversial "anti-porn" legislative package in June 1986. And students on London college and university campuses have been discovering that their teachers and professors recommend a visit to **Freedom Party** offices, should they wish to research a reasoned and objective approach to defending freedom of speech for school projects, essays, and speeches.

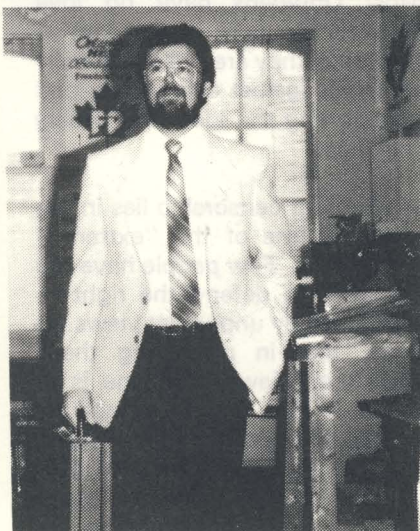
Action!

Despite these advances and recognition, the process of education and advocacy is a long and difficult one. It requires a great deal of money and a great many supporters.

So let's face facts. Censorship ultimately affects everyone and that means YOU. If you have any doubts about this, give us a call or write us to request a free copy of **Censorship Alert!** Like many others who read our first issue, it may take the shock of realizing the seriousness of the situation to compell you into action.

We *need* your support and we're asking for it because we can't do it all alone. Help us sound the *Alert!* while there's still time --- and while there's still the limited freedom of expression left to do even that.

And if you're already convinced, what's holding you back? Don't let fear or uncertainty be the things that inhibit you from taking action! You have more than enough reason to act. In addition to money, we can use the support of volunteers to help distribute **Censorship Alert!** in their communities, to send us articles and clippings about censorship, to let their friends and acquaintances know about what we're doing, and of course, to let us know how they feel about what we're doing.



Newly appointed Vice-President Lloyd Walker.

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