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Tax coalition fields 11 school trustee candidates

Nine are running for the public board



put election field an candidate for school trustee. All eleven are members of the coalition.

and a candidate for London board of education trustee in Ward 7.

London and Middlesex County Board of Education school board — are advancing improved education while halting the

taxes campaign but won't provide details.

Party blasts teachers' union election tactics

By WAYNE NEWTON Staff Reporter

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Freedom Party takes shots at teacher union's tax stance

The teachers' group

The union has outlined plans to oppose trustee

With its powerful influence and millions of dollars

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Teachers to campaign against tax revolt

Male elementary school teachers will spend up to \$120,000 supporting candidates who do not want to cut school taxes.

By Kelley Toehen The London Free Press

support will demonstrate their response to the needs of children.

FRIDAY, September 6, 1991

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 1991

Openers...

YEAR-END RE-CAP

✉ -by Robert Metz.

It's been a busy year for **Freedom Party**, and once again we've fallen behind in reporting our activities and progress to you.

As has been our past experience, when things get busy on the campaign trails, keeping up-to-date with our newsletters (*Freedom Flyer*, *Consent*) can sometimes become a daunting task. But if you're an **FP** member, supporter, or contributor, have no fear. You will always receive your promised 6 issues of each newsletter (following a minimum \$25 contribution to **FP**) --- even if it takes us longer than anticipated to publish and mail them out to you.

We have a lot of catching up to do, and for that reason, this issue of **Freedom Flyer** is a little larger than most; in future we will do our utmost to keep them coming on a more timely basis. This newsletter includes **FP** coverage and activities stretching from the fall of 1990 to the present, even though other events within that time frame have been previously reported.

✉ NO CONTROVERSY? NO ISSUE.

Many of the issues featured within these pages are admittedly emotionally-charged and highly controversial. But that's exactly what politics is all about. Depending on your own perspective, these issues (which are all dealt with in this newsletter) might include: **Sunday shopping; rent controls; taxes; cross-border shopping; BIAs; racism; socialism; capitalism; unions; education; privatization; fundamental freedoms; constitutional**

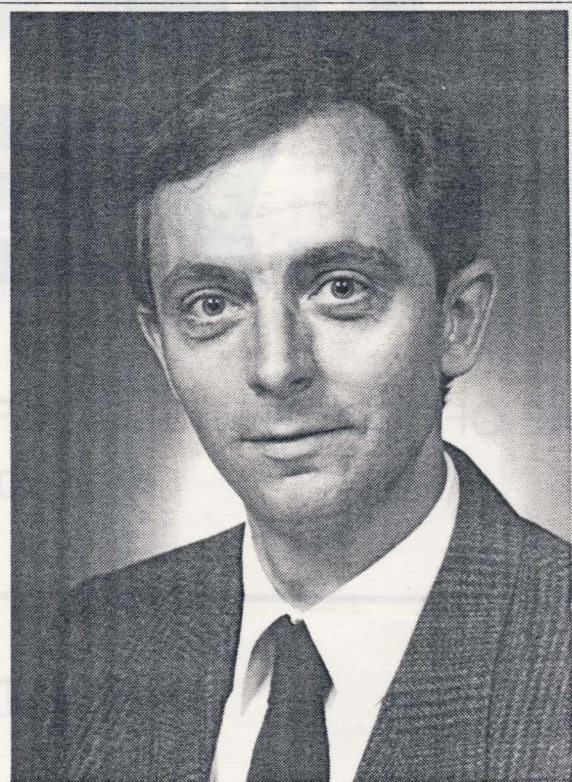
change; Quebec language laws; and even the Gulf war --- certainly not a mix of issues that other political parties would be willing to openly discuss with their membership. Too many organizations dependent on voluntary support are terrified at the prospect of offending their supporters --- and the risk of losing them --- by "telling them too much" about what the organization represents.

In contrast, I believe that it's our obligation, as a responsible political organization, to keep our membership informed as fully as possible on our activities, the opinions we publicly express --- and to take the risk of losing a few potential supporters rather than not challenge their viewpoints on an isolated issue or two.

In the long run, I believe this is part of what makes us a stronger party --- a party of principle, a party where strength isn't just to be found in numbers, but in the quality of its people and the strength of their convictions.

✉ BUILDING A TEAM:

So it came as no surprise to me when I read in the news that London (where **FP** is headquartered and is always actively campaigning) was Ontario's "hot spot" of intensive school board campaigning under the **Ontario Taxpayers' Coalition** slate of endorsed candidates (see



✉ Above: *Freedom Party leader and president, Robert Metz*

coverage, elsewhere in this issue) in the November municipal elections. After all, among endorsed candidates were the following **FP** members and supporters: **Paul Blair, Robert Vaughan, Jack Plant, Patti Plant, Jim Elliott, Steve Ronson, Dave Fortner**, and of course, myself. And in conjunction with the **London-Middlesex Taxpayers' Coalition**, we've been working closely with coalition executive **Jim Montag, Craig Stevens, Ken Lewis**, and coalition members **David Lewis, Luke Babich, and Nando Favaro**.

Together, this is the team that set the political agenda for the 1991 municipal trustee campaign in London, and for the next three years at the London Board of Education --- and congratulations are in order for each of the above-mentioned.

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Frampton addresses federal committee...

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS KEY TO CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESS, SAYS FRAMPTON

TORONTO (April 23, 1991) - **FP Regional Vice-President William Frampton** addressed the federal government's *Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons* on the *Process for Amending the Constitution of Canada*.

The committee, jointly chaired by the Honourable **Gerald Beaudoin** (Senator) and **Jim Edwards** (MP), intensely challenged Frampton's views for nearly an hour while the entire proceedings were broadcast coast-to-coast via Canada's parliamentary channel.

"Unless our constitution is so designed as to protect individual rights as opposed to group rights, no number of amendments, referendums, or any other democratic means can possibly address the gross injustices that will inevitably result," argued Frampton to a committee that was openly hostile to his point of view. "The people of Canada will never be assured of security of their freedom and inalienable rights unless the most overriding feature of our constitution is a guarantee of fundamental freedoms."

☛ QUEBEC QUESTION

"I do not see how you could sell this idea to Quebec without giving it some type of protection," responded MP **Jean-Pierre Blackburn**. "Quebec needs protection. Quebec is going to have to get this protection. Otherwise, we will not be able to move ahead."

Blackburn's comments provide an excellent summary to much of the exchange between Frampton and the

committee MPs from Quebec, exchanges which included issues like the "distinctiveness of Quebec," "French culture," etc. Though much of the conversation focussed on Quebec issues, there still seemed to be plenty of time to discuss issues of a more fundamental nature.

Senator Gigantes went on to challenge Frampton on the issue of socialized health care: "In protecting the life of an individual, would you say the government should protect that life against disease?"

Responded Frampton: "If you mean should the government set up a monopoly system of health insurance and compel individuals against their free will to 'buy' that health insurance

from that monopoly, then the answer is no."

☛ SOCIAL HARMONY

"Your whole presentation is based upon a philosophy that the individual is primary," challenged MP **Lynn Hunter**, (--- a somewhat inaccurate assessment of Frampton's position, which is actually based upon the *social* primacy of individual *rights*.) "I think it fails to recognize that the individual is also part of a community. The role of government is to organize us politically so that we can live harmoniously, and our Constitution should reflect that."

In response, Frampton offered an alternative definition of "harmonious"

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Highlights from FP's Address to the Committee:

* "As things stand now, our Constitutional guarantee of rights and freedoms is meaningless and our fundamental freedoms are not fundamental. Both are victims of the notwithstanding clause and the so-called reasonable limits that have been used to prevent oppressive laws from being thrown out in our courts. Quebec's language laws and Ontario Sunday closing laws are just two examples."

* "An amending formula that produces back-room deals that cannot withstand the light of day must be scrapped, and the sooner the better."

* "I would much rather see changes (to the Constitution) submitted through an open process whereby everyone understands how it works, what is required for approval and what is sufficient to defeat an amendment, rather than the process we have now where even the experts do not understand it."

* "In a federal state, all the states or provinces must be considered fundamentally equal."

* "Distinctiveness is not something that applies to the government of Quebec. It is something that is found in the people who live there."

* "We would give the people of Canada the final verdict on constitutional change."

to committee members: "Harmonious communities can only be based upon respect for individual rights. Whenever you get into a situation where individual rights are not respected or are violated, you have *disharmony and conflict*."

✶ SOCIAL DISHARMONY

"In Quebec, there is conflict between the majority who want laws to 'protect' the French language and the minority who want to use a different language. You have disharmony in Ontario between those who want all the stores closed on Sundays and those who see that this would have severe personal consequences for them."

Frampton went on to describe the inherent inequity and unfairness of high taxes, special status for Quebec, and a host of other predictable symptoms of any social system that fails to protect individual rights.

Frampton's principled defense of individual rights eventually reduced the mood of committee members to one of agitated tolerance: "All I can do," said Senator Gigantes to Frampton, "is quote Voltaire at you and say that though I abhor your opinions, I will defend to the death your right to

Among The Committee's Recommendations:

- * a two-year maximum Constitutional ratification period;
- * provincial proprietary rights remain protected by unanimity rule;
- * the establishment of federal discretionary powers "to hold a consultative referendum on a constitutional proposal", with a required majority vote both nationally and in each of the four regions (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, the West);
- * the creation of a special task force "to address issues of concern to aboriginal peoples;
- * the creation of other task forces, as "deemed appropriate";
- * participation in joint hearings with other committees;

hold them."

The tragic contradiction in Gigantes' statement lay in the fact that it is only through the protection of individual rights (to which Gigantes raised many objections) that one could possibly have *any* "right" to hold unpopular opinions.

✶ FOR POLITICIANS, NOT FOR PEOPLE

If opinions expressed by committee members of the Special Joint Committee are any indication, it seems that Canada's constitutional problems are just beginning. The

exchange between Frampton and the committee members offers tragic proof that those who are currently shaping the future of this country are more interested in preserving the power of politicians than in protecting and preserving the individual rights of citizens.

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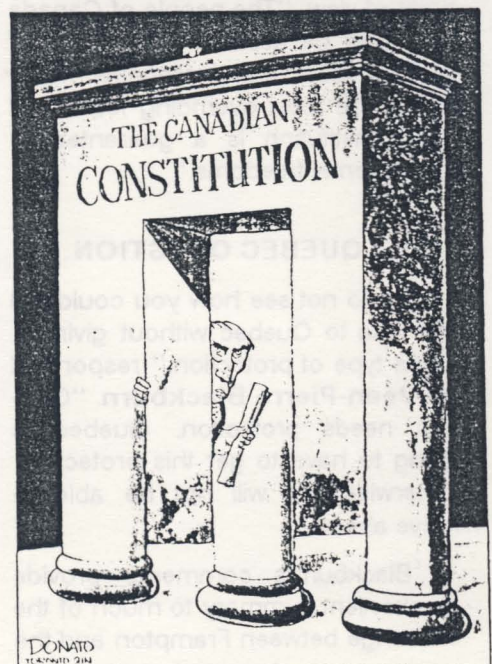
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FREEDOM PARTY WINS SEAT IN MODEL PARLIAMENT

TORONTO (February 8, 1991) - **Freedom Party** won a seat in the 100-seat **University of Toronto** model parliament, following a mock election held on campus, according to university rep **Jim Brennan**.

Unfortunately, no one was able to occupy FP's seat during the mock parliament debates, since a prerequisite of participating required that one be a student of the university. Curiously, given the NDP victory in the 1990 provincial election, among the major parties **Liberals** scored first with 37 seats, **Progressive Conservatives** second with 27 seats, and **NDP** third with 18 seats. The balance of seats were distributed as follows: Green Party: 9; Family Coalition: 4; Communist Party: 2; Libertarian Party: 1; COR: 1.

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THE ARCHITECT

NO RENTAL OPTIONS UNDER NDP RULE

TORONTO (April 3, 1991) - In a published official response to **NDP Housing Minister David Cooke's** consultation paper on **rent control**, **FP leader Robert Metz** went so far as to suggest that landlords in Ontario are virtually operating under the terms of a dictatorship.

Freedom Party's response, titled **Rent Control is No Option** in reaction to the housing ministry's **Rent Control Options** consultation paper, made it clear that we would not be fooled by the illusion that the NDP government would seriously even consider "options" (i.e., *choice*) within rent control. "Although the consultation paper purports to be a vehicle to assess various *options* to affordable housing, *only one option* is offered as the basis of discussion: entrenched state control of ALL rental accommodation in Ontario." said **FP leader Robert Metz**.

As a political party document on the issue of rent control, **Freedom Party's** "No Option" response is possibly the most comprehensive single document available on the subject. From theory to practice, the failure of rent controls *to provide affordable housing* is explained in the simplest terms possible.

➡ POLITICAL SUCCESS

Unfortunately, *as a means of attracting votes*, rent controls are a smashing success. "Because tenants outnumber landlords," observed Metz, "the real attraction of rent control to politicians is obvious: they can be used to buy votes from tenants, particularly if those tenants are falsely led to believe that rent controls work in their long-term interest. Rent controls have very little to do

with affordable housing and a lot to do with political opportunism."

➡ LOCAL OPTION?

"Although **Freedom Party's** principled position against rent controls is admittedly incompatible with the views of the current NDP administration," Metz wrote to NDP Housing Minister Dave Cooke in a covering letter accompanying the

Freedom Party brief, "I would strongly urge you not to dismiss our submission out-of-hand."

In the expectation that phasing out rent controls was *not* a serious option to the NDP, part of **Freedom Party's** brief was contained under a separate section entitled "Options Within Rent Control", wherein we endorsed, on the grounds that it met the criteria set out in the Ministry's consultation paper, a submission

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ONTARIO RENT CONTROL IN PRACTICE:

Selected Highlights from FP's Rent Control Response:

- * Taxpayers shell out over \$41,000,000 annually to pay for a rent control system that does not produce the results promised and that violates private property rights and freedom of association.

- * Few new "affordable" rental units have been privately built without some form of government subsidy, meaning that taxpayers must pay again.

- * Statistics indicate far too many people who need low cost housing, which controls were supposed to ensure, simply aren't getting such accommodation.

- * The Ontario government is forcing taxpayers to shell out \$35 million in 1991 towards housing projects, including \$15 million to help private landlords carry out major repairs on low-rise buildings.

- * Rental construction has been shrinking in Ontario compared to total housing since the early 1980s.

- * Tenants who have been sold a false sense of security through rent controls are now finding themselves faced with low vacancy rates and often feel trapped in what they describe as "crummy apartments."

- * The greatest beneficiaries of rent controls are the well-to-do who choose to hang on to artificially underpriced rental units, thus depriving their availability to those in need.

FP RECOMMENDATIONS:

- * **All newly constructed rental accommodation in Ontario should be exempt from rent controls.**

- * **Existing rent controls should be phased out over a five-year period.**

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made to the committee by **John Schnurr** of **Marshall Resources**.

In his brief, Mr. Schnurr proposed a local rent control option at the municipal level which would give both landlords and tenants a means to develop a system of rent control specifically tailored to their local needs and thus make regulations more responsive to varying vacancy rates and housing differences between major Ontario centers. As an ultimate means of phasing out rent controls, local options could have the same effect as they did on the Sunday shopping issue (thanks to the previous Liberal administration).

✎ WHY UNIVERSAL RENT CONTROL?

Though **Freedom Party's** brief acknowledged that we will be forced

to live with continued rent controls for some time, it did not accept the Ministry's justifications for their continued implementation. Past Ontario administrations justified rent controls (incorrectly) on the grounds that they would provide "affordable housing." However, the NDP has now shifted radically away from the issue of "affordability" and is simplistically justifying rent controls on the grounds of "tenant protection against high rent increases."

"This is an unclear and inconsistent objective," charged Metz. "Why should *all* tenants be 'protected' against 'high' rent increases? It seems that rather than helping only those who require housing assistance and thus alleviate the affordability problem, the NDP approach to rent control is to *give the well-to-do the same benefits of cheaper rent*."

✎ VOTES MEAN MORE

Thus, Ontario's rent control system has evolved into a *universal solution* to an isolated problem: the affordability of housing to the lowest income groups in society. The universal rent control approach adopted by the NDP offers startling proof that, contrary to that party's stated commitment to helping the less fortunate in society, it is more interested in securing the votes of tenants everywhere than in dealing with the problem at hand.

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✎ GET THE DETAILS!

Copies of Freedom Party's brief, *Rent Control is No Option* are now available to FP members and supporters on request. Please call or write. See back cover for details.

Rent Controls are People Controls...

BAD INTENTIONS BEHIND BILL 121, SAYS METZ

LONDON (August 23, 1991) - **Freedom Party leader Robert Metz** addressed the **Standing Committee on General Government**, which invited public briefs on amendments to the **Rent Control Act, 1991**, specifically with respect to **Bill 121**, the legislation which would implement the philosophy behind the government's *Rent Control Options* 'consultation' paper (see coverage, previous article).

With only fifteen minutes allotted to state a case against rent control that would certainly be rejected by any socialist government, Metz wasted no time in getting to the point.

✎ NO EXPECTATIONS

"As an opponent of rent control, I do not appear before this committee with any expectation of swaying this government's opinion or direction on the subject of rent controls," admitted Metz. "Indeed, it has been my repeated experience, in appearing before official committees and commissions over the past 10 years, that the only purpose served by them is to grant the illusion of public input while using that illusion to justify a predetermined government policy with respect to the issue being discussed."

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Rent Control
Options
WE WANT YOUR VIEWS
You can help the Ontario government develop a new rent control system that meets the needs of all.
NO OPTION!

A Response to

A Consultation Paper from
The Ministry of Housing
February, 1991

prepared by
Freedom Party of Ontario

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✂ A NEW CHOICE, NOW

Instead, Metz directed his message to the public, media, and landlords: "To those who clearly see the inherent evils of rent control and who want to do something about it, I am offering a **rent control option** that no other political party in Ontario will offer them: an officially-registered political party that, if elected, would put an end to the devastating and unjust policy of rent controls in this province."

Metz raised many of the issues previously raised in his earlier response to the *Ministry of Housing*: "Because of this government's universal and all-encompassing approach to rent controls, it has become painfully clear to me that the real intent behind rent controls has very little to do with the issue of affordable housing and a lot to do with political opportunism."

✂ SOCIALIST GREED

"It is frightening to think that our government is no longer motivated by serving *needs*, as it constantly tells us," charged Metz, "but rather by serving *wants*. If homeowners *want* to stop being hit with huge mortgage interest rate increases, does this obligate the government to start regulating interest rates in the banking industry? If consumers *want* to be protec-

ted from huge increases in food, shelter, and housing, does this obligate this government to regulate and control these parts of the market? The question I want to know most assuredly is, why is this government not working to protect us all from huge tax increases?"

✂ RENT CONTROLS VIOLATE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Metz went on to illustrate how rent controls violate fundamental rights, including **private property rights**, the sanctity of **private contract**, **freedom of association**, and **equality before the law**. "Rent controls are **undemocratic** because of all these reasons," he concluded.

Members of the committee did not appreciate the issues raised by Metz's arguments. **Diane Poole, Liberal MPP from Eglinton**, openly trying to evade Metz's arguments charged: "I am trying to get away from talking about the philosophy behind it. I understand and appreciate your point of view, but how do you provide those incentives to build? Yes, it will be an incentive if rent controls are lifted, but ...after *Bill 4* and after certain things this government has done, how would people ever trust government to keep its

word if it says it is going to end rent control? What developer is going to put up a building on the premise that this government and future governments will keep to that agenda?"

✂ CAN'T TRUST POLITICIANS

"What you are telling me, which is an alarming thing to hear coming from a committee member, is that you are saying government is completely untrustworthy," responded Metz.

"No," denied Poole. "I am saying, how do you restore the trust of the people in it?"

Replied Metz: "The trust of the people has to be regained by a political party that will honour its commitments to do what it promises to do for them and not to misrepresent and give them policies that they say are going to solve their problems, but (which) just aggravate their problems and make things worse."

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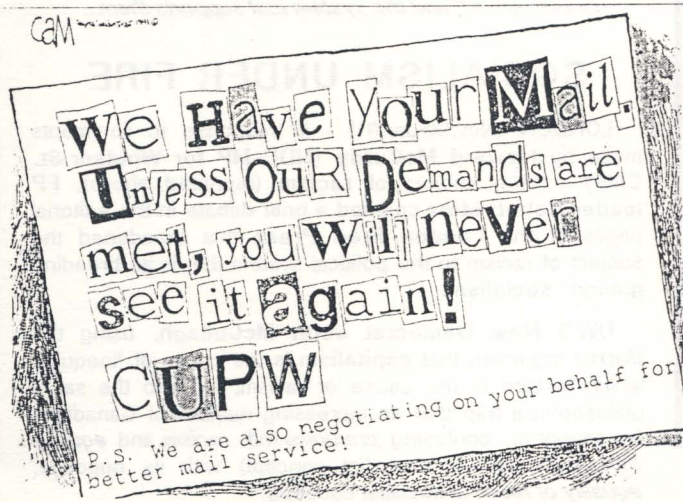
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Rise in racism blamed on shift to the right

The country's only black MP was in London to address UWO students.

The London Free Press

A right-wing shift in Canadian politics is contributing to a rise in racism, Canada's only black MP said here Tuesday.

Windsor-St. Clair NDP Howard McCurdy said before the election of the Mulroney Conservatives, the fight against racism in Canada was boosted by a fundamental attitude that is social democratic in its roots — a mixed economy, social support programs and a commitment to accessible post-secondary education.

"There's no doubt in my mind now that we're seeing a fundamental change engineered by the new right," McCurdy said, which he believes is a reflection of neo-conservative movements in the United States and Britain. These movements are characterized by the lack of commitment to equality, he said. It's an expression of the "me" syndrome.

As a result, many Canadians become insecure and alienated and when that happens, they start to look for scapegoats and therefore a rise in racism.

Before Mulroney's election, Canada was well on the way to

identifying a new "in" group that was multicultural, McCurdy said. That's no longer there.

Instead, he said, racists have been encouraged to express themselves and take refuge in race-based theories like those of UWO professor Philippe Rushton.

McCurdy was in London to speak to University of Western Ontario students during a week-long anti-racism tour of Ontario campuses.

He called on Western's administration to commit itself to improving diversity at the highest academic levels. It could most effectively fight Rushton by ensuring there are people capable

of expressing others' cultural views, he said.

McCurdy said virtually every significant Canadian university is culturally more advanced than Western. "It's the most stratified university in the country."

That has happened because "London hasn't had cross-currents of ethnocultural and racial diversity that other communities have experienced."

And yet McCurdy, a London native, said he spent the first 10 years of his life in this city and never experienced a racist incident. He chalks that up to the fact he was "an exotic" — unusual in the primarily white Anglo-Saxon city of those years.

Clockwise, Above & at Right:
reprinted from the *London Free Press*:
(1) Nov. 14/90; (2) Nov 29/90; (3) Dec
27/90; (4) Jan 26/91.

Racism, greed, and the system that supports them...

SOCIALISM UNDER FIRE

LONDON (Nov/90-Jan91) - In response to comments made by Howard McCurdy (NDP MP for Windsor-St. Clair) on the subject of racism (reprinted above), FP leader Robert Metz sparked a brief debate in the editorial pages of the *London Free Press* that broadened the subject of racism to the political system that is its breeding ground: **socialism**.

UWO New Democrat John McCullagh, using the Marxist argument that **capitalism** is the cause of "inequity" which in turn is the cause of racism, fell into the same philosophical trap that an increasing number of Canadians are caught in: confusing *prejudice* with *racism*, and *equality before the law* (a capitalist concept) with its opposite, *equality of result* (a socialist concept).

Fortunately, as Metz illustrates in his rebuttal, McCullagh's arguments have no objective basis. After all, once socialism is identified for what it is, there is no objective way anyone seriously concerned with eliminating "racism" and "inequity" could possibly support it.

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Philosophy of socialism real reflection of selfishness

NDP MP Howard McCurdy is looking at the symptoms of his own philosophy when he blames "racism" (which he admits he, as a black, has never experienced in the London area) on a "shift to the right" (Free Press, Nov. 14).

Indeed, in light of the recent majority election of the provincial New Democrats (combined with the popularity of the federal NDP), to suggest that Canada is experiencing a "shift to the right" is so ludicrous as to defy all logic and reason.

McCurdy identifies what he calls the "new right" as being "characterized by the lack of commitment to equality," as an expression of the "me" syndrome. Really? If "equality" is an issue to McCurdy, then his party is the worst offender towards its destruction. To socialists like McCurdy, "equality" does not mean (as is the case in free, capitalist societies) "equality before the law," but rather its precise opposite: 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 have taken no part in this process (for whatever reason) are to be rewarded by "sharing" in the products they had no part in creating.

If the increasing resentment people are beginning to experience at being taxed to death by politicians like McCurdy is to be regarded as "selfishness" (i.e., the "me" syndrome), then let me respond by saying that I can personally think of no more selfish philosophy than the egalitarian philosophy of socialism.

True selfishness, the type that is harmful to any society, is reflected in the desire to live at other people's expense against their will (the very essence of socialism). Selfishness, above all, reflects a desire for the unearned. In a socialist country, you don't work for your living, you vote for it.

Racism, like all evil variants of collectivism (including socialism, fascism, communism), is an entirely political phenomenon which should not be confused with simple prejudice. Racism occurs when governments enact legislation to favor or discriminate against any individual on the basis of his or her color or race. This is the process that causes racism, and it is the process defended by socialists everywhere.

The problem in Canada with minorities occurs not when they are being treated as equals (as they usually are), but when equal treatment does not suit them and they demand special treatment from political powers. Thus we have RCMP officers wearing turbans, the forced subsidization of French by people of every other nationality, and increasing calls by more minority groups asking for the same kinds of privileges.

This is the breeding ground for racism: it will never end unless we discard collectivist notions entirely.

ROBERT METZ
President
Freedom Party Of Ontario
London

YOUR OPINION

Inequity basic to capitalism

In his letter *Philosophy of socialism real reflection of selfishness* (Free Press, Nov. 29), Robert Metz is guilty of the very actions that he is railing against.

Blaming socialism for the injustice of racism is both irresponsible and ignorant and serves to highlight the flaws of his own philosophy. Contrary to Metz's views, socialism works toward the equality of opportunity and lessening the vast disparities that exist in the world. Inequities are inherent in capitalism, the system that Metz glorifies.

An elitist structure is promoted by the drive to concentrate wealth in the hands of the privileged few. The lack of social and economic justice in capitalism is further corroborated by the intolerance shown toward minorities that limit the opportunity to achieve similar ends. By being continually shut out of the mainstream, it is impossible to achieve parallel success. Only by intervention designed to allow minorities this chance of equal opportunity will there be the potential to eliminate racism.

Metz feels socialism is selfish, but I sincerely hope he sees more to the value of life than the purely economic incentives. When one is successful, one is not "punished" by helping others. Rather, it is a moral and ethical obligation, and reward, to share your wealth with others who have been less fortunate.

Metz calls this selfish. Excuse me, but it seems to be the direct opposite. Capitalism is selfish by definition in its individualistic goals and criteria for success.

As to the statement that "racism . . . is an entirely political phenomenon," I again fail to see the logic. Racism extends beyond simple bias and prejudice. It is also the blatant belief of superiority of racial groups and is shown in everything from subtle racial slurs and jokes to formal supremacist theories.

This intolerance of minorities is the basic foundation of racist beliefs and doctrines. Metz and others may choose to lead life with blinders on but this is negligent and only serves to perpetuate racism.

Metz asserts that "to suggest Canada is experiencing a 'shift to the right' is so ludicrous as to defy all logic and reason." One can only hope that at least this one statement is correct and Canadians will be a step further to ending racism by recognizing the dangers of the ideology professed by Metz and the "new right."

JOHN MCCULLAGH
UWO New Democrats
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Capitalism acknowledges realities

In his criticism of my view that socialism is a selfish political philosophy that fuels the fires of racism, University of Western Ontario New Democrat John McCullagh in his letter (*Inequity basic to capitalism*, Free Press, Dec. 27) responds that "inequities are inherent in capitalism," whereas "socialism works towards equality. . . ."

McCullagh is correct on both counts — and that is precisely why socialism must be condemned and why capitalism, with all its "inequities," must be celebrated.

"Inequities" are not inherent in capitalism per se, they are inherent in life itself. Don't blame capitalism for being the only system that acknowledges reality. After all, no two individuals (even if they are of the same

race) are "equal" in any respect. Capitalism is the only system that has ever acknowledged the uniqueness of each individual human being by protecting, above all, each individual's inherent right to freedom of speech and expression, freedom of association, freedom of trade, private property rights, and equal treatment before and under the law. To the extent that governments have failed to protect these rights, we can always find at the root of such failure the encroachment of socialist philosophy and policy.

Socialist calls for "equality" always refer to one thing: money (i.e., "economic" equality). Like all greedy socialists, McCullagh wants everyone to "share the wealth" while hypocritically daring to suggest that there is "more to the value of life than purely economic incentives." Armed with complete economic and moral illiteracy (which accounts for socialist disdain for "economic incentives" and their lack of respect for the earnings of others), they continually embark

upon an endless series of government programs, each designed to "redistribute" other people's hard-earned dollars without giving those people a choice in the matter.

Socialism is profoundly selfish. The only thing socialists really care about is money — specifically, other people's money. Their goal is not in creating wealth, but in "redistributing" it. Their "solution" to any social or economic issue is to throw more money at it. Spend, spend, spend. Tax, tax, tax. And then they actually have the gall to condemn those whose money they're spending for being concerned with "economic" considerations!

To add insult to injury, socialists continually wish to treat millions of independent and unique individuals as members of a single collective unit, be it by race, sex, economic status, age, religion, or even political ideology. And that's where all the so-called "racist" problems begin. Racism occurs when governments legislate against — or in favor of — individuals based on racial or ethnic origin.

When McCullagh suggests that "Only by intervention designed to allow minorities this chance of equal opportunity will there be the potential to eliminate racism" he is, in effect, saying that "Only by racism can we end racism." He is advocating racism, and has clearly demonstrated why I have argued that racism and socialism go hand-in-hand.

I, for one, have no desire to be identified as a member of any race or collective — particularly by my government. I, like all my fellow citizens, am an individual first and foremost. For that reason, I have rejected all left- and right-wing philosophies and have adopted the one alternative that lays to rest all collectivist notions: individual freedom of choice and the capitalist system that supports it.

ROBERT METZ
President
Freedom Party of Ontario
London

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FREEDOM PARTY LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN EDUCATION

ONTARIO (February, 1991) - With education spending running out of control and the quality of education clearly in decline, it is no surprise that public dissatisfaction with Ontario's **government-run school system** is at its highest (though not nearly high enough, a condition that is guaranteed to correct itself) in the history of public education in this province.

In response to the increased public attention that the education system is finally (and deservedly) beginning to receive, **Freedom Party** is once again taking its **freedom of choice in education** alternative to the political marketplace.

☞ PUBLIC STILL DOESN'T KNOW

From our battle with the teachers' unions to our support of tax coalition-endorsed trustee candidates and concerned parents, every aspect of our efforts is geared towards **creating an aware and informed public** on the issue. **Supporters of a state monopoly in education, who span the NDP-Liberal-Conservative political spectrum**, have done a thorough job of confusing the public (and themselves) on **what needs to be done to save our quality of education**.

Answers to the education issue elude them because **they cannot accept or understand the two principles necessary to keep our education system in the control of the people who use it (parents/students) and pay for it (taxpayers): the principles of choice and privatization**. Thus, unfounded fears that our whole educa-

(CHOICE... cont'd pg 13)

☞ *At Right: reprinted from the London Free Press, Sept. 5/91. Jim Montag, president of the London-Middlesex Taxpayers' Coalition, endorses FP's education policy of choice, and endorses FP president Robert Metz as trustee candidate.*

EDUCATION

THURSDAY, September 5, 1991

Tax policy paper to urge schools be made private

The London-Middlesex Tax Coalition is also endorsing certain trustee candidates for the London board of education.

By Kelley Teahen
The London Free Press

Advocates of lower taxes are stepping up a fight to change public education in London.

Jim Montag, president of the London-Middlesex Tax Coalition, promises a policy paper "within the next couple weeks" advocating that all educational institutions become private, with parents directing education taxes to the school of their choice.

The coalition also has started endorsing candidates running for trustee on the London board of education.

The first of these is coalition member Bob Metz, president of Ontario's Freedom Party.

"I really don't care what party he's with, as long as he supports our views, which he does," says Montag.

The tax coalition "will endorse candidates who have a chance of holding the line on taxes," Metz said, adding some of those endorsed may be incumbent trustees.

TEACHERS' UNION: Metz, registered to run in Ward 7, has been battling the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation's plan to oppose trustee candidates who are members of Ontario's tax coalition.

The tax coalition, a non-partisan group, and the Freedom Party have found themselves on the same side of the rope in the tug-of-war between lower-tax advocates and the teachers'



File photo

Jim Montag of the London-Middlesex Tax Coalition says his group will endorse board of education candidates who favor holding the tax line.

union.

Metz won't run under the Freedom Party banner and said the party isn't officially sponsoring municipal candidates.

Present Ward 7 trustees are Joyce Bennett, Marilyn Joselyn and John Robinson. Only Robinson has stated publicly he will not run in November's elections but the other two have not yet registered as candidates. Metz is the only candidate registered for the ward.

Earlier this summer, the Freedom Party distributed 10,000 pamphlets in London and St. Thomas, outlining its position on holding the line on education spending.

Metz said pamphlets were also given out in the Welland area and more deliveries are planned for London and St. Thomas, with possible expansion into Oxford County.

Union declares war on tax fighters...

FP TARGETS UNION TACTICS WITH INFO CAMPAIGN

LONDON, ST. THOMAS - (Aug. 1/91) - In response to planned municipal election tactics outlined in the **Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation's** April 1991 *Political Action* newsletter to its members, **Freedom Party** produced and distributed its first **Ontario Information Bulletin** in a door-to-door mail drop campaign to counter the union's strategy. The union tactics, aimed against any trustee candidates endorsed by the **Ontario Taxpayers' Coalition**, were geared to continue the myth that quality education is only possible through constantly increasing taxes.

"With its powerful influence and millions of dollars in union dues at its disposal, the teachers' union just may win its war against the taxpayers of Ontario," **FP leader Robert Metz** warned in a public statement. "Parents, taxpayers, and trustee candidates concerned with ever-increasing tax burdens will have to double their efforts simply to be heard above the propaganda campaign."

☞ SALARIES NOT THE ISSUE, SAYS METZ

"The education issue is not about teachers' salaries," said Metz. "It's about who controls our education system. Should it be the unions and special interest groups, or should it be the parents, students, and taxpayers who use and pay for the education system?"

Metz argued that those who believe concerned taxpayers are "teacher-bashers" simply haven't been listening. "In fact," said Metz, "I can't see any reason

Party blasts teachers' union election tactics

AUG 3 1991

By WAYNE NEWTON
Staff Reporter

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation is planning to bribe the media and scare seniors in a bid to quash candidates sympathetic to cuts in education spending in this fall's municipal election, says the leader of the Freedom Party of Ontario.

Robert Metz, leader of the party based in London, Ont. said the union plans to place advertising with media most sympathetic to its stand on education spending.

"They plan to bribe the media with advertising," Mr. Metz said.

He said the April edition of a union publication called *Political Action* called for a number of tactics to be used against tax coalition groups and trustee candidates who embrace coalition ideas of lower taxes and spending on education.

The union suggests ill-educated thugs will threaten the safety of seniors if there is inadequate spending on education and a well-educated workforce will make pension income secure.

"These tactics are very low," Mr. Metz said.

Education spending, which accounts for about half of all property taxes, has been a target of Taxpayers Coalition — Elgin and similar groups throughout Ontario.

Mr. Metz said the union is more concerned about teachers' salaries and job security than quality educa-

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tion and responsible spending of tax money.

Ray Monteith of St. Thomas, a former Freedom party candidate and member of the local tax coalition, said the union campaign may be a blessing in disguise.

"It's going to make some candidates come clean," he said, adding they will have to clearly explain their philosophies on taxation and education spending.

Mr. Monteith said the answers for responsible education spending and lower taxes lies with more co-operation between public and Roman Catholic school boards and a revised funding system.

Schools should be funded through the province and not locally generated property taxes since most programs are mandated by the province, Mr. Metz said.

Taxpayers should also have the right to direct their taxes to the school of their choice, creating competition among schools, Mr. Metz said.

Above: Freedom Party's Ray Monteith, featured in the front-page headline story of the St. Thomas Times-Journal, Aug. 3/91. More press coverage relating to FP's information campaign is featured on the next page.

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 1991

MUNICIPAL TAXES

Freedom Party takes shots at teacher union's tax stance

The teachers' group has declared war on the Ontario coalition of tax protesters and the tiny political party is firing broadside at the union.

By Tony Hodgkinson
The London Free Press

A tax fight has grown messier with the London-based Freedom Party pitting itself against a union representing Ontario public secondary school teachers.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation has come out swinging against a province-wide coalition opposed to higher property taxes.

But the Freedom Party has retaliated with street distribution in London and St. Thomas of about 10,000 bulletins designed "to help the public make an informed decision in this David and Goliath battle."

Plans are under way to extend the campaign to the Toronto and Niagara areas, as well as the counties of Oxford, Elgin and Middlesex.

FALSE IMPRESSION: Robert Metz, leader of the Freedom Party, charges the union is giving the false impression that quality education and higher taxes go hand-in-hand.

"With its powerful influence and millions of dollars in union dues at its disposal, the teachers' union just may win its war against the taxpayers of Ontario," Metz says.

The union has outlined plans to oppose trustee candidates in November's municipal elections who are members of Taxpayers Coalition Ontario Inc. Coalition president George Lamsens says he is indifferent to the involvement of the Freedom Party in the battle with teachers. "I

will not affiliate myself with any political party or populist movement."

Metz says his party won't field its own candidates for boards of education but that individuals, including himself, might consider running.

PARENT POWER: He says teachers' salaries are not the main issue in the party's confrontation with the union, but the manner in which the education system functions. He says more control should be given to the users of the system, with parents given more choice about how their education dollars are spent.

“With its powerful influence and millions of dollars in union dues at its disposal, the teachers' union just may win its war against the taxpayers of Ontario.”

— Robert Metz
Freedom Party leader

He says he agrees with the teachers' union that financial responsibility should be assumed by the province, not the local property tax base, of which about half goes to education.

Federation president Liz Barkley said in Toronto she had never heard of the Freedom Party until recently and its views are "diametrically opposed to what we are doing."

Barkley says it is simplistic of coalition members to say the solution to high taxes is to cut spending. She says an overhaul of the entire tax structure is needed, federally, provincially and municipally, to sort out a range of societal ills from medicare to pensions.

She says locals of the union will be alerted to deal with tax coalition candidates the best way they see fit. "These people are, from my point of view, not people who build a community, but destroy."

THE KEY PLAYERS

▢ **Taxpayers Coalition Ontario Inc.:** Advocates lower property taxes through spending cuts and an end to duplication of government services. It has 58 chapters representing about 25,000 homeowners.

▢ **Freedom Party of Ontario:** A provincially registered political party which is also registered in 13 ridings. It has more than 500 active members. Its platform is less government involvement in people's lives, reduced taxes and more consumer choice in the services government provides, especially education.

▢ **Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation:** A union representing about 40,000 teachers in public high schools.

Where do teachers think province gets its funding money?

The way they go on, it's difficult to believe they know it comes from the people and not from another planet.

While a teacher makes good money, and the job provides good benefits, it's no picnic.

POLICING THE SYSTEM: The tax revolt groups and the candidates they back should concentrate their energies on ensuring the system does not get out of hand.

They should concentrate on making the system more productive. They should look at a year-round school system, less time off for teacher and student, a streamlining of the administration, spending more money at the classroom level,

money that could come from what's saved at the administration level. There could be fewer out-of-town meetings, conferences, meeting-neighbor barbecues and the like.

Which brings us to the union. The campaign it is spearheading includes the distribution of pamphlets to all teachers in which the union encourages them to "protect your schools from becoming the target of a tax revolt. Elect trustees who oppose cutbacks and understand the politics of education funding."

Whose interests are they protecting?

The union, naively, differentiates between local taxpayers and money coming from the provincial government. The union wants to pressure the provincial government to increase its share of education funding. Where does the union think that money's coming from? Another province, another country, another planet?

Bob Metz, leader of the Freedom Party of Ontario, says, "If taxpayers can't afford the education system they have, they simply won't have it for long."

How right he is. And it's time everyone realized that.

MOBITS: One in five students in the Catholic secondary system in Ontario is housed in a portable classroom. That figure is about one in four in London and Middlesex County. Maybe they can put a classroom in that ostentatious, mall-like front lobby in the new John Paul II high school. There's certainly room for it. Do you wonder how much the foyer cost to build and whether the space could have been put to better use? SEP 7 1991

Morris Dalla Costa's column appears Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.



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The London Free Press

September. Another school year.

Books. Education. A possible strike by elementary school teachers. An election in which the Ontario Public School Teachers Federation (OPSTF) will take an active role in seeing certain candidates get elected.

Here we go. Teacher bashing again.

Remember the No. 1 rule. Do not, absolutely do not, say anything that could be construed as criticism of the following: teachers, the education system, the amount of money wasted in the education system, salaries, benefits or the quality of education. Any mention of the preceding and that's called teacher bashing.

HOOK, LINE AND SINKER: It's a sensitive point. We, the taxpayers of course, are not supposed to be sensitive. We are to swallow hook, line and sinker, every bill of goods sold us by teachers' unions. There's nothing wrong with the education system that more teachers and more money won't fix.

The OPSTF is preparing big time for the upcoming election. They will spend up to \$120,000 as part of a campaign against candidates supported by tax revolt groups and to ensure the election of candidates who will rubber stamp what the union wants.

You see, tax revolt groups have targeted education as one area which must hold the line when it comes to increases. School boards have been notorious in the past for ignoring fiscal responsibility, barging ahead with whatever they feel they need financially, and to hell with restraint.

And most of the time they get what they want, at one level or another, because if you mess with education, you're labelled an ignoramus.

Tax revolt groups have singled out teachers as their main target. They are unhappy with teachers' salaries and the number of teachers being hired. Those actions are unfair.

why excellent teachers couldn't earn even more, while ineffective teachers might earn less or simply should not be teaching. When was the last time you ever heard of a teacher being fired for failing to meet the needs of students?"

FP's information bulletin specifically quoted seven of the key tactics the OSSTF outlined in its own newsletter --- and offered the party's own interpretation of what the union's strategy would really mean in practice.

REACTION

Reaction to FP's information campaign proved its effectiveness. Aside from the unprecedented media attention generated, we learned from a trustee candidate in **Niagara Falls** that the OSSTF, in its questionnaire to trustee candidates there, included a question asking how they felt about **Freedom Party's** education position. Since many had never heard of the party, the interest generated was most welcomed.

OSSTF president **Liz Barkley**, though "diametrically opposed" to **Freedom Party's** campaign, was quoted by the **London Free Press** (see coverage, pg. 11) as saying that it is "simplistic to say the solution to high taxes is to cut spending," and argued that "an overhaul of the entire tax structure is needed, federally, provincially, and municipally, to sort out a range of societal ills from medicare to pensions." The irony in her statement is that that is exactly what **Freedom Party** and tax coalition groups have been saying all along and that groups like the OSSTF have always been the main obstacles to such an overhaul being made.

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Let's not fail our children...

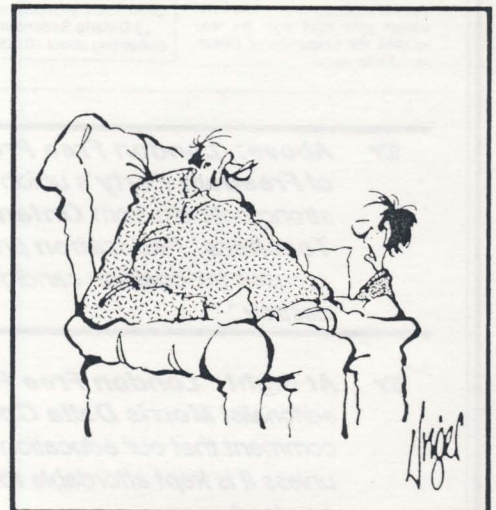
METZ REMINDS BOARD OF RESPONSIBILITY TO STUDENTS

LONDON (March 6, 1991) - In an official submission to the **London Board of Education** entitled *Failing Our Children*, FP leader **Robert Metz** reminded board administration and trustees of their primary responsibility: "Tell **Bob Rae** that your responsibility is to the 55,798 students you serve, not to Queens Park edicts and political agendas. You may not always have the political power you need to enact change, but you do have the potential for influence. School boards must start pressuring senior levels of government not simply for more money, but for more freedom to take control of their budgets and of the service they offer their customers --- the students."

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WHAT THE UNION SAYS:	WHAT THE UNION REALLY MEANS:
1. "...the tax revolt messiahs... risk intimidating trustees and trustee election candidates who defend quality education programs."	1. Ordinary people concerned with high taxes don't know what they're talking about and their influence threatens union power over the education system.
2. "We must help local taxpayers appreciate that the target of their concern should be federal and provincial politicians, not local trustees and councillors."	2. Let's deflect taxpayer attention away from the responsibilities of trustees within the education system --- even though this is a municipal election. Voters are so stupid they'll fall for it.
3. "Our proposed fightback campaign (includes) bolstering responsible incumbents, finding responsible candidate alternatives, countering tax revolt candidates."	3. We'll support incumbents and candidates who will spend more and raise taxes, and we'll oppose fiscally responsible candidates, despite their commitment to quality education.
4. "It is important to package (our) message in terms of the public interest. Colour the message."	4. Let's tell the public that they're getting a great deal; never mind the fact that increased spending on public education has not produced a corresponding increase in the quality of education.
5. "We must help seniors see that the students now in school will be the workers whose taxes will help pay their pensions. A good education is the best guarantee that they will be productive."	5. Let's threaten seniors' sense of security by implying that higher education taxes and the teachers' union is their main guarantee of financial security in retirement.
6. "...the behavior of this and future generations of students will be vital to seniors' safety and well being. Do they really want ill-educated thugs running the streets?"	6. Let's use scare tactics on seniors and imply that they'll get beat up by thugs if they don't support us.
7. "...we can make it clear to the media that we will use our resources in those media most sympathetic to the needs of quality education..."	7. Let's bribe the media with our advertising dollars. If they want our business, they'll have to support our campaign for higher taxes and more spending.

Above: reproduced from FP's Ontario Information Bulletin, August 1991. On the left are quotes from the union's own newsletter; on the right, our interpretation.



"I got 6 percent in math. Is that good or bad?"

FREEDOM PARTY JOINS TAX COALITION BATTLE

LONDON (Oct 11-Nov 12/91) - In an effort to present as full a slate of candidates as possible to municipal electors wanting to see the line held on taxes, **Freedom Party** joined forces with the **London-Middlesex Taxpayers' Coalition** by helping provide the balance of trustee candidates necessary to represent each of London's seven wards.

NUMBERS AND INTENSITY HIGHEST IN LONDON

Our efforts did not go unnoticed. **Margaret Dempsey**, vice-president of the **Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario** commented in the Nov. 7/91 edition of the **London Free Press** that she's seen neither "the numbers nor the intensity" of taxpayer-coalition style trustee candidates in other Ontario centres. (See 'Openers' on pg. 2 for commentary on the candidates.)

QUALITY EDUCATION OR EDUCATIONAL MALPRACTICE?

On October 28, coalition forces held a public meeting featuring guest speaker **Sheila Morrison**, author of **Unbunbling the Basics**, and an outspoken critic of Ontario's government-run school system. Over 200 people attended the event (at least four times the number of people at any given all-candidates' debate) but media coverage was minimal. This made the job of informing voters about issues like **whole language**, **mainstreaming**, and the Ministry of Education's **education philosophy** in the brief period of time given almost impossible.

NO WINNERS, BUT NO LOSERS

Though none of the coalition-endorsed candidates were elected, their performance during the election,

and the effect their presence had on the issues aired was dramatic. Time was the main factor working against candidates, since many entered the election race too late to build the name recognition and profile necessary to unseat incumbents. 1994's municipal election, on the other hand, promises to be most interesting.

ERROR CORRECTION

In an FP mailer promoting the **Sheila Morrison** event to London-area supporters, it was incorrectly stated that the **London Board of Education** was pressuring bookstores to remove her books from their shelves. According to our current understanding of the situation, it was only a handful of teachers from the board involved in an isolated incident where Morrison's books were removed. We apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstandings that may have resulted from our error.

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tion system would collapse if these two alternatives were employed causes them to perpetuate the very spend-spend-spend tax-tax-tax cycle that *is destroying* our education system. As **FP leader Robert Metz** explained to London School Board administrators and trustees in a public address on March 6, "Instead of viewing government as a means to provide an equal educational *opportunity* for all, Canadians view government and taxes as a means to get a *free* education for all."

BANKRUPT PHILOSOPHY LEADS TO BANKRUPT FINANCING

A direct consequence of our "free education" philosophy is *the* single major obstacle to the provision of quality education: a lack of adequate funding. Unfortunately, with **tax dollars already consuming over 50% of our average income**, the prospect of

ever-increasing taxes is simply no longer an available option.

With that reality in mind, **Freedom Party** has produced a publication entitled **Freedom of Choice in Education** to help introduce the concepts of choice and privatization to those still unfamiliar with them. Included in the publication is a section entitled *Counting the Benefits*, wherein 16 distinct advantages of freedom of choice in education are listed. Included in the list is **access to quality education by all, regardless of financial status**, which is falsely touted by state monopolists as being the main reason that government must continue its monopoly on education.

GET THE DETAILS!

Copies of FP's *Freedom of Choice In Education* are available on request. See back cover for details.

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W4 Thursday, February 28, 1991 THE TORONTO STAR



BILL FRAMPTON: Says it's time to stop talking and start working.

GST brings the question of fair taxes into the limelight

Now that the Goods and Services Tax is in force, Canadians will suffer another massive tax grab.

The average person in Ontario already works from Jan. 1 to July 7 just to pay his combined federal, provincial, and municipal taxes.

According to the Fraser Institute, the GST will make Tax Freedom Day — the day when we finally finish paying our taxes for the year — fall on July 23, two weeks later.

This is apparent when we consider that the GST is collected based on the retail price of almost all goods and services, while the old Manufacturers' Sales Tax was collected on the manufacturer's price of some items.

Manufactured goods such as furniture are usually sold to a wholesaler who in turn sells them to a retailer. By the time they are finally sold to the consumer the price can easily be marked up 100 per cent.

If a wall unit is made for \$500 and eventually sold to the consumer for \$1,000, Ottawa would collect \$67.50 under the old tax and \$70 under GST.

Taking into account the GST paid on clothes, haircuts, stamps, newspapers, and other items that were previously exempt from federal tax, Ottawa will rake in millions in extra taxes.

It is a tragic irony that the alternative proposed by the Liberals and NDP —

higher taxes on business — would not really change anything.

The businessman must collect every dollar of tax he pays from his customers. Therefore all business taxes are really paid by the public, so the opposition is not advocating anything genuinely different.

The GST has brought the question of "fair" taxes into the limelight.

The purpose of most taxes levied in Canada today is to take people's hard-earned money from them without their consent and give it to others. What can possibly be fair about this?

Any tax for something other than essential services provided to every taxpayer can never be considered fair.

The government must ultimately get every dollar it spends from the taxpayers. If politicians resort to borrowing the money they only postpone the inevitable, while saddling the public with a burden of debt to carry.

The combined debt of the federal and provincial governments, which grows every year, now exceeds \$450 billion. Interest on this debt consumes a steadily growing proportion of our tax dollars.

The only way to achieve lower taxes is to stop talking about the problem and start working for a solution. Only when we elect politicians dedicated to lower government spending and eliminating deficits can lower taxes become a reality.

WILLIAM FRAMPTON
Regional Vice-President
Freedom Party Of Ontario
Burlington, Ont.

✉ *Above: Photo and editorial letter reproduced from the Toronto Star, Feb. 28, 1991. A dedicated advocate of lower taxes, FP's Bill Frampton produced many similar letters in periodicals around the country.*

FRAMPTON TO REMAIN MAJOR INFLUENCE AT FREEDOM PARTY

BURLINGTON (Aug. 21/91) - **William Frampton**, FP's Regional vice-president in the **Metro Toronto** region has officially resigned his position with the party for personal reasons.

Frampton has accepted an employment opportunity in the province of New Brunswick, where he now resides and works.

"It is with great regret that I submit my resignation from **Freedom Party's** provincial executive due to our impending move to New Brunswick," wrote Frampton in his letter of

resignation to FP president **Robert Metz**. My association with **Freedom Party** has been a positive one from the beginning. Our move will not terminate this association but merely interrupt it."

✉ FREEDOM PARTY OF NEW BRUNSWICK?

While Frampton is sure to be missed as a high-profile provincial executive member of the party, his move may become the first step towards the expansion of the party outside Ontario: "In due course it is

my objective to establish the Freedom Party of New Brunswick. I wish you and **Freedom Party** the best of success in Ontario. I am confident that in the long run the party will achieve its aims."

FP members and supporters in Ontario will continue to see Frampton's influence in action. Frampton's brilliant works on constitutional issues have formed the framework for many of FP's policies, and he will continue to be a contributor to various FP publications and newsletters. From all of us here at **Freedom Party** in Ontario, **GOOD LUCK, BILL!**

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"Yes to Freedom of Choice in Sunday shopping!" says Metz

FP SUNDAY SHOPPING VIEWS CLASH WITH ALL-PARTY COMMITTEE

LONDON (August 27, 1991) - **Freedom Party leader Robert Metz**, in a public brief addressed to Ontario's **Standing Committee on Administration of Justice**, condemned the provisions of Ontario's **Bill 115** citing that "the bill is tragically flawed even by the terms of its own reference and is unsupportable in matters of principle, equity, fairness, and justice."

The bill, which contained amendments to the **Retail Business Holidays Act (RBHA)** and the **Employment Standards Act (ESA)**, was being justified by Ontario's socialist **NDP** government as offering "employee protection" --- specifically to retail employees who work on Sundays. However, after examining the content of the bill, Metz could not accept its premise.

✍ EMPLOYER RIGHTS REMOVED

"No, *Bill 115* does not even represent a feeble attempt at justice," said Metz. "It has been so designed as to discriminate against and persecute a select class of retailers for blatant political gain. *Bill 115* refers to an employee's refusal to work on a Sunday as the 'right to refuse work.' It is no such thing. What it really does is take away the employers' right to refuse employment."

After thoroughly condemning provisions of *Bill 115*, Metz found himself challenged by representatives of all three of Ontario's major political parties. **Hans Daigeler, Liberal MPP for Nepean**, brought up the issue of "the freedom not to work", to which Metz responded: "Everyone has that

freedom. No one can force a person to work."

"According to the unions," responded Daigeler, "there already is undue pressure on retail workers to work on Sundays. How do you feel about that?"

"There is no pressure on them to work," replied Metz. "They can stay home and let other people work. What the unions' interest is in is maintaining a labour monopoly and excluding those who are willing to work from the labour force. When we look at the opinions that are behind a union, we have to understand the nature of a union. It is not in the interests of unions to see competition in labour."

✍ MONOPOLY ON FREEDOM?

At this point, **Jean Poirier, Liberal MPP for Prescott and Russell** joined the debate: "Are you of the opinion that only those who support the **Freedom Party** respect freedoms and rights?"

"No," replied Metz, "I am of the opinion that only those who respect individual freedoms and rights respect them. Any number of groups --- lobby groups, political parties --- could easily stand for these principles. I do not claim a monopoly on them, nor did I invent them."

"I was wondering if you could tell us what you see happening (with) freedom of choice (in Sunday shopping)," asked **Gary Carr, Progressive Conservative MPP for Oakville South**. "How would you see it working?"

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WHAT THEY SAID

☐ **Mayor Tom Gosnell, Deputy Mayor Jack Burghardt, city of London**: They want the province to take responsibility for the issue. Burghardt said the committee must consider the social and financial costs of having employees work on a day when bus service is reduced and municipally supported day care isn't available.

☐ **Ted Zientara, London, chairperson Tourism Ontario**: Supports Sunday shopping as a boon to Ontario tourism. "Sunday and holiday shopping has become an economic necessity for many thousands of Ontarians as they struggle to balance working realities with personal and family responsibilities."

☐ **Robert Metz, Freedom party of Ontario**: Supports freedom of choice on Sunday shopping issue. "From the outset, *Bill 115* (the Sunday shopping legislation) is tragically flawed ... and is insupportable in matters of principle, equity, fairness and justice."

☐ **Ab Player, London, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union**: Opposes Sunday shopping. "Our members already are exposed to one of the longest and least stable work weeks... Few consumers who shop on Sunday would opt to work on Sunday and pay the price that retail men and women do."

✍ *Above: reprinted from the **London Free Press**, August 28, 1991*

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"The entire beauty of freedom of choice is that all possibilities are possible," replied Metz. "Some retailers who find that staying open on Sunday is not profitable will choose not to remain open; those who find it profitable will open. There is no conflict here."

✉ CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE

Derek Fletcher, NDP MPP for Guelph, clearly saw the Sunday shopping issue from a more fundamental viewpoint: "In 1986 the Supreme Court of Canada decided six to one that the Retail Business Holidays Act, even if in violation of some people's freedoms, is valid legislation by virtue of Section 1 of the Charter. Would you repeal that piece of legislation?"

"Absolutely," replied Metz. "The 'notwithstanding' clauses in the Charter are devastating to this country. You have to ask yourself, when the Supreme Court of Canada openly admits that it is justifying legislation that violates our individual rights, then what is it there for? Is it not the purpose of a court in a free society to protect our rights?"

Fletcher offered no response.

✉ WHO WANTS TO WORK?

Although committee member **Diane Cunningham, Progressive Conservative MPP for London North**, had a lot to say on the issue, her comments were very unfocussed and contradictory. After repeatedly trying to assure Metz that she "agreed" with his position on Sunday shopping, she finally concluded: "From the bottom of my heart, the reason that I do not like Sunday shopping is that I have not met anybody who wants to work on Sundays in retail stores, with the exception of a few students going

Highlights from FP's Address to the Committee:

* "Although Bill 115 claims to be based on the 'principle that retail business holidays are common pause days,' it is clear that there is *no* 'principle' of a common pause day involved behind the legislation, since the law is applied arbitrarily and inconsistently."

* "Bill 115 gives absolute subjective power to politicians. While the provincial government is permitted to 'prescribe different tourism criteria for different classes of retail,' municipal governments may still force Sunday closings *even if the provincial tourism criteria are met*."

* "Sunday closing laws violate individual rights, including Sec.2a (freedom of conscience and religion) and Sec.2d (freedom of association) of Canada's *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*."

* "Sunday closing legislation violates fundamental principles of private property rights."

* "Bill 115 is a potential management nightmare since it grants employees the right to refuse an assignment to work on a Sunday --- *even if the employee has previously accepted that assignment!*"

* "What about the rights of those who are unemployed --- or underemployed --- as a result of Sunday closing laws?"

through school."

"Depending on how you word the question," challenged Metz, "you could get the same response to 'Do you want to work on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday' given the choice of a law being there that would stop you from having to work on that day."

To which Cunningham begrudgingly replied: "Unfortunately, in our society I think there are a few who would answer that way right now; they do not want to work at all."

At a time when unemployment rates are higher than ever in Canada, the prospect of our governments expending so much time and energy to protect a "right" *not* to work seems counterproductive, to say the least. Of course, the real goal of legislation like **Bill 115** is to keep the power of choice in the hands of politicians, and away from the individuals whose livelihoods depend on having this choice.

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✉ GET THE DETAILS!

Transcripts of Metz's address on Bill 115 are now available to FP members and supporters on request. Please call or write. See back cover for details.

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August 27, 1991

FREEDOM 200 PINS AWARDED

TORONTO (Nov. 16/90) - Four more people were added to **Freedom Party's** growing list of recipients of the party's **Freedom 200 Pins**, an attractive gold-plated pin bearing the party's official icon. The pins were awarded at **FP's** democracy dinner held at the *Holiday Inn* in downtown Toronto, where **William Peterson** and **Robert Metz** were key speakers on the evening's theme.

To qualify for the honour, recipients must have supported **FP** for no less than one year, contributed more than the minimum level required, and attended a public event where the pin was awarded. Only 200 of the pins will ever be awarded.

Recipients of the pins were party members **Eline Anders**, **Patrick Crawford**, and **Steve Sharpe**. Also receiving an award was our American guest speaker for the evening, **Dr. William H. Peterson**, who discovered **Freedom Party** in 1989, and whose speech, "America's Second Democracy" appeared in our special issue of *Consent*.

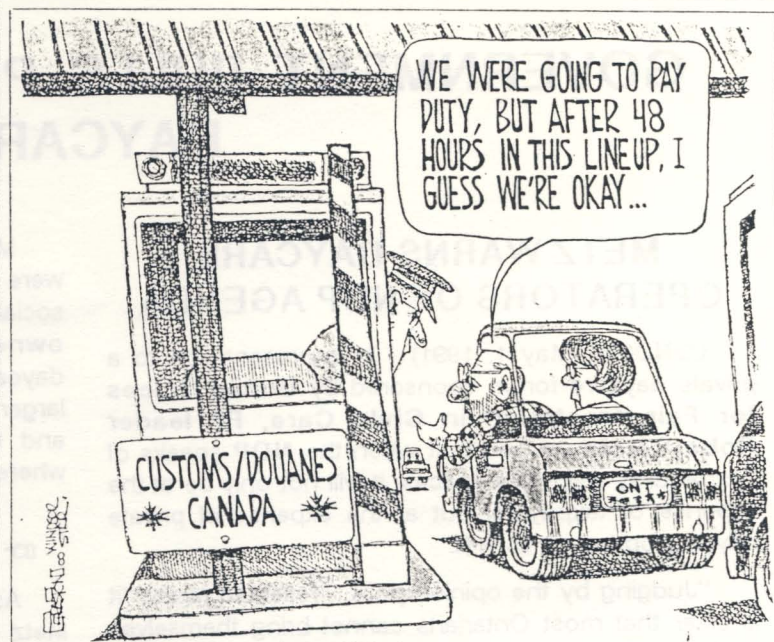


As a contributor to many publications, including *Harvard Business Review*, *New York Times*, *Business Week*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Freeman*, among many others, Dr. Peterson has been associated with many influential people of note, including

Nobel Laureate economist **Milton Friedman**, who headed the Federal Drafting Committee of the National Tax-Limitation Committee to which Peterson was appointed.

Our appreciation is extended to all the above-mentioned for their continued support.

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More taxes only fuel to border shopping fire

Given that everyone agrees that high taxes in Canada are the main cause of cross-border shopping, what do our politicians come up with to alleviate the problem? Why, more taxes of course!

Sarnia Mayor Mike Bradley, much to his discredit, has been doing everything politically possible to reduce jobs and to increase the cost of living for Canadians everywhere. Rather than consider cutting spending and lowering taxes to make it possible for Canadians to compete, he has put his support behind a proposal to have the federal government collect provincial sales tax at border crossings so that provincial taxes can be raised by another \$90 million per year (Ottawa pressured on border shopping. *Free Press*, May 8).

In other words, Bradley would rather see Ontario citizens robbed of another \$90 million a year to pay for government-run services that do

not deliver what is promised, than see those citizens reap the direct benefit of their hard-earned dollars for things they obviously want to buy.

It is difficult to believe a man elected to represent his constituents would place such a high priority on increasing sales tax by \$90 million a year and gasoline tax by \$40 million per year at a time when Ontarians have just been walloped by a seven-per-cent federal GST and by a fiscally irresponsible \$10-billion deficit budget forced upon them by the provincial Rae government.

Cross-border shopping is one of the many manifestations of a tax revolt. Trying to suppress the revolt with even more taxes is like adding fuel to the fire. Let's hope that in the long-run, the right people start getting burned.

Robert Metz
President
Freedom Party of Ontario
London

☛ Above: reprinted from the *London Free Press*, May 15, 1991. **Cross-border shopping** described by **FP** president **Robert Metz** as a manifestation of tax revolt.

NEXT ISSUE:

- ☛ **ELECTION FALLOUT:** New Board of Education Chairman accuses coalition candidates of wounding board reputation.
- ☛ **VICTORY FOR TAXPAYERS!:** BIA in Hamilton falls to the efforts of Ron Burrige and supporters.
- ☛ **BOB RAE CHALLENGED BY METZ** on provincial BIA legislation.
- ☛ **STILL MORE TO REPORT:** There's simply not enough room this issue to bring you up to date on all of our 1991 activities. More details --- next issue!

GOVERNMENT PULLS PLUG ON PRIVATE DAYCARE

METZ WARNS DAYCARE OPERATORS OF NDP AGENDA

LONDON (May 1, 1991) - In a presentation to a private daycare forum sponsored by **United Voices for Fair Treatment in Child Care**, FP leader **Robert Metz** warned that when the **NDP** speaks of "expanding child-care spaces, it will not only be at the expense of taxpayers, but at the expense of private daycare operators as well.

"Judging by the opinion polls," reflected Metz, "it is clear that most Ontarians cannot bring themselves to believe that the government they just recently elected is committed to the **gradual elimination of ALL private options and market responses to need**, particularly if the service in question can be considered 'essential.' The NDP is committed to making things tough for private foodbanks, private accommodation, private education, private healthcare, and now, private daycare. God help us when they completely take over the food industry," Metz continued, "because on that day we will know hunger."

Metz was invited to appear on the forum's panel along with **Judy Preston**, president of the **Association for Private Daycare Operators (Ont)**, **Bob Lauder** of the **Reform Party**, and **Ian Gibb**, member of the **Child Care Council** and owner of six private daycares.

☞ IS THIS THE END?

Arlene Forster, a private daycare operator involved with organizing the forum, summed up the mood of private daycare operators with the question: "Is this the end of commercial daycare in Ontario?"

It was clear by attendance at the event that private daycare operators had the support of parents. One parent who spoke at the forum conveyed the sense of betrayal left by NDP promises: "I voted for the NDP thinking it was a vote for the support of daycare," only to discover that what the NDP really supports is an unresponsive **government monopoly** on the provision of daycare.

Metz reminded attendees that the NDP's actions were perfectly predictable: "New Democrats are socialists and **socialism means government ownership and control**. Your dilemma as private daycare operators and customers is part of a much larger picture in Ontario, a picture that offers fewer and fewer economic options for Ontarians everywhere."

☞ WHAT TO DO

As a long-term solution to the daycare dilemma, Metz offered a formula that in every respect is the opposite of the NDP plan on daycare: (1) **Phase out universality** in all social spending; (2) **Target social spending** to those who truly need it; (3) **Gradually remove the government** from being the actual provider of a service; (4) **Reduce regulations, taxes, and other unnecessary market restrictions** on all providers of service; (5) **Allow taxpayers the right to direct** their personal **taxes** or subsidies to the private or public social agency of their choice.

TOO LATE FOR MOST

TORONTO (December/91) - Unfortunately, long-term solutions to the industry's woes may never benefit current daycare operators. Already, the government has revealed a \$75 million NDP plan to "convert" half of Ontario's private daycare centres into high-cost "non-profit" centres as its first step towards **universal daycare**, a move that will drive many daycare operators out of business and absorb many others into the state-financed system.

Ironically, a poor Ontario economy already ravaged with high taxes and unemployment may be the NDP's biggest obstacle to implementing its plans. At a time when so many inefficient state-monopolized services are draining the vitality of this province, it would be irresponsible and ill-considered to create yet another tax burden --- simply to replace a private functioning daycare system with a state-run system. However, a party committed to a socialist agenda is trying to do just that.

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Protesters backing a bully

By Robert Metz
Guest writer

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"All we are saying is give peace a chance" goes the popular tune that peace activists have adopted to support their demonstrations against United States' involvement in Kuwait. It's true: that is all they are saying. Beyond that, they have nothing to say, nothing else to protest against, and nothing to offer in the way of a realistic solution to a problem that has plagued mankind since the beginning of recorded history: war itself.

Supporting the war is not an issue; nobody supports war. The real issue is whether or not we support our right to take collective action against armed physical aggression. It seems to me that unless we support such a right, our ability to peacefully govern ourselves will be utterly lost. That leaves those who use force against others in perpetual control, eliminating the possibility of peace altogether. If you're not allowed to strike back at someone who's hitting you (or your friend), then you simply don't have any rights at all. The bully wins every time.

PROFESSIONALS: That's why I must speak out against the so-called peace protesters — particularly the professional agitators who invariably have some hidden political agenda to promote (usually socialism or anarchism) and who exploit the sincere peace sentiment of many who simply wish to express their concern for those trapped in the ravages of war. In the case of Saddam Hussein, these professional protesters are supporting the bully — in more ways than they might imagine.

Though they profess love and concern for the survival of mankind, peace protesters' demands that war or weapons be outlawed in the name of humanity would ensure that the peaceful nations of this earth would soon be taken over by the criminal nations. Criminals and dictators don't obey laws — not even their own. How can you possibly enforce the outlawing of weapons without having them yourself? The contradiction is obvious and, if accepted, self-destructive.

Given that they call themselves peace protesters, it's remarkable how you only hear from them when Americans are involved in a conflict. Wars and dictatorships have spilled blood for oil for the better part of this century, not just since Jan. 16. Where were all the committed peace

protesters then? A glance at their protest signs will demonstrate that they are not protesting for peace, but against the United States.

Considering that, in the absence of conscription, none of the protesters will have to go to the gulf, the protests are somewhat misdirected. If they hate war, fine. Nobody's asking them to go. But by protesting against those who have made a different choice, they are undermining the rights of fellow citizens to take action against aggression, and by default, supporting the philosophy and actions of dictatorships. It is a tragic display of moral cowardice.

As philosopher-novelist Ayn Rand so powerfully wrote in her 1966 essay, *The Roots Of War*: "This means that (peace protesters) are opposed to the use of coercion by one nation against another, but not by the government of a

nation against its own citizens; it means that they are opposed to the use of force against armed adversaries, but not against the disarmed."

In their attempt to claim the moral high-ground on the issue of Canadian and U.S. involvement in the war, protesters are quick to cite past injustices perpetrated by the two countries, arguing that this negates the moral right of either country to act. This is a false and irrelevant issue. As citizens, we must always be supportive of the right action, whether or not it is being carried out by persons with pure intentions. Since none of us are pure in this regard, does this negate our right to justifiable action? I think not.

NOT OIL: The war in Kuwait is not about oil, or about Kuwait, or about a host of injustices that may have been perpetrated by some Mideast nation

against another. The war is about a ruthless dictator, who, by invading another country, has given every other peace-loving nation on Earth the moral right to take action.

In this case, they exercised that right. By doing so, they have challenged the centuries-old axiom that "might is right" with a new perspective, namely, that right is might.

Let's hope would-be dictators the world over eventually get the message. It is they who are the enemies of peace.

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SPEAKER'S CORNER



ROBERT METZ of London is leader of the Freedom Party of Ontario.

Above: reprinted from the *London Free Press*, March 9, 1991. While the pragmatic arguments for/against the Gulf War will continue to be debated for years to come, the moral, ethical, and legal issues behind our right to take action against armed physical aggression are clear, at least in the opinion of FP leader, Robert Metz. The commentary above was written and submitted to the *Free Press* before the Gulf War commenced, and was finally published a week after the war had ended, but the principle discussed, our right to self-defence, is eternal.

✶ REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

It was no coincidence that in the short span of time between the formation of the Ontario Taxpayers' Coalition (see last issue, *Freedom Flyer*) and the 1991 Ontario municipal elections, *no other Ontario community was able to produce as formidable a slate of candidates on behalf of lower taxes than in London*. Thanks to **Freedom Party's** existing membership base and its past activity in the London community, it became possible, within the few weeks given, to find the right people to take on the entrenched school board bureaucracy and powerful teachers' unions. By the time nominations closed, there was *at least* one coalition-endorsed school board candidate in each of London's seven wards, a remarkable accomplishment.

✶ PRINCIPLED PEOPLE = PRINCIPLED POLITICIANS

But let's not fool ourselves. The process of finding principled, hard-working, and dedicated individuals committed to *acting* on the ideals of a free and prosperous society is a long and involved one. Our political system actively resists principles and common sense, and those who choose to join the battle in the front

lines of political reform have to be very special people indeed.

Such individuals must be predominantly committed to a major established goal, and must not allow their minor differences of opinion to undermine that goal. Most of all, they must be strong enough to resist the temptation of compromising their principles to political pressures out to undermine and frustrate them.

Pleasingly, as current events have been unfolding, it has become increasingly clear to me that **Freedom Party** has more than its fair share of such people within its membership and sphere of influence, and that in the future, more and more of them will be getting active in Ontario's political arena --- both in the front lines and in the support ranks.

✶ FREEDOM'S RESPONSIBILITY

Free citizens have a unique responsibility that unfree citizens (still most of the world) do not have. That responsibility is to protect and defend their individual rights and freedoms. To the extent that free citizens fail to acknowledge and take action to meet this unique and rare responsibility, they will become less free --- in other words, **over-taxed, over-regulated, and over-governed**.

The Canadian political scene is in

a tragic state (Ontario in particular), and unless more and more concerned individuals get involved in the tough battle to reverse many of the negative social, political, and economic trends that have us all in their grip, the future will continue to be what we allow others to make it for us.

✶ YOU HAVE THE POWER

Remember, no matter who you are, you *can* make a difference! Like others who have discovered our freedom of choice alternatives, if you haven't done so already, you can become part of the only political team that honestly believes individual choice matters, and that individual freedom is the cornerstone of all great societies.

To those of you who have been continuing supporters of **Freedom Party**, I offer my sincerest appreciation, thanks, and best wishes for the coming new year and many years ahead. You have already become an important and significant force in battle to preserve our fundamental rights and freedoms and the blessings we've come to associate with them. After all, without your continued support, the effort simply could not be made, and the remarkable influence that **Freedom Party** has already had would never have been felt.

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