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## **TAX REVOLT!**

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## OPENERS... ..By Robert Metz

# SOCIALISM 102

## What's next? Fascism?

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

One way or another, Bob Rae will eventually discover that there simply isn't enough money available to finance all of his promised socialist programs. Because there isn't.

Ontario taxpayers are feeling as broke as their socialist government --- ironically in large part *because* they've had predominantly socialist governments (federal and provincial) for the past two decades. More than half of what we earn already goes to these governments, and still they do not have enough money to operate on. So now *everybody's* broke. Ontario --- public and private --- is economically getting very very sick, and some unavoidable suffering is undoubtedly around the corner.

With a recession on, things look bad enough already without the prospect of four more years of socialist *NDP* rule. So what's next? What can Bob Rae possibly do? What are his options?

Well, he *could* abandon socialism and turn to free markets for the solutions he seeks: He *could* lower taxes, reduce the size of government, introduce freedom of choice to the many services he now thinks government should monopolize, abandon *universality* as the principle on which social assistance should be based, reduce the political influence of organized labour and special-interest lobby groups, protect freedom of speech and association, protect private property rights, and otherwise keep his nose out of the affairs

of everybody's business. Those are just a *few* of the things he *could* consider.

Unfortunately, I just don't think that's what Bob Rae has in mind. He is, after all, a devout socialist. In keeping with the philosophy of the *New Democratic Party*, he is completely devoted to making the state play a bigger and bigger role in each of our lives --- and to making us pay for it. Socialism may buy a lot of votes, but each of us always ends up paying the price. After all, socialism isn't voluntary, and with good reason.

Socialist economic policy --- like *NDP* economic policy --- strives to ensure that those who directly receive state-provided goods and services are not the same people who are responsible to pay for them, and that those who pay for them must be *forced* to pay. With this assurance, socialists can promise "free" or "cheaper" services or benefits to voters. Of course, what they are really offering is an elaborate state-welfare scheme in which "somebody else" is always forced to pay for some benefit promised by politicians. "Somebody else" is always each of us.

That's why each of us is now saddled with the bill for paying for our fellow citizen's social benefits --- and why our fellow citizens are saddled with the bill for paying for each of *our* social benefits. *GST, PST, income tax, property tax, business tax*. In attempting to live at each other's expense, we temporarily enjoyed the brief illusion of state-provided security, but now find ourselves in a very insecure position indeed. The "fun-part" of socialism is



decidedly over; the worst is yet to come. The price has yet to be paid. Gone is the ability of government to continually provide the illusion of social security by spending our money on social programs.

## No Money?

### Just use *power*.

So what can we expect from our socialist premier, Bob Rae?

What can his government do, given its lack of (our) money?

Simple. Use *power*. They can force *some* of us to *directly* provide unearned benefits for *others* --- *without* the government having to provide the election promises made by our socialist politicians.

They can violate private property rights and force their programs on businesspeople and property owners. They can violate freedom of association and the sanctity of *private contract*. They can separate *rights* from *responsibilities* and impose obligations on variously selected target groups (i.e., employers, landlords, homeowners). They can force the *private* market to carry out their socialist goals.

Indeed, that is Rae's plan

and that is what is happening in Ontario today. In his own words, Rae declared: "I feel that business has never done a terrific job of living up to its social responsibility. (I)f 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." (*Maclean's* magazine, Sept. 17/90)

A recent Ontario government pamphlet on *Pay Equity* says it all: "*Pay Equity: If you are an employee, it's your right. If you are an employer, it's your responsibility.*"

## Socialists separate rights from responsibilities.

Separating rights from responsibility is immoral, and that is why socialism is fundamentally an immoral system. If we applied the

same pattern of logic to each of the other issues, the pattern of separating rights from responsibilities becomes clear: "Rent Control: If you are a tenant, it's your right; If you are a landlord, it's your responsibility." Or "Sunday Shopping Restrictions: If you are a retail employee, it's your right; if you are a retail businessperson, it's your responsibility." Or "Official Bilingualism: if you are French-speaking, it's your right; if you don't speak French, it's your responsibility."

## Socialism is force.

Small wonder that this country is breaking apart at the seams. *Force* is the glue that binds socialist thought to a resisting reality, and socialists do rule by force: If someone who might vote for them isn't happy with what he's earning where he works, they can just *force his employer* to pay more. If someone who might vote for them isn't happy with his rent increase (even if it's caused by their government's policies), they can just *force his landlord* to limit the increase. If someone who might vote for them wants a "common" pause day as a matter of convenience, they can just *force retailers* to



close their doors. If someone who might vote for them isn't happy with the *racial* or *sexual* ratio of employees in a certain business or industry, they can just *force businesses* to adopt racial quotas and sexual quotas.

## Force has other political names: fascism is one.

*Force* is at the root of socialist ethics, though in the particular examples I've cited above, this process has a slightly different name: in the examples above, it's called something that most quite properly regard with horror, namely, *fascism*. But don't be frightened by the *word*; be frightened by *what it represents*.

It is understandable that many may regard my use of the word "fascism" to be an unusually harsh and extreme term to apply to our own government's domestic policy. It is usually associated with "extreme right-wing" and very violent movements, such as (quite correctly) N?zism. Fortunately, we are still far from this extreme political condition --- *but the process is observably developing in Ontario today*. Unless more of us begin to recognize the

danger signs, history may be doomed to repeat itself once again.

Socialism has a habit of turning particularly ugly when it starts to run out of money, and that is why, unless reversed, it frequently evolves into *fascism*. It is no mere coincidence that Germany's fascist *Nazi Party* was a *socialist* party called the *Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei* (*National Socialist German Workers' Party*). It is no mere coincidence that Bob Rae and his *New Democrats* will find themselves resorting to *fascist* policy to achieve their *socialist* ends.

## Socialism and fascism: the natural partnership.

Politically, the distinguishing characteristic that separates a *socialist* policy from a *fascist* policy is not to be found in their similar philosophies, but in their unsimilar views of the social role of *private property as the means of production*. Whereas socialists uphold the doctrine of government *ownership and control* of the means of production (i.e., *no private property, total government*

*control*), fascists simply uphold the the doctrine of *government control*, dispensing with the need to consider the status (government or private) of property. After all, *ownership is control*. If you can *control* someone's property, why bother owning it? Leave the *responsibilities* in private hands.

*From a totalitarian perspective*, it is certainly easy to see why fascism is more efficient than socialism.

One would have thought, given our past experiences in dealing with fascism around the globe, that more of us would have learned to recognize its essential components. Yet, as frightening and as unbelievable as it may seem, *this is the process that is creeping into Ontario today and most of us have yet to recognize the danger signals*.

*Rent controls, official bilingualism, pay equity laws, Sunday shopping laws, economic regulations and economic restrictions for business, increased deficits, and higher taxes for everyone* are all supported by Bob Rae and his *New Democratic Party*. Worse, a noticable streak of *nationalism* disguised as opposition to *free trade* has become a mainstay of *New Democratic* policy. Worse still, is the realization that each of







# TAX REVOLT!

— THROUGH POLITICAL REFORM —

## Freedom Party launches

### *'Ax the Tax' Campaign!*

ONTARIO (February 1991) — The past year's preparations and planning for **Freedom Party's** multifaceted anti-tax campaign have reached the point of action.

**Freedom Party's "Ax the Tax"** campaign is much more than a tax protest --- though our involvement with tax protests is an integral part of that campaign (*see article, second page following*). Aimed at taxes of every level of government, the campaign is geared to simultaneously (1) *educate*, (2) *recruit supporters*, (3) *lobby the public*, (4) *lobby politicians*, and most importantly, (5) *create a new political alternative for lower taxes and increased freedom of choice in Ontario*.

In the long term, the only solution to high taxes is a *political* solution. This, above all, will be most difficult challenge facing us: the sad fact is, despite increasing protests against ever-in-

creasing taxes and deficits, most voters are extremely reluctant to give up their state-provided social benefits. State-provided (i.e., *socialist*) *education, health-care, and welfare*, the three largest and uncontrollable areas of government spending, are still regarded by voters as "sacred cows" and they have been conditioned to believe that they must lose these benefits if they are not state-provided.

Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. With government out of the social service business, voters could still have the many benefits they value (and many more that are not currently available, due to state monopoly) --- *all without being taxed to death* --- and all through an affordable means.

Education and public lobbying are the most important ways that we can get these points across to the voters and taxpayers. They must be brought to realize and understand that it is in their long-term best interest to support a fundamental political change. If they wish to avoid the inevitable economic catastrophe that awaits us if our governments continue on the paths they have chosen, they must accept the change willingly. Otherwise, taxes and deficits will just keep rising, and our ability to survive economically will keep falling.

*The Tax-Ax*, a new specialty newsletter published by **Freedom Party**, will be one of our vehicles for the necessary education that must take place.

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- **At Right:** Freedom Party's Regional vice-president, William Frampton, attacks high taxes and government spending in the editorial pages of the *Toronto Star*.



## High costs, taxes driving jobs south

In recent months the movement of companies to the United States, such as Tridon and Varsity Corporation, has been growing steadily.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not free trade that is driving these companies and the jobs they provide south of the border, but the high cost of doing business in Canada.

Socialists claim that government intervention in the economy can provide job security for workers. The situation many manufacturing workers find themselves in today shows that this claim is completely false.

True job security depends upon the ability to attract and keep customers, and when there are no customers there are no jobs.

The reason so many plants have closed is that due to high taxes and other costs they are not economically viable. This is because they cannot satisfy the demands of consumers, who find they can get better products at lower prices from other suppliers.

It is both necessary and beneficial that capital be free to move from lines of production that consumers no longer support to those they value more highly.

Any intervention that inhibits this process hurts consumers and workers alike.

Consumers are affected by having less choice of those things they desire most. Workers are harmed by having fewer job opportunities available.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae's plan to use the \$5 million Varsity will pay the province to start a fund to compensate workers laid off due to plant closings is no substitute for job opportunities.

New job opportunities depend upon capital investment in new plants.

At a time when Ontario needs new investment to replace the jobs lost by plant closings, the



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**WILLIAM FRAMPTON: Don't blame free trade for job losses. Blame government intervention.**

government is very foolish to consider a policy that would make the province a less attractive place for investors.

Last year over 12,000 workers in Ontario were affected by plant closings. If they earned \$10 an hour - less than the average industrial wage - the \$5 million would be completely exhausted if each worker collected one week's wages.

The only way the government could maintain the fund is by raising taxes even higher than they already are. That would drive even more companies out

of the province.

With so many plants closing in a short period of time, the need for new opportunities for the laid off workers is much greater.

If the government would really like to see this happen, it should cut taxes and government spending instead of embarking on new spending programs.

**WILLIAM FRAMPTON**  
Regional vice-president  
Freedom Party of Ontario  
Burlington



# WE'RE AT ROPES END



## KENT PROPERTY TAXPAYERS COALITION

### KENT COUNTY POPULATION

1980 - 106,000      1990 - 105,000

Negative Population Growth In 10 Years

Taxes and Municipal Government spending is  
out of control in Kent County

If current property tax increases continue the  
following will happen:

Business taxations 100% increase by 1995

Home owner (residential) 50.0% increase by 1995

Government spending cannot continue forever  
to out pace growth in the income of taxpayers.  
It's time to freeze property taxes in Kent County

If you support this objective please forward  
your donation as indicated below.

### K.P.T.C. OBJECTIVES:

I) K.P.T.C. shall observe and report on public business to eliminate waste, questionable management practices, unreasonable wage demands by public employees, and any other item of interest for the most efficient management of the public purse to achieve the "lowest possible property tax level"

II) K.P.T.C. shall recommend to its supporters a course of action in response to increases in property taxation.

III) All monies donated to the coalition will be used to further the cause of reduced property taxation e.g. media, advertising, printing costs, etc. No salaries or expenses will be paid to any member.

IV) An independent committee will audit financial records to insure compliance to item three.

## Tax Revolt in Ontario!

# AT ROPES END

- Ontario Coalition Plans To Give Tax Collectors A Hard Time

ONTARIO (December/90-February/91) - It's a taxing situation. All across the province, growing numbers of Ontarian's are beginning to feel the pressure of their tax burden; many simply cannot afford to pay any more taxes to governments that already take more than half of what they earn.

The situation could not possibly be more pronounced than in **Blenheim** Ontario, where industry owners faced tax increases of *not less than 40%* due to tax reassessments in the area; the reassessment forced many owners to choose between closing their doors and not paying.

Among those owners is **George Lansens**, president and general manager of *Ontario Engineered Suspensions Ltd.* Lansens has now found himself leading Ontario's Taxpayers Coalition, a growing movement across Ontario whose non-partisan purpose is to limit taxes to 1990 levels and thus force politicians and public administrators to change their wasteful spending habits. As of this writing, the coalition is organizing in Kent County, Windsor-Essex, London, Woodstock-Ingersoll, Eglin-St. Thomas, Brantford, Niagara, Etobicoke, Barrie, Kirkland Lake, Oshawa, Sarnia-Lambton, Peel, and Burlington.

FP president and leader **Robert Metz** spent a day with Lansens in January, who outlined his coalition's aims and objectives. Both discussed many concerns relating to the success of an anti-tax protest, including reactions by politicians on every level of government.

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- *At Left: A newspaper advertisement soliciting support for the Kent Property Taxpayers Coalition.*



# Elgin citizens are urged to not pay tax increase

By TOM FROESE  
T-J Staff Reporter

Will St. Thomas-Elgin become another Blenheim?

Ray Monteith says yes.

He is preparing to begin a tax revolt in St. Thomas-Elgin similar to that in Blenheim, Ont., to tell the provincial government that it's wrong to raise taxes and increase the provincial deficit.

"I want to encourage people of Elgin not to pay any more additional taxes. That includes municipal and school taxes," said the Elgin Riding Freedom Party candidate, who has gained a reputation for strong-willed ideas during the last election three elections.

He agrees with provincial party leader Robert Mitz, of London, who says the NDP government is spreading the poverty trap and expanding the recession through its latest plan to pump \$1.4 billion into new programs.

Those programs, which include various construction projects and \$700 million in tax breaks to individuals



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and businesses are geared to save more than 20,000 Ontario jobs during the next year from the effects of the recession, says the NDP.

## NOT ENOUGH

But Mr. Monteith says the move is not enough. He says all levels of government can carry out their mandate for less money from taxpayers.

"I'm against any more debt. We eventually have to pay them off," he said.

Mr. Monteith suggests the province should give more incentive for people to work. For St. Thomas he

suggests the city could give some people on unemployment insurance jobs through the works department, to do things such as clean the area's bush and ravines.

Mr. Monteith also said the proposed ball complex should not be the responsibility of taxpayers.

"I can't afford any more taxes. The ball players should get pledges. I think Meadowgreen has what's needed."

Spending on education will be the main item on Mr. Monteith's agenda for his coming tax revolt, he says. "The two boards should work together and share their facilities," he said.

"The system is spending too much money. There must be another way of doing things cheaper. We have to find a way to reduce and end up with the same product."

He added that people have to be re-educated to "get out and do something."

"Let's get rid of some government. We don't need the senate. When you can stack it get what you want, let's get rid of it. We're overgoverned," he said.

- Above: Freedom Party's Ray Monteith helps to start the ball rolling in Elgin-St. Thomas.

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Lansen's coalition plans to stick to one narrowly-defined objective: to limit taxes. He is well aware that tax protests by themselves are not the long-term answer to Ontario's spending woes. But given that a political solution is a long way off, forming a *tax* coalition is one of the best ways to start working towards that end.

We agree. Consequently, **Freedom Party** has offered its assistance to the coalition in the London and St. Thomas area, and will likely get involved in other areas where both the party and the coalition are active.

Readers interested in getting involved with the Ontario Taxpayers' Coalition are encouraged to contact FP offices in London (address and phone number is on back cover). We can put you in touch with an organizer closest to you.



... *Tax Revolt!* (cont'd from page 6)

Among other options, **Freedom Party's** *Ax The Tax* campaign will advocate the following long-term solutions to our tax woes:

- (1) an end to *universality* in state-run social programs;
- (2) a call for the right of taxpayers to direct their social taxes to the *private* social-aid institution of their choice;
- (3) the *privatization* and selling-off of *Crown corporations* engaged in business activities;
- (4) *dramatic cuts* in current government spending and waste;
- (5) a *flat tax rate*;
- (6) *visible* taxes;
- (7) lower *sales* and *income* taxes.

**We welcome your support.** If you want to know more, or would like to get involved, call or write to our London offices (*address and phone number on back cover*).

HERMAN

BY JIM UNGER





# EMERY RESIGNS

LONDON (Nov. 1990) - Well-known political activist and downtown London merchant **Marc Emery** has formally resigned from **Freedom Party's** provincial executive.

Emery, a founding executive member of the party since it was formed in January 1984, cited a personal agenda of "civil disobedience, writing, and organizing", and a political approach currently incompatible with **Freedom Party** objectives as the main reasons for his departure.

As **Freedom Party's** action director, Emery spearheaded many campaigns in the London area including the successful "No-Tax for Pan-Am" campaign in 1984, the free garbage pick-up protest during London's 1987 garbage strike, and the launching of **Freedom Party's** on-going campaign for freedom of choice in Sunday shopping.

As part of his new personal agenda of civil disobedience, Emery has recently gained

international attention through his personal campaign against censorship when he was charged by police for selling and distributing the banned *2-Live Crew* record album, *Nasty As They Wanna Be*.

"I will always be proud of starting **Freedom Party** with you," said Emery in his letter of resignation to Ontario President Robert Metz. He adds: "I really hope the party is able to use this opportunity to send **Freedom Party** to new and successful growth, because it would be nice to see a collective consciousness for freedom in the electorate."

Emery's future involvement with the party will be limited to ad hoc volunteer support of various **FP** campaigns: "Perhaps our differing styles and methods will complement each other as the education process of the public goes on."

While Emery has told the press that his beliefs have

"evolved to a point where his principles would not allow him to be part of any political party," as of this writing, he has not yet revealed what those principles might be. With his current advocacy of "no government at all", we may be kept guessing for quite some time. Repeated past personal challenges from **FP** president Robert Metz to define and defend his new-found frame of reference have been met with indifference and with a refusal to debate the issue, a response certainly not in keeping with Emery's past style.

Since Emery's resignation in November, **Freedom Party's** provincial executive has expanded to eight members. Current members are: Robert Metz, Lloyd Walker, William Frampton, Robert Vaughan, Jack Plant, Barry Malcolm, Barry Fitzgerald, and Patti Plant. More details on **FP's** current executive will appear in the next issue of *Freedom Flyer*.

## POLITICS

London Free Press, Dec. 20, 1990

# Marc Emery abandons Freedom party

The co-founder says his principles no longer allow him to be in a political party.

A London co-founder of the Freedom party has resigned from its executive because he doesn't believe in the democratic process any more and says Canada would be better off without any govern-

ment at all.

"I oppose the whole democratic process and the way we make changes in this country," Marc Emery said Wednesday. "I don't believe we have a right to vote on what happens to the lives of others."

Emery, owner of City Lights Book Shop, said he had no problems with the Freedom party but found his beliefs had evolved to a point where his principles would

not allow him to be part of any political party.

**MAINSTREAM:** His only complaints were that the party was not attracting enough young members and some of its ideas were becoming more mainstream.

Party leader Robert Metz said Emery "was an inspiration and guiding light. He got us off the ground and helped us stay alive, but he's got too much on the go to

continue with it. He'll be sorely missed."

Emery has gotten deeply mired in a personal campaign against censorship, stemming from a charge by police against him for distributing a banned *2-Live Crew* record album.

The party started with 12 members in January, 1984, and attracted 6,039 voters in 10 ridings in September's provincial election, Metz said.



## ...OPENERS (cont'd)

these policies represent direct violations of *private property rights* and *state control* of *private property* to achieve *socialist* ends.

And worst of all: *Ontarians are unwittingly supporting the very policies that are ruining the province.*

With at least four more years of *NDP* rule in Ontario, and with the past assistance of *Liberals* and *Conservatives* alike, socialism has been remarkably successful in Ontario: we now have high taxes, high government deficits, deteriorating

government services (particularly in healthcare, education, and welfare), high unemployment in government-"protected" economic sectors, and we can thank socialism for chasing investment capital, both foreign and domestic, out of our province.

The sooner more of us come to recognize and reject *socialism*, the better. The later, the worse. If we wait too long, we'll have fascism.

It is regrettable that so many are only concerned with the *symptoms* of a disease, and not its *cause*. High taxes

and high government deficits are *symptoms*. Socialism is the *cause*. It is tragic that the benefits falsely promised us by socialism are rapidly decreasing, while the cost of socialism is rapidly increasing. The tragedy lies in the fact that those benefits could have been provided much more cheaply and securely by the free market.

If real-life tragedies like this bother you, you can *do something about it*. Support **Freedom Party**. If they don't bother you, I can wait. But not for long.

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