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socialism: (1) the theory or system of the ownership and operation of the means of production and distribution by society or the community rather than by private individuals, with all members of the community sharing in the work and the products; (2) in communist doctrine, the stage of society coming between the capitalist stage and the communist stage, in which private ownership of the means of production and distribution has been eliminated.

--- Webster's Twentieth Century Dictionary

OPENERS... ..by ROBERT METZ

SOCIALISM 101

...From the Frying Pan... Into the Fire!

(Mr. Metz is president and leader of Freedom Party)

"So what's wrong with socialism?" is a question that I've been asked more than once since the majority election of Bob Rae and his socialist New Democratic Party.

Normally, an inquisitive question of this nature would not bother me, but the people who ask me this most often are invariably those who voted for socialism. So now it bothers me. Suddenly, the urgency that more of us learn to recognize socialism and its self-destructive consequences has become clear.

Sad but true, on September 6, 1990, an official majority of Ontario voters finally got angry and frustrated enough with their lack of options at the polls to push all of us from the frying pan into the fires --- of *socialism* --- regrettably the only direction available to those who vote on the "vote *against*" principle. Though polls showed that voters saw high taxes as the number one election issue, in "protest" against the suddenly unpopular Peterson government, they nevertheless voted for the one party that repeatedly promised them it would raise taxes and increase government spending: the New Democratic Party of Ontario.

Now, when it comes to raising taxes and increasing government spending, I have every

confidence that the New Democrats will honor their election commitments, just as their two predecessors, the Liberals and the Conservatives, so faithfully did during their respective reigns. After all, the September 6 Ontario election has produced no real change in government at Queen's Park --- merely a change in the major players. The leader whose party has long been the philosophical guiding light for the policies instituted by Conservatives and Liberals has merely assumed his proper role, one that offers the recognition due him. Meet Bob Rae --- Ontario's first *official* socialist head of government.

Like it or not, socialism's face is about to become much more visible in Ontario, even though most voters still aren't quite sure just what "socialism" is or why they should be bothered by it. To them, socialism is just some nebulous label that politicians use to belittle one another (even though they may all behave the same and pursue the same policies), and thus "socialism", as an *understandable concept*, has little or no relevance to the average voter's daily concerns and daily life.

But socialism *is* real, and like a slow growing cancer that ultimately destroys its host, socialism will ultimately destroy any society that practises its immoral policy of continually robbing Peter to pay Paul. It matters not how "well-meaning", "sincere", or "visionary" socialist ideals purport to

be; the fact of the matter is that it is the *coercively redistributive nature* of socialism (as opposed to the dynamically free and creative nature of capitalism) that makes socialism an economic, political, and social evil.

SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH SOCIALISM?

Socialism is the political application of the philosophy of *egalitarianism*. Socialist "equality" does *not* mean "equality before the law" (which is the capitalist interpretation of equality) --- it means the precise opposite. It means equality of *result*. It means that those who work hard, take risks, and produce the goods, services, and products upon which a society's survival depends, must be punished to the degree of their success, while those who do not fit into the productive class (for whatever reason) are to be rewarded by sharing in the products they had no part in creating.

To many, socialism sounds like the "workers' paradise" espoused by Marx and Lenin --- a world where "need" will ultimately be eliminated and where effort will no longer be required to sustain oneself. But socialism is the classic example of a plan that "looks good in theory but doesn't work in practice", because *socialism has never worked anywhere its been tried*. It is a *short-term* political system

that depends upon taxing the populace to the point of subsistence and borrowing against the future to produce a temporary illusion of a society that can exist without effort.

Pragmatically, socialism amounts to little more than a highly-organized and bureaucratized political effort to self-destruct. Of course, self-destruction is never the stated *intention* of socialism, but because *socialism is based on false principles*, self-destruction can be the *only possible* result.

Economically, socialism is functionally illiterate, relying solely on state coercion to confiscate the earned wealth of some for the unearned benefit of others. "Thou shalt not steal" and "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods" are two commandments routinely violated by socialism --- and elevated to the point of virtue.

True socialists view successful and prosperous people as "exploiters" --- of labor, of the environment, of the poor, whatever --- and hold them morally responsible for whatever unpleasant or unfortunate conditions others may find themselves in from time to time, simply on the grounds of comparing economic incomes. With their redistributive mentalities, socialists do not understand that success and prosperity can only be *earned* (i.e., voluntarily on a free market) and that their endless coercive programs of wealth distribution and rights distribution do more harm than good --- particularly

to those they pretend to help.

For socialists, business and enterprise exist primarily for the purpose of creating jobs and providing a tax base for government spending and welfare, not for the capitalist purpose of creating affordable products and services for as many people as possible. Socialists hate "the bottom line", and fear the responsibility that a "bottom line" would impose on them.

Being parasitic in nature, socialism is forced to cling to capitalism, recognizing that without the creative and productive energies of capitalism, socialism will have no wealth to redistribute. Consequently, "progressive" socialists now advocate the "mixed-economy", a euphemism to justify the parasitic relationship between socialism and capitalism, between totalitarianism and freedom.

Morally, socialism is mob rule. Socialists believe that any matter of human concern is fair game for the political "vote", and that the protection of individual rights, particularly private property rights (i.e., protection *from* mob rule), amounts to one of the two extremes of either "fascism" or "anarchy".

True socialists do not believe in *freedom of choice*, even though they frequently abuse the term; what they really believe in is *free choice*. "Abortions should not only be permitted legally," argue socialists, "but they should be paid for by taxpayers." Which in practice means: forcing

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people who may find abortion offensive and immoral to pay for the abortions of others. So goes the tired collectivist ethic. Freedom with responsibility is simply out of the question for socialists, since that would mean capitalism; socialists want freedom *without* responsibility.

If socialists fear the "bottom line" in business and economics, then you can bet that they're terrified at hearing the "bottom line" on *socialist philosophy and ethics*. Because the bottom line is this: **Socialism advocates and implements the use of force (i.e., totalitarianism) to achieve social and political ends; it despises voluntarism and consent (i.e., freedom) as a means to achieve those ends.**

Nothing could illustrate this more clearly than the socialist attitude towards welfare. Socialists want government to be the *first* agency of resort, rather than the last. Socialists decry the existence of food banks and cite the failings of capitalism as the cause for their necessity. Yet, a food bank *is* a *capitalist response* to poverty and helping the needy. How can socialists possibly justify, at a time when government welfare spending has reached an all-time high, spending even more tax dollars on welfare --- simply to replace a non-coercive, voluntary system of welfare aid that is already directly responding to a community need? The answer is simple: they can't.

You see, it's not the plight of the needy and disadvantaged that disgusts socialists when they see a food bank. It's the idea that *capitalism is doing the job that socialism can't*. Make no mistake about it. It's pure envy we're looking at, not a concern for the poor, when socialist politicians talk about eliminating private responses to public needs.

"People are poor", preaches socialism, "because greedy capitalists have been exploiting them for untold centuries." Not only is this simply not true, it's been my experience to observe that for the most part, people are poor not because of what others have done "to" them, but because of what they haven't done for themselves.

"Poverty", as such (i.e., a lack of material wealth), is the natural state of social existence simply because it requires no effort to achieve it. Poverty is certainly not caused by those who choose to elevate themselves above it. (However, poverty does become *visible* when there is wealth created with which to compare it; it is the visibility factor that causes perception-bound socialists to view the creation of wealth by some as the cause of poverty by others.) Contrary to socialist redistributive dogma, the elimination of poverty can only come about through the creation of wealth, which requires intelligence, initiative, risk, effort, hard work --- *and a response to public need that no government could ever dare to match.*

To illustrate the socialist mentality towards poverty, consider, for example, two castaways on a deserted island, Peter and Paul. While Paul chooses to wait to be "saved", Peter plants a garden, builds a hut, and saves his produce for harder times. Begrudgingly, Peter shares some small percentage of his produce to keep Paul from starving, but gives Paul no more than is necessary to save him from starvation. Paul has no hut, no stored food, and no means of production (i.e., a garden) to produce more food.

Now, a socialist would view this situation and the first thing he would see would be an economic disparity --- *inequality!* "Good grief! Peter is wealthy while Paul exists in poverty! And poor Paul must rely on *charity* for his subsistence! A social injustice!"

So instead of properly condemning Paul for failing to take responsibility for his own survival, a socialist would morally condemn Peter for being productive, and for not being concerned enough with the plight of Paul. It is understandable that socialists must do this. In order to justify robbing Peter to pay Paul, it is important that socialists morally denigrate Peter. After all, robbing Peter *for his virtue* might even offend a socialist! Thus, *it is a pre-requisite of socialism that productivity and the creation of wealth be viewed in a negative moral light.*

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Is it any wonder that socialism is a failure both in theory and in practice?

BOB RAE IS A SOCIALIST:

Try as he might, NDP premier Bob Rae cannot long avoid the public recognition that he is even more a socialist than his Liberal and Conservative predecessors and that socialism is the road away from freedom and prosperity, not towards it.

Lord knows, he's certainly been hard at work trying to allay public fears of socialism, mainly by trying not to *appear* socialist and by publicly distancing himself from the philosophy that so obviously motivates him. With the help of a media that is as blind to socialism as is the general public, Rae may even have some degree of success in maintaining his illusion of being a "moderate" --- for a while.

But you can bet that Rae's agenda will continue to be a socialist one, even though he has assured Ontarians that an NDP government will not proceed to implement its policies in a "revolutionary" manner, and you can bet that we'll all be paying the price.

"Contrary to what alarmists predict," says a September 29 *London Free Press* newspaper feature on the NDP transistion to power, "we're likely to see only a gradual change in the province's political landscape. After all, Rae is a moderate and democratic socialist --- not a revolutionary."

So what? Isn't it obvious that Rae doesn't *have* to be a "revolutionary" to implement socialist policies? He simply has to continue the work already begun by the two political giants who preceded him: Liberal Premier David Peterson and Conservative Premier Bill Davis, whose lack of philosophical integrity and principle made them totally vulnerable to the false allure of socialism's promises. After all, it's not a "revolutionary" approach that is to be feared (since revolution is a much slower process than most suspect, and is precisely what we've been experiencing in this country today) --- it is socialism itself that is to be feared.

But Ontarian's do *not* fear socialism, simply because they do not know how to recognize it, having lived in the mixed economy of socialism's shadow for many many years now. Ironically, they have been conditioned to blame all the failings of our social system on the only part of it that still works ---- the capitalist part, and to credit our still relatively high standard of living on that part of our social system that seeks to destroy our standard of living --- socialism.

As you can see, a "mixed" economy leads to a "mixed-up" understanding of which political system *does* work (capitalism) and which one doesn't (socialism). But voters are not entirely to blame. In this respect, much of the blame must be accepted by our media, since the information it gives to voters only serves to confuse them

even further. A typical example of failing to identify the distinguishing characteristics of socialism is to be found in the same newspaper article to which I have already referred:

LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES ARE SOCIALISTS TOO:

"There is an obvious diversity under the grand umbrella of socialism, which flowered during the massive dislocations caused by the Industrial Revolution," continues the *Free Press* newspaper feature belatedly titled *Turning Left*. "Common threads include egalitarianism and collectivism (the antithesis of capitalism's individualism and acquisitiveness), policies to address the inequities produced by capitalism, and intervention in the marketplace by public ownership and/or regulation."

What David Mauchan, the author of the article, fails to include under his "diversity under the grand umbrella of socialism" is this: Liberals and Conservatives. Without exception, both advocate "egalitarianism and collectivism"; both support policies to address the "inequities produced by capitalism", and both support "intervention in the marketplace by public ownership and/or regulation". Ontario is *not* a "capitalist" province that has suddenly "turned left" in its ideology; Ontario "turned left" over half a century ago. What Mauchan should have been asking himself was this: how have Liberals and

Conservatives managed to avoid being labelled socialist for this long?

Ironically, Rae has already made it a point to remind delegates to the Financial Post's Business Outlook 1991 conference, in response to "fear-mongering" from conservative elements, that previous Ontario Liberal and Conservative administrations borrowed heavily from NDP social policy platforms during minority governments over the past two decades. And Nelson Wiseman, a political scientist at the University of Toronto commented, "I think what's going to surprise people here is not how different the (NDP) government is, but how broadly similar it is to other governments."

In more ways than one. Considering Rae's promise to guard against political arrogance, I cannot conceive of any statement more arrogant than the one he uttered in the September 17 issue of *Maclean's* magazine.

In a moral condemnation of the very business community upon whom all of his own policies depend, Rae declared: "I feel that business has never done a terrific job of living up to its social responsibility. I know I am going to get a lot of lectures from business about the way the world works. Let me return the favor and say that if the business community would come up with some solutions to some of the major social problems of the day, there would be grounds for a

real dialogue. The view that governments can do things about poverty and social problems while business is occupied solely with its own bottom line is too narrow a vision. That is something that needs to change."

Rae's comments actually go *beyond* simple arrogance --- they admit to the inherent failure of socialism and to the inherent success of capitalism. To suggest that business, that sector of society which already pays the largest chunk of taxes in this country --- taxes that governments spend to "do things about poverty and social problems" --- should not be concerned "solely with its own bottom line" is a suggestion beyond the ludicrous. If anything, Rae's putting the pressure on to make business even more concerned with protecting its bottom line. How does Rae expect business to continue supporting taxes without occupying itself with the bottom line? How else can business pay the taxes, the employees, the creditors, the bankers?

In a classic display of Orwellian "doublethink", Rae is boldly telling the business community that it has "nothing to fear" from his government, yet he has promised higher taxes, increased minimum wages, forced pay equity, a minimum corporate income tax, and the provision of "anti-scab" legislation, not to mention his ludicrous suggestion that business should be less concerned with

its bottom line. There is absolutely no connection between Rae's ideas and the concretes necessary to implement them.

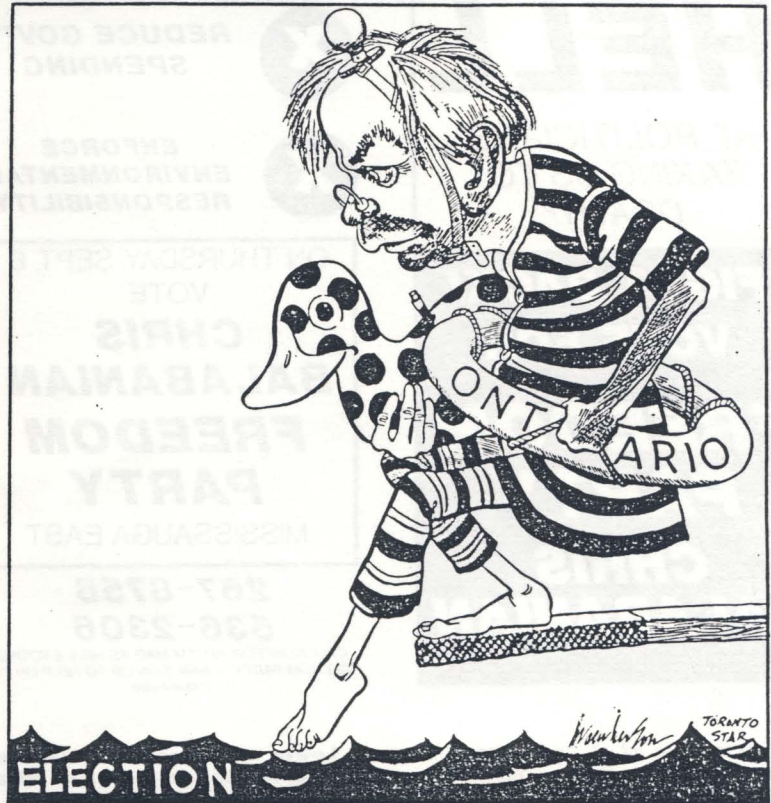
Indeed, Rae just may get what he wants; if he carries out his threat (or rather, follows through with his political promises), businesses *will* have to become concerned with "poverty and social problems" --- their own!

Like all socialists, what Rae fails to comprehend (or refuses to acknowledge) is that the "bottom line" is the measurement of a business's "social" responsibility. The socialist ideal of putting "people before profits" is a blatant contradiction in terms since people cannot survive without profits. Profit is, after all, the intended consequence of all productive human endeavour. And since governments can only tax the profits of businesses, the advocacy of "people before profits" is ludicrous even from the socialist's myopic point of view. Why on earth would any sane person want to *discourage* the very profits he intends to confiscate? But then, of course, socialism is not a rational system.

Socialism is a political form of self-destructive irrationalism that has always been a part of the philosophy of the New Democrats, but which has also invaded the philosophies of Conservatives and Liberals alike.

ELECTION'90 OVERVIEW

ONTARIO (July 30 - Sept 6, 1990) - Virtually in the middle of his Liberal Party's majority mandate, Ontario premier David Peterson chose to call an early election. With summer opinion polls promising a majority re-election for the Liberals, the election itself became the main issue of the campaign, as voters took it upon themselves to get even with a government that would dare to take such advantage of its position and power. Like the last election that effectively



neutralized the Conservatives, Election'90 became the voter's revenge against the Liberals.

For **Freedom Party**, Election'90 represented the party's third outing in an Ontario general election. **Freedom Party's** first campaign, in 1985 when the party was just one year old, saw three candidates fielded in the three ridings of London, Ontario where the party is headquartered. In 1987, **Freedom Party** fielded nine candidates in the Ontario general election, while the 1990 election saw ten candidates fielded. **Freedom Party** has also been represented in two provincial byelections, both called in 1988. (Comparative vote totals and results of each election and byelection are shown on the chart, "Election Results At A Glance"; coverage and press clippings relating to previous elections are available; just ask for the relevant back-issues of *Freedom Flyer*.)

In the midst of a voter tide that flowed against the Liberals and into the waiting hands of the New Democrats, **Freedom Party's** ten candidates nevertheless managed to increase the party's over-all vote totals and averages, and established a few significant "firsts" for the party.

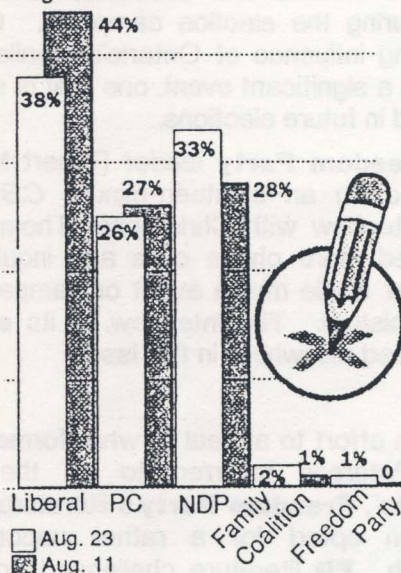
For the first time in our brief history, **Freedom Party** appeared on an advance poll. Commissioned on August 23 by *The London Free Press/Nordex Research*, the poll showed a 1% "decided vote" for

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TALE OF TWO POLLS

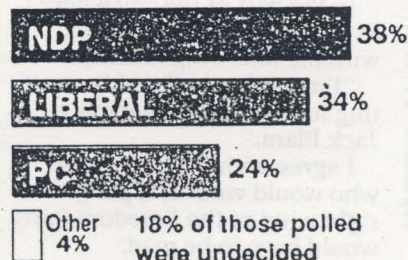
London

Results of The London Free Press/Nordex Research polls of London, conducted Aug. 23 and Aug. 11.



Province-wide

This province-wide Angus Reid-Southam News poll, conducted Aug. 29-30, was released Friday.



Southam News Graphics/The London Free Press

MAD AS HELL

AT POLITICIANS
TAXING US TO
DEATH?

**FIGHT BACK!
VOTE FOR
FREEDOM
PARTY
CHRIS
BALABANIAN**

"If people elect a lot of people from the **Freedom Party**, they'll get less regulations." - (Past) Solicitor General **Joan Smith**, London South MPP, December 27, 1988

THE PROBLEM:

In Ontario today, governments control, regulate, and tax almost everything we do. The average individual in Ontario today has no guarantee of protection from governments and politicians.

Other political parties don't seem to have a problem with this sad state of affairs; they actually think that the solution to what ails Ontario today is even more controls, more government spending, and higher taxes. They all want to ram new regulations, new controls, new "programs" --- and a whole lot of taxes --- down our throats.

No matter how you look at it, **Liberals**, **New Democrats**, and **Conservatives** alike don't have any answers to the problems that plague Ontarians --- **they are the problem.**

A vote for any of them guarantees higher taxes, poorer government services, and an unhealthy economy. Just look at their records.

FREEDOM PARTY HAS A SOLUTION:

Unlike the other parties who are all competing to spend your money, **Freedom Party** will be hard at work, campaigning to keep your hard-earned dollars in your own pocket --- hands off to politicians!

**CHRIS
BALABANIAN**



**LOWER
TAXES**



**REDUCE GOV'T
SPENDING**



**ENFORCE
ENVIRONMENTAL
RESPONSIBILITY**

ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

VOTE

**CHRIS
BALABANIAN
FREEDOM
PARTY**

MISSISSAUGA EAST

267-8758

536-2306

CALL NOW FOR AN "I'M MAD AS HELL & VOTING
FREEDOM PARTY" LAWN SIGN OR TO HELP ON THE
CAMPAIGN!

Lower taxes, reduced government spending, and the protection of private property rights are the keys to a prosperous healthy economy, and to a clean and safe environment.

YOU HAVE A VOTE:

You owe it to yourself to investigate your options. On September 6, you really have only two choices: you can vote for a party of expediency, or you can vote for the party of principle --- **Freedom Party. Vote for a solution;** don't just vote against a problem.

Remember, every promise made by the main political parties comes out of our pockets. Every promise made by **Freedom Party** is a commitment to work hard to keep politicians' hands out of your pockets. And we have a track record to demonstrate that commitment.

But you don't have to accept our word for it. **Make it a point to attend the all-candidates' meetings in your riding.** Compare **Freedom Party's** candidate with the others.

YOU DECIDE:

David Peterson knows that conditions in Ontario will soon get much worse. By calling a late summer election in the middle of his mandate, he has made it clear that he's counting on voter apathy to hang on to his power. He wants you to continue supporting the **Peterson principle** instead of a party of principle.

Let's surprise him. **On Thursday, September 6, vote for Chris Balabanian, Freedom Party's candidate in Mississauga East.**

CHRIS BALABANIAN

Above: Chris Balabanian, FP's candidate in Mississauga East. **At Left:** FP's Election'90 literature message. The same literature, with the appropriate candidate's name, was used in every riding where a FP candidate was fielded.

Bottom: A dissenting opinion, from the editorial pages of the London Free Press.

Freedom Party at the point when the Liberals and NDP were head to head. Another "first" was achieved when Ray Monteith, our candidate in Elgin, managed to break the magical 1000-vote mark, which also made him the first **FP** candidate to pass the 3% vote mark for his riding.

For the first time in Ontario's history, a leadership debate --- for the leaders of Ontario's smaller "fringe" parties --- was staged by *Rogers Cable* in Toronto and broadcast Ontario-wide twice during the election campaign. Given the increasing influence of Ontario's smaller parties, this was a significant event, one that is sure to be repeated in future elections.

Freedom Party leader Robert Metz also appeared on an eighteen-minute *C.B.C. Radio Noon* interview with Christopher Thomas, which generated more phone calls and inquiries than any other single media event or campaign in the party's history. The interview, in its entirety, is reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

In an effort to appeal to what former premier David Peterson referred to as the "cranky electorate", **Freedom Party's** literature and sign campaign opted for a rather unconventional approach. **FP** literature challenged voters who

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Good reason to be mad

In the part of the city where I live, there is an election sign with the following message:

"I'm mad as hell and I'm voting for the **Freedom Party** --- Jack Plant."

I agree with Plant. Anyone who would vote for a party as right wing as the **Freedom Party** would have to be mad.

J. A. D. ATTWELL
London

London Free Press -
September 3, 1990

LONDON AREA CANDIDATES



Name: Jack Plant
Age: 38
Party: Freedom Party
Occupation: firefighter
Issues: opposes excessive taxation, supports Sunday shopping, opposes official bilingualism



Name: Lloyd Walker
Age: 36
Party: Freedom Party
Occupation: supervisor at London manufacturing firm
Issues: reduced taxation, reduction of government, reduced government spending and respect for the environment



Name: Robert Metz
Age: 38
Party: Freedom Party
Occupation: former accountant and president of the Freedom Party
Issues: taxation and government spending



Name: Barry Malcolm
Party: Freedom Party
Age: 35
Occupation: waste water treatment plant operator.
Issues: taxes, balancing the budget, taxing people based on the amount of garbage they generate.

London Free Press - August 25, 1990

Above: The captions above pretty much summarize the total coverage FP candidates received by the London Free Press. Clockwise from top left: Jack Plant, London North; Lloyd Walker, London Centre; Robert Metz, London South; Barry Malcolm, Middlesex.

were "Mad as hell at politicians taxing us to death" to contrast **Freedom Party's** policies with the policies of the major three parties. **FP** Election'90 lawn signs made a statement: "I'm mad as hell and voting **Freedom Party.**"

With **FP** action director Marc Emery in charge of literature and sign distribution, over 100,000 pieces of literature were distributed throughout the ten ridings where **Freedom Party** was represented. Distribution ranged from 5,000 to 20,000 pieces of literature per riding, depending on the number of volunteers available in a riding. To our own surprise, our signs proved to be more popular than expected; supplies ran out almost a week before election day.

Here's **Freedom Party's** 1990 candidate line-up: LONDON NORTH: Jack Plant; LONDON CENTRE: Lloyd Walker; LONDON SOUTH: Robert Metz; MIDDLESEX: Barry Malcolm; ELGIN: Ray Monteith; OXFORD: Joe Byway; WELLAND-THOROLD: Barry Fitzgerald; MISSISSAUGA EAST: Chris Balabanian; HALTON CENTRE: Bill Frampton; DON MILLS: David Pengelly.

Various press coverage relating to each candidate's campaign has been reproduced throughout this newsletter. (Once again, we wish to remind readers we are aware that, due to their

reduced size, many of the articles reproduced in this newsletter may be difficult for some to read; therefore, full-size reproductions are available on request.)

Without doubt, it was those candidates who campaigned in rural areas or in areas where there were plenty of smaller community newspapers who received the best print-media coverage. **Freedom Party** candidates in or near large urban centres received almost no print-media coverage. This situation was particularly evident with the London-area candidates and in Mississauga and Don Mills (Toronto).

A representative sampling of our news coverage has been reprinted in this issue of *Freedom Flyer*. For the most part, the coverage is self-explanatory. Where appropriate or necessary, brief comments may accompany coverage.

One misconception that occasionally appears in print media coverage (and understandably more often in editorials or comments directed against **Freedom Party**) is the perception that **Freedom Party** is "right-wing", despite the fundamental differences between our platform and that of other parties perceived as right-wing. However, given Canada's left-wing political environment, this perception is somewhat understandable. The idea that a political

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MAN WITH A MISSION: RAY MONTEITH

ELGIN VOTERS WAKE UP!

I'm giving you my all!

The three old parties are all the same when it comes to taxing you to death. They all supported Meech Lake, forced bilingualism, forced Sunday closings. Red tape & Bureaucracy.

They promise to do it all for you with more and more taxes. When you vote for any of them, you prove to me that you like state control and higher taxes. Russians are sick of it...wake up before it's too late!

Prove to me that you're sick and tired of the way our government is run.

On September 6, VOTE FOR RAY MONTEITH,
your FREEDOM PARTY candidate in ELGIN.

God Bless.

Monteith claims a victory

Who says losers are always last?

Ray Monteith, the Freedom Party candidate for Elgin finished fourth of four candidates in Thursday's election, but he says he's a winner regardless.

He finished with 1,098 votes, almost double what he received in the 1987 provincial vote. "I said to myself when I started this campaign that my goal was to double my number of votes. Well I did that and I'm just bubbling. I'm delighted. I think people listened to what I said."

Mr. Monteith said he expected the Liberals to take the riding, but he feels comfortable with all three of the mainstream parties.

"I'm thankful for all my support and I'm alive and strong," he said, adding that he'll be back next election. He also may run for the Elgin County Public School Board.

St. Thomas Times Journal - September 7, 1990

Fighting for freedom Monteith's mission

The election signs covering Ray Monteith's lawn convey his feelings about the present state of government in Ontario.

"I'm mad as hell and voting Freedom Party" they shout at passersby.

His son Tim Monteith says the Freedom Party logo is perfect for his father.

"I think he's making a statement that a lot of people would like to make," he says. "I guess he's always been a fighter."

Born and raised in St. Thomas, Ray Monteith admits he was originally a die-hard Progressive Conservative.

But after a number of PC governments came and went Ray changed his mind. When

the Freedom Party emerged in the mid-1980s he decided to get involved.

He thinks there is too much government intervention in the lives of Canadians.

"I believe in the right to choose. There's too much government," he says. "I feel the Russians are clamoring to get out of a police state and we're clamoring to get into one."

Tim says his father is unique in the sense he will stand up for what he believes in despite the consequences.

"When he believes in something he doesn't mind to stand up and be counted," he says.

Friend Lorene Lowes also notes this characteristic about the candidate.

"He's not a yes person at all and he has his own ideas," she says. "He believes in what he believes in."

Though he didn't fare too well during the last provincial campaign, Ray is optimistic about this time around.

He is busy canvassing by himself door to door around St. Thomas. His only helper in the area is Aylmer resident Allen Shelly who distributed some signs.

Former co-worker Leonard Neville met Ray in 1929 when both men worked in the railyards. Mr. Neville says Ray is one of the most honest men he knows.

"He's what you call a real friend I guess, not a fly-by-night friend."

Tim says though he doesn't expect his father to win the election, he is very proud of his efforts.

"I think he's sort of like a voice in the wilderness," he says. "If people stop and listen to what he is saying they would realize he has a very basic grasp of what this country needs to get back on track."

He remembers his father as a very caring person, totally devoted to his four adopted children.

"I don't believe my natural father could have loved me more than he loved me," he says.

Ray and his wife cared for more than 150 children in Elgin County as foster parents.

Miss Lowes says Ray is a



RAY MONTEITH

very loyal person, a strong attribute as a candidate.

"He's a very loyal friend," she says. "He stands by you when you're in trouble."

Ray says his main campaign issues are taxes and seven-days-a-week shopping. He is against what he calls "forced bilingualism".

St. Thomas Times Journal

Ray Monteith Freedom Party

Governments are exercising dictatorship like power over our highways; they control and regulate where the roads go; how they are built; when and how they are repaired; they strictly limit the speed on our highways; they tax our gasoline exorbitantly; they force us to have special insurance to drive; they set all the rules even though

government is rarely a diligent caretaker of responsibilities.

Government always avoids responsibility. The proper job of the courts is to determine responsibility. So here we have the government, which has a monopoly on the rules regarding speed, cost, fuel, roads, insurance; and a government that has the monopoly and sets the rules on

The Weekender

Ray Monteith Freedom Party

Ontario needs an impartial judge when assessing damage to property by pollution or neglect.

Yet, the biggest polluters in Ontario are Ontario Hydro and the Ministry of Natural Resources, both government agencies. Being the main polluter, should government itself set the rules that allow it to turn a blind eye to the damage it causes, and then make us pay exorbitant taxes to pay the bill?

We now have a \$5 tax on every tire sold, supposedly to provide for tire recycling. Yet, not a dime has been spent on tire recycling and we have already been looted for \$45 million on this tax.

The Liberals, PCs, and NDP members of Queen's Park are, by and large, self-serving opportunists who have their political futures in mind (how many ever turn down Senate

appointments or government jobs after they've finally left or been booted out of office? Look at Ed Broadbent, for example.), so you cannot expect sincere care for our province from them.

Private property owned by citizens and private conservation groups will protect our wilderness lands, government, with its ornery political agenda, cannot. We at the Freedom Party say "privatize, privatize and privatize some more" ... and this way we will have accountability and responsibility. When property is privately owned, it is maintained. When it is government 'owned', it is polluted, damaged, neglected, over-logged, fire-damaged, fished out, not swimmable and often undrinkable.

Government is not the solution, it is the problem.

the courts. Is it any wonder both our roads and courts then are in disastrous shape at this point in time? Is it any wonder that it costs twice as much for gas in Ontario as it does in Michigan? That court settlements take years, because governments have too many laws no one can interpret and too many lawyers in parliament rewarding their fellow lawyers with employment in the courts. It seems that the cost of justice in Ontario is too high, thanks to lawyers and politicians, and so the Peterson principle of political expediency kicks in when a crisis comes to a head.

The problem of no-fault is not just with car insurance. That, of course, is wrong. But the whole Peterson government mentality is to avoid individual responsibility, and place the blame on everybody. "It's everybody's problem" is government's answer to any problem in the economy, environment, taxes, etc. But individual responsibility is just that: individual. The Peterson principle of no-responsibility is perhaps reflects his own government's moral character, but it does not mesh with us here at Freedom Party. No-responsibility is no-justice. No-fault is no-responsibility. Freedom Party believes each individual is accountable for their actions, and our justice system must mirror our philosophy of individual choice, individual responsibility.

ELECTION

NOTEBOOK

ELGIN FORUMS:

In St. Thomas, the Freedom Party's Ray Monteith was the spark Wednesday night at the riding's first all-candidates forum.

"In short, hoping government will do anything right is fantasy," Monteith concluded in his speech to about 75 people. At times, even his three competitors broke into laughter.

On the structure and financing of post-secondary education, the populist candidate said "we would change the system completely upside down." Later, he said he agrees with pay equity because it makes women equal to men. "Men have too much control," he said to an outburst of claps and hoots. "It's all to one side."

Monteith and company meet

again today in Elgin's second all-candidates meeting, set for 8 p.m. at Southwold Public School.

ELGIN KNOCK:

Elgin's Freedom Party candidate says the Ontario government, Attorney-General Ian Scott and the St. Thomas police force owe a city car dealer "an apology."

Ray Monteith said Bob Stollery of Eastway Ford Ltd. should never have been prosecuted in 1989 for illegally opening on Sundays. "I'm for Sunday shopping ... and that law" should never have been in place.

Since Stollery was fined \$19,000 for breaking the law, the Ontario supreme court has ruled that it is unconstitutional to force stores to close on Sundays.

(ELECTION '90 OVERVIEW...cont'd)

philosophy like **Freedom Party's** might be *outside* the traditional left- and right-wing spectrum tends to be beyond the limited political knowledge and experience of most. This leaves them in the trap of seeing issues *only* in terms of "left" and "right" (both variants of government control), rather than in terms of individual freedom of choice versus state control.

Lower taxes was the key issue promoted by **Freedom Party** candidates during Election '90. **FP** literature stressed that "Unlike the other parties who are all competing to spend your money, **Freedom Party** will be hard at work, campaigning to keep your hard-earned dollars in your own pocket --- hands off to politicians! Lower taxes, reduced government spending, and the protection of private property rights are the keys to a prosperous healthy economy, and to a clean and safe environment."

For more background on these and other issues, as well as more information on the candidates, readers are encouraged to peruse the articles reproduced in this newsletter. More updates will follow in future issues of *Freedom Flyer*.

At Left, Above, Below: A sampling of newspaper coverage of Ray Monteith, FP's candidate in Elgin. Monteith's final vote count came in at 1104, breaking the 3% vote-mark for Freedom Party for the first time.

Ray Monteith Freedom Party

Any labor cost that is not the result of increased productivity is a cost borne by the consumer. So if the government orders wages up, who pays? All businesses must pass their costs on to the consumer, whether it is equity laws or corporate taxes; they are all reflected in the price we pay at the stores.

A higher standard of living is obtained by increased productivity with a reduction in costs, that is why the standard of living is rising in the far east, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Germany, even slowly but surely in Hungary, and as it will in Poland and East

Germany, because they are producing more while reducing their costs, and their governments are not going into debt.

But a disease has struck North America, where we want it all, but we don't want to earn it. Our governments are in huge, catastrophic debt (financed by thrifty Japanese, German, Arab lenders!), our labor costs are out of whack, our productivity is pale by other industrial producers, and we are still unwilling to face facts.

Government worker-welfare programs like Pay Equity destroy our productivity

because they perpetuate the illusion we can legislate prosperity, rather than produce it. Ontarians continue to look at government to improve their standard of living, which is impossible, because governments only redistribute existing wealth, or conjure up (borrowing, inflation) illusory wealth.

They should instead look at increasing their effort in producing superior goods at cheaper prices, otherwise we are all in for a nasty decline in our standard of living! Pay Equity is wrong economically and ethically. Freedom Party would scrap Pay Equity laws.



1990 FREEDOM PARTY VOTE COMPARISONS

RIDING BY RIDING

Following are the election results in the ten ridings where Freedom Party was represented in Election'90. Figures quoted are unofficial. An asterik indicates the incumbent.

London South: David Winniger (NDP) 16060; Joan Smith (Lib)* 10885; Bob Wood (PC) 9313; Paul Picard (FCP) 1300; Robert Metz (FP) 614.

London Centre: Marion Boyd (NDP) 17835; David Peterson (Lib)* 9666; Mark Handleman (PC) 5378; John Van Geldern (FCP) 993; Lloyd Walker (FP) 491; Terry Smart (ind) 272; Isam Mansour (Com) 85; Sidney Tarlton (ind) 71.

London North: Dianne Cunningham (PC)* 17987; Carolyn Davies (NDP) 13944; Steve Buchanan (Lib) 9947; Bob Maniok (FCP) 1091; Jack Plant (FP) 601.

Middlesex: Irene Mathysen (NDP) 12540; Doug Reyecraft (Lib)* 11883; Gordon Hardcastle (PC) 8990; Bill Giesen (FCP) 3965; Barry Malcolm (FP) 895.

Elgin: Peter North (NDP) 13971; Marietta Roberts (Lib)* 9572; Jim Williams (PC) 8900; Ray Monteith (FP) 1104.

Oxford: Kimble Sutherland (NDP) 12684; Jim Wilkins (PC) 9860; Charlie Tatham (Lib)* 9802; John Joose (FCP) 3182; Kaye Sargent (Ltn) 670; Joe Byway (FP) 341.

Welland-Thorold: Peter Kormos (NDP)* 20448; Gord McMillan (Lib) 7556; Cam Wilson (PC) 2864; John Sabados (COR) 878; Barry Fitzgerald (FP) 396.

Halton Centre: Barbara Sullivan (Lib)* 13494; Bob Taylor (PC) 12262; Richard Banigan (NDP) 10163; James Bruce (FCP) 1232; Bill Frampton (FP) 731; Jim Stock (Ltn) 624.

Mississauga East: John Sula (Lib)* 12451; Mike Crune (NDP) 9278; Brad Butt (PC) 8208; Chris Balabanian (FP) 453; Peter Sesek (ind) 135.

Don Mills: Margery Ward (NDP) 9740; Murad Velshi (Lib)* 8994; Nola Crewe (PC) 7365; David Miller (Ltn) 744; Katherine Mathewson (G) 624; Colin McKay (ind) 562; David Pengelly (FP) 413.

ELECTION RESULTS AT A GLANCE

RIDING	1985		1987		1990	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
London South	614	1.27	430	1.01	614	1.61
London Centre	403	1.58	587	1.36	491	1.41
London North*	566	1.49	534	1.34	601	1.37
Middlesex			499	1.46	895	2.34
Elgin			546	1.68	1104	3.29
Oxford					341	0.93
Welland-Thorold**					396	1.23
Mississauga East			767	2.37	453	1.48
Mississauga South			707	2.16		
Halton Centre					731	1.89
Fort York			174	0.83		
Don Mills			475	1.75	413	1.45
TOTALS	1583	1.45	4719	1.55	6039	1.70

* 1988 Byelection: #: 548 %: 1.67

** 1988 Byelection: #: 260 %: 0.90

IN CONVERSATION

With

FREEDOM PARTY LEADER ROBERT METZ

The following radio interview, featuring Freedom Party leader Robert Metz, was broadcast on *C.B.C. Radio Noon* on August 21, 1990, as part of its Election'90 series on the leaders of Ontario's political parties. The conversation that follows has been transcribed verbatim from the *C.B.C.* broadcast. Minor edits, indicated by brackets, have been made in the interest of clarity or continuity.

Hosted by *Christopher Thomas*, and researched by *Mark Mietkiewicz*, the interview proved to be the most objective media coverage received by Freedom Party during the Election'90 campaign. As a media event, it also generated the greatest public response in the party's experience. Here's how it went:

C.B.C.: David Peterson has made reference in this election campaign to a "cranky" electorate. Well, when it comes to the **Freedom Party**, they're not just "cranky" --- they're mad as hell. At least that's what their lawn signs say. Their buttons include phrases like "Don't steal. The government hates competition." The **Freedom Party** hates a lot about government and the role that it plays in our lives.

That anger began to grow for **Robert Metz** when he was an accounting student. Now he is the full-time leader of the **Freedom Party**. They're one of the alternate voices and forces vying for your vote this September 6, and as part of our continuing series on the politics of protest, Robert Metz joined me recently to define his view of the role of government and the definition of freedom...

METZ: Essentially, we look at the purpose of government --- which is what we're running in politics for --- as (an institution necessary) to prevent some people from imposing their choices, their points of view and their will upon other people. Quite to the contrary, what we see today in the political marketplace is lobby groups, interest groups, political parties and various other interested parties all out campaigning to impose *their* point of view on someone else and to hope that the person who "represents" them will do that for them.

So you have people who, for example, may be against Sunday shopping and they want to force people who have no objection to Sunday shopping by denying them their freedom to do so. We could apply this to a number of issues and frankly we think that is *not* what a government is all about. Not in a free society. There are a lot of other kinds of societies.

C.B.C.: What's left to do then, if you don't do anything as the government?

METZ: We do need a system of laws so that we can arbitrate our disputes; that's the essential purpose of a government --- to be the arbiter, not a player in the game. It should be the referee. To that extent, a government's fundamental purpose is to provide a court system to arbitrate those disputes, to provide the necessary mechanisms in place to have police and a general defence system from foreign aggression.

C.B.C.: Can you give me a little bit of your own background, your own history --- what put you on this path?

METZ: That goes back quite a long way. I guess it came from my accounting and banking background. I worked for a large trust company for about eight or nine years and I watched interest rates rise from very low rates to 22% or so, if you recall in the early eighties. I saw businesses fail. I had a chance to visit abroad ---

countries in the Carribean --- and watch what their governments' policies were doing in those countries. And I started putting the pieces together. Mainly --- I started asking questions.

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FREEDOM

- ☐ **Leader:** Bob Metz. Age: 38.
- ☐ **Occupation:** Works full time for the Freedom party.
- ☐ **Party:** Freedom Party of Ontario.
- ☐ **Percentage of vote in last election:** 4,735 votes for 0.1 per cent.
- ☐ **Number of candidates running in this election:** 10.
- ☐ **Comments:**

"What keeps me going," Metz says, "is the fact that every year our membership grows we're having a tremendous influence."



Metz

His party --- which started in London in 1984 --- has about 250 members and holds tight to the belief that government should protect freedoms, not make choices for individuals.

"Now our big No. 1 issue . . . will be taxes and reduced government spending and deficit. These are issues that have to be addressed or we're going down fast," Metz said.

"We pay more and get less and that is the road we're on. We want to reverse that process. We want individual responsibility to be the primary thing the government enforces."

Candidates respond to questions from housing committee

The Elgin County Access to Permanent Housing Committee is made up of social service agencies, community officials, and concerned citizens of the community. The present focus of the committee is to provide community awareness of the housing issue in Elgin County. The committee posed questions to the four candidates in the upcoming election to get their opinion on the issue.

Candidates are Ray Monteith (Freedom Party), Peter North (New Democratic Party), Marietta Roberts (Liberal Party) and Jim Williams (Progressive Conservative Party).

1. Does your Party support programs to provide funding for more non-profit housing allocations in Elgin County? If so, how?

FREEDOM — We do not support government funding for housing. This increases the cost for others who wish to build homes. Lower taxes, so all can afford to build new homes.

NDP — Yes. An NDP government would make a commitment to non-profit housing:

1) By making available excess government lands to churches or social groups.

2) End the chronic underfunding of the non-profit sector by providing for an increased supply of new cooperative and non-profit housing units.

3) We would develop new forms of assisted home ownership for young families.

LIBERAL — The pressures which bear on the current housing market are severe, and in particular, magnify the concerns regarding the availability of homes and apartments for those of low and moderate income. The cost and availability of properly zoned lands; the planning process with its susceptibility to op-



RAY MONTEITH
Freedom Party



PETER NORTH
New Democratic Party



MARIETTA ROBERTS
Liberal Party

position and delay; and the approvals process at the local and provincial levels are but some of the factors which act as impediments to the provision of affordable housing.

Since 1987, a number of non-profit and geared-to-income proposals have been submitted to the provincial government by many different groups in the riding of Elgin. Allocations have been made in Port Stanley, St. Thomas and East Elgin. My support has been very strong for further allocations, still under consideration, from groups in Rodney, Dutton and St. Thomas.

These allocations and proposals were made under the recently announced HOMES NOW program, the largest non-profit housing program in Ontario's history. The program will create 30,000 units, providing housing for approximately 90,000 people over the next three to five years.

PC — Response not available.

2. Does your Party commit itself to

ensuring that low income households will be able to afford adequate housing in Elgin County? If so, how?

FREEDOM — We do not take from one to give to another, but to create opportunities for everyone — lower taxes and red tape.

NDP — Our Party is committed to ensuring that low income households will be able to afford adequate housing through rent control rather than the present system of rent review.

LIBERAL — The Liberal Government has recognized the need for low-income housing and has utilized a number of different programs to provide methods of increasing the housing supply in Ontario.

A number of different individuals and groups have made access to the convert-to-rent program that enables investors to convert unused buildings and homes to apartments and townhouses.

Availability of housing supply, however, is not where the assistance

stops. Through tax reforms like increasing the income payable level for Ontario personal income tax, and reforms to the social assistance programs in the province also provide low-income earners more flexibility to assist them in finding affordable housing.

I am committed to further tax reform and more importantly, social assistance reform which would give low-income earners stronger buying power. These initiatives coupled with more geared-to-income and non-profit housing units in Elgin will go a long way to meeting the need.

PC — Response not available.

3. Is your Party committed to ensuring that 25% of new residential developments in Elgin County will include land reserved for non-profit housing? If so, how?

FREEDOM — No.

NDP — Yes. The general principle guiding ONDP housing programs will be to provide greater subsidies to cooperative and non-profit hous-

ing than to those which allow for the retention of equity or the realization of capital gains. The ultimate goal of such programs will be to take the profit out of housing so that housing can properly fulfill its primary function as accommodation — not a commodity.

LIBERAL — I am very supportive of the Liberal Government's statement on housing and land use released by the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Municipal Affairs on August 23, 1988, which indicates the commitment to develop a 25 per cent affordable guideline and an intensification guideline.

Part of that initiative indicates that municipalities are required to revise official plans and zoning to provide for a wide range of housing forms and types, integrated throughout the community. Of the new housing that is created, an overall component of 25 per cent is to be geared to moderate and low-income families and individuals, at appropriate densities and sizes.

PC — Response not available.

4. Is your Party committed to ensure that the need for affordable, permanent housing is brought to the municipalities in Elgin County? If so, how?

FREEDOM — No, taxes are high enough already. Free enterprise — not state control. Development fees, etc., help to make housing unaffordable.

NDP — Yes. Our Party has stated very clearly that we support programs for non-profit housing through demanding allocations of provincially owned lands to non-profit or affordable housing builders rather than high end or unaffordable developers.

LIBERAL — The greatest impression that could be made on municipalities is for the need for housing to be demonstrated from within their own communities. In Elgin the work of Kiwanians, Lions Clubs, churches and non-profit groups has been very successful in encouraging local municipal support for affordable housing projects. As the provincial government has already indicated, there is a great interest in working in partnership with local municipal councils, community groups and churches. It is very important that a proposed project fit in with the official plan and vision of each community, determined by each community, and I would continue to work as closely as possible with interested groups to try to see their projects proceed, as I have done in the past.

PC — Response not available.

Above: A contrast in policy and philosophy: In a series of questions with an obvious bias towards more government spending and higher taxes, the contrast between the **NDP** and **Freedom Party** is striking. In every instance, the **NDP** is committed to more spending and higher taxes, while **FP** candidate Ray Monteith advocates lower taxes as the means to provide affordable and accessible housing. Significantly, the **Liberal** philosophical response is in tune with the **NDP's**, though the political will and commitment is lacking, while the **PC's** lack of response is symbolic of its answers to the issues.

I confess in my early career, I didn't know the difference between left-wing and right-wing, what a New Democrat was, what a Conservative was, what a Liberal was. By the way, none of them stand for the words their party (uses). But in any case, I started seeing that the ultimate underlying cause of a lot of our financial problems, our economic problems, the lack of services, and ever-increasing taxes, was government policy itself.

not unique to Ontario, or Canada, or Europe, or the United States. It's everywhere.

Wherever governments do not acknowledge and respect the *individual* choices of their individual citizens, you're going to run ultimately into problems.

I honestly believe that if governments were limited to their essential functions, I doubt if we'd see a five to ten percent tax rate across the board — entirely, everything included. All we're doing is giving a licence to politicians to

continually raise taxes. The Peterson government just raised them some thirty odd times, with no accountability for people to have any control over where the money goes.

To the extent that governments continue to force us to pay for various social programs, I think the taxpayer should at least have a right to direct those taxes to the institution of his choice.

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Less government, lower taxes

Your article "Don Mills candidates come out fighting" (Aug. 8/90) was very interesting but I found it a bit short. You did cover the patronage parties very well. Two of the candidates are in favor of big government and higher taxes while the third is in favor of big government and our current level of taxation.

Ontario has the highest level of taxation in the country. Governments take more than half a person's income. Tax freedom day is July 5. This is the first day of the year you get to keep your income, everything before that goes to some level of government. In 1984, tax freedom day was May 24. The Liberals and NDP had a big hand in advancing tax freedom day by 42 days. It is no wonder rents seem high and people are having trouble making ends meet. Governments take half their money.

The recent changes in Eastern Europe have allowed the ordinary person to see the results of big government when taken to its logical

conclusion. What Ontario needs is a return of individual freedom. Government will shrink. Government employees will get jobs producing wealth rather than destroying it. Tax freedom day will be moved back and back instead of ahead and ahead.

Only by returning to individual freedom can we meet the challenges ahead. Only by shrinking our glutted governments can we find prosperity.

David Pengelly
Freedom Party candidate
in Don Mills



DAVID PENGELLY

North York Mirror - September 5, 1990

MST, spending cuts better than GST

THE GOODS AND services tax is not the best way to replace the manufacturers' sales tax. The best way is to cut spending.

The MST is actually advantageous. Since it hurts Canadian companies it cannot be easily increased. At some point, higher rates would drive companies out of business and cost the government money. Increases will be limited.

The GST weighs on the whole economy.

Financial Post - August 9, 1990

Since the government's cost of collecting it does not vary with the rate, it can easily be increased. Those who say public opinion will stop this from happening are dreaming. Public opinion is overwhelmingly against the GST, but the Tories have not yet backed down. Those wanting to see the future can look at the Ontario sales tax, now 8% and on a much wider variety of foods.

In summary, the GST can be easily increased. Doing so will destroy wealth not create it. By stopping the GST we make it harder for the government to waste our money. If we want prosperity we must prevent the government from increasing its income and force it to cut spending.

Refusing to associate with clients as tax collectors and refusing to associate with the government's GST collectors would be a good start. After all, what good is freedom of association if you don't make use of it?

DAVID PENGELLY,
DON MILLS, ONT.

Finally. . . truth in advertising Liberals set up shop in tax office

In Don Mills we are getting some truth in advertising.

The Liberal candidate has his office in the building used by H. & R. Block, which prepares people's tax returns.

The Liberal government has increased taxes 33 times and passed legislation that forced school boards to increase taxes.

The NDP candidate has her office in an old butcher shop. When the NDP has a say, taxpayers really bleed. They after all, helped the Liberals in 1985.

When government takes away half your money there is not much left.

DAVID PENGELLY
Don Mills

Why is NDP interfering in Ontario's trade?

When countries decided to try to end South Africa's apartheid system, they set up a trade embargo to interfere with the free passage of goods. The idea was to destroy South Africa's economy and force the government to change its laws. When Iraq conquered Kuwait, the United Nations set up a trade embargo. The idea was that by interfering with trade they could punish Iraq and force it to withdraw.

Now I see a headline, *Rae vows to ignore free trade deal* (Aug. 25). It appears the NDP wants to interfere with Ontario's trade. This will damage the economy. What have we done that Bob Rae is treating Ontario residents like those of a hostile country?

DAVID PENGELLY
Don Mills

Toronto Star - September 3, 1990

Above: One man campaign: As the lone FP candidate in the Metro Toronto area, David Pengelly knew that the odds of getting media coverage were stacked against him. To solve the problem, he embarked on his own personal media campaign, via letters to the editor, a small sampling of which has been reproduced here.

Freedom Party

Fitzgerald has entered election race

By KEN AVEY
Tribune staff writer

WELLAND — Claiming "the three mainstream parties have not come up with the solutions to Ontario's problems," an Atlas Steels employee has entered the provincial election race.

Barry Fitzgerald, of 491 Deere St., will run in Welland-Thorold Riding for the Freedom Party.

He will face opposition from incumbent MPP Peter Kormos of the New Democratic Party, Don McMillan of the Liberal Party and Cam Wilson of the Progressive Conservatives.



Fitzgerald

"I don't see any of the answers to any of our problems coming from the three parties," said Fitzgerald in announcing his candidacy.

"I think it's time we look for new solutions and I think our party can offer them," he said.

Fitzgerald is one of 10 candidates who will run for the party across Ontario in the Sept. 6 election. He has already started placing campaign signs throughout the city.

Fitzgerald ran for the Freedom party in the 1988 byelection which saw Kormos elected to office.

Will that be cash?

What a waste of \$40 million this election is turning out to be.

Voters are not only paying the cash but their sensibilities are being yanked back and forth by empty rhetoric from carnival-barker politicians.

They worry little about contradicting themselves — screaming on the one hand that current spending is too high while hollering about spending cuts.

The right-wingers, at least are sticking to policy.

Freedom candidate Barry Fitzgerald, a man of few words and fewer supporters, at least stuck to his guns.

And while few people will agree with his policy, one made sense:

"You'll pay. How do you prefer? In the final analysis you're still going to pay."

Words to vote by.

C.B.C.: How would that work?

METZ: Well, in education, you should be able to direct your education taxes to the school of your choice. In health care, if you're going to be paying a health tax, you should be able to direct it towards the hospital of your choice. The same with the welfare agency of your choice.

If the government's going to force me to fork out \$2000, let's say, for welfare, well then I should have a choice where that goes. The government shouldn't be running the welfare agency. I should be able to say, for example, this year I'm going to direct my welfare taxes to, say, the United Way. Next year, or two years down the line I find that they're not spending the money exactly the way I would like to see it better spent. Maybe that year I'll direct it to the Salvation Army. Not only does the taxpayer get control of where his money's going, but he gets to see the results for his money, and there's competition encouraged in those fields. We haven't as yet eliminated the government from the sphere yet, but that's a first necessary step.

C.B.C.: Now take me through the education system, how that would look. If somebody is allowed to devote their education taxes to the school of their choice and that school happens to be perhaps a private school that has written or unwritten barriers to other people, how do you make sure that education is equally accessible?

METZ: Well, there is no such thing as "equally accessible" education. We don't have it today, we've never had it, and certainly under a government system that is impossible.

C.B.C.: Is it an ideal you would believe in?

METZ: No. Absolutely not. Equality is a terrible thing in terms of results. Equality applies to one thing only --- where it's necessary --- and that is to individual rights. We should all have equal individual rights, but that does not mean we make equal choices.

I'm sure everyone's familiar with the analogy that if you start off with 100 people who all had an equal amount of money, by the next day, not two of them would have the same amount of money, because they all make different choices.

C.B.C.: But how do you make sure the education system is accessible to everyone?

C.B.C.: That's how the marketplace works. If there's a demand for a certain school and there's money pouring towards that, that's where you're going to see the development. It's just like it works in shoes, and in food, and in any other area where we're buying and selling or trading commodities and services. Education is a service. Healthcare is a service.

C.B.C.: I still don't understand how you make sure that the kid from the poor area of town gets to go to school.

METZ: There again, if he's given the opportunity to choose the school of his choice, and there's a demand for that school, they will expand in that area. You can't "make sure". What are you asking for? How can you "make sure"? How can I make sure that you're going to supply me with a service I want? You may not want to. So I look elsewhere --- to someone who *does* supply me with the service I want. That's what competition's about.

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Still a long way to go, Patterson says

WELLAND — It's unlikely residents in the Welland-Thorold riding will see Freedom Party candidate Barry Fitzgerald knocking on their door.



Freedom Party's manager
Chris Patterson

It's not that he and campaign manager, Chris Patterson, don't want your vote or aren't committed to the party — they just think there's a better way.

"Other parties meet as many people as possible so that they don't have time to talk about the issues. They'll stand at a plant gate for 15 minutes when 200 people are coming in to work — how much time does that give them to talk to people," Fitzgerald said, as he talked about his campaign strategy.

"Going door-to-door is not a productive way of campaigning, especially in the summertime. We want to meet people where they have time to talk and discuss issues, so we're looking at meeting people in doughnut shops and maybe the malls."

Patterson, who is a student at Queen's University, said he became involved in the Freedom Party after seeing election signs in the 1988 byelection.

"The signs said — free mar-

kets, free minds — so I sent away for more information. I found I agreed with what the Freedom Party said and after I met Barry at a meeting — I decided to get involved. I was impressed with Barry's efforts around the city."

Both men agree the party has a long way to go to make itself known to the electorate and to get Freedom Party candidates elected.

"We're hoping to make more people aware of us, to show them we exist is a major task in itself," Fitzgerald said. "We've found people haven't heard of us, despite our efforts."

"We want the party to grow," says Patterson. "The more votes we get, the more competitive we'll be in the future."

Both say campaigning will be easier when the printed material from Freedom Party headquarters arrives. It recently did.

"We are the other choice in

the continuing high cycle of taxes," Fitzgerald said. "Other parties offer no alternatives in spending. The Liberals have spending plans, but they have to be financed; the Conservatives have complained about Liberal tax increases, yet they now call for a freeze...but we know their freeze can be expected to thaw out at any time. And the NDP's plans to make the rich and the corporations pay are also totally unrealistic in achieving their goals," Fitzgerald said.

"They also offer no real solutions as to how to decrease taxes," Patterson said.

Fitzgerald said the Freedom Party began six years ago in London, Ont., and will field 10 candidates in Ontario's Sept. 6 election.

Fitzgerald was the Freedom Party candidate in the 1988 byelection when he was defeated by incumbent MPP Peter Kormos.

But the more we look at *our* health and education systems, everything's being "equalized". And when you equalize something, you *lower* the standard, you don't raise it. That's just the natural economic consequence of trying to spread out as many dollars to as many people as possible. And it does not work. It's a short-term "solution" to something that will become a major problem in the long-term.

Ultimately, I'd like to see *voluntary* charities have more leeway. I think if a person wants to give money to a voluntary charity, he should take it off the bottom line of his taxes entirely. Why should the government have the right to spend the money and not the individual himself?

C.B.C.: What would the hospitals look like? I mean, would every hospital decide, "Well to meet the competition, we all have to have cardiac units," (or) "To meet the competition we all have to have to have private rooms," or...?

METZ: I get a lot of American stations on my cable at home. And I see hospitals advertising for precisely what you're saying. And I see nothing wrong with that. People have private health insurance. It's not as if you *have* to pay taxes for a hospital. Really you shouldn't. You should have the health insurance to cover it. That is an individual responsibility. If there are a lot of people who don't carry the appropriate health insurance, then the government should direct its efforts strictly at the people who *need* it, not the people who don't.

We practice *universality* in this country. (We must) understand that the main reason for that is so that politicians can get votes. I mean, you're going to be more inclined to vote for a politician who promises *you* something, rather than promising someone else something free at your expense. Therefore, we just deplete the system. We're spending money in our health care system on *routine* examinations, on *routine* things. When you're dealing with a person with a *serious* problem, suddenly he

finds out that there's no money available, because of the intensive amount of money his problem needs. It's all been expended on routine expenses for a lot of other people.

C.B.C.: Listening to you reminds me of some times that I've spent out in California. I'm sure you're familiar with the Proposition 13 phenomenon, when there were major votes on the part of Californians to cut their taxes.

METZ: Yes I am. And unfortunately, it backfired.

C.B.C.: It really did! Boy, they suddenly realized their roads weren't being kept up, their education system fell apart...

METZ: ...because it was a tax protest in isolation. It was strictly a *property* tax protest. When you cut the property taxes --- sure, they got their property taxes cut --- then they weren't getting the services that those property taxes were supposed

to go towards. There was no alternate mechanism for how (to) get these services. And it's just like people today protesting the GST. We might get rid of the GST, but you can bet we're going to get another tax that's a lot worse to replace it.

C.B.C.: So how do you avoid what California discovered by cutting its tax base?

METZ: Well, you have to educate the public to understand what taxes are. Taxes are *not* a payment for service received. The reason we *call* something a tax is because a government legislates and forces the money out of our pocket, whether we agree with what we're paying for or not, whether we want the service or not, whether we think it's moral or not. There are so many instances here where taxes, and the way they're collected, violate all our fundamental freedoms.

And yes, we do owe government a certain amount of money for the basic services it provides but most of that can be privately covered too. Governments are there, for example, to register private property and to protect people's private property rights. There's nothing wrong with paying a registration fee to pay for that thing being filed and kept in a registry office. And indeed, we do things like that today. But the taxes we are charged do not go to those basic services. They go to other goals set up by other groups, and not everyone agrees with that. We think that people should be able to support what they believe in.

I mean, we have "freedom of association", supposedly; we have "freedom of conscience", supposedly; if we can't exercise these things we don't have them. It's only empty words on paper.

C.B.C.: I suppose there are those who would say that what you advocate is the freedom to be rich.

METZ: Of course. Would I make it a crime to be rich? Is there any justification to say that every individual in this country shouldn't have the freedom to be rich, to aspire to be rich? I'm in a generation where I'm finding, because I'm in my late thirties, that people in my age bracket or lower do

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Joe Byway Freedom Party

The Weekender

We don't throw garbage in our own backyard, do we? When individuals or groups own their property, they have a self-interest in maintaining it, for function, beauty, and to maintain the value of their investment. How much pleasure or re-sale value would a home or store provide if there were heaps of trash on a front lawn?

But the Ontario government, which claims domination (ownership) of most of the 'government' owned lands, forests, riverways, lakes, etc., did not buy it or pay for it, and, because governments are political entities, has no long-term strategy for maintaining and cultivating maximum efficiency from the lands and waters.

Property under government 'protection' is inevitably neglected property. After all what properties are polluted, ravaged by fire, poisoned, have undrinkable, are not swimmable, over-logged, or ecologically unsound? Why it's government lands. What properties grow produce in abundance?...are cultivated, beautified and maintained? Why, privately owned land, of course.

To conserve the full value of the land, we must place it in the hands of private conservation groups (eg. Ducks Unlimited), private individuals who derive benefit and productivity from clean water (water providers, fisheries), and we must advocate privatization generally.

Ontario's main polluters are government agencies, Ontario Hydro and the Ministry of Natural Resources, but since government sets the rules, it turns a blind eye to its own mischief while taxing us exorbitantly to clean up the mess of its own failed policies.

A government that cannot run a postal monopoly, railroad, or that fails to teach our children even the basic English in our schools cannot possibly be trusted to be an efficient caretaker of millions of square miles of land and water.

Government be gone from the lands; let's put environmental responsibility in the hands of responsible and responsive owners — Ontario citizens.

Joe Byway ... Freedom Party

Bowing to the self-interests of the insurance industry, the Peterson government has brought in No-fault insurance, which sets arbitrary sums on injuries received, and sets pre-determined amounts that victims of accidents receive.

An impartial and efficient court system would deliver speedy justice with injury awards going to those who deserve it, but because of over-regulation, too many trivial laws, heavy bureaucracies,

there is no such thing as speedy justice in Ontario. So rather than deal with fundamental problems of clogged courts and justice-delayed, the Peterson government tries to eliminate the problem of injury claims by eliminating the responsibility of accidents and forcing insurance companies to arbitrarily blend risk groups, young and inexperienced drivers getting subsidized at the expense of skilled, consistent, more ex-

perienced accident-free drivers.

Any system of "justice" that does not recognize responsibility for careless behavior is not justice, but merely politics, and is another example of our society moving away from solutions and further towards avoiding responsibility for our individual actions. Freedom Party is founded on the principle of individual choice and individual responsibility. No-Fault is noresponsibility. Freedom Party is against any kind of forced no-fault government schemes for anything!



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Joe Byway . . . Freedom Party

I reject, as does Freedom Party, the idea that government can arbitrarily walk into a business (or home, or anywhere) and tell someone what value they must place on the work of another. Should government dictate wages, salaries, the worth of an individual in the marketplace? I say NO! Or should the consumer, through their purchases, reward businesses, management and workers that provide them all with the goods they seek? That

is equity. All businesses on the same level playing field, with all rules clear and understood.

Pay equity is a purely Marxist method of the state determining the worth of labor. I believe that the marketplace, through open, unrestricted competition, should determine this value.

Pay equity laws are another way the Ontario government is making it more difficult for businesses to continue to exist in Ontario. Already Ontario is the highest taxes province or

state in North America, with 54.4 per cent of all our income going to the over 100 different taxes applied by all levels of government (Fraser Institute).

Freedom Party would scrap pay equity laws immediately, and reduce the restrictions on business, consumers, and the marketplace. Freedom Party believes in breaking barriers, not erecting them. We are for freedom of choice and competition as the consumer and workers' best allies, not the tax-looting government.

Individual freedom is goal of Freedom Party, candidate says

BY MIKE SWITZER

Joe Byway says he is not a politician and he does not intend to become one.

Instead, he describes himself as a citizen who has decided to stand up for his rights and the rights of others.

Byway, the Freedom Party's provincial candidate in Oxford riding, said he entered the political arena after becoming disillusioned with the mainstream political parties, and frustrated with the current state of government.

"I see people like myself trying to get ahead," he said, "but taxes and the socialism we live under make it incredibly difficult.

"Socialism doesn't work, and recent events on the international stage should tell the government something. Unfortunately, the Peterson government has taken advantage of good economic times to tax the people of this province beyond all sensible levels."

Byway lives with his wife and two daughters on a 60-acre farm north of Thamesford. He is employed as a firefighter in the city of London, and restores antique cars as a hobby.

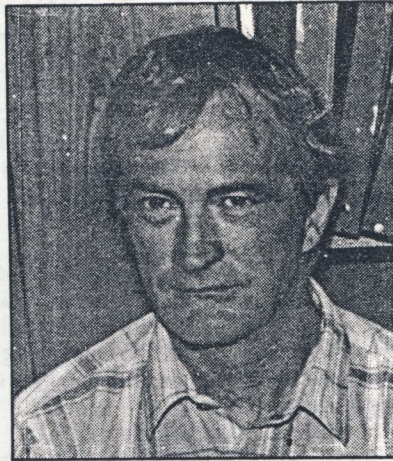
As a relative newcomer to the political scene, Byway said he was unsure of his public speaking abilities. When asked whether he would take part in the all-candidates meeting, he replied that efforts were being made to convince him to attend.

"I'm no public speaker," he added, "but I'll probably give it a try."

Government should keep out of the marketplace, Byway said, and private enterprise should be allowed to operate free of constraint. The Freedom Party's policy on taxation reflects this philosophy.

"There must be serious tax reductions," Byway said, "and they must take place soon. Spending has to be brought under control and cutting taxes would put money back into the hands of the people who know how to make this economy work.

"The free market system, capitalism, does work. As most people know, governments consume and business produces. You can't allow something as wasteful as government to control the economy. They just aren't financially responsible."



Joe Byway

Byway said that a number of Canadians have become dependent upon the government for their livelihood, and that is unfortunate.

"I think it's sad that a lot of Canadians are content with the way things are going," he said, "and they actually like being cared for. They let the government take care of them, expecting others to foot the bill.

"That can't work forever. Government should protect individual rights, not take them away. When you place a person on government support, there is a chance of creating a sense of dependency. That can only lead to a worsening of the problem."

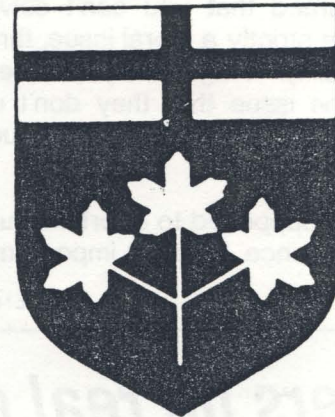
The "fringe" label is not one that Byway said he does not appreciate. He said that the party is neither right nor left wing, but simply a party of principle, standing up for individual rights.

"The political left restricts economic freedom and the right restricts personal freedom, to a point," he said. "We don't want to restrict either.

"The biggest problem with the Freedom Party is that most people don't know who we are," he added. "Voters seem to envision things like Che Gueverra in the jungle. We're not fanatics.

"If people understood us better, if they understood what we're really all about, we'd probably get a more positive reaction.

"For now though, I'm just a guy standing up for his rights, and trying to convince others to do the same."



not have the opportunities and do not have the likelihood of becoming millionaires or becoming great successes as much as our parents did. And that is simply because the environment in which we live today is less free than it was when our parents were here.

C.B.C.: But it doesn't sound, and I know you will object to this, is it freedom *without* or freedom *with* a capacity for compassion for those who are left out?

METZ: Well of course with a capacity for compassion. It's a very important element of a free society and I think if you look at the record again, you'll find that free societies are the greatest examples of outpourings of compassion. Regardless of how much criticism a country like the United States gets internationally or whatever, look at the record. It's the number one compassionate society in the world. Canada's up there too, but we're way behind the States yet we criticize them a lot for their lack of compassion simply because they don't institute *forced* programs. And I think that speaks to the credit of their government, rather than to their lack of virtue.

Ingersoll Times Journal - August 25, 1990

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C.B.C.: One issue that does seem to keep coming up in my discussions with all the leaders is that when it comes down to choice, freedoms, etc., somewhere along the way the word *abortion* comes up. Do you have a policy on that?

METZ: We certainly do. We believe in freedom of choice in abortion to the extent that a woman should be allowed to have one and the government doesn't have the right to restrict it. On the other hand, we don't believe that taxpayers and health insurance payers against their will should be paying for the practice. Again, it comes down to freedom of association. That's the basic issue.

I have always found it a great irony to watch anti-abortion groups protest individuals like Dr. Morgentaler, who is *not* taking their money out of their pockets, who is not using tax-

funded money for abortions and by putting him out of business, they're putting the business back in the public hospitals' sphere, and they themselves are paying for the practice that they say they object so greatly to.

I have learned that you can't solve an issue like abortion, which is strictly a moral issue, through legislation. It is an impossibility. Regrettably, people are so single-minded about the issue that they don't understand that there is not a political resolution to the issue.

I'm personally opposed to abortion, but as a matter of *political* consequence, I cannot impose my point of view on other people.

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For Freedom Party: William Frampton

BY ROBERT STREICH
Staff Reporter

In his second campaign for the Freedom Party, Bill Frampton stands for greater choices for the individual, which would be reflected in lower taxes, reduced government spending and environmental responsibility.

"We believe that taxes are far, far too high. What is required is to get to the root of the issue, which is fundamentally people's choice on how their money is spent," says Frampton.

"We think that people who are earning the money should be given that choice.

"To the extent that they have to pay taxes for a service, they should have a choice, and it should be up to them to direct that money toward the services they think are appropriate," he says.

Apart from much lower taxes, the Freedom Party would like to see people given the option to specify on their tax return what

services they want to support.

He also says private interests might be better able to offer services in a free market economy, currently mismanaged by the government.

"The tax system should be made much simpler. All hidden, invisible taxes should be done away with and replaced with visible taxes that we can see," Frampton says.

"The average person today works from January 1 to July 7 to pay their combined federal, provincial and municipal taxes (August 3 with the effect of continuing deficits)."

People are not aware of how much they are paying for excessive government spending, he indicates, because they do

not pay it in a lump sum, but rather are "nickled and dimed to death."

The fundamental environmental problem is the lack of adequate enforcement of private property rights.

"Pollution exists because certain people have been given legal authority, in effect to pollute other people's property."

In the 19th century, he explains, that law was removed. The solution to the pollution problem, he says, is to reimplement that legislation and haul the polluters into court to pay for the damage they have done.

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NDP offers no real change in government outlook

In the wake of the NDP's big victory in the Ontario election, most observers are trying to assess its impact on provincial politics.

Things can only go from bad to worse under the NDP. During the campaign they promised to raise taxes, the provincial debt and the minimum wage, which would surely harm the economy. And that means our standard of living will fall.

It is a tragic irony that the party gaining popular support is the very party that instigated many of the policies that made the Liberals and Conservatives look so bad in the first place.

Now, in order to fill the moral and intellectual vacuum created by both Liberals and Conservatives, Ontarians appear to have voted for a greater dose of the disease that has rotted the core of

both "liberalism" and "conservatism" alike socialism.

Has the Ontario electorate gone mad? Does the soaring popularity of the New Democrats signal a dramatic shift to a left-wing, state control ideology? Are we all fated to live in a totalitarian society that allows but few individual freedoms and choices?

To the first two questions I would respond with a definite no. The NDP was elected by people voting against David Peterson, not for Bob Rae. But the answer to the last depends on the future choices Ontario voters make at the polls, and those choices depend entirely upon the available alternatives.

Most people have become used to voting for political parties whose policies are based on nothing more than political expediency. As a result, they have found

themselves faced with voting for the "lesser of three evils". Current public perception is such that, for the time being at least, the NDP seems to fit that shoe.

Ontarians need a viable political alternative that is consistently dedicated to preserving individual rights and freedoms: that is, the right of the individual to responsibly make his own personal or economic choices, and not to have someone else's choice imposed upon him by whichever political party happens to have popular support.

Contrary to popular belief, the real loser in the recent election was not David Peterson and the Liberals. The real loser was the individual voter and taxpayer who, ironically, would have been just as much a loser if either of the other two parties had won an electoral victory.

Both the Liberals and Conservatives have been copying the NDP's ideas for so long the three parties are basically the same. They all believe they should run our lives for us, and the only purpose of elections is to give them such authority.

For this reason, the only result of electing these parties to government is higher taxes, poorer government services, and an unhealthy economy.

The policy of appeasing the socialists has reached its inevitable outcome. It is time for those people who oppose the socialist agenda to stop wasting their time and start working with a party that has a real alternative to offer. It's time for them to get involved with Freedom Party.

William Frampton,
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By ANGELA BLACKBURN

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Most politicians seem content with this state of affairs; they think the solution is even more controls, more government spending and higher taxes. My opponents want to ram new regulations, new controls ... and a whole lot more taxes ... down our throats.

Liberals, New Democrats and Conservatives alike don't have any answers to the problems we face ... they are the problem. A vote for them is a vote for higher taxes, poorer government services and an unhealthy economy.

Unlike other political parties who are competing to spend your money, Freedom Party is campaigning to let you keep those hard-earned dollars in your own pocket.

Lower taxes, reduced government spending and the protection of private property rights are the keys to a prosperous and healthy economy, and to a clean and safe environment.

Every promise made by the main political parties comes out of your pocket.

Every promise made by Freedom Party is a commitment to keep politicians' hands out of your pockets. And we have a track record to prove it.

You owe it to yourself to investigate your options.

You really have only two choices: you can vote for a party of expediency, or you can vote for the party of principle ... Freedom Party.

Don't just vote against a problem; vote for a solution.

To get involved in the solution, call us at 335-5677. On Sept. 6th, vote Bill Frampton.

C.B.C.: ...And if a woman can't afford to pay for a private clinic...

METZ: Again, this comes back to the issue of poverty. If she can't afford to pay for an abortion, that doesn't justify sending all our tax dollars to pay for *everybody's* abortion. If she can't afford her abortion, she probably can't pay for her rent and her groceries and her train ticket and everything else. So again, that is where the help has to be directed --- *not* to the agency that's providing the service. What a backward way to do everything! What a wasteful way! What an uncaring way! Because all we're doing is drying up all the resources that we no longer have: the average taxpayer's paying 55% of his wages in tax. And that's *average*. Don't ever think that the poor are getting away without paying the same rate of taxes as everyone else.

We hear people like Bob Rae say that we've got to tax the corporations and the rich. But the corporations make our food. They make our clothes. They make all the very goods that especially the lower (economic levels) in society have to depend on. So when we say "let's tax the corporations" we are again saying "let's tax the poor", because it's going to be in the price of the goods they buy.

C.B.C.: One final question. As you well know, given the campaign

you've been waging, this country has committed itself over a number of decades to principles of universality, principles of medical care provided by the government. Is Ontario really ready to even *consider* what you're talking about?

METZ: Maybe not. I'll accept that. But it's going to have to get ready. On that matter, there is no choice. The money's running out and we can see it by the issues that are coming to the electorate now. I think people are getting fed up with paying taxes. I think they're getting fed up with getting fewer services.

We're on the credit card principle, you know. We've jacked up the old Visa and Mastercard to the limit; now the payments are large but the benefits are few. And that's where we're at in the political structure in this country. Unless we turn that around, we can't compete in the world market, and we can't survive at home. We *have* to turn that around. The tax tap has to be shut off.

C.B.C.: The standard question I suppose for me is always, what attracts you to trying to do this from the outside rather than from within?

METZ: I don't think I'm doing it from the "outside". If I was going to do it from "within", I would have to lie to the electorate. I've been invited to join other parties, and if I had to join the major parties, I'd have to promise

everybody something for nothing to get elected. That's the mentality that's still out there.

I feel so disgusted with today's politicians who, rather than lead, they choose to follow. Rather than set the new trend, they're following the old ones because they know that's where the votes are. But the truth of the matter is that they're *all* going to change their ways. Eventually. And if we become the party that can influence them, and be the one that gets them to change their ways --- and we've had success, measurable success, critical success in this very regard --- I think that makes it all worthwhile.

I'm not here for some pie-in-the-sky unachievable ideal or perfect society. I'm here to influence my little corner of the world, just like every other individual should be influencing their corner of the world. And that's where you start. We've broken a lot of myths. Yes, you *can* fight city hall and win --- and we've done it!

C.B.C.: Thank you for coming in.

METZ: Thank you for inviting me.

C.B.C.: Robert Metz is leader of the **Freedom Party of Ontario**.

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"I'm involved in the Freedom Party because over a period of years I became disenchanted with traditional politics, the fact that the three big parties are essentially all alike and all believe in the same basic philosophy, that being socialism. So over time I started looking for an alternative and ultimately decided this was it," said Frampton.

Frampton is running against Liberal incumbent Barbara Sullivan, PC candidate Bob Taylor and NDP challenger Richard Banigan.

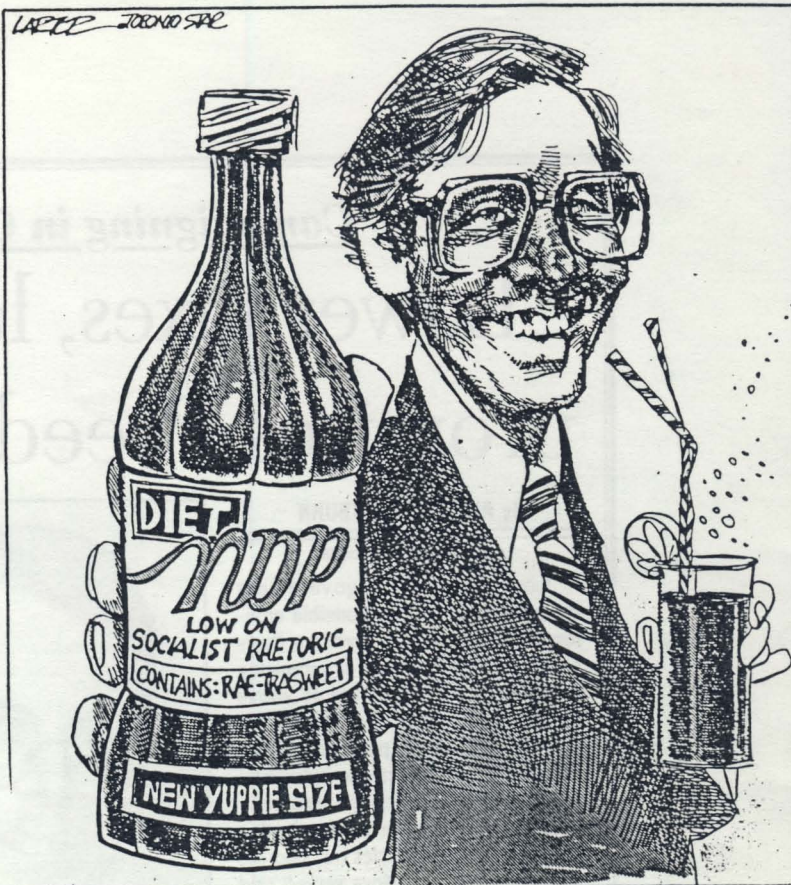
The sooner more of us wake up to this fact, the better. New Democrats, Liberals, and Conservatives *are* all the same, because they all suffer from the same social disease --- socialism.

It was *socialism* that voters protested against during the last Ontario election (and in the election before that), not against "Liberalism" or "Conservatism", two terms which no longer have any meaning. It was Liberals and Conservatives who betrayed us all to socialism, and now all of us will be forced to pay the price --- until we learn to recognize the disease that is killing us softly with its song.

One more time: It's called *socialism*, and it's what we have now in Ontario.

Like it or not.

We need a new choice, now.



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