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BREAKING THE VOTING HABIT

by Robert Metz

With politicians at every level of government desperately trying to justify each year's "tighter" budgets and hefty tax increases, voters and taxpayers are increasingly discovering the price of the choices they've been asking politicians to make for them --- and noticing that they have fewer and fewer choices left to make for themselves.

Name any service or industry primarily funded or regulated by government (ie. health, pensions, education, welfare, transportation) and you'll find a service or industry that's in deep, deep trouble.

Despite our walloping tax burden, every government-run or subsidized industry is suffering "chronic underfunding"; despite billions of tax dollars being poured into government controlled projects, they still can't seem to stay afloat.

*You can't get things
-not even freedom-
by voting for them.*

Is there any hope for a cure? Yes there is. But not before enough people come to realize that you can't get things just by *voting* for them. Social benefits and services (however "essential" or "important" they may be regarded) must be *earned* and *paid for* on a free market; otherwise, they won't exist for long.

Today's political environment has become one in which citizens are encouraged to get things by lobbying and voting for them through the democratic process, rather than by working, investing and taking risks to earn the things they want. Unfortunately, under this political philosophy, a "majority" can force a minority to fund, support, and assume responsibility for projects that, being a minority, it obviously doesn't agree with. In this way, voluntary agreement and consent can be legally replaced by forced

agreement and coercion --- two conditions that would normally not be morally or socially acceptable in human relationships.

This should help explain why politics has often been referred to as a "dirty" business --- because in this regard it is. Under what other possible social circumstance can you force someone else to buy something, do something, "contribute" to something or "invest" in something against one's will --- and not be fined or put in jail for it?

Voting for benefits is a temptation that can be hard to resist --- and a habit that can be hard to break. It's easy to see how the amount of effort required to vote is considerably less than the amount of effort required to earn something. For that reason, voters mistakenly assume that it is possible to get more out of the system than they have to put in.

As the tax and deficit burden become greater, individuals still proud to *earn* their way in life are punished in increasing proportion to the extent others *vote* for their benefits. A stranglehold is put on those *earning* a living, who become increasingly tempted to join those others in *voting* for a living.

When everyone suddenly discovers that what they have voted for is no longer available and that they'll have to ultimately pay *far more* for their benefits than they would have if they had *earned* them, then *maybe* they'll start looking for a genuine solution.

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Let's create and build that solution. Let's start by admitting the truth about our political choices --- that Liberals, New Democrats and Conservatives are *fundamentally* the same; all are leading us down a path to social and fiscal calamity. With taxes that many find difficult to afford, and ever-decreasing

options and choices in the services governments provide, politicians have aptly demonstrated how they all cater to the vote at the expense of principles and that they have nothing whatsoever to offer in the way of authentic solutions. We need a new political choice now, before it's too late.

I know there are those who would argue that having three parties is already enough. But having three parties that believe in the same fundamental political principles is really the same as having only one party to choose from. A thousand political parties wouldn't be enough if the only principle they recognized was the *vote*. One party would be enough if it honoured the principle of individual *rights, responsibilities, and freedom of choice* --- and consistently placed these principles ahead of getting votes.

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But will voters ever support such a political party? Will they learn to support and vote for a political party because it represents and defends individual rights, and not majority interests? Will they learn to understand that high deficits, high taxes, fewer choices, deteriorating government services, are a direct result of *voting* for things? Let's face it; unless voters do learn, nothing will ever change and things will just keep getting worse.

By appealing to *reason* for support instead of pandering to and reinforcing voter apathy and ignorance, we can create a *responsible* political party that has the courage to admit and explain why *voting for things simply doesn't work* and why voting for things always carries a greater price tag than earning them.

In the short term, traditional voters will obviously resist such a political party. But sooner or later, with or without our help, most of them will come to realize the true cost of their voting. When that happens, it'll be up to us to offer them a *real* choice in the political marketplace: **Freedom Party**.

The time to prepare is now.

FREEDOM BRIEFS

AMBITIOUS GOALS SET BY FP EXECUTIVE:

At a March 18 general meeting held in London, FP executive and action members established an ambitious set of goals for the party's next year. Among the objectives (established on an April 1 - April 1 basis) were the following: to bring the party's minimum annual income up to \$125,000, to employ telemarketing techniques for recruitment and sales, and to commit to the development, recognition, education, and support of our members and supporters.

FREEDOM FLYER HAS A NEW LOOK

If you've been a regular subscriber to Freedom Party's official newsletter, the *Freedom Flyer*, then you already know that the newsletter you are holding in your hands is radically different in structure from our past publications. You might also notice that this is the first issue of *Freedom Flyer* that has been published on time. The new look ---and the more dependable publication schedule --- is all part of our broader effort to improve our communication with members and supporters. Let us know what you think!

MEET BRENDALYNN METZ!

Many of the visible improvements in Freedom Party's organizational operations have been the direct result of the efforts, advice and input of Brendalynn Metz, whose expertise in sales and management has been put to good use here at Freedom Party. However, career commitments are taking her to Toronto for the next few months and she will be sorely missed! We'll have to carry on the work she's started on our own.

EMERLING IS BACK!

Yes, it's true; Live from Las Vegas, it's that master storyteller, entertainer, educator, and motivator --- Michael Emerling! Michael will be conducting his incredible *Art of Political Persuasion* workshop in London during the weekend of September 23-24, 1989. The event will be preceeded by a separate dinner to be held on Friday, September 22, with an encore scheduled for Monday evening, September 25. Prices, locations, and exact details are as yet to be determined. Watch for our announcement in the next issue of *Freedom Flyer*.



OAKVILLE SOUTH CONSTITUENCY PRESIDENT RESIGNS:

Oakville South FP C.A. President Dan Chalykoff, citing personal reasons, has resigned as president. With business and career commitments occupying his full attentions, Mr. Chalykoff felt it in everyone's best interest that, while he would continue to support Freedom Party on a personal basis, his position should be made available to someone more able to commit to a structured action plan. That someone could be you! If you're interested, call FP offices in London (collect!) and we'll be happy to answer all your questions. Good luck, Dan!

MEET JACK PLANT!

For the first time since its official registration, Freedom Party now has an Ontario Secretary: Jack Plant, a London firefighter who has spent many of his off-duty hours devoted to Freedom Party activities. Jack's contribution and volunteer support to Freedom Party over the past half-year has been invaluable. He's an office worker and active recruiter who's made a difference.

"The avoidance of taxes is the only pursuit that still carries any reward."

-John Maynard Keynes (1883 - 1946)

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With the increasing emphasis that governments are placing on protecting the environment from pollution, it is a tragic irony that governments are still the worst offenders.

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The City of Welland has been dumping raw sewage into the Welland River for years now, and despite the fact that the concentrations of sewage in the river are higher than what is allowed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, nothing has been done.

In fact, the matter didn't even receive any significant public exposure until Barry Fitzgerald, president of the Freedom Party's Welland-Thorold constituency association, brought the matter to the attention of Jim Bradley, Ontario's Minister of the Environment. (See related press clippings)

Fitzgerald was the only candidate that made the environment an election issue in the by-election.

In his response to Fitzgerald, Bradley wrote: "Although this problem has a long history it is shortly approaching a resolution. As you may know from your discussion with Mr. T. Koch in my Ministry's Welland District Office, negotiations have taken place between the Ministry of the Environment and the City of Welland. The purpose of these negotiations was to request connection of the McMaster Avenue sewer outfall to the Welland Water Pollution Control Plant since the discharge was contrary to the Environmental Protection Act. The City has not made the connection and therefore my staff have recommended the City of Welland be ordered to connect the McMaster Avenue sewer to the Water Pollution Control Plant. The Order is presently being finalized.

BARRY FITZGERALD FOLLOWS UP ON HIS ELECTION PROMISE TO BATTLE POLLUTION IN WELLAND

McMaster Avenue

Ministry orders sewer hook-up

WELLAND (Staff) — A discharge of sewage into the Welland River near McMaster Avenue will be eliminated in about two months.

That is when the city will connect the existing sewer line to the Welland water pollution control plant, predicts city engineer Gus Marcello.

Marcello said the discharges pose no health danger, but the concentrations of sewage in the waste water entering the Welland River is higher than Ontario Ministry of Environment guidelines.

As a result, the ministry has ordered the city to connect the McMaster Avenue sewer to the pollution control plant.

"We have retained the consulting firm of R.V. Anderson to study the situation and design the necessary connection," said Marcello.

"We should have that information in about a month and then we will call tenders, he said.

"As far as the connection is concerned, it will not be that difficult to hook up and should take about one or two weeks."

Environment Minister Jim Bradley, in a recent letter to Barry Fitzgerald of 491 Deere St., said the "problem has a long history" but "is shortly approaching a resolution."

Fitzgerald, who ran for the Freedom Party in the November Welland-Thorold byelection, wrote the ministry expressing his concern about sewage entering the Welland River from the McMaster pipe.

Bradley said negotiations took place between the ministry and the city to ensure a connection was made between the sewer line and the pollution control plant and a ministry order to have the work done was issued.

"The order is presently being finalized," said Bradley.

The city has embarked on a program to separate sanitary and storm sewers, a project which will take a few years as funds become available.

There are a number of sewer lines serving dual sanitary-storm purposes in the city and they are being identified by city public works staff and placed on an priority list for separation.

The separation, said Marcello, will save the city money in the long term because water which does not require treatment will not go through the pollution control plants.

Those plants are operated by the Region and the city pays a fee on each gallon of water treated.

Fitzgerald could not be reached for his reaction to Bradley's letter.



Fitzgerald... writes Bradley

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A FREEDOM PARTY
ACTIVITY HAS RECEIVED EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT

weekend **GUARDIAN** express

Order To Stop Untreated Outflow Is Expected To Be Made Of City

By Guardian Writer
DAVID EDGAR

After years of allowing raw sewage to flow into the Welland River, it appears the City of Welland will be ordered to clean up its act.

The ministry of the environment is expected to order the City to connect the McMaster Avenue sewer outfall to the Welland water pollution control plant since the discharge violates the Environmental Protection Act.

Welland resident Barry Fitzgerald, a Freedom Party candidate in the November Welland-Thorold byelection, wrote to environment minister Jim Bradley expressing his concerns about the untreated discharge. Fitzgerald also made the discharge an election issue.

Jim Bradley responded in writing to Fitzgerald in a letter dated Jan. 9, of this year. In the letter, given to The Guardian by Fitzgerald, Bradley states, "The city has not made the connection and therefore my staff have recommended the City of Welland be ordered to connect the McMaster Avenue sewer to the water pollution control plant."

City officials could not be reached for comment despite repeated calls from The Guardian.

DETRIMENTAL

The situation is having a detrimental impact on the environment, according to Tony Koch, spokesperson for the ministry of the environment in Welland.

Fitzgerald told The Guardian he had paddled his canoe along the Welland River last summer to verify rumors that raw sewage was being discharged into the Welland River. According to Fitzgerald he was first alerted to the problem after hearing about colored discharge discovered by a group of paddleboaters. The City has known of the situation at the McMaster Avenue sewer for years.

Fitzgerald has been working to put an end to the dumping of raw sewage into the river, but reports, "I've been getting the runaround."

Koch said raw sewage has been entering the Welland River for at least 10 years from this origin, but the volume of sewage has decreased.

The high costs attached to redirecting the sewage to the pollution control plant may explain why the city has been slow to respond to the problem, according to Fitzgerald.

Once the order to connect the sewer to the treatment plant is received by the City of Welland, they must comply. The expense of this costly project will be borne by municipal taxpayers, because the City will be billed by Regional government for treating the sewage at its water pollution control plant. City officials could not be contacted for the precise cost of rectifying the problem.

Welland-Thorold MPP Peter-Kormos said he was not aware of this specific problem, but he was aware that "a great deal of sewage has been dumped into Welland waterways." This relatively new revelation is "entirely inappropriate" said an angry Kormos.

Fitzgerald said, "The environmental laws are no good if they are not enforced."

"Your interest in environmental issues is commendable. I assure you the necessary action to correct this situation is being taken to expedite the sewer connection."

But despite promises and assurances that the matter will soon be rectified, it appears that a solution is still a long way off. As of this writing, the provincial Ministry's orders have been finalized but the City of Welland has refused to connect the McMaster sewage line to its sewage treatment plant. For the time being at least, the city intends to continue dumping raw sewage into the river --- illegally.

*The privatization of
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Whenever property is claimed to be "publicly" owned (as rivers are), the inevitable conflict of interest that arises between multiple levels of government can lead to consequences neither side intended. The privatization of "public" lands (ie. the assigning of specific responsibility for the maintenance of property) is a critical step in providing a long-term solution for environmental concerns. If property owners could sue for pollution damage to their property, the *real* cost of keeping the environment clean would have to be met.

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Unfortunately, the voting public has deep-rooted prejudices, misunderstandings and fears about privatization and thus, unnecessary pollution of our "publicly-owned" environment will be with us for some time to come.

While a spokesperson for the Ministry of the Environment in Welland has admitted that the situation is having a detrimental impact on the environment, it remains to be seen how this stand-off between two levels of government will be resolved.

We will bring you further details of Barry Fitzgerald's activity in monitoring and pushing for a clean-up of the Welland River.

Fitzgerald says he'll 'make sure' McMaster sewage cleaned up

WELLAND (Staff) — A Deere Street resident, worried about raw sewage being dumped into the Welland River, intends to make sure city hall keeps its promise.

It's a promise he says was broken before, not by the city's public works department, but by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

That, he says, is no way to safeguard the public from pollution.

Barry Fitzgerald of 491 Deere St. is concerned about the discharge of sewage into the Welland River from the McMaster Avenue sewer line. A candidate for the Freedom Party in last November's Welland-Thorold provincial byelection, he raised the issue during his campaign.

Recently, Fitzgerald wrote a letter to Environment Minister Jim Bradley about the matter and was told the city is being issued an order

to connect the sewer to the Welland water pollution control plant.

City engineer Gus Marcello said that although the discharges pose no health problem, the concentration of sewage in the waste water going into the river is higher than the environment ministry's guidelines. He said the city has hired a consulting firm to look into the matter and design a connection to the pollution control plant.

Marcello said the problem should be resolved within two months.

Fitzgerald said he'll believe it when he sees it.

"I've had promises from the ministry that go back to last July," said Fitzgerald. "They told me then the matter would be looked after in 30 days. I've been getting the run-around. This is the type of thing which is an ongoing problem with

the ministry throughout Ontario and it's not just sewage but also other types of pollution.

"It's great to have laws, but they're not of much use if nobody enforces them," he said.

Fitzgerald said he noticed the sewage flow into the river while canoeing last summer "and I came upon this disgusting mess. I thought maybe there'd been a breakdown somewhere."

He then investigated the matter and discovered the McMaster Avenue sewer line was flowing directly into the river.

"I'd like to see the Welland River developed into a recreational area," he said. "That's why I want it cleaned up."

He said he'll watch what action is taken by the city.

"It sounds like a commitment, and if they do it in two months then I'll be happy in two months," said Fitzgerald. "If they don't, I'll be complaining again."

OTHER FREEDOM PARTY GRASS-ROOTS CAMPAIGNS THAT SUCCEEDED WITH JUST THE EFFORT OF ONE OR TWO DETERMINED PEOPLE!

We hope some of the campaigns and achievements below - often the work of one or two determined individuals, will serve as an inspiration for those of you who feel huge dollars, great sacrifice, and dozens of people are necessary to see a campaign happen.

* **Freedom Party** volunteers manned a "free" garbage truck that hauled away over 72,000 pounds of garbage from over 5,000 homes during London's garbage strike in 1987. Thousands of strike-bound Londoners had an outlet for both their frustration and garbage as a makeshift "garbage truck" went out each day during the strike, manned by just 2 or 3 people!

* **Freedom Party** volunteers have waged -sometimes single-handedly- battles against oppressive taxation in the form of 'B.I.A.'s' (*Business Improvement Areas*) in Toronto, Aurora, London, and other communities, while battles currently are being fought in other Ontario communities.

* **Freedom Party** volunteers in 1984-1985 defeated a \$100 million proposed project that would have seen the Pan-American Games brought to London, all on the taxpayers' back. A few volunteers turned a whole city against the idea over a year, and saved themselves and fellow citizens a \$100 million-plus in taxes.

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* **Freedom Party** volunteers collected over 5,000 signatures in London to oppose a 32% - 43% pay increase for elected officials. What began as a letter to the editor and a little ad in a weekly paper denouncing the pay-increase, quickly bloomed into a full-scale protest with dozens of people offering to help petition.

* Union drives were defeated when just a few **Freedom Party** members facing unionization delivered pamphlets opposing unionization among their co-workers at *Eaton's Ltd.* and the *University of Western Ontario*.

These campaigns were accomplished often by just a handful of people, sometimes only one or two people, with assistance from **Freedom Party's** head office.

In addition, other campaigns on larger issues (like Sunday shopping or postal strikes) have received significant coverage, even while no immediate change in the political climate is seen.

Each campaign gathers new members and supporters in your community; an important stepping stone to larger and more far-reaching political campaigns and objectives.

If you see a problem in your community that **you** would like to see attacked, call us at head office -we'd like to help you make it happen!

*Comments,
Aphorisms,
and
Philosophy
of Freedom*

Some selected quotes:

Envy is the basis for democracy.
-George Bernard Shaw, (1930)

Vain hope, to make people happy by politics!
-Thomas Carlyle, (1831)

Man is born free --- and everywhere he is in irons.
-J.J. Rousseau, Social Contract (1761)

*Freedom has a thousand charms to show,
That slaves, howe'er contented, never know.*
-William Cowper, Table-Talk, (1782)

*Who would be free,
themselves must strike the blow.*
-Lord Byron, Child Harold, (1812)

Sir, there have existed, in every age and every country, two distinct orders of men - the lovers of freedom and the devoted advocates of power.
R. Hayne, speech in Congress, (1831)

Every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man.
-Herbert Spencer, (1851)

*I am for those that have never been master'd!
For men and women whose tempers have never been mastered,
For those whom laws, theories, conventions,
can never master.*
-Walt Whitman, As I Sat Alone (1856)

If I want to be free from any other man's dictation, I must understand that I can have no other man under my control.
-W.G. Sumner, (1883)

Mankind is tired of liberty.
- Benito Mussolini, 1923

There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
-Luke II, I, the Bible

Reprinted below is an editorial on Fitzgerald's campaign from the *Welland Evening Tribune*.

THE ENVIRONMENT



Among others, we care

City slow to react

So untreated sewage is entering the Welland River from a pipe at McMaster Avenue, so what? And who cares?

Barry Fitzgerald, 491 Deere St., cares. Cares enough to write Environment Minister Jim Bradley about the matter. Cares enough to write a letter to the editor, urging people to take an interest in environmental issues such as this.

Fitzgerald's own interest did not go by unnoticed or unrecognized. Bradley responded with a letter of his own — commending the Wellander for his interest in environmental issues and assuring him that the problem would be resolved, and soon.

Discharge entering the river from McMaster Avenue isn't an overnight problem. As Bradley says in his letter, it "has a long history" — one which, it would seem, has been neglected by the city, which seems to have been slow to act to rectify the problem.

Bradley told Fitzgerald the Ministry of the Environment and the city have had negotiations on the issue. The ministry, it seems, requested connection of the sewer outfall to the Welland Water Pollution Control Plant because the

discharge into the river was contrary to the Environmental Protection Act.

Bradley explained the negotiations were fruitless, the connection had not been made and ministry staff recently recommended the city be ordered to make the connection.

"The order is presently being finalized," Bradley wrote.

The city is now taking steps to correct the problem and it will be about two months before the required connection is made and the problem rectified, the city's engineer said. Fortunately, the discharges pose no danger to health but still, the concentration of sewage in waste entering the river is higher than ministry guidelines allow.

There may be mitigating circumstances on the city's side but still, we think it unfortunate that an order from the ministry of the environment was needed to spur some action.

From our vantage point, the municipality has ended up with some rather embarrassing egg on its face. For example, why has the issue come to light as the result of Fitzgerald's letter to Bradley and the minister's letter of reply?

We think this ought to be given a full airing in council chambers tomorrow so the story is known in its entirety.

The Evening Tribune

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WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION CRITIQUED

On Wednesday, April 19 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Hamilton, William Frampton (Metro Region Vice-President) and Barry Fitzgerald (President, Welland-Thorold C.A.) made a joint presentation to the Committee on Resource Development. The subject? *Bill 162, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.*

In their presentation, they condemned all proposed revisions in Bill 162, including the fundamental aspects of the bill that violate the Constitution, that allow prejudice and bias to be integral to every Workers' Compensation decision, and that incorporate irresponsible aspects of a "no-fault" philosophy to influence settlements.

Citing the fact that the original *Workmen's Compensation Act* of 1914 has already been amended fifty-six times, Fitzgerald and Frampton argued that *Bill 162* still does not address the fundamental flaws of the Act that have been present since it came into effect. Because the present system is based on the premise of collective responsibility, they said, "employers who have exemplary records are held legally accountable through their forced contributions for accidents they did not inflict."

Since some employers are held individually liable for accident claims while others are forced to contribute to

the Accident Fund, regardless of whether their workplaces are safe or hazardous, Fitzgerald and Frampton argued that this was a violation of Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms, which demands equal treatment of all individuals before and under the law.

Among other points raised were the following:

- * that "no-fault is simply another way of saying no-responsibility. It is both unjust and inhumane to compel the innocent to provide compensation for injuries they did not inflict."

- * that both the Act and Bill 162 automatically consider employers to be at fault unless they can establish their innocence. "English common law, upon which most Canadian law is based, has always held that a man is innocent of any charge until he has been proven guilty. ...In placing the onus of proof on the defendant, this turns the whole legal relationship between the parties on its head and is an open invitation to fraudulent claims."

When judged against the yardstick of speedy and humane justice, Bill 162 just doesn't measure up.

- * that the Act violates "the worker's ownership of his own labour. ...If a worker chooses to sell his labour ---which is his own property --- on terms other than those imposed by the Act, the province claims the authority to violate his rights of ownership."

- * that the Act's 'hearing process' is fundamentally biased. "The structure and composition of the Tribunal all but guarantees that it will not be impartial. ...In every Appeal that is heard, at least two of the three members have a definite interest in the outcome. ...How can justice be served without impartiality?"

Employers who have had exemplary records are held legally accountable through their forced contributions for accidents they did not inflict.

- * that Bill 162 can force reinstatement and "provides for overriding agreements already in force. ...It would be quite possible, under this Bill, for the board to require a worker who injured himself and his co-workers through carelessness to be reinstated. Who would want to work alongside such a person? Yet the employer would be compelled to take him back and in so doing make the workplace more hazardous!"

"Something that is bad in theory can never be good in practice," concluded Frampton and Fitzgerald. "When judged against the yardstick of speedy and humane justice, *Bill 162* just doesn't measure up. Therefore we say to you, ladies and gentlemen, take this bill back to the legislature and do your work over again."

Copies of their original submission are available for \$1. Write: Freedom Party of Ontario, P.O. Box 2214, Stn. A, LONDON, Ontario, N6A 4E3.

FREEDOM PARTY

needs constituency associations formed in

Ottawa, Mississauga, Toronto, Hamilton

and other

Ontario ridings

to effectively field candidates in these areas in the next election, expected sometime in 1991 or before.

If you have just a few hours a week you can devote to the cause of individual freedom, *consider* forming a Freedom Party constituency association in your riding! Freedom Party head office will handle most of the paperwork, you'll have the opportunity to do whatever projects you'd like to work on - with our resources at your disposal. Write or call us for details on getting organized in your community.

"A strong stand against forced bilingualism would be a shortcut to Queen's Park..."

March, 1988

A strong stand against forced bilingualism (Bill 72, Bill 8, and Bill 101 in Quebec) and private school funding would be a shortcut to Queens Park.

Douglas Kennedy
BEAVERTON, Ontario.

EDITOR: How would you explain why the three parties with an opposite stand on both issues are in Queens Park now? Whether we like to admit it or not, forced bilingualism and public (ie., government) funding for schools are largely supported by most voters, mainly because they don't understand the fundamentals behind either issue.

The average voter (ie. the "majority") can be counted on to vote for almost any political policies and programs promise "free" anything (despite the obvious cost such programs incur), and will support almost any law that pretends to enforce "equal rights" --- regardless of whether it actually does or not. Why? Because the average voter still believes that he can get more out of the system than he has put into it. It just isn't so.

Re-educating the public is the *long* way to Queen's Park. If you care to join us for the ride, why not start by ordering some of our buttons *against* official bilingualism? (75 cents). By wearing one, you'll draw questions and inquiries and meet individuals already in agreement with you on the issue. Educating people about individual freedom starts in our own homes and workplaces.

February, 1988

Having read your issues carefully, there are two issues that I do not agree with: (1) abortion, (2) Sunday shopping.

There are certain basic principles that a responsible government has to assume to keep the human race in order. Freedom without responsibility can lead to anarchy.

Since many of the human race disregard the fact of a divine authority as guidelines for daily living, I can foresee many dangers in the liberty portrayed by your party.

Thanks for placing the issues so plainly before me. An intelligent voter is the best guarantee of good government.

Ruth Fidler
WELLAND, Ontario

EDITOR: When it comes to Sunday Shopping and abortion, we believe that freedom without responsibility is what we have now.

A "responsible" government would never force its citizens, against their conscience, to pay for the abortions of others, yet that's what our governments currently do. Freedom Party believes that along with having a personal choice in the matter of abortion comes the responsibility of exercising that choice. That means no one else should have the right to force you to pay for someone else's choices ---including an abortion. So while we wouldn't prohibit the practice, we certainly wouldn't force you to fund it, as the government is doing right now.

Having read your issues carefully, there are two issues that I do not agree with: (1) abortion, and (2) Sunday shopping.

On the matter of Sunday shopping, we can't see why any "responsible" government would treat an honest businessman or retailer like a criminal just because he wants to peacefully exercise the right to his own property. The responsibility of owning or maintaining property belongs to the people who own the property --- not to governments or voters. A responsible government protects private property rights, it doesn't violate them.

The responsibility of maintaining and operating property belongs to the people who own the property ---not to governments or voters.

We agree that a "responsible" government has to adopt *basic* principles to keep the human race *peaceful*; that's why Freedom Party has adopted those principles. They state that "Every individual, in the peaceful pursuit of personal fulfillment, has an absolute right to his or her own life, liberty and property." In other words, it's the government's job to administer justice and to keep the peace by protecting each individual from having the opinions and choices of others forced upon him. Where's the "danger" in that?



February, 1989

I thought you might like to add the following to your Freedom Party Calendar:

"First Banned Book Hall of Fame established (Feb. '89) at Halifax, Nova Scotia, by libertarian activist, David Morgan, to protest government censorship of books."

Keep up the good work, and we'll have freedom in our time!

David Morgan
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia

March, 1989

What a fantastic calendar! We always look forward to it reaching us, and we have always wanted to do something like this ourselves with *Mises* being the focal point but we realize how time consuming it must be.

And with such last minute delays with typesetters, writers, printers, etc., it's easy to miss things you wouldn't otherwise. One of our students asked me to mention to you in the April month's blurb that *Hayek's* name is misspelled. You have *Frederick* when the name should be spelled *Frederich* A. Hayek, that is, unless the former is an acceptable alteration of his name in Canada.

Thanks again for thinking of us! Good luck in all you do in fostering Austrian economics.

Norma Marchman
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LUDWIG VON MISES INSTITUTE
BURLINGAME, California

EDITOR: Touche! *Frederich* it is.
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"In (your calendar) there is a disparaging remark about Ayn Rand and her role in the H.U.A.C. of 1947..."

April, 1989

Your Freedom Flyer is getting more sophisticated. I like it. I especially liked the clear statement of purpose by (FP Action Director) Marc Emery of his reasons for going to jail. I like the June 7 addition to your Canadian calendar. Do you realize that you are making London, Ontario famous?

(Although I have recently moved from Ontario to Alberta), I consider the fate of Ontario's Freedom Party to be a turning point in the history of Canada, and an investment there is a good investment for all Canadians. Please keep me as a subscriber.

I also like your letters column. Beware it doesn't get taken over by intellectuals.

John Cossar
CALGARY, Alberta

EDITOR: That's funny; we thought the column already was taken over by intellectuals. Thanks for joining the crowd.

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April, 1989

I am writing to comment on your Calendar of Individual Freedom, two copies of which I bought for 1989.

While reading through the months, I was quite impressed until I read the caption for October 20, 1989. In both the American and Canadian versions there is a disparaging remark about Ayn Rand and her role in the House Un-American Activities Committee of 1947. In both captions you state that she was "aware" that her testimony would harm movie industry creators, or that people were being punished for un-American activities. I would very much like to know how you decided to include such an unprovable assertion in your calendar. Did Ayn Rand tell you or someone else this? I doubt it. So how can you assert what she was or was not aware of?

The caption asserts that the Committee was looking at socialist activities. It is my understanding that the concerns were with communists. Now while I would not for a moment suggest that the state has any business telling anyone what they may think or say about anything, one must remember that the communists are the most malignant of the collectivist-statist forces.

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Their goal in general is the eradication of freedom in any form, and in particular the destruction of the one country that serves as the last bastion of the political realization of that concept. With that in mind, why shouldn't the government work to see where communists are at work and what their activities are? I have no objection to anyone expressing any viewpoint, but when they try to impose it on me, I would hope my government would protect me.

I had looked forward to putting these calendars up in my office and at home, but to date they remain and will remain unused.

I was led to believe that your party was founded on the principles of Objectivism, and based on some other quotes of Ayn Rand in the calendar, you appear to have at least an inkling as to how important her ideas are to the cause of freedom. So why the cheap shot? It is something I would have expected from a Libertarian organization; while they love to plagiarize her thoughts, particularly those on politics, they incessantly snipe at her for perceived or imagined flaws.

I had looked forward to putting these calendars up in my office and at home, but to date they remain and will remain unused. It is regrettable that an otherwise constructive project would be impaired by such a petty comment.

Michael Aubrey, M.D.
NEWMARKET, Ontario

EDITOR: Your understanding that the Committee's concerns were with communists is correct. In fact, it was an error we discovered and corrected between the printing of our U.S. edition (which was printed earlier) and the Canadian edition where you will find we deleted the word "socialists" and the corrected caption reads: "Ayn Rand testifies to House Un-American Activities Committee, aware such information will harm various movie industry creators (1947)"

It appears that October 20, 1947 was a bad day for Ayn Rand herself, not just a bad day in the history of freedom.

But no "cheap shot" was intended. In fact, by her own admission, it appears that October 20, 1947 was a bad day for Ayn Rand herself, not just a bad day in the history of freedom.

According to Barbara Branden's biography of Rand (*Passion of Ayn Rand*, Doubleday & Co. Inc., 1986): "Friends were later to observe that Ayn appeared to have uncomfortably mixed feelings about both the committee's validity and her own appearance before it. ... 'The hearings were a disgusting spectacle', Ayn was to say in contempt when she spoke of them in later years; Ayn would say 'The whole thing is an ugly, unpleasant memory for me. I disliked being there, I disliked the attitude of most of the committee, I disliked the futility of most of the

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conservatives --- they had no idea how to fight an *intellectual* battle --- and I was furious. I couldn't do what I went there to do.' "

According to Branden, and contrary to popular opinion, it was not only the "unfriendly" witnesses who were subjected to Hollywood blacklists, but "friendly" witnesses as well: (Our response continues on next page)

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"Many of them were told, tacitly or openly, that co-operation with the committee would be professionally damaging to them. When an acquaintance of Ayn congratulated her on her courage in agreeing to testify, she replied, 'I'm not brave enough to be a coward. I see the consequences too clearly.' "

Of course, Rand was speaking of the *philosophical* and *political* consequences, apparently not of the consequences her testimony could have on potentially innocent individuals.

We refer you to pages 199-203 of Barbara Branden's book for a complete accounting of the event, including several additional references by Rand herself.

We should mention that the fact we chose to highlight this date as a "bad" day in the history of freedom was not intended as a reflection of Ayn Rand's ideas or philosophy. It was a "bad" day for everyone involved, and serves as an example of the type of committees that should be avoided and condemned.

The lesson to be learned by the experience was the opposite of what you suggest --- that the government should "work to see where communists are at work and what their activities are." As Rand herself concluded: "It was a very dubious undertaking. ...If their focus was to expose communism, it had to be done ideologically --- but it's improper for a government agency to do it."

Like those who refuse to support Freedom Party on the basis of one or two issues on which they disagree, consider the obstacle you have placed in your way when it comes to advancing those ideas you do agree with.

Whether you find our responses to your concerns adequate, we find it

regrettable that on the basis of a single entry in our Calendar(s) of Individual Freedom you have chosen to disregard the hundreds of other entries with which you stated you were "quite impressed". *Why?*

Like those who refuse to support Freedom Party on the basis of one or two issues with which they disagree (while agreeing with virtually every other issue and platform), consider the unnecessary obstacle you have placed in your way when it comes to advancing and supporting those ideas and issues you *do* agree with. Unless your disagreement is *fundamental* in nature (ie. a disagreement based on principle or philosophy), what possible benefit is achieved by such action?

We can't think of any. So before the year is out, we hope you'll follow through with your original plans to place the calendars in your home and office. They were *intended* to create controversy and discussion. If you throw out the baby with the bath water, the baby might die.

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