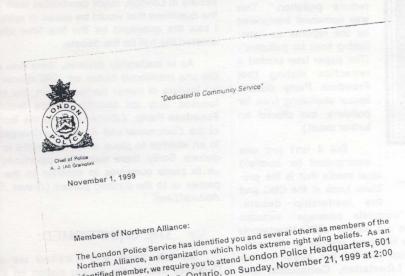


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"To suggest we've got a POLICE STATE and that we're trying to suppress everybody's political views is in itself an extreme view." - former Ontario Attorney-General Marion Boyd (Dec. 8, 1999)

Identified member, we require you to attend London Police Headquarters, 601 Dundas Street, London, Ontario, on Sunday, November 21, 1999 at 2:00

The London Police Service is committed to its community. We believe it is our responsibility to inform and educate the community with respect to the Northern Alliance and its connection to other extremist groups. Before releasing any information, the London Police Service has organized a meeting with you and other members of the Northern Alliance, to allow you to express your point of view. information, the London Police Service has organized a meeting with you and onembers of the Northern Alliance, to allow you to express your point of view.

If you require further information concerning this meeting, please contact Detective Constable Terry Wilson at 519-661-5674.

Yours truly,

Detective Superintendent Criminal Investigation Division

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Openers...

I HAVE SEEN THE ENEMY...

- Lloyd Walker

Lloyd Walker

{Lloyd Walker is leader of Freedom Party.}

Many would stand in the way of Freedom Party's success.

Obviously, there are the NDP, PC, Liberal, Green, Family Coalition, etc. --- all the political parties who have views or policies contrary to ours. But when it comes to the big picture,

they are actually the least of our problems. Ask any of our candidates what their biggest roadblock to election success was, and their opposing candidate would be far down the list. So who or what are the real obstacles to Freedom Party's growth?



While there are exceptions, the traditional media (radio, television, newspaper dailies) are a major obstacle to Freedom Party. Exceptions will be found generally in small or rural locations where some reporters take the time to focus on an

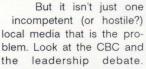
election story in their area and are willing to do the work necessary to make their coverage complete. That simply doesn't happen in major markets and larger cities.

The major media either ignores Freedom Party or trivializes and stigmatizes us. For example, during Election'99 we sent the London Free Press Freedom Party's complete list of candidates in the area, along with copies of our platform. In the paper's coverage of London-Fanshawe, the reporter not only ignored Freedom Party's presence, but merrily reported that there were only three candidates running in the riding. When the error was brought to her attention, she defended the omission by claiming it was "accurate to the best of my knowledge" when she wrote it. No correction ever appeared.

In an election where health care and education were the major issues, the *Free Press* reporter who covered **Freedom Party**'s platform picked the two most controversial issues she could find amongst the 70+ issues outlined. Yes to her, the two most important issues in **Fp**'s platform were abortion and drug laws!

And did you know that Freedom Party supports abolishing fines for polluters? I certainly didn't until I read about it in the *London Free Press*. Our printed platform on pollution explicitly states that Freedom Party "would (1) Protect private property rights to enable property owners to take legal action against anyone who pollutes their property or its

environment, (2) ensure that the responsibility for the clean up of pollution rests upon polluters, (3) Protect free markets to allow for the creation of wealth and technology which can be employed to reduce pollution." This was somehow interpreted by the reporter as "abolishing fines for polluters". (The paper later printed a retraction stating that Freedom Party doesn't favour abolishing fines for polluters, but offered no further detail.)



Apparently, "complete coverage" includes only the three old parties. CBC Newsworld aired a single half hour episode of Counterpoint in which four of the newer parties ---Freedom, Libertarian, Communist and Marxist-Leninist --- had to make their platforms clear and distinguish themselves. The half hour hardly let anyone scratch the surface.

Freedom Party's candidates were neither invited nor permitted to participate on Gord Harris' Hot Talk program on London's Radio'98 (CFPL). His three two-hour riding debates (one for each of London's three ridings, totaling six hours) featured only candidates from the three old parties, and we were told that the smaller parties were not welcome because they "dominate the debate." The station instead put all of the candidates from the newer parties on one two-hour show (two hours shared by five parties with their candidates from all three ridings). Though alternate parties were offered air time, the show's format did not allow them to contrast their ideas with those of the old three.

The message from the media is clear: New parties are a pain. They may have to be tolerated but they certainly don't have to be given anything close to "equal time" or informative coverage that voters deserve. By ignoring them or giving minute coverage or exploring only the controversial, the media implicitly tells voters that these parties are not deserving of their support. And people listen.

ORGANIZERS OF CANDIDATES' AND LEADERS' DEBATES:

Many organizers simply didn't take the time or expend any effort to locate any of the new parties. This is not surprising, since most debates are sponsored by groups with vested interests and they make almost no attempt to bring in anyone who opposes their agenda. While in most cases all it took was a phone call to get our "invitation" to a debate, Fp candidates were disadvantaged since all of this last minute scheduling cuts into preparation time for debates. For example, in one debate in London, major candidates were sent the questions that would be asked in advance. I saw the questions for the first time when I entered the hall for the debate.

As to leadership debates, there was only the one mentioned earlier on CBC Newsworld for leaders of newer parties. Again, the show focused only on specific groups featuring Freedom Party, Libertarians and the leaders of the Communist and Marxist-Leninist parties in an attempt to place direct opposites in the debate. Sadly, there was little opportunity for us to place ourselves in contrast to the old parties or to the omitted parties (Green, FCP, Natural Law).

THE UNINFORMED:

My wife Trudy and I walked our dog Dempsey over to the polling station on election day. Since Dempsey can't vote, we took turns voting while the other stayed outside with him. While waiting, I overheard a conversation between a couple as they left the polling station.

She: "I didn't recognize a single name on the ballot." He: "Me either."

But they obviously had voted and seemed to feel good about doing so. Given media coverage, I can understand why they may not have known about candidates of the newer parties, but the media certainly made plenty of information available about the old ones. In addition, there were signs and literature in the neighbourhood for Fp as well as the old three. As Fp's candidate in the riding, I know that my wife and I covered the entire polling area with Fp literature. I can only assume the couple I overheard were uninformed because they chose to be that way.

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"Question authority before authority questions you..."

WALKER DEMANDS OFFICIAL LISTING OF 'EXTREME' BELIEFS

LONDON (November 29, 1999) - Freedom Party leader Lloyd Walker has asked Ontario Solicitor General David Tsubouchi for an official listing of political beliefs (both left- and right-wing) "that are considered 'extreme', and would result in a call from a police department in Ontario."

Walker's request was accompanied by a copy of a November 1, 1999 letter written by David Lucio of London's Criminal Investigation Division which required "Members of Northern Alliance" to attend London Police Headquarters on Sunday, November 21, 1999.

RIGHT-WING BELIEFS

"The London Police Service has identified you and several others as members of the Northern Alliance, an organization which holds extreme right wing beliefs," wrote Lucio. "The London Police Service has organized a meeting with you and other members of the Northern Alliance to allow you to express your

The letter contained no specific reference to any particular view or action that might be considered "extreme", but did explain that the police were planning to make public what they knew about the Northern Alliance and "its connection to other extremist groups".

FREEDOM PARTY

Two of the recipients of Lucio's letter, Raphael Bergmann and Tyler Chilcott, showed up at the offices of Freedom Party on the morning of November 22, 1999, the day after they were "required" to appear at the police station. Neither attended the meeting arranged by police. Fearing repercussions for failing to appear, they were not sure where to turn for help, or even about what kind of help they needed. Above all, they could not understand why the police were preparing to issue public statements about a group that no longer existed and which was never organized in the traditional sense of the word. There were no members, dues, etc., nor any official connections whatsoever to any other groups. When active, the group informally held political discussion meetings in bars and coffee houses which were open to anyone who chose to attend.

CRIMINAL OR NOT?

On December 8, 1999, in an interview conducted by CJBK radio host Steve Garrison, detective superintendent David Lucio said that police had "identified this group through their criminal activity", though in the London Free Press (Dec 3), Lucio made it

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1999 • PAGE A3

Northern Alliance called 'urban terrorists' by London police officer

Cops fear racism may ignite

By Hank Daniszewski and Brodie Fenlon Free Press Reporters

London police are keeping an eye on a right-wing extremist group called Northern Alliance operating in the city, a group described by an investigator as "urban terrorists.

Its members organized a "straight pride" protest at London's annual Gay Pride march this summer, Det. Supt. Dave Lucio said.

Northern Alliance is a small group of white men, most in their 20s and 30s, Lucio said. He wouldn't disclose the exact number of members.

Lucio said the group meets regularly, recruits members and is potentially violent toward members of minority groups it has targeted.

"If you're someone that they hate, I would suggest that they are a significant threat to you," he said. "These people are basically urban terrorists.'

Although Northern Alliance as a Alliance. group has never been charged with an offence, individual members have been charged with assault and other violent crimes, Lucio said.

The group is also associated with a network of right-wing groups across the continent, including the Heritage Front, the Ku Klux Klan and the World Church Of The Creator, he said.

On Nov. 1, London police sent individual letters to seven members of the group, directing them to attend a Nov. 21 meeting at the police station.

The letter said police had a responsibility to "inform and educate" the public about Northern Alliance's activities, but were giving the group a chance to express its views.

No one showed up for the meeting,

Police then made a confidential presentation and showed a videotape to London's race relations committee depicting the activities of Northern

chairperson Harold Usher refused to news release, boasting about the pubcomment, saying he knew nothing about the group or its existence

Lucio said police couldn't afford to ignore the group's existence any

"You make them aware that you know who they are and then you make the people whom their hate is directed at aware so they can act appropriately," said Lucio.

A news release published yesterday on a Web site maintained by the Toronto-based Canadian Association of Free Expression Inc. blasted London police for "behaving like a political police force.'

The association's director, Paul Fromm, a well-known right-wing activist, called the letter police sent to Northern Alliance members an "outra-geous" attack on free speech and said lla. "heads should roll.

Raphael Bergmann, a London con-Contacted yesterday, committee struction worker, is also quoted in the licity generated by the "straight pride" march.

> Lucio angrily denies police action was political.

> "This has nothing to do with politics. This has to do with curbing violence in our community.'

Fromm did not return calls yesterday and Bergmann could not be reached.

Meanwhile, Oxford OPP are investigating reports an individual in the Thamesford area is affiliated with World Church of the Creator and has placed two ads in a Woodstock newspaper for a "Racial Loyalist's Club-

Oxford OPP Const. Shawn Kivell said the information has been sent to the OPP's hate crimes branch in Oril-

ABOVE: Police accuse members of the Northern Alliance of being 'urban terrorists' in this December 3, 1999 London Free Press article. So far, none of the police allegations have been supported by any evidence. The last two paragraphs in the article have nothing to do with the Northern Alliance, though their inclusion in the article is highly suspect.

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clear that the "Northern Alliance as a group has never been charged with an offence."

"We didn't target them for any beliefs that they had," Lucio said on air, despite his description of the group as "an organization which we believe holds extreme right wing beliefs." Lucio's letter makes it undeniable that the group was targetted for its "extreme right wing beliefs" and states that the purpose of requiring Northern Alliance members to attend the police station was to "allow you to express your point of view."

Lucio defended his choice of the word "require" in his original letter by saying: "We required them to come to the police station. That's the word I used because I required them to come to educate me as to what it was that they were all about." Ironically, Lucio only moments earlier made it clear that members of the Northern Alliance "really don't hold back. They have no problem telling you what they believe in. So when you approach them, they're there and they're espousing their beliefs openly."

INTIMIDATION?

However, as the interview progressed, the real reason for his letter began to surface: "I guess what the original plan was," continued Lucio, "was to first of all address this group face to face and tell them that we knew who they were. We knew that they were in our community, and that we expected them to obey the law."

In a glaring departure from offering any specifics regarding their beliefs or actions, Lucio stressed that the members of the Northern Alliance "had considerable things in common. Their appearance was one of them. That's what we went forward to tell the community because... we believe in community policing. Basically these people are what most people would call, I guess, 'skinheads'. They dress in baggy clothes and they wear certain tattoos and they wear things on their clothes which denote what it is that they believe in, slogans and pins and things like that."

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AT RIGHT: A dissappointing December 4 follow-up article in the London Free Press offers little new information, even though the interview with Brodie Fenlon, held in Fp's offices, included several specific responses to police allegations. None are reported here.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1999 • PAGE A3

London police violating rights, group charges

By Brodie Fenlon Free Press Reporter

Members of a group identified by London police as "right wing" and "extremist" say they're targets of a political policing campaign that violates their Charter rights.

Police say they're just protecting the community from a group that's dangerous and associated with right-wing groups, including the Ku Klux Klan and the World Church of the Creator.

The furore stems from a letter London police sent last month to members of the Northern Alliance, a group responsible for a "straight pride" protest at London's annual Gay Pride march last summer.

The letter said Northern Alliance had been identified by police for its "extreme right-wing beliefs," and members were required to attend a meeting at police headquarters Nov. 21.

No one showed up.

"This is political opportunism at its worst," said group leader Raphael Bergmann, who sought advice last week from the London-based Freedom Party of Ontario. "I don't understand how beliefs can be judged."

Added group member Tyler Chilcott: "I think it's possible the police department violated my civil rights with this letter."

So does the Freedom party, which sent a letter to Ontario Soliciter General David Tsubouchi on Monday demanding a list of left- and right-wing beliefs considered extreme by Ontario police.

A spokesperson for Tsubouchi said the ministry wouldn't be able to comment on the issue until Monday.

Northern Alliance was a loose-knit group of Londoners who met weekly at

coffee shops and bars to discuss topics such as politics, racism, immigration and the Ontario Human Rights Commission, Bergmann said.

The meetings, which drew between 10 and 29 people, had stopped in February and the group is now defunct, he said.

"I don't understand how beliefs can be judged."

Northern Alliance leader Raphael Bergmann



"Some guys had dubious ideals, but the beauty of it was that we didn't care — as long as it didn't come to violence and they didn't espouse violence."

But London Det. Supt. Dave Lucio said police began watching Northern Alliance only after a number of its members were charged with violent, criminal acts — including weapons-related offences.

"It has nothing to do with politics. It has to do with public safety," he said.

Requesting members to attend a police meeting was an example of proactive policing and no different from stopping to chat with motorcycle gang members on the street, he said.

William McKercher, a professor of political science at the University of Western Ontario and an expert on civil liberties, said police can't require any group to attend a meeting based on beliefs.

"Discrimination against a group for their ideas is essentially not acceptable unless someone can prove that it's actually done harm." (...QUESTION AUTHORITY cont'd from prev._page.)

What makes Lucio's statement particularly bizarre is that none of the four recipients of his letter who have so far appeared at the offices of Freedom Party even vaguely resembled his description. There was virtually

BELOW: Rory Leishman's Dec. 10 London Free Press editorial is responded to by Bergmann on Dec. 17/99. Irony at work: The headline, not written by Bergmann, incorrectly identifies his group as 'totalitarian' rather than 'anti-totalitarian'.

nothing in common among them with respect to appearance or dress. Not one could even remotely be described as a 'skin head'. And all insist that they have no criminal record.

SMEAR CAMPAIGN ALLEGED

"It's a smear campaign," countered Bergmann on CJBK's December 8 Left, Right & Center program which features regulars Fp president Robert Metz and former Ontario Solicitor General Marion Boyd. "My personal, my business, my athletic reputation and now my political reputation have been totally smeared and I'm wondering who has to gain from this. I will be looking into that and finding out who. This is just a smear campaign against the gentleman that put on the straight pride

march. That's obviously what it is, and it has been very effective. Now I am taking steps. I've launched a complaint with the Police Services Board as to why and how any police department can require me to tell my views to them, my political views..."

On the heels of London's mayor Dianne Haskett being forced by Ontario's Human Rights Commission to make a gay pride proclamation, in July 1999, Bergmann organized a 'straight pride' march opposite the gay pride march which was scheduled on the same day. Both marches were carried out peacefully.

"Our event was less about local contentions over gay/straight relations than about the much broader aspect of greater government

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Rights deserve respect, even for racists

ondon police Chief Al Gramolini should direct some of his senior officers to take a refresher course in the basic principles of freedom under law, before their high-handed tactics land his force in serious trouble.

The first lesson might be on the elementary right of a citizen not to be subjected to arbitrary detention. Under terms of this right, which predates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms by at least 300 years, no police oficer can require a citizen to show up at a police station, unless the officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that the citizen has broken or is about to break the law.

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In this light, consider the letter sent to seven individuals on Nov. 1 by Det. Supt. Dave Lucio.

"The London police service has identified you and several others as members of the Northern Alliance, an organization which holds extreme right-wing beliefs. As an identified member, we require you to attend London police headquarters on Sunday Nov. 1, 1000 et a. p. "

right-wing beliefs. As an identified member, we require you to attend London police headquarters on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999, at 2 p.m."

Alan Borovoy, general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, maintains that Lucio might well have invited members of the Northern Alliance to discuss their point of view. However, Lucio had no legal authority to force or require these citizens to attend a meeting at police headquarters without placing them under arrest.



RORY LEISHMAN

In an interview with The Free Press last week, Lucio charged that members of the Northern Alliance are potentially violent toward members of minority groups. "These people." he said, "are basically urban terrorists."

That's extremely strong language. Raphael Bergmann, leader of the Northern Alliance, has emphatically denied the accusation. He insists that he has no criminal record and has never advocated or condoned violence.

However, this last claim is questionable. Earlier this year, the Northern Alliance published a semi-literate article in its Newsweekly headlined, Why racism is right. The crack-brained author states: "Racism aids the development of the separate races which exist. One of the truths of nature is that for some things to survive and flourish, some other things must dle, be removed or grow and flourish elsewhere. "A good example from nature is the cultivation of a crop of potatoes," the writer suggests. "This crop is to be grown as food. You try to control both weeds and pests – things that would dainage your crop and deprive you of food. Thus you will at times hoe out the weeds (if you practise organic methods) or otherwise control them. That is, you kill them."

In the same issue, the Northern Alliance Newsweekly states that it, "proudly endorses the following periodicals and organizations." Included on the list are Paul Fromm's Canadian Association for Free Expression, the Heritage Front, the Ku Klux Klan and Ernst Zundel's Web site.

Let the racists spew their bile so the rest of us can know who they are and denounce their bigotry.

Should the London police force step up the pressure on the Northern Alliance by laying criminal charges against the publisher and editors of its Newsweekly for the wilful promotion of hatred against people distinguished by race, religion or ethnicity? Borovoy does not think so. In his latest book, The New Anti-Liberals, he argues for outright repeal of the anti-hate

law provisions of the Criminal Code because of "the hopelessness of formulating a legal prohibition precise enough to nall unredeemed expressions of hatred without, at the same time, catching other speech – including valuable speech — in the same net."

To illustrate the point, Borovoy cites several

To mustrate the point, Borovoy cites several excesses, such as the hate-mongering accusation levelled at the Jewish leader Edgar Bronfman for vigorously denouncing the willingness of Austrians to condone political leaders with a Nazi past. While Bronfman was not convicted, it's evident that for others, if not also for hlm, the fear of prosecution under the Criminal Code for expressing hate can have a chilling effect on strong but legitimate, speech.

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Of course, if the police have reasonable grounds to believe that a hate-monger is liable to commit violence, they have an obligation to intervene. Short of that, they should leave the haters alone. Let the racists spew their bile so the rest of us can know who they are and denounce their bigotry.

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"At least at this stage of history and in the foreseeable future." warns Borovoy, "Canadians have more to fear from the censorship powers of their governments than from the racist invective of extremists."

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Purpose of totalitarian group was misconstrued

By Raphael Bergmann

Rory Leishman's excellent column, Rights deserve respect, even for racists (Dec. 10), was, from a principled point of view on freedom of speech, right on target. Unfortunately, it appears he assumed everything printed in the newsletters I provided him represented some official stance of either the defunct Northern Alliance or myself.

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The article, Why racism is right was racist and I do not deny that it appeared in a copy of a Northern Alliance newsletter, which had an average print run of about 15 copies for our discussion groups and was not distributed anywhere else. Obviously, anyone who equates humans with potatoes cannot be anything but "crack-brained" and such ideas certainly were responsible for the great suffering of my family back in Russia not so many years ago.

I would not dispute Leishman's comments on that article, but this is irrelevant in light of the fact it was neither written nor endorsed by anyone who ever attended our discussion groups. It rebut v.t. force back; refute, disprove. rebuttal n.

REBUTTAL

was reprinted from an Internet newsgroup and brought forward for discussion, as Leishman knows.

Yet, simply on the basis of this article and our endorsement of some admittedly controversial and politically incorrect groups, publications and Web sites (some highly respectable), Leishman has publicly questioned the truth of my claim that I have "never advocated or condoned violence."

I am saddened to see that guilt by association is in fashion even among enlightened advocates of freedom of speech.

I have now been forced to publicly protect my personal reputation and "required" to explain my unspecified "extreme right-wing beliefs" to a police department that is publicly accusing me of being an "urban terrorist." How can I defend myself in the absence of any evidence to which I can respond? Let there be no question. I will reiterate what I have gone on record to say and proven by my past actions: I do not advocate or condone violence. I am not an "urban terrorist."

For the record, and as was printed in the newsletter quoted by Leishman: "The Northern Alliance (was) a grass-roots, proactive watchdog organization dedicated to the prevention of, and education about, international totalitarianism. Our ultimate goal is to see strong sovereignty in our nation of Canada and abroad that is not subject to exploitative ultra-capitalism or centralization of power. We are for socially responsible free enterprise with an emphasis on minimal, decentralized, and effective government similar to the successful Swiss model. To begin to effectively address such issues, we need freedom of ideas, free speech and free association in order to begin to promote a solution."

Controversy is certainly the mother of de-

bate, and like any journalist, we exploited that quite well — maybe too well. Some of the groups cited for endorsement in the mentioned newsletters were selected because they are given the least amount of freedom to speak their minds in Canada. Many in the Northern Alliance proudly allowed these organizations to speak their minds and to be criticized. Our purpose was to stimulate debate and to allow individual participants to make their own assessment of persons, groups, actions and situations after being exposed to both sides of the issue

ment of persons, groups, actions and situations after being exposed to both sides of the issue. Ironically, all this comes almost a year after the Northern Alliance disbanded. If not for the London police accusations, I would have gone to work out west this winter, as I had planned. Perhaps it's time to revive the Northern Alliance with a more local mandate, to warn Canadians about the totalitarianism growing in their mildst.

Raphael Bergmann is the former leader of the Northern Alliance.

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interference in our lives," wrote Bergmann in a July 23/99 London Free Press rebuttal column, "whether it be from human rights commission or non-elected judges who make rulings on issues far too important not to take to a national plebiscite. This should worry us all, even those who disagree with our moral premises."

TSUBOUCHI'S OFFICE CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY, BUT AVOIDS IT

"The Minister does not become directly involved in operational policing matters," wrote Robert Middaugh (Assistant Deputy Minister, Policing Service Division) in an undated letter faxed to party leader Lloyd Walker on December 29, 1999. "Regarding police concerns about your organization... I understand that the letter sent to you by Detective Superintendent David Lucio of the London Police Service was discussed at a meeting of the London Police Services Board on December 10, 1999. I encourage you to contact the Board Chair, Dr. Michele Bailey, to learn more about the discussions involving (the letter)."

Not only did the Ministry's response incorrectly imply that Freedom Party was the

intended recipient of Lucio's letter, but it also directed us to the wrong party for answers to our questions.

Though emphasizing that "the Solicitor General has general authority over the delivery of police services in Ontario," and that his office deals with "legislation, policies and procedures," Walker's three questions relating to legislation, policy, and procedure were left totally evaded. Walker's concerns had nothing whatsoever to do with "operational policing matters", making it appear that Tsubouchi's office had not even read his original letter.

WON'T ANSWER IN WRITING:

Following a heated telephone exchange between Walker and Middaugh on December 30, 1999, it was clear that Tsubouchi's office was reluctant to put any official response to Walker's concerns in writing. As a result, it was left to Walker to summarize their conversation.

In a letter addressed to Middaugh and dated the same day of their conversation, Walker concluded: "I want to be sure that you are satisfied with my understanding of (your responses) to the three questions I posed in my original letter, and that certain clarifications have been made:

- "(1) You understand that we are a third party in this issue. We are not original recipients of the letter from the London Police Service. As far as I am aware, there are no police "concerns about (my) organization,
- "(2) You are not aware of any beliefs or list of beliefs that are proscribed in the province of Ontario,
- "(3) You are not aware of any legislation or regulation that empowers police to 'require' anyone to attend a meeting to discuss their beliefs.
- "(4) The position of the Solicitor General's office is that their function is to ensure that there's a process in place to handle complaints about police activities."

Middaugh offered no comment regarding the issue of why recipients of the police letter were not allowed to be accompanied to the police station by legal counsel.

As of this writing, we have yet to receive a reply to Walker's December 30 letter to Dr. Michelle Bailey of the London Police Services Board

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LASTIORD

<u>Below</u>: from the January 13, 2000 edition of *Scene* magazine : Raphael Bergmann responds to police charges that he is an urban terrorist.



I've Been Smeared by the Coppers!

Chief organizer of last summer's Straight Pride March questions the smear tactics of the London Police Service; they've publically called him an "urban terrorist"

HE LONDON POLICE SERVICE has publicly accused me of operating as an "urban terrorist" who is "potentially violent" and a "significant threat to members of minority groups targeted" and to the community-at-large.

The London Police Service also says that they are dedicated to community service. However, I do not understand why they are out to "keep an eye" on me for my "beliefs." I have been a law-abiding, productive citizen of London for over 20 years.

What the London police know (but fail to tell you through the media) is that I have assisted them in the past by consulting them before making a citizen's arrest and creating a safe environment for several public events I've organized. I've earned police praise for single-handedly protecting a crowd of bar patrons from an armed assailant. I've also assisted in the police apprehension of a man who had assaulted an elderly citizen before 1999's Straight Pride event. I've also been honoured to represent London by participating in the Olympic team trials.

I was the conduit that fashioned the peaceful concept of Straight Pride and spoke my mind against the non-elected 'human rights' commission for lording over and penalizing our community, its city council and mayor.

I've supported Mayor Dianne Haskett by letting her know my feelings about her views on proclaiming Gay Pride Week. Am I asking for applause? No, I am telling you I



Raphael Bergmann, organizer of last summer's Straight Pride March, introduced himself to Mayor Haskett at a July 1 Canada Day event in Byron in 1996, to support the mayor's refusal to proclaim Gay Pride Week in 1995. am not an urban terrorist but rather dedicated to community sevice. The London Police Service knows this.

AILBOX CANCELLED: Since I have been publicly labelled an urban terrorist by the police, I have experienced acquaintances avoiding me, or trembling in fear as I've tried to talk to them during simple, daily tasks such as checking my mailbox — a service which has been mysteriously cancelled, despite the fact that I have never been charged with an offence.

As a result of my ordeal, I am forced to stay in London and publically defend my name and reputation. I have had to call my father, who lives in western Canada, to explain to him why I've not been able to visit him this winter.

My new website, www.freedom-fighter.org reveals the travesty of justice that local police powers used to further a political agenda, at the expense of lives and *Charter*-enshrined Canadian rights. I invite you to follow my case as it develops in the courts, as I fight for the right of all of us in a free and democratic country to exercise our rights as citizens to discuss issues and speak our minds freely.

Last November, Raphael Bergmann, along with several other individuals, was ordered by the London police to come to the cop shop for a 'friendly' Sunday afternoon interrogation about their so-called "extreme right-wing beliefs." Mr. Bergmann refused the offer to be interrogated, as did the others. Can anyone blame them?



Free society threatened by bizarre police behaviour Ontario's Solicitor-General's office has recently written to the Freedom Party, advising that they

are unaware of any legislation that requires police to interrogate citizens about their beliefs

N NOV. 29, Freedom Party leader Lloyd Walker wrote to Ontario's Solicitor-General David Tsubouchi, requesting a list of political beliefs (both left- and right-wing) "that are considered 'extreme' and would result in a call from a police department in

Walker's request was prompted by a Nov. 1 letter written by Detective-Superindendant David Lucio of London's Criminal Investigation Division of the London Police Service. Addressed to "Members of Northern Alliance the hand-delivered letter required its recipients to attend London Police headquarters on Sun. Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

"The London Police Service has identified you and several others as members of the Northern Alliance, an organization which holds extreme right wing beliefs," wrote Lucio. "The London Police Service has organized a meeting with you and other members of the Northern Alliance to allow you to express your views."

The letter contained no specific reference to any particular view or action that might be considered "extreme" but did explain that police were planning to make public statements about the Northern Alliance and "its connection to other extremist groups.'

None of the letter's recipients attended the police meeting as "required." Raphael Bergmann and Tyler Chilcott, however, showed up at the Freedom Party office on Nov. 22. (Others who did not wish to be identified came forward over the following several days.) Claiming they were told by the police they could not bring a lawyer to the police station, and fearing repercussions for failing to appear, they were unsure where to turn for help.

In addition to wondering why they were being required to explain their beliefs, they could not understand why the police were preparing to issue public statements about a group (Northern Alliance) that no longer existed and which was never organized in the traditional sense of the

According to Bergmann and Chilcott, there were no members, no dues, nor any official connections to any other groups. When active, they simply held informal political discussions, open to anyone who wished to attend.

Their previous claim to fame occurred with their peaceful Straight Pride Walk held last July, on the same day as the Gay Pride Parade. Referring to that event in a Dec. 3 Free Press article (Cops fear racism may ignite), Detective-Superintendant Lucio described Northern Alliance as "urban terrorists" with right-wing connections to the Heritage Front, the Ku Klux Klan and the World Church

What could be considered more "extreme right wing" than requiring citizens to come to police head-quarters to discuss their beliefs?

of The Creator. He told Free Press reporters, Hank Daniszewski and Brodie Fenlon, that the group meets regularly, recruits members and is potentially violent, even though its chief organizer, Ralphael Bergmann has never been charged with an offence.

In a Dec. 8 interview with CJBK Radio's Steve Garrison, Lucio described Northern Alliance members as "skinheads" who "dress in baggy clothes," stressing the importance of the public knowing what they looked like: "They wear certain tattoos and they wear things on their clothes which denote what it is that they believe in, slogans and pins and things like that."

The description is bizarre, given that none of the five recipients of Lucio's Nov. 1 letter who have visited Freedom Party's office, fit this image. Such misleading physical descriptions and the reference to last July's Straight Pride Walk, as the only activity organized by the Northern Alliance, do not make for a credible public information campaign — one that's supposed to warn us about "urban terrorists."

o what's going on? Why have police explicitly referred to "criminal" and "assaultive" behaviour by those who received a copy of the police letter, without offering specifics? Raphael Bergmann, the chief organizer of the protest, insists he has no criminal record. Why were those identified as Northern Alliance members told they couldn't bring a lawyer with them to a Nov. 21 meeting ordered by the police? Why are police warning the public that "racism may ignite" in London? What acts of urban terrorism have Londoners been subjected to? And what "extreme right-wing beliefs" are unacceptable to the police?

Solicitor-General Tsubouchi's office has written to Freedom Party's Lloyd Walker, advising that they are unaware of any legislation that requires police to interrogate citizens based on their beliefs.

The ultimate irony in this fiasco is, what could be considered more "extreme right wing" than requiring citizens to come to police headquarters to discuss their beliefs?

Robert Metz is president of Ontario's Freedom Party and can be heard on 1290 CJBX Radio's Left, Right & Center show which airs Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Above: from Scene magazine, January 27, 2000: Fp president Robert Metz offers his observations on police requirements to question politically active individuals on their beliefs.

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NOTICE SERVED

LONDON (January 10, 2000) - Notice under section 5 of the Libel and Slander Act was served by Bergmann to: (1) the Sun Media Corporation, (2) Les Pyette, Publisher and CEO of the London Free Press, (3) Free Press reporters Hank Daniszewski and Brodie Fenlon, (4) Detective Superintendent David R. Lucio, (5) the London Police Services Board, and to (6) the Corporation of the City of London.

The notice, prepared by Bergmann's legal counsel Barbara Kulaszka, asserts that the claims by police and articles published by the London Free Press defamed Mr. Bergmann on a dozen different grounds, among them:

"That Mr. Bergmann is the leader of a group, Northern Alliance, that constitutes a significant violent threat to minority groups in London and that therefore he constitutes a

significant violent threat to minorities in Lon-

"That Mr. Bergmann is an active supporter or member of the Ku Klux Klan, the World Church of the Creator, and the Heritage Front;

"That the straight-pride parade in London organized by Mr. Bergmann in 1999 was a right-wing, extremist political act constituting urban terrorism and prone to violence;

"That Mr. Bergmann is equivalent to being the member of a motorcycle gang, implying he is part of organized criminal activities and violence."

LABEL CAMPAIGNS

London Board of Education trustee and president of London Fanshawe's Freedom Party constituency association, Robert Vaughan, phoned in on December 8th's Left, Right & Center program to offer his insights on the issue: "Apparently, if you're politically incorrect, if you don't agree with the prevailing view of the politicians, you're labelled. You're labelled 'urban terrorist, right wing, skin head,

"These labels I saw not only being quoted from the police but those were labels used by the Free Press as well," he observed. "I saw no facts whatsoever printed in the Free Press regarding the actions of members of this group. I found no facts to indicate why their views may be labelled the way they were labelled. I saw no facts as to what their views even are! I saw nothing but innuendo in the newspaper. And I'm telling you, that if the police get away with rounding up people because of their views, we're heading down a path we cannot escape from," concluded Vaughan.

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Election'99...

STRATEGY LEADS TO SUCCESS IN MIDST OF **COMMON SENSE REVOLUTION**

ONTARIO (May 5 - June 3, 1999) -Freedom Party fielded 14 candidates in its fifth general election campaign, bringing to the Ontario electorate a comprehensive and alternative platform that frequently became the center of controversy and debate in the ridings where the party was represented.

Given the political environment and the shortest campaign period in Ontario's election history, there was little doubt that Ontario's Progressive Conservative Party would win a second term in government. The short campaign, combined with fewer provincial ridings Reduced from 130 to 103), a first-past-the-post 'majority rule' electoral system, a divided political opposition assisted by 'strategic voting', a Liberal and NDP agenda that had nothing new or different to offer voters, and

four years of negative and destructive 'anti-Harris' campaigning on the part of radical union organizers virtually guaranteed Harris and the PC's their victory.

RESULTS YIELD TO **EXPECTATIONS:**

For Freedom Party, these polarized conditions combined to lower vote expectations in Election'99, and Fp candidates were advised well in advance of the election call not to expect any meaningful electoral results. For them, the primary objective in Election'99 was less to win seats in the legislature than to help Freedom Party grow as a political organization, and to increase our influence in the political marketplace.

Ironic as it may seem, the presence of a political party like Freedom Party does NOT 'split' the vote to the detriment of a party like the Ontario PCs; the reverse is true. Freedom Party candidates lose "their" votes to the PCs. Many Fp members and supporters openly admitted to voting PC in Election'99, fearful of what any alternative government might do to the province's economy.

OFFICIAL RESULTS:

Official Freedom Party vote results in Election'99 were as follows: (Number following the candidate's name indicates votes received, with vote percentage indicated in brackets.)

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Freedom's foe: 'old ideas'

By John Miner Free Press Reporter

Lloyd Walker will openly tell you he doesn't have much chance of winning liberty and property." London-Fanshawe riding on June 3.

But getting the most votes isn't the its hallmark, the party has most important thing to the leader of policies that make it diffithe Freedom party of Ontario.

It's not how he defines winning.

"The chances of me getting elected this time are very slim, but the chances of me winning are very good," said the 45-year-old Londoner.

"We are going to be able to define some issues. We are going to be able to make people stop and think there are alternatives to the old ideas from the old parties.

That's really our goal," said Walker, running in his fourth provincial election for the party.

Founded in 1984 and headquartered in London, the Freedom party is fielding candidates in 14 of Ontario's 103 ridings, including party president Rob Metz, running in London-North-Centre.

Walker said the party has about 12,000 supporters, 300 to 400 of whom ate jobs and economic growth, the Freesend money on a regular basis.

"We are in a growing mould. We reason. want people to see us, to find out about us. We are still establishing ourselves."

"every individual, in the peaceful pursuit of personal fulfilment, has an absolute right to his or her own life,

With personal freedom as cult to peg on the political left or right.

The party says it would stop taxpayer funding for abortions, for example, but believes it's up to a woman to decide if she wants one.

It would also decriminalize use of marijuana, privatize education in Ontario, open the health system to more private competition and end free health care for

ities between Freedom and the Progressive Conservatives.

"The PCs want to cut taxes. The Freedom party wants to cut taxes," he said.

While the Tories say lower taxes credom party wants tax cuts for another

"The higher the taxes are that you fringe group, he said. pay, the more decisions are being made The party's founding principle is for you by government as opposed to



Freedom party leader Lloyd Walker says defining issues is very important for his party.

you making the decisions and taking the responsibility." he said.

But the Freedom party has also been called leftwing because of its belief in civil liberties and social choices.

"We find our membership comes from either end of the spectrum, from either the NDP person or from the people who were with the Tories," Walker said.

A technical support analyst at Kellogg Canada in London, Walker said he'd be happy if other parties raid Freedom's ideas in the cam-

"If one of the other parties came along, took all of our

Walker said many people see similar- ideas and said they would do it, I'd go home and take care of my lawn.'

Walker said he's been amazed by the warm reception he gets campaigning at

People are often eager to discuss politics and their views, he said.

The biggest obstacle has been the media, which dismiss the party as a

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London Fanshawe: Lloyd Walker 293 (0.74%); London North-Centre: Robert Metz 156 (0.34%); London West: Jack Plant 236 (0.47%); Elgin-Middlesex-London: Ray Monteith 405 (0.92%); Perth-Middlesex: Robert Smink 521 (1.23%); Lambton-Kent-Middlesex: Wayne Forbes 1,076 (2.48%); Sarnia Lambton: Andrew Falby 517 (1.30%); Oxford: Paul Blair 312 (0.73%); Toronto Centre-Rosedale: Paul McKeever 344 (0.75%); Don Valley East: Wayne Simmons 53 (0.13%); Willowdale: Vaughan Byrnes 152 ((0.35%); Trinity-Spadina: Silivio Ursomarzo 182 (0.51%); Victoria-Haliburton: Charles Olito 198 (0.39%); Nepean-Carleton: Bill Frampton 386 (0.76%).

Averaging 0.79% of the vote in the 14 ridings where **Fp** was represented, only three of **Fp**'s 14 candidates exceeded 1%, clear evidence that Harris' *Common Sense Revolution* is drawing votes away from **Freedom Party**'s electoral base of support. (See *Openers* by Lloyd Walker (page 2) for a commentary on this phenomenon.)

In comparison, past vote averages were as follows: Election'85: 1.45% (3 candidates); Election'87: 1.55% (9 candidates); Election'90: 1.70% (10 candidates); Election'95: 1.14% (12 candidates).

Freedom Party's star candidate of Election'99 was undoubtedly Lambton-Kent-Middlesex candidate Wayne Forbes whose 2.48% vote return bucked the over-all trend. In 1995, his 398 votes represented 1.43% of the vote. In 1999, his 1076 votes (a 170% increase in absolute numbers) represented only a 1% increase in vote percentage due to the increased size of his riding.

(See riding coverage of candidate's campaigns.)

MEASUREMENT OF SUCCESS:

Election'99 met every **Fp** campaign target: (1) Increasing the number of candidates, (2) Operating at a break-even or surplus. (In 1995, the election campaign resulted in a \$7500 deficit.), (3) Ensuring that **Freedom Party** candidates are represented at all-candidates' debates, (4) Providing the basics (literature, signs, administration, etc.) for **Fp** candidates to run their campaigns.

Thanks to **Fp** supporters, during Election'99 **Fp** candidates were represented at candidates' debates in their ridings, literature and signs were supplied in varying quantities according to riding budget allowances, and local media coverage allowed many Ontarians to discover **Freedom Party** for the first time.

At 14, the number of candidates fielded was the highest ever. (In order to achieve party recognition in the legislature, a minimum of 12 candidates must get elected. However, following the election, this rule was changed by the Harris government to accommodate the NDP.) Fundraising efforts combined with our

minimal campaign strategy resulted in a \$2300 surplus in 1999, along with a 38% increase in income (from \$45,000 to \$62,000) over 1998.

Congratulations to our candidates and many thanks to our supporters are in order! Without your involvement and input, these results would not have been possible.

At Right: from Sarnia's

Observer, May 19,
1999. Editorial
reflects fear of
vote-splitting by Fp's
Sarnia-area candidates
Wayne Forbes and

Andrew Falby.

At Left: from the pages of the London Free Press, May 25, 1999. Brief profile of Freedom Party and Fp leader Lloyd Walker highlights difficulties faced by new political parties in the electoral arena, particularly when a party's ideology is based on individual

freedom.

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EDITORIAL

F-men prove democracy open to all

The big three — Tories, Grits and New Democrats — appear to be safe from the Freedom Party's "anti-candidates." But at least it's going to be an interesting ride from here to June 3 with a lot of F-words.

In the last two days, the **Freedom** Party's Andrew **Falby** and Wayne **Forbes** have been the talk of the Sarnia-Lambton and Lambton-Middlesex-Kent ridings, respectively.

OUR OPINION

Freedom's
Falby and Forbes
grab attention,
if not support

Perhaps the two F-men are brash, politically incorrect or even strange. But they have added some juice to the usual rhetoric of tax cuts, health care and education, even if it isn't always intelligible.

We're not saying we support them, and we expect neither man will be the people's choice. But the Freedom's Fmen will undoubtedly be the talk of

the coffee shop. And they know it.

What would it take to be a grown man standing in front of a room of voters and tell the voters they're sheep to a "government of wolves," then urge them to sing their new national anthem: "Baaaaa. Baaaaa."?

Would this strategy work for Dave Boushy, Caroline Di Cocco or Mark Kotanen? Of course not. But, when Falby introduced his barnyard bleating at a Rotarian meeting on Monday, he knew he is unlikely to be elected, so he might as well garner the support of those who admire a gutsy sense of humour, and be a monkey wrench in the system.

L-M-K candidate Forbes was less impressive. He quaked nervously in front of 200 North Lambton Secondary students yesterday, and was all over the map with what he considers the important issues of this campaign.

But his support for legalizing marijuana turned heads, raised eyebrows and transformed an apathetic crowd of teenagers into a surprised and murmuring one, which cheered as the 58-year-old walked up for his final words.

He's an admitted pot-smoker, and supports the legalization of marijuana. Roll that up and smoke it.

An admission of that sort would likely be political death for Marcel Beaubien, Larry O'Neill and Jim Lee, but Forbes has barely had a political birth. He has nothing to lose.

Although some of the local F-men's political performances are coming out of left field, it is the price of democracy. They are clear evidence that our political system is open to everyone.

Unfortunately, it is always possible the F-men could be a monkey wrench in the works. If a Lambton election race is close, and even if the Freedom Party draws a mere one per cent of the vote, it may be the per cent which decides who represents us in Queen's Park.

Election'99...

MEDIA CALLS THE SHOTS

ONTARIO (May 5 - June 3, 1999) - If there is one certain conclusion that can be drawn from Freedom Party's vote results in Election'99, it is that print media exposure counts.

Whether positive or negative, more media exposure means more votes, particularly when a political party is still in its infancy. It is not surprising then, that our rural candidates invariably do much better than our urban candidates.

In the urban centers (i.e., Toronto, London, Ottawa) print media tends to be monopolized by major papers who have no interest in covering alternative political platforms, whereas in the rural areas there exist smaller and more numerous news publications who are hungry for local news.

This was certainly the case during last year's election campaign: candidates Wayne Forbes and Andrew Falby, who received the most print coverage of any Fp candidates, also received the most votes, whereas candidates Robert Metz and Wayne Simmons, who received the least coverage, also received the least number of votes.

MEDIA CONTEMPT FOR FREEDOM

"While most media reporters have some understanding of politics and personalities, few, if any, understand freedom --- or the fundamental nature of government," says Fp president and Election'99 campaign manager Robert Metz. "Most reporters seem unable to grasp the most basic of freedom's tenets, and thus take for granted and consciously or unconsciously support the statist quo."

This media mindset presents unique marketing problems for advocates of individual freedom. Both freedom and its advocates will find themselves misrepresented and/or under attack.

"Freedom of association" is called "discrimination" (see 'Fringe Sampler', page 11). Wanting to hold polluters responsible for their actions is interpreted as "abolish(ing) fines for environmental polluters" (see 'Corrections', page 15). Admitting that you have smoked marijuana (even just once!), can earn you a "Pot smoking candidate" headline (see page 12).

AT RIGHT: Delivered by Fp candidate Paul McKeever, the two-minute legally-mandated CBC television 'free time' broadcast represents a close approximation of the total time the network devoted to Freedom Party or its candidates.

GO AWAY!

But worse than being misrepresented, misquoted or misunderstood, is being ignored or evaded entirely. First prize for this dubious honour must surely go to the London Free Press. As the major daily paper located in the same city as Freedom Party's provincial headquarters, Free Press editors and reporters virtually had to go out of their way to ignore

us. And they did, in more ways than we care to count. (With the *London Free Press*, the evasion of reporting on **Fp**'s activities extends well beyond election periods; see other coverage in this newsletter.)

Another key media disappointment in the London area occurred when Fp candidates were not invited to CFPL Radio 98's "all

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FREEDOM PARTY

2 min Free Time Telecast -CBC - May 18, 1999

Hello, my name is Paul McKeever, and I'm the candidate for Freedom Party in the riding of Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

This election, a Freedom Party candidate will be available to more voters in more ridings than ever before. This may be the first election in which you have had the opportunity to vote for a Freedom Party candidate. Here is why I believe you should do so:



Freedom Party was founded on the best of both liberal and conservative values: personal freedom and individual responsibility. Freedom Party combines a traditionally 'right wing' commitment to lower taxes and freer markets with a traditionally 'left wing' commitment to laws which are non-discriminatory and which allow for individual choice on personal and socialmatters. It is this balanced, even-handed approach that makes Freedom Party Ontario's fresh new party of the center.

Freedom Party believes that the purpose of government is to PROTECT your individual freedom of choice. NOT to restrict it.

For example, Freedom Party believes that there is something much more fundamentally wrong with our health care system than simple underfunding. If Ontarians are to regain their confidence in Ontario's health care system, they must be given the freedom to give their health care dollar to the health care providers of their choice. With competition in health care, health care providers would have to give us faster, affordable, quality health care.

On education, the major parties all agree that you must be forced to direct your education tax dollars to government-run school monopolies. In stark contrast, Freedom Party would allow you to direct your education dollar to any school of your choice, public or private.

Taxes. So-called 'progressive' tax rates penalize hard working Ontarians. A flat tax, combined with a higher personal exemption, would free you, not only to work hard, but to get ahead.

A vote for Freedom Party would send a powerful message: Freedom WITH responsibility. Find out more about Freedom Party by calling 1-800-830-3301. Or, check out our web site at:

www.freedomparty.org

Freedom. Yours to discover. And now available in Ontario.

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BY NATE HENDLEY

rank de Jong, part-time Toronto music teacher, environmental activist and head of the Green Party of Ontario, is showing off his campaign vehicle. "This is my campaign bus," he laughs, as he mounts a touring bike and starts riding tight circles in front of Metro Hall.

De Jong paid \$1,500 for the bike, which he used to cycle from Toronto to Guelph to kick-start the Greens' election campaign.

"The biking was fabulous," he says. "I had a tail wind and it took four hours to get to Guelph. Usually, you have a northwest wind but Gaia was on my side."

Candidates for office don't usually praise earth goddesses in front of the media, but then de Jong isn't really in the campaign to win.

"We don't deserve credibility until we have a full slate," he explains. At present, the Greens are running 55 candidates in Ontario's 103 ridings and hope to "look at winnable ridings in a decade."

Giueseppe Gori, head of the right-wing Family Coalition Party, has a more optimistic view, saying his organization has a shot at taking a seat on June 3.

The Family Coalition crew, the biggest minor party in the province, got 110,000 votes in 1990—enough to help tip the balance to Bob Rae and the New Democrats, according to Ryerson Political Science prof. Greg Inwood:

In 1995, the socially conservative FCP saw its vote total drop to 61,000 — a huge loss, but still enough to make them the fourth biggest party in the province. In this year's election, the party has 29 confirmed candidates, hopes to run 45 and thinks it might actually elect someone.

Gori, who runs a computer consulting business when not leading the FCP, says his party could win in York Centre. The major parties are split in that riding and the FCP are running former MPP Michael Spensieri. Gori insists that if the party attracts enough "family people, pro-life people and religious people, not just Christians," the FCP could find itself sharing debate time at Queen's Park with the Tories, the NDP and the Liberals.

That's unlikely, although the fact the FCP anticipate a close race in at least one riding puts them way ahead of other minor parties, like the Family Coalition's mirror opposite, the Communist Party of Ontario.

"We have a platform that most closely matches

central value in our society"

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PARTY

The outsiders

From green dreams to family values, 'fringe' politicians party on



what voting Ontarians are looking for and that none of the big three parties are offering," says Don Valley East Communist Party candidate Elizabeth Rowley.

Despite Rowley's optimism, the Communist Party Canada, which was founded in 1921 — ancient by minor party standards — got 1,000 votes in the last provincial election and will only run four candidates this time. Not much heat from a crew that used to rule half the world.

The pro-meditation Natural Law Party of Ontario hopes to run "a full slate" across the province, says party leader Ron Parker, but is "still doing candidate recruitment." Parker's plans are fairly ambitious considering the NLP got 18,000 votes in '95, a year in which 4.1 million Ontarians cast ballots. As small as it was, Natural

Law's tally was more than four times better than that of the Freedom Party of Ontario. The libertarian FP are running 14 candidates for this election and their party president, Robert Metz, expects they'll win maybe 1 per cent of the vote.

"When we set the party up in 1984, we expected it to take 20 years to even be a blip on the election map," Metz says. Hunkering down for the long run is comforting, but why bother fielding candidates at all if you know you're going get creamed? Wouldn't it be more rewarding to latch onto one of the mainstream parties and influence policy from within?

Perhaps, but that's not an option any minor party leader will consider. One common factor on the electoral margins is an intense hatred of the status quo.

"All three parties are the same — we want some thing different," snaps Metz. His view is echoed by Gori, who says, "The three major parties are the same on conservative social issues and family issues

The Greens have their own apocalyptic reasons for running: "We feel all other parties continue to advocate the liquidation of nature," says de Jong.

In many ways, working on fringe territory offers parties a degree of freedom. When you're not worried about winning, it's easier to stay true to your principles. "We can say what we want," says de Jong. "We don't have to manipulate our comments to get votes."

Indeed, it's doubtful premier Mike Harris or Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty would ever talk about "the science of consciousness" on the campaign trail, as the Natural Law Party does. Or discuss how "the economic system is a sub-system of the eco-system" as de Jong is apt to do.

While the Communists view the New Democrats as tools of big business, the FCP and FP are so right-wing they think the Tories are dangerously soft on policy. Gori accuses the PCs of deliberately downplaying

social issues such as abortion, while Metz blasts the PCs for being phony fiscal conservatives who "talk freedom and practice socialism."

The FCP would end OHIP cover age of abortion while the FP would privatize health care. The Freedom Party would also drastically pare taxes, eliminate human rights tribunals, badance the budget and . . . legalize drugs.

"Marijuana," quips Metz, "should have the same legal status as asparagus."

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have no fondness for authority figures or bosses"

The Greens also support decriminalization, while Rowley isn't sure what the Communist Party's line on pot is. "It's not at the top of our agenda," admits the former East York school trustee.

The CP would scrap the provincial sales tax, 12
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Above: from the Toronto weekly publication, *Eye* magazine, May 20, 1999. It is interesting to note that the major drawback of Freedom Party's platform cited by the writer is our support of freedom of association (which by definition can only mean having the right NOT to associate), interpreted here as the right "to discriminate". Ironically, Fp's policy has always emphasized that only governments may not be allowed to discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, creed, etc., but this important distinction is continually omitted in media coverage.

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Flection'99

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candidates debates", in which they would have shared the stage with candidates of the so-called major parties. Claiming that alternate candidates "monopolize the debate," program host Gord Harris instead scheduled all the alternate party candidates of all the London ridings (11 candidates invited, 6 in studio), plus the Natural Law party leader (by phone from Toronto), into one two-hour time slot on May 25, 1999.

HE'S A KOOK!

"This guy's a kook!" objected Fp London North Centre candidate Robert Metz, after over ten minutes of an already tight air-time schedule was given over to Natural Law party leader Ron Parker.

"He's one of these guys that makes 'fringe' party a 'fringe' party," said Metz to program host Gord Harris. "The guy's a kook, and he shouldn't be in

"You're in the wrong venue," Metz told Parker, " and you're making it tough for parties like ourselves, who have at least issues that are political, to get them out into the venue. I don't know what motivates you; it's not political. You haven't stated a single political principle. You speak about 'consciousness-based solutions' as opposed to, I suppose, unconsciousness, but

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eliminate income tax for people making under \$40,000 a year and slap rich people and corporations with "wealth taxes." The Greens have similarly grandiose tax plans: they'd "take taxes off people and put them onto resources," explains de Jong. "We would punish gray corporations and reward green.

Neither the Greens, the Communists nor the Freedom Party has much time for welfare or workfare, the province's attempt to link social assistance to labor. The Commies consider workfare "slave labor," says Rowley, the FP's Metz calls it "job creation in a phony form" and the Greens would eliminate welfare and replace it with a guaranteed annual income for poor people.

De Jong - like other party leaders - hates Mike Harris and accuses the premier of being "a big fan of Social Darwinism." When talking economic policy, however, de Jong is irked that none of the parties recognizes the fact that "all jobs depend on nature."

Or good vibes, as the Natural Law Party would have it. An international organization, one of whose founders was the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, an Indian guru that the Beatles temporarily took up with, the NLP offers a unique brand of minor party politics.

"Government's first responsibility is to improve the collective consciousness." says Parker. To this end, the NLP would set up a non-partisan committee to run the province while a team of experts

doing transcendental meditation spreads positive vibra-

Despite the utopic flavor of his party, Parker is frank about the NLP's chances. "We'd be totally content with getting few votes as long as our ideas were stolen." he says.

This points to an important function of minor parties — they often serve as idea factories for the mainstream.

"We were the first party in Canada to advocate pay equity, nationally socialized medicine and national day care," says the

Metz says the Freedom Party floated the idea of a taxpayers' bill of rights four years ago, a gimmick the PCs picked up for this campaign. The FP has also been vocal in pointing out how the Tories, far from being fiscal tightwads, managed to jack up Ontario's debt to \$24 billion an issue the Liberals are now highlighting.

Even when their policies aren't adopted, minor parties can act as election "spoilers," says Inwood.

"The best example of that in Ontario would be the 1990 election," he explains. "Minor parties captured almost six per cent of the vote. Some say they split the vote for the NDP to win.

An ironic victory, considering that "for many years, the New Democrats were considered a minor party," says Inwood. While the Ontario NDP didn't win until this decade, their policies "were often stolen by other parties" - the ultimate compliment when your party has zero hope of forming the government.

Wayne Forbes, Freedom Party

Pot smoking candidate hates political correctness

By AONGHUS KEALY of the Observer

hen you first look at Wayne Forbes of the Freedom Party, an image of Rod Steiger from the movie "In the Heat of the Night" comes to mind.

Only Forbes is taller. He is a 6'2", heavyset man who owns Forbes Fresh Fish in Grand Bend. At Tuesday's Lambton-Kent-Middlesex candidates debate at North Lambton Secondary School, he wrapped himself in a wrinkled dress coat with pins of the Freedom and Reform Parties clinging to his lapels and tie. Bespectacled, his large lenses are round and yellow, like twosuns that colour his face pink.

He sports a military crew cut above many grooves in his forehead - which deepen and disappear intermitently as he quickly hops from issue to issue - contrasted by his baby-soft, clean shaven face.

That face belongs to an admitted pot-smoker and a politician with surprising thoughts about Canadian natives.

"Marijuana should be legal-ized," he says. "It's been used for centuries, and has medicinal purposes. I don't smoke it too often. I'm not adverse to smoking it once in a while, but it's with responsibility. You want to knock somebody up, don't ask me to pay that bill.

Although the 58-year-old calls himself a "black and white guy," his explanations of his views are as beige as his Ford 3/4-ton pickup truck. He's a politician who swears he isn't one and doesn't follow his campaign in the papers. This is Forbes' second time running for a Queen's Park

"I'm out here because I'm sick of it," Forbes said of being helpless to influence government decisions. "As far as I'm concerned, people are sick of listening to the lies of the politicians. I am p-off, let me tell you, just like most taxpayers."

But not ticked off enough to do any door-to-door campaigning. Forbes doesn't believe in it. After Tuesday's meeting, candidates Marcel Beaubien, Jim Lee and Larry O'Neill roamed the streets of Forest, house to house

'I'm in control of my life, and I want the government to get the hell out of it'



Forbes, meanwhile, sat with a reporter at a Forest restaurant eating halibut and french fries before driving home to Grand Bend, pounding two Freedom Party signs in the ground along the

"People don't trust politicians anymore," he explained. "When they're at your door, and you ask them poignant questions, sometimes they escape. They'll say 'Let me get back to you later about that ...' When I was a kid, we used to trust our politicians."

When Forbes was a kid, he said he didn't have to put up with today's "politically correct bullsh—," either.

"A fisherman and a fisherwoman, chairman and chairwoman ... A spade's a spade, an Indian's an Indian, a Jew's a Jew, a German's a German. Just the facts, as ol' Joe Friday used to say," he said in reference to the now-defunct, television series

Forbes criticized the federal and provincial governments of Canada for giving lands back to Canadian natives

"Look at all the treaties. Obviously, the government has been lying to us all these years because they gave (the lands) back to them. Every time there is a land claim, they cave in."

At the candidates meeting, he said he was opposed to having a public inquiry into the Ipperwash incident in September of 1995, when Native protester Dudley George was shot dead by the OPP. Forbes said George could have prevented his death.

"If he hadn't been there causing the confrontation, he'd be alive today. Things happen when there's a violent confrontation . . .

"Don't get me wrong. I have great apathy (empathy) for the natives. At my house I have a wall with Indian pictures and paraphernalia and a picture of John Wayne. I do business with Indians, with anybody that wants to do business, with people I feel good about."

Does he expect to win? Before answering this question, he takes a deep breath, and his body leans towards the table he sits at as he exhales.

"I'm not going to comment on that. Twenty years from now, I'd expect to win. All I want to do is get one Freedom Party candidate elected, namely me. Everyone wants to get elected."

What would he change if he was elected?

"That's not up to me. If I was in complete control of everything, I'd have some answers. I'm in control of my life, and I want the government to get the hell out of it, telling me I can't discipline my kids or can't smoke a joint on my property. If your neighbour walks by and gives you the finger, what are you going to do, throw your joint at him?" he asked rhetorically, shrugging his shoulders with a look of disbelief. "But you can sure throw your bottle of beer

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LEFT: Article from Sarnia's Observer. May 22, 1999. attempts to paint a disparaging picture of Fp candidate Wayne Forbes.

The Lakeshore Advance, Wednesday, June 9, 1999

Liberals put up good fight in Lambton-Kent-Middlesex

Riding win not so easy for Beaubien Freedom candidate doubles number of votes this time

BY NELLIE EVANS

Lakeshore Advance staff writer

PETROLIA — Progressive Conservative Marcel Beaubien was narrowly re-elected to a second term in the Ontario legislature last Thursday night, defeating Liberal Larry O'Neill by only 846 votes.

It was the closest race Beaubien has ever encountered.

"I feel real great. It was a cliffhanger there's no doubt about that. But a win is a win and we'll take it...We knew it was going to be close, but not that close," said Beaubien at his campaign office in Petrolia. The small storefront office was jam-packed with campaign workers and media.

Beaubien lost in his hometown of Petrolia but won handily in Strathroy and northern Lambton County, north of Highway 402, in Grand Bend, Forest, Arkona and Thedford. In one of Grand Bend's polls, for example, Beaubien's PCs defeated the Liberals by 80 votes. In a Thedford poll, the PC votes doubled the Liberal vote. In Kettle Point, though, where the community is hurting after the 1995 shooting of a native at Ipperwash, Beaubien got only six votes.

Total votes received from

electors in the new riding of Lambton-Kent-Middlesex were 18,914 for Beaubien, followed closely by O'Neill of Enniskillen Township at 18,068. New Democrat Jim Lee of Wallaceburg received 3,999 votes while Freedom

Party candidate Wayne Forbes of Grand Bend received 1,041 votes. Beaubien acknowledged there was strategic voting at work against his PC campaign.

"It was a good fight and I'm glad that I ended up on top," Beaubien said about the race

against O'Neill.

With Tory leader Mike Harris also re-elected in his riding and the party getting a comfortable majority in the Legislature, electors showed that while Harris' cuts hurt initially, the Conservatives are on the right

track to improving Ontario's economy, said the MPP-elect.

"It goes to show that the people of the province of Ontario support what Mike Harris has been doing the past four years. There were difficult changes

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but it's for the good for the province, good for the people of this province. It gives us the

opportunity to compete with other jurisdictions. It wasn't pleasant, it wasn't easy, it wasn't fun, it wasn't warm at

times, but we've got the vote going in the right direction and people want to keep it going the same direction," said Beaubien.

The larger riding, that's the size of Prince Edward Island, made it more difficult for all candidates to get to know their electors.

"It was a challenge. There's no doubt we were trying to assess how to get the vote out, get to know people. We had good workers in Kent and Middlesex and I thank them. What can I say," said Beaubien.

The shorter campaign period, 28 days rather than 37 days, was also an obstacle but one that was reported to have worked well for incumbent MPPs like Beaubien.

"That was long enough, because I tell you my knees and my ankles right now are killing me. I've walked and I've knocked on doors, my volunteers who work with me, we knocked on doors. I feel it tonight," he said.

A few minutes later, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Beaubien told his supporters, "There's a task ahead us."

The Conservatives will con-

tinue with its goal to improve health care and education, to name only two issues. He said the PC government will spend over 50 cents on Ontario's health care.

"Ontario's health care is still very good," he said. "People fell through the cracks in the 40s. People fell through the cracks in the 50s. People will continue to fall through the cracks and we will try to reduce that"

On a personal note, Beaubien pledged to his supporters a deep commitment to their future needs.

Freedom Party candidate

Wayne Forbes of Grand Bend received 1,041 votes from Lambton-Kent-Middlesex electors, double the number he received in the 1995 election.

"I'm happy with what happened," said Forbes on Friday. "It tells me more people aren't satisfied with the main stream parties."

Forbes received more local support in this election with one person donating funds and another organizing an all-candidates meeting for the area. Otherwise, Forbes spent his own money on the campaign.

One aspect of the election that did disappoint Forbes was the

treatment the fringe parties received. Media reports were centred on the leaders of the three main parties, forgetting fringe party leaders.

Forbes is already planning to run in the next provincial election with a goal to raise the number of candidates in Ontario to over 14.

The local businessman also says he's pleased that Premier Mike Harris has been re-elected.

"It's about time somebody's got his act together and do something for this province," he said, adding the province has been mismanaged.

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this has nothing to do with politics, or the proper function of government or what government should be all about. I think you guys are just cluttering up the ballot and giving the rest of us a bad name."

"Well I disagree with that totally," retorted Parker. "Because we have solutions that work and you don't."

"You're saying that out of total ignorance," re-retorted Metz. "What solution are you referring to that I've proposed that won't work?"

Silence.

"Do you even know a single Freedom Party solution?" asked Metz.

"Well the whole point is that until you clean up the real causes of problems which

are inside of people themselves, nothing that government does will really have much effect," Parker responded.

"I've been saying that for a long time," agreed Metz. "That's why we believe in individual rights, and that responsibility belongs with the individual. That's the basic political issue."

"On that, we totally and completely agree," responded Parker, but then continued on his usual tangent about "increasing the level of responsibility in individuals" through "consciousness-based" solutions.

"Ron, with respect, we're hearing a platform that has no planks that we can see," interjected Harris. "You know what I'm saying? And we keep falling through it; there's nothing tangible to stand on."

SOLID PLATFORM DOES NOT EQUAL VOTES

Unfortunately, having a tangible solid platform has very little to do with getting votes or getting elected. Elements of small party platforms which prove to be popular invariably find their way into the platforms of the major parties, making it more difficult for the public to discern differences between the old parties and new, and making the party that originated the policy less politically viable in terms of getting elected. To illustrate:

"Some of the things I've heard today from the **Freedom Party** strike me as some of the things that some of the population fears most about the Tories --- about going too far with privatization and downloading or downsizing government," commented talk show host Har-

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The parties' stands

	Jobs	Debt/deficit	Taxes	Health care
Conservatives	Create 825,000 more new jobs over five years. Reduced taxation creates jobs by building an incentive for work and business expansion.	Balance the budget next year and require provincial balanced budgets from now on or elected government would have their pay docked. Deficit (accumulated debt) to be reduced to \$2.1 billion next year and eliminated by 2000-2001 budget year.	A 20-per-cent tax cut to provincial income tax, phased in over five years. A 20-per-cent cut to the provincial portion (the education share) of residential property taxes, which would return \$500 million to taxpayers. Provincewide voting proposed before any increase in sales tax or gas tax. Cut small business corporate taxation in half.	A 20-per-cent increase in health funding in the next five years. A patient's bill of rights to guarantee maximum waiting times for emergency room assessment and cancer treatment. Add 10,000 nurses in next two years and add 20,000 beds for seniors and expanded community services.
Liberals	A new registered lifelong learning plan to help Ontarians save for further education by allowing tax deductible contributions to a fund to be used for that purpose. Work to develop self-employment initiatives, including group insurance plans and retraining for self-employed. Encourage greater access to apprenticeships and training.	No new taxes, a balanced budget, tax cuts and debt reduction as the economy grows. Predict they can balance budget in first year. Once the budget is balanced, every dollar of new revenue will be split, with 55 per cent going to health care and education, 25 per cent to tax relief for middle class and 20 per cent for debt reduction	Tax cuts come only after invest- ments in health care and education. Stop downloading of provincial ser- vices onto local property taxpayers. A new property tax rate for small retail properties would ensure tiny family-owned businesses don't get taxed at the same rate as banks.	Patient Protection Act to ensure patients assessed in emergency rooms within 15 minutes and guarantee hospital beds when needed. No cancer patient would wait more than four weeks for radiation. Hire 10,200 nurses. Family Medical Leave Act would provide up to 12 weeks of job-protected unpaid leave to help care for sick relatives.
ew Democrats	Boost minimum hourly wage to \$7.65. Repeal Bill 7 and make it illegal to hire replacement workers during a strike, Reinstate successor rights for workers so when a new employer takes over, the rights, benefits, wages and working conditions of unionized employees are protected. Employment legislation to ensure fairness and equity.	Will not raise the provincial deficit. Suggests the deficit will be eliminated in two to three years.	Will roll back Tory tax cuts for individuals with taxable incomes greater than \$80,000. The rollback will generate \$1.5 billion for health care, education, affordable housing and pollution enforcement.	Hospital emergency patients will be assessed within 15 minutes. Spend \$375 million to hire nurses and home-care workers. Give health-care workers "whistle-blower" protection so their jobs are not in danger if they report problems. Ensuring new nursing home beds are owned and operated by communities, charities, non-profit groups.
Family Coalition	Help private sector create jobs by reducing taxes to stimulate investment and boast buying power of average citizen. Encourage co-operative training in industry. Create a responsible free enterprise climate, with government intervention limited to enforcement of entrepreneurs' responsibilities in such areas as work safety and the environment.	Require government to reduce deficit each year by at least 20 per cent. Failing that, premier must call election. Reduce the budget of all government agencies, boards and commissions by 10 per cent in first year and initiate a review in second year with a view to eliminating as many of them as possible.	Will lower the provincial sales tax by two per cent every year until its elimination.	Eliminate government funding for abortion, euthanasia and sex changes. Supports expansion of programs for midwives (in teams with doctors), nurse practitioners and physician assistants in rural areas. Ensure consumers have choice between non-profit and private home-care agencies.
Freedom	Lobby federal government to make labour exempt from goods and services taxation. Make union membership and dues voluntary. Ban government wage controls and eliminate minimum wage laws because minimum wage is unnecessary.	Believes the budget should be bal- anced as soon as possible. Hold the deficit in check and reduce debt.	Lower income and sales taxes. Favours tax cuts across the board for all classes. Nobody should have to pay more than two to five percent of their income to taxes. Raise the basic personal tax exemption. This cannot be done unless health care and education opened up to more options such as privatization. Abolish inheritance taxes.	Open it up to more private competition. End free health across-the-board health care. Give individuals the right to opt out of OHIP.
Green	With 25 per cent of workforce un- employed or under-employed, stan- dard work week should drop to 32 hours. Although gross incomes would fall, more people would be working, which would reduce taxa- tion because of less need for wel- fare.	Pay down the fiscal deficit by ending all deficit financing. Begin a balanced, gradual reduction in social, environmental and financial debt.	Shift taxes away from desirable things — income, education as two examples — to undesirable production and consumption: waste, emissions, landfill use, fossil fuel consumption, pollution. End subsidizing wasteful production in industrial processes. Tax relief for low-income households while taxing ecologically destructive mechanization.	Fund research into complementary medical disciplines such as herbology. Fund small community-based hospitals that emphasize health maintenance and shift treatments to the home wherever possible. Higher tax on alcohol and tobacco and offer nicotine replacements to help smokers kick the habit. Encourage a non-meat diet.
Natural Law	Introduce programs to improve health, eliminate stress, develop creativity and improve relations with supervisors and co-workers.	Chop expenses by reducing crime and illness.	Offer universal \$20,000 tax exemption. Introduce flat tax of 10 to 15 per cent on revenues above that. Tax credits for wealthy through their spending for community good.	Offer choice between best natural and modern medicines. Eliminate half of all illness within three years through health promotion programs.
Libertarian	Job creation left entirely to the private sector.	No position available.	Reduce taxes to a bare minimum and eliminate them where possible to stimulate economic growth.	People should be free to choose a privately funded and operated health-care system.

on major issues

Welfare

Continue reduction in welfare recipients through work-for-welfare programs. Parks, roadwork open to workfare recipients, with bonuses for communities expanding workfare and penalties for those that don't. Mandatory drug treatment for welfare recipients on drugs, or they lose benefits. Remedial training for anyone who can't pass basic language and math test. Those convicted of welfare fraud permanently barred from receiving welfare.

\$250 million to combat children living in poverty. Restore rent control to help cut down on homelessness. To help people on welfare get better jobs, invest in adult education programs and English as a Second Language programs.

Boost shelter allowances for social assistance recipients. Restore rent controls. Build 16,000 affordable-housing units over four years. Build 14,000 supportive-housing units for people with psychiatric problems, addictions or other serious challenges.

Encourage private charities and religious groups to deliver more social assistance to the needy in our society. Work toward elimination of "universal" assistance programs at the federal level. Provincially, maintain only one assistance program for people in immediate and real need. Rescind social assistance to minors who can be supported by their parents and who are not physically or mentally disadvantaged.

Scrap workfare, which displaces jobs and resources. Narrow the definition of poverty to include only those in demonstrable need. Introduce program that limits the length of the term a welfare recipient can receive benefits, but allows them to earn increased income without fear of getting welfare benefits cut. End all rent controls and other price controls on private property.

Replace welfare with a guaranteed income supplement, a top-up program to allow low-paid workers to attain a minimum standard of living. This would allow the unemployed to take part-time work and earn their way out of assistance programs.

Make welfare a short-term benefit to be used for retraining and possible relocation. Increase creativity in collective consciousness and encourage entrepreneurship.

Welfare should be abolished with private groups left to organize temporary assistance programs.

Education

Mandatory teaching in schools of respect and responsibility. Student code of conduct that includes penalties. Make it an offence for non-authorized people to be on school property. Mandatory teacher re-testing every five years and criminal checks for all school employees. Expand standardized testing, with mandatory upgrades for schools not making the grade. Expand tuition assistance fund for college/university students and add scholarships.

Invest \$475 million in public education and \$400 million in colleges and universities. Cut tuition fees by 10 per cent. Restore student aid for part-time students. Scrap the Harris funding formula. Five new computers for every school every year. Reduce class sizes to 22 from 25 in the early elementary school years. Tough new certification exams for teachers.

Cut university and college tuition fees by 10 per cent. Invest \$360 million to help keep community schools open and protect junior kindergarten, early childhood education and support special needs education. Change the school funding formula.

Calls for a competitive education system where parents would choose between publicly or privately owned schools. The government provides a scholarship for each child that would be paid to the school selected by the parent. This scholarship is calculated by dividing the current cost of education in Ontario by the total number of students.

Supports right of taxpayers to direct their education taxes to the school of their choice, whether public or private. Use of phonics to teach reading, standardized testing. Doesn't believe in any funding formulas for schools.

Keep schools small. School authority should be local, with schools having greater freedom to hire teachers, choose teaching methods and select materials. Increase number of experimental, non-traditional schools and programs within public school system. Use standardized tests to test system, not student. Support home schooling with programming and supplies. Reduce post-secondary tuitions. Expand apprenticeship programs.

Introduce educational technology that raises student performance in less than a year. Improved performance comes from programs increasing receptivity and alertness, improving memory and enhancing mental functioning.

Tax-funded education should be abolished with responsibility returned to families and private agencies.

Other

Sex offender registry, anti-panhandling law. Create 378 new provincial parks and protected areas; increased fine for polluters. Create a \$20-billion growth fund (half of that money from private sector) for rebuilding schools, roads, hospitals.

Introduce three new laws to cut air pollution, clean up water and protect Ontarians from hazardous waste. Restore water-testing programs cut by Harris government. Convert Ontario's five coal-fired hydro generating plants to cleaner-burning natural gas. Stop United States from dumping hazardous waste in Ontario.

Hire 500 new environmental officers to enforce regulations. Implement Ontario Clean Air Alliance targets to reduce emissions from Ontario's coal-fired hydro generating stations.

CORRECTIONS

Freedom party doesn't want all fines eliminated

The Freedom party doesn't advocate eliminating all fines for environmental pollution, as reported Saturday in a special Free Press section on the provincial election.

Abolish fines for environmental polluters. Stop taxpayer funding for abortion. Abolish Ontario Film Review Board and Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Cut car pollution by offering rail and bike alternatives. Halt expressway construction, shift to clean fuel systems. Cancel casino expansion. Pay parents who stay home with their children. Emphasis on forestry preservation, improved mining practices, reduced chemical run-off, food labelling. Phase out nuclear energy and enhance "soft" energy such as wind and solar power.

Provide industries, energy and transport free from pollution, noise and stress. Support development proposals that reduce petrol-driven traffic. Total ban on genetically engineered foods.

AT LEFT: From the London Free Press, May 29, 1999.

A brief re-cap of where Ontario's eight officially-registered political parties stand on issues falsely states that Freedom Party would "abolish fines for environmental polluters."

This was a pure fabrication on the part of the unnamed writer, and the paper was obligated to print a correction (which appeared on June 1, 1999). Unfortunately, the damage had been done.

On the issue of debt/deficit, the paper incorrectly

reports that Fp wants to "hold the deficit in check", when party policy is actually to eliminate the deficit entirely. This should have been self-evident,

given that our "balanced budget" policy by definition means that there would be no deficit.

Otherwise, the chart is relatively accurate regarding Fp's Election'99 policies, and provides a quick comparison of our policies with those of the other parties.

Sadly, and as usual, FREEDOM itself is never considered even as a minor issue, let alone a major one. {END}

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Southwestern Ontario Fp Candidates...



Paul Blair Freedom

Age: 45

Family: Two sons

Occupation: Firefighter for the City of London for 18 years, now a captain

Community work:
Founding member of
the Parent Participating
Learning Environment
(APPLE) at Brick Street
public school in London; member of the
Canadian Taxpayers
Federation; 11 years as
an executive member
of Freedom Party, currently chief financial officer.

Most important achievement: Coming to understand that I, an an individual, must take responsibility for my actions and effect on my neighbours and community.

Why voters should elect me: I am dedicated to working toward a more peaceful and harmonious society, a society in which we are once again treated equally before the law. This can only be done by providing the citizens of Ontario and Oxford with a meaningful alternative to the old political parties that ask us to choose sides and fight against other perceived factions within our own communities.



Lloyd Walker Freedom

Age: 45

Family: Married

Occupation: Technical support analyst for Kellege

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Community work: Director of Middlesex-London Optimists; Neighbourhood Watch co-captain; Freedom Party leader.

Most important achievement: More important than my own progress and my part in the growth of Freedom Party is to again be able to offer Londoners the opportunity to send an important message. They can send the message that combining the traditionally "rightwing" commitment to lower taxes and freer markets with the traditionally "left-wing" belief in laws that allow for individual choice on personal and social matters is the blueprint for a better Ontario. Londoners can send a message that the cycle of Liberal-NDP-PC old style governments has to be broken — for the good of Ontario.



Jack Plant
Freedom
Did not respond to
Free Press
questionnaire



Andrew Falby Freedom

Age: 37

Family: Single

Occupation: Property manager, consultant

Community work: Unpaid provincial custodian

Most important achievement: To have the faculty of a truly independent mind.

Why voters should elect me: I believe and live in the concept of man as a heroic being. I believe that wealth is the product of man's capacity to think. When a government forces its constituents to become totally dependent upon them through implementation of their programs and allows accountability to become merely a word without meaning, they become shepherds that promote apathy, complacency and mediocrity. A society of sheep must, in time, beget a government of wolves. Instead, if elected, I believe that our path should be invested into the hands of the individual — and no one else — for it is the individual who holds our best hope of getting us out of the mess we're in, if he (or she) can be freed from the tyranny of rapacious, parasitic governments and the terminal stupidity of those politicians, bureaucrats, militant unionists and the scheming looters who penalize the most productive among us.



Wayne Forbes Freedom

Age: 58

Family: Married, five children, nine grand-children

Occupation: Small business owner and landlord; member of Grand Bend harbour committee

Most important achievement: Turned out to be a decent person in spite of a broken home environment and not using it as an excuse.

Why voters should elect me: Because I have the guts to kick political butt, and I'm sick of the government spending your and my money like it is their own, and for all the reasons you can think of for not voting for the so-called big three. Are you fed up enough to do this? Think about it. Vote Forbes, Freedom Party.



Ray Monteith Freedom

Did not respond to Free Press questionnaire



Robert Smink Freedom

Age: 48

Family: Married, one child

Occupation: Selfemployed, C.P. Inc., which employs 60 people

Community work: Municipal candidate once; provincial candidate four times.

Most important achievement: Family; honours B.A. in philosophy and history, University of Waterloo, 1974; founding member of Freedom Party in 1984; World Pop-A-Shot Champ in 1989.

Why voters should elect me: Governments aren't part of the solution anymore, they've become the main problem. Taxpayers now need protection from our own voracious governments. Average Ontarians pay 54 per cent of their incomes to big brother. Centralization, monopolization and bureaucratization, as Harris has done, is only rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. These policies and the progressive taxation to pay for it all kills economic incentive and productivity, drives the economy underground and makes criminals out of anyone trying to avoid this onerous taxation. Freedom Party believes the private sector can do almost anything the government can do, usually twice

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as well and at half the cost. We believe in fundamental changes to smaller governments, fewer programs and a flat-rate tax system. A vote for us will help send this message to Toronto.



Robert Metz Freedom Party

Age: 47

Family: One daughter Occupation: Full-time president, Freedom Party

Community work:
Past chairperson, No
Tax for Pan Am Committee; executive member of Hold All London
Taxes (HALT); executive member, London Middlesex Taxpayers'
Coalition; past school board trustee candidate

Most important achievement: Successfully defending London landlord Elijah Eileff before an Ontario Human Rights Tribunal; the founding and organization of the Freedom Party.

Why voters should elect me: For people who believe government should be a "referee" in the game, not a player, Freedom Party is the clear choice. Unlike the old parties, we offer something different from simply promising to spend more money on government programs. We believe in combining tax cuts and spending cuts with more individual choice, thus allowing for competition in a host of services, including

At Left on page 16 and 17: From the London Free Press Election'99 Voters' Guide, May 29, 1999; At Right: June 1, 1999

A re-cap of Southwestern Ontario's 54 officially-registered candidates failed to include the *Free Press* questionnaire responses of **Fp** candidates **Jack Plant** and **Ray Monteith**. Ironically these were the first two **Fp** candidates to submit their responses to the paper by fax, and comprised two of the three candidates whose responses were missing from the voter's guide. Regrettably, no one from the *London Free Press* contacted us to let us know that they had not received the responses.

On May 31, during CJBK Radio's "Free Press Hour" call-in program, Metz called Free Press editor Helen Connell to account for the paper's lack of courtesy towards Freedom Party, or for its failure to make any attempt at accuracy with respect to Freedom Party.

"I'm the campaign manager for the Freedom Party of Ontario, and I have to tell you, we've just had a heck of a time with the London Free Press," said Metz to program host Jim Chapman and London Free Press editor Helen Connell (on May 31, 1999). "To document all the errors, omissions (and) incorrect statements (made by the paper), I could spend half an hour, but this weekend was just a topper! Two of our candidates were said not to have turned in their surveys when they were the first two (Fp candidates) that were in. Under "Other Policies" they said that Freedom Party favors removing fines for pollution! I don't know where they got that from. We've been getting questions left right and center on that one. We've had problems with photographs, omissions, etc. I could go on and on and on. What's going on down there?"

"The best I can do on this one," replied Connell, "is (to) take your name off the air --- your last name, Bob --- and I can call over to the election desk and ask them to call you and if there are errors, they make corrections."

"But the errors have been just phenomenal," retorted Metz. "(It's difficult to) explain the work we've been put through here, when really that should be your job looking after those things and making sure your stories are ok."

Replied Connell: "The other thing with political parties, and I can't speak to yours on this account, but sometimes what we get is fairly vague, like, it covers everything as opposed to coming down with a position."

"That's not the case with us," emphasized Metz. "We faxed you an EXPLICIT policy platform and if you read what was handed to you, there is no way you could have gotten that kind of a statement out of it. I just don't understand that."

health care and education. We support lower and flat taxes combined with a higher basic personal exemption. Together, these two measures would do more for those in need than all the government welfare programs combined. Most important, we put freedom first and will not compromise anyone's fundamental freedoms simply for the sake of a "free" government benefit.

"Ok, what I'm going to have to do is get your name and have them call you," concluded Connell.

That Connell should ask Metz for his name, after having covered Freedom Party activities for the better part of two decades, and having dealt with Metz over many 'corrections' throughout the years (not to mention his involvement with the Elijah Elieff case) was astounding.

Metz was contacted later in the day by a *Free Press* staff reporter who emphatically insisted that not only had the *Free Press* not received the required information from **Freedom Party** but that we had

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Missing from election tab

Information for the following two Freedom Party candidates was not received in time by The Free Press and, therefore, not included in Saturday's Voter's Guide. The candidate information appears here as it would have in the Voter's Guide.



Jack Plant, London West

Age: 47

Family: Married with two children

Occupation: fire inspector, London Fire Department

Community work: Past Freedom Party candidate and past party leader; educa-

tion trustee candidate; member London Middlesex Taxpayers' Coalition.

Most important achievement: Raising my family and being a past leader of Freedom Party.

Why voters should elect me: We believe the purpose of government is to protect individual freedom of choice, not to restrict it. The overwhelming government intrusion in our lives can no longer be justified on humanitarian grounds. Innocent, law-abiding people are being ever more restricted by unjust and restrictive legislation, while criminals seem to have more protection from the law than the average person. I encourage everyone who is fed up with politics as usual and with voting for the "lesser of three evils" to support the Freedom Party.



Ray Monteith, Elgin-Middlesex-London

Age: 78

Family: Widower

Occupation:

Retired Con-Rail worker

Community work: Local tax fighter and activist; charitable welfare work in the

community; local trustee candidate; past candidate for Freedom Party.

Most important personal achievement: With wife Doris, who passed on in 1988, I was a foster parent to 175 children over a period of 20 years.

Why voters should elect me: The more laws we have, the closer we get to becoming a police state. Voters who are sick and tired of the old political parties should know the Freedom Party is their alternative. We must all stand together to protect our fundamental freedoms, or risk losing not only our freedoms, but the benefits governments continually promise us.

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never sent the faxes to them in the first place.

"If I showed you a copy of our fax transmittal slip along with the filled-out surveys we have on file, would that be evidence enough to convince you?" asked Metz

"No" was the reply. And although the London Free Press finally printed the missing information after we re-faxed them the original surveys (at right on page 17, as published on June 1, 1999), the paper still maintained that "Information for the following two Freedom Party candidates was not received in time...'

AT RIGHT, BELOW: -from 3 Sarnia's Observer, May 31 and May 18, 1999 respectively; Freedom Party's Andrew Falby draws the paper's attention, resulting in much needed public exposure to the existence of a new political alternative.



Falby gives wake up call

Editor's Note: Observer reporters dogged candidates on the campaign trail in recent weeks, getting a feel for the style of those who want to represent our ridings at Queen's Park. This is part of a series of stories from the two ridings in our area, Sarnia-Lambton and Lambton-Kent-Middlesex.

By AONGHUS KEALY

Sarnia-Lambton Freedom Party candidate Andrew Falby goes day by day for his Queen's Park campaign. Not door-to-door.

Falby said financial restrictions make it impossible for him to campaign door-to-door, adding that he earns less doing home renovations and property improvements than the average single guy on welfare (\$520 per

"I refuse to go on welfare," he said. "I don't believe I should be taking from the state.

He said after he loses the election -"That's a given" — he will spend more time renovating

Falby's campaign budget was \$250, and that includes the \$200 entry fee he had to pay the province to enter the race for a Queen's Park seat.

But the man once known as the homeless landlord does have a cell



Sarnia-Lambton riding Freedom Party candidate Andrew Falby .

Observer Photo



phone, a necessary expense for a campaign that is being run out of his campaign manager's two-car garage on Vidal Street.

"Don't you know that all homeless landlords have cell phones?" he joked.

He earned his name as the homeless landlord because he was a landlord to many properties in Sarnia, and later had to live out of a van for a short peri-

But those who don't attend the debates or follow the news can still learn of Falby's candidacy when they drive by his two campaign signs in Sar-

Two signs bear his name and party. One is planted on the Vidal Street property of his campaign manager and best friend, Herman Martens. The other graces the property on Stewart Street, and was pounded in by another friend.

At a Rotarian lunch, he called Canada's voters a flock of sheep and urged them to bleat out their new national anthem, adding that they cow-towed to the will of the "wolves" of government - civil servants.

It may surprise people that Falby would even try to campaign if he can't afford to go door-to-door, but Falby said he likes to think of himself as the "monkey wrench" of the campaign.

"I want people to think about the big picture. I'm not doing this to win votes. I'm doing it to shock people



SARNIA, ONTARIO, Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Boushy defends, others attack, Tory record

By GEORGE MATHEWSON of The Observer

All ewes rams out there, stand up and be

The Freedom Party's Andrew Falby enlivened an otherwise lacklustre candidate meeting Monday by likening Ontarians to sheep who are ruled by bean-

counting civil servants interested only in protecting their jobs.

While the Sarnia-Lambton riding candidates used the forum to stake a claim on the political spectrum, Falby walked right off the end

"A society of sheep must in time beget a government of wolves. Everyone stand and sing the new national anthem: Baaaaa. Baaaaa," he urged a Rotarian luncheon in Point Edward.

Not everyone was amused. Coast Guard employee Lawrie Lachapelle stood, but it was to object, not sing.

"You have insulted me and every other

civil servant," he said.

With the mid-point of the provincial election approaching, no single issue has yet grabbed the interest of local voters. As a result, incumbent Tory Dave Boushy was free to boast of the government's record, while the others took turns attack-

Tax cuts have returned \$54 million to

Lambton reduced local welfare rolls by 30 per cent, said Boushy, who rhymed off government funding for Marshall Gowland Manor, Highway 402 and new hospital

equipment.

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But why, asked one questioner, are food banks overwhelmed and homeless people dving on the streets of Toronto if we're so

Boushy stuck to the party line: The Harris government has created 540,000 new jobs and 60 per cent of those coming off welfare have found "meaningful" work,

Falby







Caroline Di Cocco



Mark Kotanen

to repair damaged services.

The New Democrats would repeal Bill 160, the Tory education reforms. And they would hire back 500 environment ministry inspectors, said Kotanen, who noted smog was so bad in Sarnia last summer the Blue Water Bridge was obscured.

While it was bribing people with tax cuts, the government was slashing funding to children's services in Sarnia-Lambton, he added.

"It's not acceptable that children must wait months for desperately needed assessment."



Andrew



Liberal Caroline Di Cocco said a Grit government would combine fiscal responsibility with a social conscience. While the Tories claim to be good managers, they cut services without thinking and are "now going back to fix the mistakes they made," she said.

The government allowed Ontario's debt to grow so large that servicing it is now its second largest expense after health care, she said.

"It's going to take a while for people to have confidence again in the system.'

NDP candidate Mark Kotanen said more, not fewer, civil servants are needed

- AT RIGHT: -from Inside Sarnia, June/99: The unnamed writer's closing comment leaves it somewhat unclear what he fears most ---Freedom Party or Andrew Falby?
- BELOW: -from Sarnia's Observer, May 29, 1999; Another feature on Andrew Falby offers area voters a more personal perspective of Fp's Sarnia-Lambton candidate.

Andrew Falby, Freedom

Advocate of Ayn Rand's philosophy, he opposes excessive government

By AONGHUS KEALY of The Observer

6 6Baaaaa, baaaaa" might be the two words for which Sarnia-Lambton candidate Andrew Falby is best remembered when the provincial election is

The 37-year-old Freedom Party member told those who attended a Rotarian luncheon in Point Edward that they are part of a society of sheep - Ontario and blindly follow an overabundance of rules set by civil ser-

"A society of sheep must in time beget a company of wolves. Everyone stand up and sing the new national anthem

That is when Falby bleeted twice and added another page to local political history. A club member objected strenuously, but the writer of a subsequent letter to the editor called it "the first honest political statement I have heard in a number of year.

Falby is not your typical politician. He is bearded and a bit cruffy, and his hair is unstylish. He walks with a wooden sailor gait, and unlike most politicians, cheerfully greets only those he knows. On the day he was interviewed by The Observer, he wore a worn and wrinkled rugby shirt and dockers pants.

"I'm not about issues. I'm about changing society as a whole.

Falby isn't fond of summations and sound bites. He said Canada's new national anthem was only one part of his speech, and that voters should demand that politicians use more substance to their campaign

Think about it," he said with a tone of urgency. "We're picking people after a five-minute speech and a half-hour of answering questions to take care of a \$60-billion budget. It's ridiculous. You're not getting a complete thought.

It isn't easy to sum up what Andrew Falby is about, but he does it with this phrase



"I want people to think about the big picture. I'm not doing this to win votes. I'm doing it to shock

He doesn't campaign because he has to renovate during the day, adding that he earns less than a welfare recipient, many of whom receive \$520 per month. He said he prefers to hand out "Atlas Shrugged" over his party's plat-

"I'll go out and buy a copy of that book for whoever tells me they want one," he said. "I think it's must reading.

Falby said novelist Ayn Rand's 1,000-page book confirmed his thoughts that man is a heroic being and needs incentive to improve.

He was a baker on a Texaco ship, and enjoyed docking at Sarnia. He moved to Sarnia when he was 19 years old, and bought his first house. He became a landlord of over 100 local buildings with his best friend, Herman Martens, before the two of them had to end their business.

He said the NDP government's rent controls and excess social housing in Sarnia led to a lack of demand and less money for small businessmen like himself on its that "generating a profit was an

And the choking of the small businessman and stifling of society continues, he said.

'Capitalism in its purest form doesn't allow control because it's based on laissez-faire, free trade. You can't do this when a collective controls. By that I mean the government over-legislating. We started off with 10 commandments and now we have a million

'Did you know that you can't whistle or sing past eight o'clock at night on the streets of Sarnia?

"This is the kind of thing I'm talking about. It's ridiculous.

Editorial

Andrew Falby and six other reasons to vote Torv

Okay, name the leaders of the two mainline opposition parties.

That's what we thought. Howard Hampton and Dalton McGuinty aren't exactly household names. And since the election call they still aren't. Very little will change in the next few days.

Locally, the situation is much the same. Mark Kotanen, a union boss at the jail is the NDP candidate. Aside from a handful of orange election signs few have ever heard from this guy. Can you spell "sacrificial lamb?"

Thought so.

Then there is Caroline DiCocco, candidate of our Liberal mayor and local union agitator Bob Humphreys. Humphreys tells anyone who listens, so far we haven't, that he wants a minority Liberal government with the NDP holding the balance of power so his social agenda can be realized.

With Dalton McGuinty at the helm of the provincial Liberals and our mayor pushing the buttons of the DiCocco campaign there is little doubt that their social agenda will remain exactly that after the

Which brings us to David Boushy. Is he a perfect candidate? Don't think so.

David tends to emulate the actions of his leader Mike Harris. Fortunately for David, his leader has more than a passing grade after four years at the helm.

If nothing else Harris has done exactly what he said. He's reduced the annual deficit from \$14 billion under Bob Rae (how can we forget him?) to \$2.5 billion today. Good but not good enough, especially when one considers that Ontario and NDP controlled British Columbia are the only remaining provinces with annual deficits.

Harris and his provincial Tories have slashed and hacked for four years. He's angred every unionist and left-wing socialist in sight and still can't balance the books. Which brings us to this question. Can you image the financial chaos, if by some fluke, Howard Hampton or Dalton McGuinty were to be elected?

Pretty scary.

Speaking of that, Andrew Falby is the Freedom Party candidate in Sarnia. Need we say more?

6 - St. Thomas Times-Journal, Monday, May 17, 1999

Monteith standing up for Freedom

Three trips on the election campaign trail with limited results to show for it have not dampened Ray Monteith's enthusi-

Monteith, 78, will be carrying the Freedom Party of Ontario banner in the June 3 provincial election for the Elgin-Middlesex-London rid-

He's the first to admit he's changed party lines at least twice in his life. At one point, he was a loyal Progressive Conservative supporter, and then a Liberal party backer.

At one point he met a representative of the Freedom Party who asked to him to run as a candidate and since then, he's been part of the party.

"I do it because I want to keep the party name in the forefront," he said.

As a Freedom Party member, Monteith, a retired Conrail conductor. said he believes in less government and control.

We are in too much of a police state," he said.

The Freedom Party stands for eliminating government waste and cutting taxes, Monteith said.

"The government wastes millions and bil-lions of tax dollars," he

One of the biggest areas of waste occurs in the health system, Monteith maintains.

"We're all milking the health system too much,' he said. I think running to a doctor when you have a cold should stop. I think

Freedom candidate Ray Monteith, right, speaks with Ald. Ray Parks in downtown St. Thomas. (T-J photo)

Ray Wonteith

Name: Ray Monteith Age: 78

Community of residence: Central Elgin

Family: widower, father of two sons and two

Education: completed high school in St. Thomas. Employment: retired, worked as a conductor for

Community involvement: Member of Away-We-Go Square Dancers and Bershire Beavers Square Dancers

you should see a nurse. There's too much waste. There has to be some changes, but everybody's afraid to make changes.

While he still is enthusiastic about running in this year's election, Monteith

said he got a late start on his campaign.

"It was hard to get go-ing this year," he said. With limited resources, he intends to focus his efforts on canvassing main business streets. The Freedom

Party supplied lawn signs which can now be seen dotting the new riding.

There are a number of issues he would like to raise in this campaign. One of them is where a taxpayer directs education taxes.

"I think each person should be able to send their tax dollars to the school board of their choice, not the just the separate or public system," he said

It's the same platform he used when he ran for school trustee Yarmouth several years ago. At that time, Monteith recalls, he was within 100 votes of being elected.

AT LEFT: -from the St. Thomas Times-Journal, May 17, 1999; No stranger to voters in the St. Thomas area, Fp candidate Ray Monteith is seen here campaigning for his favourite cause: freedom.

because it's just not possible for government to ban speech anymore. The fact that these things are inevitable does not make them evil. We have to understand that these are good things; that help us to survive; that freedom separates a country of prosperity from the countries that are poor, that do not have freedom. You'd think that this would be a fundamental truth that we all understand."

MEDIA CONTEMPT FOR **DEMOCRACY**

As with freedom, the media's attitude toward the democratic process leaves much to be desired, despite its many editorials espousing the virtues of democracy. Thanks to the media, most voters hear only about the two or three old political party candidates in their riding. The existence of alternate parties remains either unacknowledged, as with the Toronto Star's typical post-election coverage (Friday, June 4, 1999) of Toronto Centre-Rosedale, where there were nine candidates (including Fp's Paul McKeever) fielded: "The three party candidates agreed that health and education were the main issues in the election," or, as in the case with Sarnia's Observer, their existence is treated with condescension, and fear that "even if the Freedom Party draws a mere one per cent of the vote, it may be the per cent which decides who represents us in Queen's Park." (Observer, May 19, 1999; see

As it turned out in Lambton Kent Middlesex, the Observer's worst fear came to pass. Freedom Party's Wayne Forbes drew 2.48%, with his 1076 votes totaling exactly 300 more ballots than the 776 vote spread between winning PC incumbent Marcel Beaubien (19,296) and Liberal candidate Larry O'Neill (18,520). Forbes' vote total also represented 25.77% of the 4175 vote total received by the NDP candidate (Jim Lee) in his riding.

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ris during the alternate candidates' debate. "...a Tory to the extreme, if you will."

"Not really," Metz assured him. "The Tories have centralized government and taken over the education system, trying to make it 'efficient'. We would have given choice to individual parents in the community...

"But the belief is that that is step one, so the next step could be charter schools and individual choice," Harris responded. "What I'm hearing from a lot of people is that's what they're afraid the Tories are planning in the

future, and it seems to be what (Freedom Party is) saying right now."

"They certainly shouldn't be afraid of that if they care about their health care and education," Metz stated. "For the longest time Freedom Party has been advocating policies that have become inevitable. We were the only political party actively campaigning for Sunday shopping at a time when the party that brought us Sunday shopping --- the NDP --- was the most vehemently opposed to it. But it was an inevitable policy.

"We're going to see lower taxes; we're going to see privatization; it doesn't matter where you are on the political spectrum. You will see the necessity of freedom of speech

Fringe-party candidates get their say at debate

BRENT DOWDALL
NEPEAN THIS WEEK

They may not get the attention, and may not get the votes of the three major parties, but candidates from other parties are also on the June 3 provincial election ballot in Nepean ridings.

Three of those candidates from other parties got to share the head table May 21 at the Nepean Chamber of Commerce all-candidates' breakfast.

Ottawa West-Nepean Green Party candidate Richard Warman says his party is about more than just the environment.

It also wants to bring decision-making power to more people and implement proportional representation to make the number of seats a party wins roughly equal to the number of votes received.

"People say we make great environmentalists but we make lousy economists," says Warman. "Nothing could be further from the truth. We prefer to describe ourselves as long-term economists."

Ottawa West-Nepean Confederation of Regions candidate Anthony Silvestro



Nepean's candidates following the Chamber of Commerce breakfast debate (left to right) Garry Guzzo, Craig Parsons, Alex Cullen, John Baird, Bill Frampton, Gord Hunter, Anthony Silvestro and Richard Warman.

says his party stands for direct democracy, binding referenda and recall of members by unhappy constituents.

He saved his strongest attacks for the inter-provincial construction dispute between Ontario and Quebec.

"This has been going on since I was in diapers. Our policy is Ontario jobs for Ontario taxpayers," he says. "This double standard has to stop and we would make sure it would stop."

Silvestro also says CoR supports reducing property taxes on homes when people retire to reflect fixed incomes, and would end funding for the Catholic schools in favour of one school system.

Bill Frampton is running for the Freedom Party in Nepean-Carleton, which offers a vision of much less government, competition in health care and educational choice for parents.

"We combine the best of liberal and conservative values, individual freedoms and personal responsibility," says Frampton. "We're Ontario's fresh new party of the centre."

When Liberal candidate Gord Hunter mentioned the Liberal plan to pay doctors to work in under-serviced areas for five years, Frampton was the only other candidate to respond, saying the government should not force people to go somewhere to make a living.

Also running are Natural Law Party candidates Brian Jackson in Nepean-Carleton and Lester Newby in Ottawa West-Nepean, and independents Megan Hnatiw and John Turmel in Ottawa West-Nepean.

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AT LEFT: -from Nepean This Week, May 28, 1999; Fp
Nepean-Carleton candidate
Bill Frampton is among three Ottawa area candidates identified as 'fringe'. If proportional representation, lower taxes, and individual freedom are 'fringe' ideas...

BELOW: -from the *Annex Gleaner*, June 1999 and from the *Toronto Star*, June 1, 1999; **Fp** Trinity-Spadina candidate **Silvio Ursomarzo**'s feature actually touches on a fair variety of issues, while the *Toronto Star's* correction regarding his party affiliation represents the largest headline ever offered Freedom Party by the paper.

June 1999 THE ANNEX GLEANER

Party promotes both freedom and responsibility

BY CONAN TOBIAS

Silvio Ursomarzo is a unique candidate in that he has no desire to govern Trinity-Spadina. Instead, he would rather see Trinity-Spadina — and Ontario for that matter — govern itself.

As the riding candidate for the Freedom Party, Ursomarzo's solution to many of the debated provincial problems is privatization — privatization of education, privatization of health care, privatization of housing.

Ursomarzo strongly supports the party's belief that, year after year, government has further encroached and violated human freedom when it has no right to do so. As its name suggests, the Freedom Party believes government should have little or no say in how Ontarians live their lives.

"The only role of government is to defend individual rights," Ursomarzo said. "The only other job they have is to administer the justice system — the police, the courts, and the jails."

While most "fringe" parties have their own equivalent of the Tories'



Silvio Ursomarzo

Blueprint or the Liberals' 20/20 outlining how they would govern it elected, the Freedom Party's mandate is easily summed up in a sentence: they want to take power away from government and place it in the hands of the people.

Under a Freedom Party government there would be no welfare or workfare, for example. The poor and unemployed would be provided for by privately-funded charities, who would also help them find

"Workfare is an oxymoron. To be paid to do a job is work," Ursomarzo said. "I think if you believe in the right to private property and freedom of speech, you can not expect to take from one person to help another. The reality is creating an incentive of goodwill to help people."

A Freedom Party government would also not interfere with landlord and tenant issues. Ursomarzo said he believes the housing marketplace would, left to its own devices, eventually balance itself out.

Born and raised in Toronto, Ursomarzo has lived in the downtown core for eight years. A graduate of York University, he has worked in the financial services industry for 23 years. Although he resides in the neighbouring riding of Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ursomarzo decided to run in Trinity-Spadina after the Freedom Party had already nominated a candidate in his home riding.

"I really wanted to run [in Toronto Centre-Rosedale]. It really feels like home here. But my in-laws live in Trinity-Spadina and I spend a lot of time there and feel I'm a part of the community."

Also out of synch with many other parties, Ursomarzo said he does not care if he even takes office, provided his ideals become the norm for government in Ontario.

"By me running, I have a chance to have an audience. If the Liberals or Tories start to hold the ideals we do, that would be fine. If I can affect change without holding office, that's great."

Correction

Silvio Ursomarzo a member of the Freedom Party

Silvio Ursomarzo is a candidate for the Freedom Party in Trinity-Spadina. A story about an all-candidates meeting in the riding misidentified his party affiliation.

The Star regrets the error.

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A FREE PUBLICATION

Mariposa resident Charles Olito running in provincial election

Staff: Mariposa Times

ocal Mariposa resident Charles Olito
wants to be the next M.P.P for VictoriaHaliburton-Brock. Mr. Olito is running as a
candidate for the Freedom Party and he says
the reason he is running for office is "because of the attack by Government on the
individual. I simply want to see some freedom and fairness return to the political arena.
Is there a better reason to do so?"

Is there a better reason to do so?"

Mr. Olito lives on a farm in Mariposa Township. Together with his wife, he raises farm animals and views farming as a way of life. Retired, he embarked on a career in teaching after he graduated from the University of Toronto Teachers College in 1969. He is grateful for the time he spent in teaching and he considers himself lucky for the many years of employment in a field he loves. However, he fears that unemployment and poor employment prospects will keep thousands of people from knowing the feeling of fulfillment a steady job can bring.

"What I want is a better Ontario for all of us" says Mr. Olito, "and the principle and the platform of the Freedom Party is 'A Better Ontario.' This is very much in line with my view of what a Democracy is." The choice of running as a Freedom Party candidate was, he says, very 'natural.' "Our choices in life are either regulated or taken away from us. High taxes prevent us from leading the kind of life we want. I believe that we should be treated equally before and under the law and be allowed to live in a society that allows a peaceful 'live and let live' existence. That's what the Freedom Party stands for and that's why I stand by the Freedom Party."

Mr. Olito believes that, "Victoria-Haliburton-Brock has not prospered under a Conservative rule," he says. He points out that under the Conservative government, provincial debt has actually increased by over \$20 billion dollars. In this riding, and across the province, Mr. Olito is quick to point that property tax payers are at risk if they elect another Conservative government. "Provincial social and health programs like social housing, social assistance, subsidized child care, land ambulance service and public health are open-ended programs. They are totally susceptible to the state of the economy, and other demographic trends."

According to Mr. Olito, there are factors that can influence our economy overnight and the cost of these programs, which the Harris government downloaded to municipalities, could "go through the roof" overnight.

"These are programs that must be paid for by the taxpayer on the property tax bill. If I were elected, I would work with municipalities to develop a plan to re-establish payments for these plans at the provincial level and not the local, municipal level."

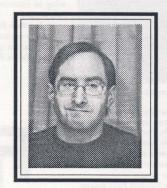
Of course, Mr. Olito feels that he and other members of the riding have taken a step backward since the election of Harris and the Conservatives. He points to the chronic doctor shortage in many parts of Victoria-Haliburton, the barriers to sound Health care, the failure of the Conservatives to fund a healthy educational system and economic stagnation in the area. "Many of these short-comings are a sign of poor provincial policies but many are a sign of poor local representation. Other than a jail brought to this area, I see nothing that our Conservative M.P.P has brought to the riding of Victoria-Haliburton-Brock. I mean, will the arrival of the jail spell good times for our residents? We need basic freedoms, economic prosperity and a 'Better Ontario' and I can work to deliver that once I am elected to Queens

Mr. Olito does not have the comforts of a large infrastructure to run his campaign. He is running the entire operation out of his home office and he likes it like that. "I just want the residents of Ontario to start to think about what they want from a politician. I find that the 'mainstream' parties all blend in and here I am, working out of my home saying to you 'vote for me because I will work for you and not for any system. Let's make Ontario a better place."

You can reach Mr. Olito at (705) 439-2124. His fax number is also the same as his telephone number.



ABOVE, AT LEFT: -from the Mariposa Times, May 29, 1999; A front-page feature on Fp Victoria-Haliburton-Brock candidate Charles Olito represents a stark contrast between the level of media coverage offered to rural candidates and that offered to urban candidates such as Fp candidates Wayne Simmons, (BELOW LEFT), Vaughan Byrnes (BELOW RIGHT), and Paul McKeever (pictured on page 10) who received virtually no media coverage at all in their respective Toronto ridings.



Wayne Simmons



Vaughan Byrnes

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STAR ATTRACTION

In response to Fp candidate Paul McKeever's complaint that the Toronto Star incorrectly reported the number of candidates running in his riding, the paper's ombudsman, Don Sellar, replied: "When fringe candidates are able to demonstrate that they are a factor in the election, they begin to attract news coverage. The Star's riding profiles attempt to focus on those candidates."

"My complaint was not that the Star failed to 'focus on' me," responded McKeever.

"My complaint was that the Star made an allegation of fact which was patently false. Moreover, your explanation (regarding) candidates who are 'a factor' begs the question: how does the Star determine who is a factor?

"To the majority of voters in Toronto Centre Rosedale, most if not all of the candidates are virtual unknowns (notably, PC Durhane Wong-Rieger, who only recently parachuted into the riding). Apparently, therefore, the primary feature which the *Star* thinks makes one 'a factor' is affiliation with the PCs, Liberals or NDP."

SUCCESS BREEDS CONTEMPT

It can be reasonably expected that any near-future successes of **Fp** campaigns will be met with increasing hostility, contempt and evasion by the traditional major media. This has been the pattern with virtually all new political movements until they become more universally recognized as 'a factor'.

Freedom Party members and supporters must recognize that most established newspapers are political instruments who support specific political philosophies (and often parties) far removed from the principles of individual freedom and responsibility.

Until that changes, voters searching for a party of principle will continue to find themselves without a choice, or be forced to vote for the lesser of whatever evils the media cares to dish out.

BECOMING OUR OWN MEDIA OUTLET

There is hope of speeding up the process of change, however. As an increasing number of people become computer literate, and suspicious of the information meted out by the traditional media, the Internet and alternate publications like this newsletter will allow them to discover the real choices available to them, choices that the major media are not acknowledging.

The Internet shows particular promise: For example, during Election'99 and the immediate 3-4 weeks preceding the dropping of the writ, Freedom Party's World Wide Website at "www.freedomparty.org" received just under 300,000 hits, with 10161 hits on election day June 3 representing the highest single day total up to that point. (Current post-election traffic on our website averages between one and two million hits annually.)

OTHER MEDIA

Moreover, thanks to the past work and efforts of our candidates, leader, and provincial executive, we have accumulated an incredible AUDIO and VIDEO library of Freedom Party campaigns, debates, speeches, official presentations, etc., that will soon be made available to the broader public and membership at large. Watch for our future announcements and ads that will update you on this development!

Openers...

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FIRST-PAST-THE-POST SYSTEM:

Everyone knows the problem: with more than two parties under this system of elections, the party with the largest minority wins 100% of the power even if it gets far less than 50% of the popular vote. We all saw the other parties' attempts to get around it. They called it "strategic voting".

So how does first-past-the-post affect Freedom Party? Believe it or not, we lose "our" votes to the PCs. The same fear that brought "strategic voting" to the left was in play on the right. Supporters who were concerned that a Liberal or NDP candidate may just beat out the local PC end up abandoning Fp and voting PC. Not only was this evident at the polls, but many of our own members and supporters told us that this is exactly what they were going to do.

The other impact of the first-past-the-post system is that when we all "know" that a Fp candidate will not win, or so the logic goes, you're only "throwing your vote away" when you vote Fp. Instead, even if they may personally prefer a party like Freedom Party, voters end up sending the message that they support an old party platform (when in truth they only support a few points in that platform

or they're just afraid of the ones with a really bad platform getting elected.)

Freedom Party has long supported a change to the Single Transferrable Vote (STV). This system of proportional representation gives the voter the most choice and as a result gives each person's vote the most power. The current Westminster System (a.k.a. first-past-the-post) was fine for a two party system. Anyone winning had to have majority support. It stopped working well when a third party appeared, and its ability to reflect the "will of the people" has gone downhill ever since. Even our electoral process sends a message to voters: "Don't vote for anyone who can't win. Don't waste your vote on one of the newer parties." And the people listen.

TIMING:

Because we don't have fixed election periods, smaller parties who don't have the financial resources of the entrenched ones (who also get taxpayer funding!) continually have to balance their priorities and budgets and reschedule or cancel non-election events and campaigns. Do we take money required for project X and use it to prepare for a possible election call? Will candidates come forward in time when they don't even know when the election will be? (Many potential candidates are hamstrung by not knowing the campaign period dates; Some can run in the fall but not in the spring or vice versa.) Who do

you commit to when you don't know the time of the election either? Is it any surprise that Freedom Party isn't alone in supporting fixed election dates? Is it any surprise that the governing party wants to retain the ability to set the dates?

TIME:

Thanks to Harris' so-called 'election reforms', Election'99 was the shortest election period in Ontario history (and with the largest ridings ever). Combined with the ability of the party in power to call an election when it chooses to do so, candidates who are not completely prepared when the election writ is dropped (i.e., with signs, literature, and volunteers ready to go), will simply not have an effective presence in their respective ridings.

NO REAL ELECTORAL REFORM:

Without electoral reform that creates a structure recognizing the existence of more than two parties, voters who do not vote for the winner (the majority) will never be represented in the legislature. Officially, we are trying to work with other groups to change the electoral system. CAPRO (Coalition to Adopt Proportional Representation in Ontario) and other organizations favour a

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change to Proportional Representation, which is supported in Ontario by every political party except the COR, PC and Liberal parties. But there's always hope on that front. Most also favour fixed election dates so there are two electoral issues that we are working on at the current time.

TOO FEW VOLUNTEERS AND CANDIDATES:

So what does Freedom Party need? In elections we need volunteers, money and candidates. I'm not going to dwell on money. I'm confident that our supporters will do what they can to help us out. The best way to substantially increase our funding is not through getting each member/supporter to give more, but to get more people as members and supporters, each giving a little (or a lot!).

Whether in an electoral reform campaign or during an election campaign, the media will always remain a problem until we can raise the necessary resources to make their job easy. If we can present them with information that is ready for them to use we'll get more coverage. The quality of that coverage may still be suspect but that will only improve when supporters of the candidate start taking the media to task about the accuracy of coverage. The more people who approach them the more credibility they will have to give to the complaints.

Most importantly, we always need candidates. I know that it's difficult for some of you to come forward when the timing is not known, but if you are interested in running for Freedom Party, the time to step forward is not on the day the election is called. It is today! Maybe you won't be able to run when the time comes but what you have learned in the interim will certainly prepare you to help someone else run. Your ideas and input into Fp policy and platforms are welcomed and you may help bring a new issue to light or open our eyes to new approaches on old issues.

Volunteers are needed greatly in an election. Not everyone wants to run, but by volunteering to help there is a great opportunity to be part of the process and learn a great deal about politics, Freedom Party, and what is going on in your own community. Not only that, you will meet and work with people who think the way you do.

OURSELVES:

We can't change people who do not want to change themselves, nor should we try. The

couple I overhead at the polling station will not benefit by anything we do. Our website makes Fp literature free to anyone with access to a personal computer, or anyone can ask for our platform and receive it free of charge. We can only continue to make those who choose to be informed better informed. Consent and Freedom Flyer will continue to add our legacy of information about freedom and Freedom Party. We are always open to speaking to local groups, school groups, and to media interviews. Party president Robert Metz will continue to appear regularly on a weekly radio talk show in London: Left, Right and Center. We can all help by phoning into radio talk shows, writing letters to the editor and just

talking freedom to those around us.

What is the reality of the election process for Freedom Party? Even without needed election reform, each election nevertheless presents us with a forum and opportunity to have our ideas distributed to the public. Our main avenues of communication are: distribution of elections literature, candidate debates, leaders debates, knocking on doors and, most importantly, the media coverage generated by any or all of the above.

Only one group can do anything to meet these challenges.

The solutions all lie with ourselves. {END}

Freedom Party
Wavne Forbes

A business owner in Grand Bend for 18 years, Wayne Forbes represents the Freedom Party in the 1999 provincial election following his representation of the same party in 1995.

The Freedom Party has been an official party sine 1984, and has been working for individual freedom, lower taxes and free enterprise since its inception.

Forbes is a common sense man, who talks with the people to find out what their concerns are.

He believes that something



must be done to curb the abuse of the welfare system, and that it is time to do something to fight back against the excesses of big government.

ABOVE: Freedom Party's star candidate in Election'99, Wayne Forbes, as he appeared in the June 2, 1999 edition of the *Lakeshore Advance*:

Doubling his previous (1995) vote totals, Freedom Party's Wayne Forbes drew 2.48%, with his 1076 votes totaling exactly 300 more ballots than the 776 vote spread between winning PC incumbent Marcel Beaubien (19,296) and Liberal candidate Larry O'Neill (18,520). Forbes' vote total also represented 25.77% of the 4175 vote total received by the NDP candidate (Jim Lee) in his riding. See related Lambton-Kent-Middlesex coverage on pages 9, 12, 13, and 20.

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EXTREME VIEW DEFINED

Perhaps the most ominous statement about the whole affair was made by **Marion Boyd** in her final remarks on the December 8th show. After explaining how the current government has changed the police complaints procedure "in such a way that it is certainly not as protective of citizen's rights as it was previously", and that the police are "being given powers that they did not previously

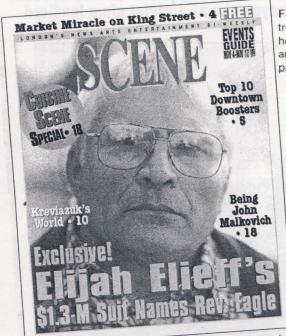
have... because of gang issues," Boyd concluded that "to try and make this a cause celebre that suggests we've got a police state and that we're trying to suppress everybody's political views is in itself an extreme view."

GET THE DETAILS:

Anyone interested in original documentation, related newsclippings, or audio recordings regarding this issue is invited to contact Freedom Party. See the green box on the back cover for details of how to get in touch with us!

Elieff Lawsuit ...

\$1.3 MILLION LAWSUIT UNDER WAY



LONDON (September 16, 1998 - present) - Almost nine years after the original London Free Press November 8, 1989 newspaper article that got London landlord Elijah Elieff into trouble with Ontario's Human Rights Commission, a lawsuit has been filed against those he holds responsible for the loss of his (former) Cheyenne Ave apartment buildings and another unrelated business. (See previous issues of Freedom Flyer or visit www.freedomparty.org for a complete accounting of his ordeal; For a quick summary, turn the page.)

Elieff's Statement of Claim, filed on September 16, 1998, names London councillor Susan Eagle, the United Church of Canada, Neighbourhood Legal Services Inc., and the National Bank of Canada as defendants in a \$1.3 million claim which includes: damages for conspiracy, abuse of process, intentional interference with contractual relations, inducing breach of contract, and unlawful interference with economic interests. Additionally, he is seeking damages for the improvident sale of his (former) Cheyenne Ave apartment buildings by the National Bank of Canada and also wants an accounting of the rent money collected from his tenants by the other defendants during their campaign to gain control of his buildings.

On the advice of his counsel, Tony Steele of Polishuk, Camman & Steele, Elieff has declined an out-of-court settlement already offered (in 1999) by the National Bank of Canada. Elieff's claim stems from the activities of Susan Eagle, who, as a paid lobbyist for the United Church of Canada, launched a widely publicized effort to obtain control of his privately-owned Cheyenne Ave apartment buildings for taxpayer-funded co-op housing from the mid-1980's to the early 1990's. Although unsuccessful in obtaining the buildings for co-op housing, Eagle's campaign (which included the recruitment of one of Elieff's Asian tenants to file a racism complaint against the

landlord before an Ontario Human Rights Commission Board of Inquiry) nevertheless created conditions that ultimately resulted in the sale of his building under power of sale.

ABOVE: The front page of Scene magazine (Nov 4-17, 1999) featured a full-page, full-color photo of London landlord Elijah Elieff, while its inside CenterSpread story, written by Fp president Robert Metz, filled the two center pages of the tabloid publication.

(For a quick summary of the story, read Scene magazine's November 4, 1999 CenterSpread exclusive, written by Fp president Robert Metz, on pages 26-27 of this newsletter.)

Elieff suit

Eagle, United Church & legal clinic sued

FORMER CHEYENNE APARTMENTS owner Elijah Elieff has filed a \$1.3 million lawsuit against Reverend Susan Eagle (a ward seven councillor), The United Church of Canada and Neighbourhood Legal Services Inc., alleging "conspiracy, abuse of process, interference with contractual relations, inducing breach of contract and unlawful interference with economic interests." **The National Bank of Canada** is also being sued for \$400,000, seeking "damages for improvident sale" of the Cheyenne apartments. Eagle, a United Church minister, played an active role in the protracted human rights complaint against former landlord Mr. Elieff. The August, 1994 human rights tribunal decision, largely exonerating Elieff, was later appealed to divisional court where Elieff represented himself and was found to have contravened the Ontario Human Rights Code.

ABOVE: -from Scene magazine, April 22, 1999; The small News Buzz article by Scene editor Barry Wells was the first mention of Elijah Elieff's lawsuit by any of London's media, despite Freedom Party's media releases about the lawsuit and Fp dinner event. As of this writing, the London Free Press, which was the sole source of any racial comment attributed to the former landlord, has yet to acknowledge his suit.

AT RIGHT: -photo of Susan Eagle from Scene magazine, November 4, 1999; The CenterSpread story referred to in the caption below appears on pages 26-27, overleaf.

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lawsuit. See the CenterSpread story on page 16 for this untold, evolving story.

CENTERSPREAD EXCLUSIVE!



Rev. Susan Eagle a Co-defendant in \$1.3-Million Lawsuit

Elijah Elieff's two Cheyenne apartment buildings were sold under power of sale in 1993 following extensive local media coverage that portrayed him as a racist slum landlord

\$1.3-MILLION LAWSUIT has been filed by former Cheyenne Ave, apartments landlord Elijah Elieff in an effort to receive compensation for losses. Elieff alleges he suffered as a result of an organized campaign waged against him from the mid- 80s to mid- 90s.

Mr. Elieff's statement of claim filed on Sept. 16. 1998 in Ontario Court (General Division) names Rev. Susan Eagle, the United Church of Canada, Neighbourhood Legal Services Inc. and the National Bank of Canada as co-defendants in the \$1.3-million claim seeking: damages for conspiracy, abuse of process, intentional interference with contractual relations, inducing breach of contract and unlawful interference with economic interests.

Additionally, Elieff is seeking damages for the improvident sale of his two apartment buildings at 95 and 105 Cheyenne Ave. (now named Oakville Ave.) by the National Bank of Canada and also wants an accounting of the rent money collected from his tenants by the other defendants during their alleged campaign to gain control of his buildings.

Elieff claims his financial losses stem from the activities of Susan Eagle (now an elected member of city council representing Ward Seven), who, as a paid lobbyist for the United Church of Canada during the mid-'80s and early-'90s, allegedly launched a legal, political and public lobby effort to convert his privately-owned Cheyenne Ave. apartment buildings in northeast London, into taxpayer-funded co-op housing.

Although not successful in getting control of the apartment buildings, Ms. Eagle's activities were successful in wresting control of the buildings from Mr. Elieff when his two apartment buildings and his Richmond Subs sandwich shop in downtown London, were lost under power of sale.

Eagle and her co-defendants deny Elieff's allegations of impropriety. In their Feb. 1, 1999 statement of defence, they state their actions were justifiable because the "Cheyenne buildings were in a general state of repair." The defendants also deny encouraging Elieff's tenants to leave his apartment buildings and deny "encouraging tenants to vandalize the Cheyenne buildings, or encouraging tenants to commence groundless legal proceedings..."

According to the human rights' board of inquiry testimony in 1993 of then Cheyenne tenant Marie Mowat: "Susan Eagle came knocking on our doors in the summer telling us to go to the next tenants' association meeting and she [would] be telling us how we can use our rent money to build a new coop building. I [asked] her how can the landlord make repairs and pay bills without our rent and I asked her who hired her? She said, 'My church hired me to do this work...'"

Elieff alleges Rev. Eagle also recruited one of his Asian tenants (Ms. Chippeng Hom) to file an Ontario human rights' complaint of racism against him after *London Free Press* reporter Greg Van Moorsel reported his now infamous 'little pigs' news story of November 8, 1989, wherein Eliefs was reported to have referred to his tenants as living like pigs out of the jungle. Elieff, however, denies this and claims that the on-going damage done to his properties was caused by some of his tenants, the majority of whom were of Asian origin.

Elieff was exonerated of the racism complaint when an Ontario human rights' board of inquiry ruled in August, 1994, that no one "produced a witness who suggested that non-Asian tenants were given more favourable treatment than Asian tenants."



Londoner Elijah Elieff revisits the two apartment building he once owned in northeast London. Elieff has launched a \$1.3-million legal action seeking compensation for wha he claims was an imprper campaign waged against him, one spearheaded by community activist Rev. Susan Eaglé, now a member of London city council.

PPEAL: A subsequent appeal to Divisional Court by the Ontario Human Rights Commission resulted in Elieff being found guilty in 1996 of "discriminating against Cambodians" despite the fact that the majority of his tenants were Cambodian and Vietnamese. The Macedonia-born Elieff, with a limited command of English and little understanding of the involved legal issues, defended himself during the appeal in Divisional Court.

"Shame on us!" wrote London developer Peter Sergautis in a February, 1995 column forwarded to the Blackburn-owned *The London Free Press*, one they refused to publish. As the new owner of the Cheyenne Ave. apartments, Mr. Sergautis began supporting former owner Elieff and alleges he also became the target of Ms. Eagle's campaign to gain control of the apartment buildings.

"We watched this public financial execution with morbid curiosity," wrote Sergautis, "for after all, he was the 'bad guy.' Even worse, a 'bad landlord' and deserved all he got. But did he? What heinous crimes did he commit? Or was his crime just that he couldn't keep up with the attack on every legal front?."

According to Rev. Eagle's Nov. 16, 1992 testimony before the human rights' board of inquiry, "Neighbourhood Legal Services was asked to act on behalf of five tenants in the buildings to take action under the *Landlord and Tenant Act* to get repairs done. At that time they had the tenants pay their rent into a fund rather than paying to Mr. Elieff. That was done through Neighbourhood Legal Services." Ms. Eagle's testimony on Nov. 27, 1992 revealed, "Certainly my job is to push people to be aggressive in dealing with an injustice. I believe that, contrary to what Mr. Elieff says, that I

am making the tenants aggressive."

Saddled with the reputation as a racist former slum landlord due to the number of repetitive, specious and inaccurate editorials and news articles published in *The London Free Press* in the early-90s, Mr. Elieff is now seeking help from the London and area community to help fund his legal battle, now in the discovery stage. His legal expenses may well exceed \$50,000 and the case could take years to resolve. However, Mr. Elieff is receiving help from a growing number of supporters after they hear the complete details of his ordeal.

No one from the mainstream media attended the Oct. 23 fundraising dinner for Mr. Elieff's legal expenses at the Seven Dwarfs Restaurant, sponsored by the Freedom Party of Ontario. A media release issued on Oct. 21 announced not only the event, but also the details about Elieff's lawsuit. (A second fundraising dinner is set for Sat. Nov. 6 at the Six Points Plaza in Toronto, sponsored by the Voices of Canadians Committee. For reservations, call 416-766-0895.)

Despite Mr. Elieff's notoriety generated by the local media during Ms. Eagle's campaign, it appears that when Elieff seeks redress to the courts, previously unbalanced coverage is now being abandoned in favour of media silence about the court action. Londoners may never learn the truth about Elieff's story from London's mainstream media. But if Elijah Elieff ever hopes to garner more public support, it's the untold story of his ordeal that Londoners need to discover.

On the advice of legal counsel Tony Steele of Polishuk, Camman & Steele, Mr. Elieff has recently declined an out-of-court settlement offered by the co-defendant, The National Bank of Canada.

Chronology of Events:

July 1984: 95 and 105 Cheyenne Ave. apartment buildings purchased by Elijah Elieff.

1984: Susan Eagle is hired by 4 United Churches to work on "community development projects."

1985: Mr. Elieff's buildings are designated by the churches for "community development."

1986-87: Ms. Eagle organizes tenants' association in Elieff's buildings. They consider buying the buildings; tenants' association opts instead to build a 75-unit co-op, known as the Genesis Co-op.

1987-88: Eagle and the tenants' association help to relocate many of Elieff's tenants into the Genesis Co-op housing project. Elieff rents his apartments to an increasing number of Asian tenants who eventually comprise a majority in his two buildings.

Nov. 8, 1989: The London Free Press publishes the now infamous 'little pigs' news article by reporter Greg Van Moorsel.

Nov. 9 - Dec. 20, 1989: Ms. Eagle and others work to find an Asian tenant willing to file a racism complaint against Mr. Elieff.

Dec. 20, 1989: Ms. Chippeng Hom, one of Elieff's Cambodian tenants, files a racism complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Feb. 1993: Freedom Party president Robert Metz (not a lawyer) volunteers to represent Elieff before the board of inquiry on its third day of proceedings.

June 1993: Elieff loses his two apartment buildings under power of sale.

Aug. 24, 1994: Board of Inquiry rules no evidence supporting racism complaint. Human Rights Commission subsequently appeals.

Dec. 4, 1996: Divisional Court rules that media coverage "as reported by Mr. Van Moorsel in *The London Free Press* created a poisoned environment." Elieff still found guilty of discrimination, "even though all other tenants who were not Cambodians were subject to the same conditions."

Sept. 16, 1998: Elieff launches a \$1.3-million fawsuit in Ontario Court (General Division).

Robert Metz is president of the Freedom Party of Ontario and can be heard on 1290 CJBK AM Radio's *Left, Right & Center* show which airs during Jim Chapman's *Talk of the Town,* Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

How to Donate:

To contribute to Elijah Elieff's legal expenses, send cheques or money orders payable to: Cheyenne Court Challenge, Box 2214, London ON N6A 4E3. Credit card and cash donations can be facilitated through the Freedom Party at 681-3999. For more info. visit www.freedomparty.org/xcheyenn.htm

CORRECTION: In *Scene*'s Nov. 4 cover story regarding Mr. Elijah Elieff's \$1.3-M lawsuit, a typographical error was made on page 16 in quoting the Feb. 1, 1999, statement of defence of the lawsuit's codefendants. The quote should read: "[the] Cheyenne buildings were in a general state of *disrepair*." *Scene* regrets the error.

\$1.3 Million Lawsuit ...

- edition; Thanks to the outright refusal of the London Free Press to report on a lawsuit that was largely precipitated due to its own role in helping Susan Eagle campaign against London landlord Elijah Elieff, Scene magazine, London's news, arts and entertainment publication, was able to claim an exclusive story. To this day, the London Free Press has yet to report anything about Elieff's lawsuit, in sharp contrast to the multitude of articles the paper printed about Eagle's campaign against Elieff.
- BELOW, AND ON NEXT PAGE: -from SCENE Magazine, Dec 2, 1999; Editor Barry Wells comments on the consistency of the *London Free Press* 'evasion of the Elieff lawsuit, and on the inconsistency of the arguments used by *Free Press* editor **Rob Paynter** to justify the paper's position.

RAMFED& LOADED OPINION / By Barry Wells — Illustration By Bob Kie



Are Scene's days of dictating stories to The Free Press over?

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Barry Wells

"Scene Magazine, Barry Wells at Scene Magazine did a big spread on you [former Cheyenne Ave. apartments' owner Elijah Elieff] a couple of issues ago. Barry Wells has been pestering me to make an issue of the thing. The Free Press will cover the story as it goes along. I know you're feeling that we've done something bad to you and ah, Barry Wells thinks there, Barry Wells thinks there are plots within subplots within conspiracies in this thing and Barry Wells has an newspaper where he can write just exactly that if he wants...I know you're eager to have this story told and so is your...ah...and so is Barry Wells from Scene Magazine but Barry Wells from Scene Magazine but Barry Wells and you don't dictate what the newspaper covers and when it covers it." — Rob Paynter, editor-in-chief, The London Free Press, on "pills the size of Volkswagens" for a sinus infection, during CJBK's Talk of the Town call-in radio show on Nov. 22

TOFTEN TUNE INTO CJBK's Talk of the Town AM radio show each Monday between 11 a.m. and 12 noon to hear Freeps editor-in-chief Rob Paynter and editor Helen Connell field calls from listeners. Currently, Dan Gall is sitting in as the host for Jim Chapman, who's recuperating at home from a heart attack he suffered on Thanksgiving Monday.

The Free Press Hour radio show is essentially a cross-marketing schmooze-fest between CIBK and The Free Press, but it can get interesting when a caller nails the Free Press honchos with solid criticism. Listening to Paynter and Connell trying to answer a pointed question on live radio can be entertaining as hell. I developed a fondness for Paynter's sense of humour (mandatory in the fast-paced newspaper biz) after reading a few of his self-effacing Saturday columns.

On three successive Mondays, the matter of Elijah Elieff's \$1.3-million lawsuit against Rev. Susan Eagle, the United Church of Canada, Neighbourhood Legal Services Inc. and the National Bank of Canada — and the absence of any mention of the controversy in The Free Press — was brought up by callers. It's clear Scene's Nov. 4 cover story about the lawsuit sparked the calls.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Mon. Nov. 8, editor Helen Connell denied knowing anything about the Elieff lawsuit, but promised to bring it up with newsroom staff. On Mon. Nov. 15, both Connell and Paynter said their paper hadn't covered the story because they only report criminal trials and civil lawsuits when they're concluded (they should tell that yarn to former London Hydro CEO Don Edwards and former Hydro commissions.)

sioners Ted Wernham and Dawn Erskine). Hilariously, Paynter even interrogated the caller with the question, "What's your interest in the matter?" A better question is, 'What's Paynter's interest in not reporting it.' On Mon. Nov. 22, Elijah Elieff called the radio show and the good editorin-chief said his paper might cover the story once he "gets up to speed" on the situation and if he finds the story "worthy of coverage." Uh-huh.

But progress is being made. In just three weeks they've gone from not knowing anything about the story (uh-huh), to saying they don't cover civil actions until they're concluded, to, once they figure out what the hell is going on, they might cover it if it meets their criteria for newsworthiness.

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Elieff Lawsuit ...

RAMFED&LOADED

"It was a newspaper that'd lost its way"

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FTER HEARING the bit about The Free Press only reporting civil actions upon the conclusion of the case, I e-mailed Dan Gall at CJBK and listed a whack of civil actions The Free Press has reported in the past, long before they made it to trial. It's a regular occurrence in newspapers the world over. As everyone in the newspaper business is aware, once lawsuits are filed with the courts, they're deemed public information unless a judge orders otherwise.

Radio host Dan Gall e-mailed me the next day saying he'd raise my concerns during the Free Press Hour on Mon. Nov. 22. He never did, although Gall admitted on-air on Nov. 23 that he showed Paynter my e-mail.

When Elijah Elieff called CJBK on Nov. 22 to relate his side of the story and the involvement of The Free Press in his Ontario Human Rights tribunal hearing in Feb. of 1993 (the racism complaint against Elieff was set in motion by a Free Press news article of Nov. 8, 1989 and a Freeps staff member was subpoenaed to the hearing), it prompted Mr. Paynter to start jabbering about Scene and I in a convoluted, less than flattering manner. To be fair, Paynter admitted at the beginning of

the show to

"taking pills the size of Volkswagens" for a sinus condition — pills, that by his own admission, make him "incredibly stupid." Rob, you're forgiven.

Most of us, at one time or another, have been swacked on Sudafed and the like and got caught in the time warp. No big deal. One time on pharmaceuticals I saw spiralling arms of stars emanating from a tarbender's head. So what? I don't hold a grudge. I'm willing to gargle booze and smoke cigars with Rob over at the Press Club anytime. I also concede that neither I nor Scene Magazine — darn it all — can dictate what appears on the pages of his paper. Oh, the injustice of it all.

AT FILE: But if Rob does decide to examine Elieff's story, he'd need to spend hours in the Free Press library boning up on the subject, perusing the fat file of articles about Mr. Elieff and the Cheyenne Ave. apartments ordeal, published during the late-'80s right through to the early-'90s. The period of time when the paper was, according to today's chief, hijacked by — bless

their pea-pickin' little hearts - the editorial staff.

"When I came here two-and-a-half years ago, when Sun Media bought the newspaper, I found the newspaper [the Free Press] — no disrespect to the editors who were running it at the time — it was a newspaper that'd lost its way, it wasn't covering local issues, it was trying to create local issues and set the local agenda ..." — Free Press editor-in-chief Rob Paynter, on CJBK's Town of the Town radio call-in show on Nov. 22

It's an interesting comment, one that dovetails with Elieff's claim that skewed coverage in the Blackburn-owned Free Press played a major role in his ordeal.

From a legal perspective, the Elieff lawsuit is also unique. It'll likely be reported in Canadian law

legal issues to be tried and the parties involved. Allegations: conspiracy, abuse of process, intentional interference with contractual relations, inducing breach of contract and unlawful interference with economic interests. Parties: a former private property and business owner, a community activist ordained minister, the United

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On Nov. 22, Elijah Elleff (above) called Free Press editor-in-chief Rob Payuter on CJBK's *Talk of the Town* radio show and asked him, "When are you going to print the truth of what happened to me and my family?"

Neighbourhood Legal Services Inc. and the National Bank of Canada.

Is the lawsuit newsworthy and of interest to Londoners? You bet it is. And, for the record, I'm a supporter of Eagle's political career. But don't hold your breath waiting for Elieff's story to appear outside of *Scene*. While Rob Paynter has accused me of seeing "plots within sub-plots within conspiracies in this thing..." a simple read of the story's history strongly suggest 'media politics' were involved. It's not rocket science that newspapers have been political organs since Day One.

For Mr. Paynter to deny this on CJBK on one hand, then on the other, freely admit the paper had "lost its way" — with writers "trying to create local issues" not covering them — you'd think he could see the glaring contradiction.

Not seeing the contradiction is what happens when you take sinus pills "the size of Volkswagens" and then, like a good sport, go on the radio. Rob, kimosabi, welcome to Melonville.

AT LEFT: -from *Scene* magazine, continued from previous page.

BELOW: -from Scene magazine January 13, 2000 and December 2, 1999 respectively; The writer in the first letter correctly notes the local media's lack of news coverage on another important issue, one that is being experienced by many other Ontario municipalities. Could the lack of coverage possibly be due to the fact that the only people who were trying to warn the public about the dangers of annexation were members of the Freedom Party and the London-Middlesex Taxpayers' Coalition?

LOVE HATEMAIL

1993 annexation a big disaster

Dear Scene:

THE LACK OF NEWS COVERAGE of the *Elieff v. Eagle* lawsuit is minor compared to the orchestrated 'blackout' on negative information by all media in London during the annexation process in the early-'90s.

It was impossible to get any factual information reported that would reveal how badly the ministry of municipal affairs and its local hatchet men were screwing London-area residents. This should have been the hottest London controversy of the decade, involving rights and freedoms, not to mention the environment and tax money.

Thanks to careful news management, few Londoners understood the scope of the thing (which is still playing out today). Too late to complain now though, just send money dear citizens, for a new bridge for a Sifton development and a mega sewage treatment plant.

Barry, why don't you give us some inside information on this one?

Walter Forbes London ON

Bravo for running the Elieff story

BRAVO for running the story on Elijah Elieff in your Nov. 4 issue. While there's clearly two sides to this story, there's no question the man was demonized by the local media over the course of several years.

It's refreshing to see *Scene* publish an article that at least allows a glimpse into the situation from Mr. Elieff's point of view.

Gary Yeoman, London ON



Landlord Elijah Elieff was the architect of his own demise Scene's Nov. 4 centerspread story by Robert Metz, president of the Freedom Party of Ontario, is called "inventive, distorted and misleading" nonsense

HAME ON Scene for permitting Robert Metz, the president of the Ontario Freedom Party, a personal platform to try and turn one of London's most notorious landlords - Elijah Elieff - into a victim, at the expense of one of London's finest citizens -

(Scene, Rev. Susan Eagle a Co-Defendant in \$1.3-Million Lawsuit, Nov. 4/99).

Mr. Metz was given free rein to cast aspersions on Ms. Eagle with a specious defence of Mr. Elieff, who was the architect of his own fate. Metz's interpretation of the 'facts' is inventive, distorted and misleading

Yes, Susan Eagle has represented and helped tenants; Elijah Elieff was the most uncooperative and unresponsive landlord she ever encountered and it's little wonder Elieff's tenants had so much trouble with him. Elieff was a property owner who violated building, fire and health codes and rent control laws, repeatedly refusing to bring conditions up to snuff despite requests from the tenants' association, bylaw inspectors and court orders. Elieff demonstrated utter disdain for the law by ignoring it.

Mr. Metz conveyed the impression in Scene that a human rights complaint initiated in 1989 by one of Elieff's tenants, contributed to his demise as the owner of two apartment buildings. The 1989 human rights complaint against Mr. Elieff had nothing to do with the loss of his two Cheyenne apartment buildings in 1993.

In 1993, Justice Browne ruled that Elieff was required to pay \$20,000 into the courts for unpaid utility bills; in 1996, the Divisional Court awarded \$6,000 in damages pursuant to the human rights complaint - damages which . he has yet to pay.

Mr. Elieff's financial downfall began after he was found guilty of violating provincial rent control laws and was ordered to rebate about \$30,000 to tenants who were overcharged. Simply put, this was a landlord who failed to operate his business in a responsible manner.

One housing expert estimated Elieff allocated only four per cent of his rental income to maintenance and repairs, and, as a result, building, fire and health inspectors were called in. The rest is history.

All of the troubles Mr. Elieff suffered came after negative reports were filed by officials charged with the responsi-

bility of ensuring adequate property standards. There were also various orders from judges; Elieff was regularly found to be a Elieff's rent inco witness lacking credibility.

lawyer testifies a Both before and after the National Bank of Canada decided to take control of Elieff's apartments in 1993, Ms. Eagle and the Cheyenne Tenants Association offered to buy, refurbish and convert them into a coop, but they didn't get the funding until days after the buildings were sold to another landlord who invested in repairs and because b improvements.

> Mr. Elieff invariably acted as if every judgment against him was unfair. Today, he still seems unaware he'd be prospering if he had provided safe and sanitary housing and kept his buildings in a marketable condition. He blames those he mistreated for his problems and claims he's the victim.

> Egged on by the Freedom Party and its political agenda, Elieff has launched a lawsuit for \$1.3-million against Rev. Susan Eagle, the United Church of Canada, Neighbourhood Legal Services and the National Bank of Canada.

In Canada, everyone is entitled to make allegations in a statement of claim in a civil lawsuit. In the end, however, Mr. Elieff will have to face all outstanding judgments against him and prove his claim in a court of law. Until then, his lawsuit lacks the credibility of proven allegations.

Jacqueline Thompson is the executive director of Life*Spin, a London-based advocacy group for the disadvantaged.

Cheyenne tenants win rebates

The province has ordered 22 renters be repaid \$31,800. Many more could still apply.

Cheyenne unit called 'time bomb

The heat is still on but future uncertain By Dantin Relea

IEYENNE APARTMENTS

Tenants like Preap
Touch are worried about what will happen to them and their families if their

Health officials investigated a complaint the United Parameters | Tenants pay \$10,00

The remainder owed by the landlord will be paid as the money comes into a trust fund, a community outreach worker save

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Sewage, cockroaches have been a problem

CHEYENNE APARTM

Tenants f

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Electricity may also housing complex.

The threat of no heat and water is once again loomin.

gas will be shut today unless it The Elijah Elieff-Cheyenne Ave. apartments' ordeal was extensively covered by the Blackburn owned London Free Press as well as other local media, from the mid-'80s to the mid-'90s.

> while the average among responsible landlords is about 17 per cent. Not surprisingly, his buildings fell into disre-- cockroaches, raw sewage in the basement, drafty and leaking windows, worn screens and alarm systems that didn't work, etc.

> > Susan Eagle, a community worker employed by the United Church, helped the tenants organize an association to press for improvements. Mr. Elieff, however, routinely rebuffed their requests. He was completely uncooperative

ABOVE: -from SCENE Magazine, Jan 13, 2000; As one of Susan Eagle's cohorts in their failed attempt to turn London landlord Elijah Elieff's buildings into government sponsored co-op housing, Jacqueline Thompson's diatribe against Freedom Party, Fp president Robert Metz, and Elieff does not speak to the facts and calls her own credibility into question. Thompson's patently false and potentially libelous statement that Elieff launched his \$1.3 million lawsuit because he was "egged on by the Freedom Party and its own agenda", is only one of the many inaccuracies contained in the above rebuttal. Elieff's intentions to sue Susan Eagle were already on record (as transcribed by the official Board of Inquiry court reporters) long before he and Metz met for the first time. Moreover, the above article also represents at least the second time that Thompson has gone on record trying to discredit Freedom Party, its supporters, and Elijah Elieff. Referring to Elieff's Cheyenne Ave tenants as her clients", Thompson testified before the Board of Inquiry hearings against Elieff on February 2, 1993 that Freedom" Party members were passing information to Elieff while he was sequestered in the hallway during the testimony of one of his tenants. Claiming that she heard the words "bugs", "stairwell", and "garbage" used in conversation between several members of the Freedom Party standing in the hallway, Thompson was joined by fellow social worker Faith Coates and Ontario Human Rights Commission counsel Geraldine Sanson in a concerted effort to minimize Freedom Party's presence at the hearings, including even eliminating Fp's electronic recording of testimony. A published response to Thompson's rebuttal, by Peter Sergautis, appears on the next page.

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MEDIA MATTERS

In the days when he was targeted by Eagle's campaigns against him, there seemed little that Elieff could do to stop the *London Free Press* from vilifying him on a regular basis. Today, there seems little that Elieff can do to get the *London Free Press* to print even a single sentence about his current lawsuit.

Of all the injustices suffered by Elieff, this is probably the greatest.

The very paper (and the ONLY member of the media) that created the "notoriety" that attracted the Human Rights tribunal to Elieff's attention, is not only not covering his current situation, but seems committed to maintaining its silence. Despite constant reassurances of providing "balanced" reporting on community issues, the London Free Press has NEVER reported Elieff's side of the story fairly, nor has any London Free Press reporter EVER contacted anyone at Freedom Party for another perspective of Elieff's situation. (Ironically, this

is not even necessary since the whole story appears on our website and is available to anyone. Also ironically, in contrast to the London Free Press' so-called 'balanced' reporting, our site also includes their side of the story.)

FREE PRESS HOUR - ROUND ONE

On November 8, 1999, London Free Press editor Helen Connell, who had been with the paper during the period it printed hundreds of

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<u>BELOW</u>: -from *Scene* magazine, February 10, 2000; London developer **Peter Sergautis**, whose company purchased Elieff's buildings under power of sale, responds to the rebuttal against **Fp** president **Robert Metz**, by **Jacqueline Thompson** (which appears on previous page).

Thompson's rebuttal specious

CONGRATULATE Scene for bringing the Elijah Elieff story to the attention of the public (CenterSpread, Scene, Nov. 4) and wish to comment on Jacqueline Thompson's rebuttal (Viewpoint, Scene, Jan. 13) wherein she defended Susan Eagle as "one of London's finest citizens" and charged that the Nov. 4 Elieff article by Robert Metz was "inventive, distorted and misleading."

I respect Ms. Thompson's right to express her views but feel that her close relationship to Ms. Eagle should be disclosed, as well as the errors and omissions in her rebuttal. It is also appropriate that I disclose my relationship to Mr. Metz and Mr. Flieff.

My company purchased the Cheyenne apartment buildings from the bank under power of sale and rehabilitated them, after Mr. Elieff was forced into insolvency. This purchase was opposed by Ms. Eagle. Prior to my involvement with the Cheyenne Ave. apartment buildings, I had never met either Mr. Metz or Mr. Elieff.

Mr. Metz was interested in the Ontario Human Rights Commission complaint against Mr. Elieff, and while observing the tribunal proceedings, came upon Mr. Elieff defending himself. Without a lawyer and obviously over his head, Mr. Elieff was struggling to face demands made on behalf of the complainant for many thousands of dollars in compensation. Mr. Metz offered to assist Mr. Elieff in his defense, free of charge, even after Elijah

Elieff was vilified in numerous newspaper articles. I respect Mr. Metz for that generous humanitarian effort to help someone in a time of need.

So what was Elieff's crime, renting apartments to the "boat people" that many other landords rejected? When I had occassion to meet Mr. Metz and Mr. Elieff, I heard the other side of the story — one completely at odds-with the stories in *The London Free Press*.

I also had similar experiences with Susan Eagle and associates and these experiences were less than favourable. Her efforts to control the buildings continued after Mr. Elieff was out of the picture.

Jacqueline Thompson's Jan. 13 rebuttal article displays some of the stories previously published by *The Free Press*. Mr. Elieff believes those articles are one-sided. Ms. Eagle was and is married to Mr. Joe Matyas, a Free Press reporter. This connection raises the question about her influence with the Blackburn-owned paper — the only daily paper in town. To this day, *The Free Press* has failed to report anything positive about the former Cheyenne Ave. apartments (now Oakland Ave.).

There is a reasonably happy ending to the chapter, however, if not the story. There is still a substantial Asian population in the buildings — and with certain parties no longer involved with the buildings — confrontations between tenants and management have evaporated. The buildings have been substantially renovated without any government money whatsoever, and there's often a waiting list for the reasonably priced apartment units. Many of the original tenants are now moving out and buying houses, having established themselves and prospered in the community.

Had Ms. Eagle been successful in establishing a housing co-op at the Cheyenne buildings — using millions of dollars in government subsidies — one can only wonder whether these same tenants would now be independent and buying their own homes.

I look forward to all the facts being determined as the civil claim against Ms. Eagle, the United Church et al. proceeds through the courts. I agree with Ms. Thompson that Mr. Elieff should have his day in "a court of law" wherein he will have the opportunity to offer evidence, prove his claim and seek justice. I invite Scene readers to obtain more information on the Elijah Elieff and Cheyenne Ave. apartments story at www.freedomparty.org/cons22_4.htm

Peter Sergautis London ON

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BELOW, AT RIGHT: -from Scene Magazine, November 18 and December 16, 1999; Although Elieff's civil suit against Susan Eagle was filed in September of 1998, now two years later, the London Free Press has yet to even mention it.

I don't know anything about the Elieff suit against Eagle

REEPS editor Helen Connell appeared on 1290 CJBK's Talk of The Town AM radio show on Mon. Nov. 8 and when asked by a caller why the Freeps hadn't reported Elijah Elieff's \$1.3-million lawsuit against Rev. Susan Eagle (now a member of city council), The United Church of Canada, Neighbourhood Legal Services Inc. and The National Bank of Canada (as reported in Scene's cover story of Nov. 4), Ms. Connell replied, "I don't know anything about it...We can't report on every court case...But I'll take your concerns back to the news-room..." Uh-huh. Numerous copies of each issue of Scene are delivered to the Freeps newsroom and they also received a fax from The Freedom Party of Ontario about the lawsuit on Oct. 21, as did all London media. As well, the husband of Rev. Susan Eagle (Joe Matyas) is a Freeps reporter. In the early-'90s The Free Press ran scores of articles about Elijah Elieff that portrayed him as a racist slum landlord. Now that he's fighting back in the courts, with what is clearly a controversial lawsuit, they ignore the story. Go figure.

Elijah Elieff Investment Limited v. Susan Eagle et al

THE EXCHANGE of the Affidavit of Documents between the parties in the \$1.3-million
Elieff lawsuit (Court File # 29642) against co-defendants Rev. Susan Eagle, the United
Church of Canada, Neighbourhood Legal Services Inc. and the National Bank of Canada, has
been completed and is set to proceed to the lengthy oral Examination for Discovery stage
— and then placed on the trial list. Mr. Elieff filed the civil suit on Sept. 16, 1998 and is represented by Anthony Steele of the London law firm Polishuk, Camman & Steele; Susan
Eagle is represented by Alexander Pettingill of the Toronto-based law firm Cassels Brock &
Blackwell, Neighbourhood Legal Services Inc. by Scott Richie of London law firm Siskind,
Cromarty, Ivey & Dowler. Elijah Elieff is the former owner of two apartment buildings at 95
and 105 Cheyenne Ave. (now Oakville Ave.) in northeast London.

Editor-in-chief still trying to get 'up to speed' on story

FOR THE FOURTH consecutive Monday, most recently on Dec. 6, Scene's Nov. 4 exclusive cover story on Elijah Elieff's \$1.3-million lawsuit against the United Church et al came up on CJBK's Talk of the Town radio show. A caller asked Freeps editor-in-chief Rob Paynter why they're not covering the story. Once again, Paynter said that he's still trying to get up to speed on the story. Rob, what have you got under the hood of that Free Press jalopy? 444-cubic-inches of spaghetti? You've still got writers on staff who covered the Cheyenne apartments' ordeal from the late-'80s to the mid-'90s, plus a librarian who can round-up the old clippings in a heartbeat. Or you can just read about the story in Scene.

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articles about the Cheyenne Ave apartment buildings, appeared on CJBK Radio's weekly "London Free Press Hour" with (then) host Dan Gall.

"I'm not aware of the lawsuit," she replied to an elderly caller identifying himself as "John", even though the London Free Press had received Freedom Party's media releases regarding the lawsuit months earlier, and even though the story had appeared on the front page of the November 4 edition of Scene magazine which was widely distributed throughout the city.

"Well that's surprising to me," the caller replied. "This has been chucking around for quite a while, and there's nothing in the London Free Press about this lawsuit. It's pretty high profile! The Reverend Susan Eagle is a co-defendant on something that she butted her nose into and had no right to be there. Do you know the background of this thing?"

"Yes I remember the original story and things," replied Connell, "but with a lawsuit like this, I mean, there are many many lawsuits filed all the time. The court dockets are full every day and we don't report on every one of them, but what we do do is watch them, track them..."

"Well it'll be interesting to see what the London Free Press DOES publish about it," replied the caller, "because any other lawsuit for over a million dollars, I'm quite sure there'd be something in the paper about it. The Free Press does not look good in this lawsuit according to what I'm reading."

"I'll check into it when I get back to the newsroom..." Connell promised.

LONDON FREE PRESS HOUR - ROUND TWO

A week later, on November 15, there was still no *London Free Press* story about the lawsuit. **Fp** executive member **Gordon Mood** phoned the call-in show on that morning:

"Hi, I'm calling about a caller last week who called about the Cheyenne apartment case," said Mood. "It's on the front page of Scene magazine and you mentioned that you might do a follow-up. Will the *Free Press* be reporting on this at all?"

"I suppose we might report on it as it works its way through the courts or as it gets to a resolution somewhere down the road," replied *Free Press* editor **Rob Paynter**. "It's not a big issue for us at the moment. Are you thinking it should be Gord?"

"Well, considering that the person named (in the suit) is a councillor, I would think it should be," Mood responded.

"I think we'll follow it through the courts," Paynter replied. "I'm not going to do a take while it's before the courts though."

"No?" queried Mood.

"No," responded Paynter. "We don't usually cover civil suits like we do a criminal case, but we certainly report on outcomes."

"But you seemed awfully interested in it a few years ago," responded Mood. "I used to read in the paper about the Cheyenne apartments all the time."

"We did write about it at the time," interjected Helen Connell, "and I think what Rob's saying is that we're going to treat it like we treat normally treat I think we treat it at the time like we treat a story of that kind and we're treating it again as we would normally. (sic) We normally don't follow civil suits." [Yes, that's what she actually said - ed]

"Gord, cut to the chase here," challenged Paynter. "What's your interest in it? What are you trying to say to me?"

"You don't think there's an injustice there?" Mood asked.

"Frankly no, I don't know." Paynter responded. "You tell me about the injustice."

"Well, maybe you should investigate it yourself," Mood responded. "You're the newspaper person."

"Well that's true," Paynter embarrassingly admitted.

"Isn't it the job of a journalist to do investigation and find out what the truth is?" asked Mood.

"Well Gord, we do that every day in the paper," Paynter replied in a more challenging tone. "You've got a sore point on the Cheyenne apartments. What is it?"

"What's YOUR sore point?" Mood countered. "You're the *Free Press.* You're the press. I'm an individual in the public. You're the ones who are supposed to say whether there's something there or not, not me."

"Right," responded Paynter a little more sheepishly. "Well I told you we'll probably follow it as it makes its way through the courts."

"I see," Mood concluded politely, "Ok. Well, that's the answer. Thanks a lot."

Following Mood's call, Paynter commented: "I don't know if (Gord) was intimating this, but it seemed like he was, that we were somehow hiding it or staying away from the story. That's not the case."

"Yeah, I don't know why that feeling's there," Connell joined, "We wouldn't normally cover a civil lawsuit. There are a number of organizations and groups involved, so I'm not

surprised that there's some interest in it, and Rob's assuring us that it will get treated like a regular lawsuit news story. We'll probably follow it sometime."

LONDON FREE PRESS HOUR - ROUND THREE

A week later, on November 22, there was still no story about Elieff's lawsuit to be found in the pages of the *London Free Press*. This time, the landlord himself phoned the call-in radio program, and in his broken English asked *Free Press* editor Rob Paynter:

"When would you start saying a little bit of the truth (about) what has been happening to me and my family? Until I was kicked out of business, you were writing mostly stories perverted and that were not true. I one time had a reporter of yours with a camera who I asked to take pictures of broken machines, washers and dryers, and I asked your reporter to tell the people of London that I had been vandalized. I was really hoping the next morning to read the truth on the story about the machines. But what I read, sir, was 'Poor tenants now don't even have washers to wash their clothing because the landlord won't fix them up."

"Can I stop you there for a second?" interrupted Paynter. "As I understand it, this is a case that is still before the civil courts. Barry Wells at *Scene* magazine did a big spread on you a couple of issues ago. Barry Wells has been pestering me to make an issue of the thing. The *Free Press* will cover the story as it goes along. I know you're feeling that we've done something bad to you and Barry Wells thinks there are plots within subplots within conspiracies in this thing, and Barry Wells has a newspaper where he can write just exactly that if he wants."

"But you know..." Elieff tried to interject.

"Bear with me here," Paynter insisted. "The newspaper tries to cover the community in a fair and balanced way and we try to cover almost everything that goes on here. So I'm not saying we're not going to cover your story. Let us get to it. This happened before I came to town and I'm still trying to get up to speed on this story, quite frankly."

"I appreciate that," replied Elieff, "but Rob, sir, for all those years in the past, everything that I said was mostly perverted. You realize that we subpoenaed the Free Press and then Miss Nesbitt came over and said 'Oh we don't have that tape (on which) we thought we had Elijah calling the tenants names.' But that was the reason why Susan Eagle took me to Human Rights for thirteen days (where) I was crucified and thrashed. In the end, the (judge) didn't find us guilty of

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"I thought you were found guilty of discriminating against Cambodians," responded the suddenly very-well informed Paynter, though incorrectly referring to a divisional court case subsequent to Elieff's appearance before the tribunal.

"I was only found guilty (of) serving this tenant a rent increase (during the time of the hearings) which I thought I had the right to do," explained Elieff.

"Alright, guilty with an explanation then," said Paynter. "But let me get to the story. I know you're eager to have your story told, and so is Barry Wells from *Scene* magazine, but Barry Wells and you don't dictate what the newspaper covers and when it covers it. So bear with me. If the story is worthy of coverage, it'll be covered. I promise you!"

"I would hope," concluded Elieff, "that you would at least start saying SOMETHING so that those who want to support me and my case could come forth and support me. That's all,"

"Thank you for your call," closed off program host Dan Gall. "I think Rob was succinct in that he has stated that he will cover the story if and when he feels like covering the story."

"Not so much when I feel like covering the story," corrected Paynter, "but I'm still trying to come up to speed on this. Scene magazine seems to think that the Free Press is purposely ignoring the story because the Free Press has some peripheral involvement in this. That's not the case. I'm still trying to get my head around this story and when I do, and when I deem it of some newsworthy value, it'll get in the paper. I mean, the newspaper is a FILTER for a lot of things in the community. We DON'T REPORT on everything that goes on in the community. No newspaper does. You try to come up with a package every day that has some broad appeal so you can sell some newspapers.' [emphasis ours, -ed]

"There's no conspiracy not to run this story," Paynter assured Elieff. "I'm still getting to it frankly and I'm going to talk to my senior editors about it and see what they think because they've got the history on the thing."

"This story has been brought to our attention on the London Free Press Hour for the last three weeks," noted Gall. "So I'm looking at that and thinking there's got to be a reason why the *London Free Press* hasn't written the story. If it's a matter of 'letme-get-my-head-around-this-thing'..."

"And once I do the story, the story might not be newsworthy," Paynter added. "It might getbumped off the sched for weeks. Who knows? I don't know. But I'll find out."

LONDON FREE PRESS HOUR - ROUND FOUR

Weeks later, still no story appeared in the London Free Press. Again, the Elieff suit was broughtup on the London Free Press Hour by a caller identifying himself as 'Bill'.

"They were hammered daily by the *Free Press*," the caller explained to Paynter. "They were hammered daily for weeks."

"Well as I understand it, it's a lawsuit that's in the discovery stage," responded Paynter. "Should it go beyond that, we'll probably have to get on board and start covering it. But at the moment it's just at discovery stage. I don't even know if it's going to go ahead."

"Oh I see," responded the caller somewhat disbelieveingly. "At the time (Eagle) was getting so much news coverage hammering the Cheyenne Ave apartments, like, I heard her husband worked there, her brother worked there, something along this line. Is there any truth in that?"

"Yes, her husband works at the *Free Press*," responded Paynter. "He's the entertainment reporter. His name is **Joe Matyas**. But the fact that her husband works at the *Free Press* in an entertainment department wouldn't have any effect on what's going on in the news department. Trust me. Trust me!"

NO TRUST LEFT

It is rather self-evident that the *London Free Press* will NOT be reporting on developments as they happen with respect to Elieff's

lawsuit, nor will it ever be held accountable for the central role it played in falsely painting Elieff as a racist slum landlord. Given this reality, the challenge of getting Elieff's story out to the public is formidable indeed.

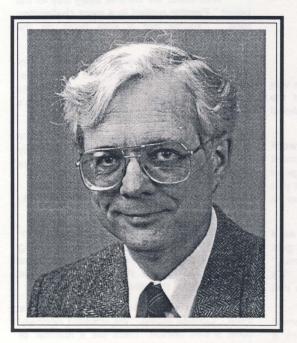
Our special thanks are hereby extended to Barry Wells and the folks at *Scene* magazine who were the first to bravely go where no media has gone before: to tell a story that does not paint a positive picture of the media itself.

Our next task is to get Elieff's story into the hands of as many alternate news outlets as possible, in the hopes that ONE of them might have the courage to report on one of the hottest news stories that could possibly cross their paths. In the politically correct environment of our times, this too may prove to be a formidable task, but one that needs to be undertaken nevertheless.

To do the job, we need the financial support of as many people as possible, and as soon as possible. Fp members, supporters and friends are all encouraged to contribute to Elieff's legal defence fund to help him with legal costs, and to Freedom Party to help with the costs of getting his story out to the public.

GET THE DETAILS!

Audio copies of the above-referenced radio conversations are available on request, as are other documents and media articles on Elieff's current lawsuit and past appearance before the HRC Board of Inquiry. See the green box on the back cover for details of how to get in touch with us!



AT LEFT: Editorial writer and columnist Rory Leishman was the recipient of an Fp 'FREEDOM 200' pin when, on October 23, 1999, he was the keynote speaker at Freedom Party's 'Cheyenne Court Challenge' fundraising dinner for London landlord Elijah Elieff. (Story on next page.)

Elieff Lawsuit ...

NO MEDIA PRESENT AT Fp FUNDRAISER

LONDON (October 23, 1999) - With the exception of keynote speaker Rory Leishman, not a single member of the news media showed up for Freedom Party's \$50 per plate fundraising dinner held to help London landlord Elijah Elieff with his legal fees. (See pages 25-32 for background). However, about 45 Fp members and supporters were on hand to hear Leishman speak on the broader impact of Canada's quasi-judicial Human Rights Commissions, and of the growing number of other victims who have found themselves in the same predicament as Elieff.

As the national affairs columnist for the *London Free Press*, and as an editorial writer and columnist with other publications including the *National Post*, Leishman has been calling for the abolishment of Human Rights Commissions for many years. He is among the few editorialists who recognize the inherent danger of such bodies to freedom of expression, thought, belief, and opinion.

"Freedom Party's concern in this case is to address the fundamental injustice of the whole 'Human Rights' process," explained **Fp** president **Robert Metz** in an October 21 media release. "It is also important to expose its inevitable misuse by those with a hidden political agenda. No case could be a better illustration of this abuse than this one."

Unfortunately, the lack of any major media coverage has been a major obstacle to getting contributions from the broader public, and nearly all funds raised on behalf of the Cheyenne Court Challenge so far (currently between \$5000 - \$7000) have been from Freedom Party and Voice of Canadians members and supporters.

Contributors to the cause are still due their copy of Alert! - Uncovering the HIDDEN AGENDAS Behind Ontario's Human Rights Commission, a 40+ page Fp special publication documenting the whole incredible story of Elijah Elieff from the point that Freedom Party got involved in 1993 to the present. Expect your copy sometime before Christmas.

MANOTHER VOICE

TORONTO (November 16, 1999) - Fp president Robert Metz and columnist Rory Leishman were the two keynote speakers at a Cheyenne Court Challenge fundraiser sponsored by Voice of Canadians. About forty attendees, among them other victims of Ontario Human Rights tribunals, came out to hear both speakers offer their unique perspectives on the effects of so-called "human rights" legislation.

While Leishman repeated the message delivered at Freedom Party's event a few weeks earlier, Metz focused on his role as Elijah Elieff's counsel before the Board of Inquiry. From the assumption of guilt before innocence, to the powers of a Board of Inquiry that may

For a full accounting of all the facts and details of the Cheyenne Ave cotroversy, Visit our Web Site at:

"www.freedomparty.org/ cheyenne.htm"

or ask for back-issues of our relevant newsletters,

Freedom Flyer and Consent.

Elijah Elieff needs our help!

Donations to help him with his ongoing legal battle can be made payable to the:

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International Society for Individual Liberty...

FREEDOM PARTY A HIT AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Libertarians to converge on London this week

> By Brodie Fenlon Free Press Reporter

Canada is an oppressive, socialist state on the verge of chaos due to high taxes, human rights laws, special interest groups and the government's meddling in private lives.

Surprised?

You may want to check out this week's World Libertarian conference at University of Western Ontario, where such radical views on Canada — long judged by the United Nations as the best country in the world in which to live — will be debated.

More than 200 self-described

More than 200 self-described freedom fighters from as far away as Russia, Somalia and Costa Rica have converged on UWO's Middlesex College for the conference, which runs today through Thursday.

The forum is sponsored by the California-based International Society for Individual Liberty.

Guest speakers include marijuana crusader and former Londoner Marc Emery, who will speak on civil disobedience as a marketing strategy, and Robert Metz, president of the Londonbased Freedom Party of Ontario, who will present "20 Years of Media Madness."

Libertarianism is rooted in a deep-seated distrust of organized government. Proponents seek greater individual freedoms, a free market economy and minimalist legislation

malist legislation.

The forum will explore "radical" ideas often quashed by government-controlled media outlets and schools, said conference organizer Mary Lou Gutscher of Toronto.

"The government runs the schools, the media, human rights laws, the anti-racist laws. The government loves power," Gutscher said.

"If you want to learn about free markets or the principles of liberty, you have to find out on your own."

own."
Gutscher said the monopoly created by the Air Canada-Canadian Airlines merger — sanctioned by Ottawa after a court rejected a foreign-backed bid by Canadian to buy Air Canada — is a recent example of government abuse.

Closer to home, Gutscher criticized sanctions imposed by Ontario's Human Rights Commission against London Mayor Dianne Haskett in the wake of a 1995 gay pride controversy.

"There are no such things as group rights" in Canada, she insisted — only individual rights.

The rights commission found Haskett and city council guilty of discrimination for refusing to issue a gay pride proclamation in 1995

The cost of the conference is \$579 U.S. The public is welcome to attend any of the lectures. Gutscher said, but she refused to discuss costs. For information call 1.800.226.2405

LONDON (July 23-28, 2000) - Over 200 delegates from countries all around the world came to the University of Western Ontario to celebrate the International Society for Individual Liberty's (ISIL) 20th Anniversary and 19th World Libertarian Conference. In the past, 18 previous annual conferences have been held in locations such as Costa Rica, Athens, Rome, and Vancouver.

Formerly known as *Libertarian International*, ISIL was founded at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in July 1980.

"ISIL's international conferences have played a pivotal role in the growth of the world liberty movement," says ISIL president **Vincent Miller**. "Conference attendees return home inspired, energized, and motivated to carry on the fight for free minds and free markets." Miller's statement may, in fact, be understated.

In a July 25, 2000 London Free Press opinion column referring to this year's conference, Kelley Teahen wisely observed: "It bears watching what Libertarians talk about, where their concerns lie and

larger right-wing movement may be heading, down the Rand road."

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Unfortunately, the paper did not follow through on reporting what this year's conference speakers were talking about, and a golden opportunity to report on the ideas of the future was missed.

THE FOREST CITY

Year 2000 conference organizer Mary Lou Gutscher, a founding member of Freedom Party and its first executive head, selected London for the 2000 conference not only because of the excellent facilities available on the campus of UWO, but also because of the participation and involvement of local Fp members and supporters. Among them was Fp president Robert Metz who, as official conference registrar, was kept busy on a year-long administrative project that included the booking of accommodation for guests, the preparation of the daily meal attendance numbers, banking and currency exchange, and the registration of guest speakers.

Other Fp volunteers at the conference included: Paul Blair, Gordon Mood, Carol Vandenberg, Greg Jones (Fp's webmaster who also set up the conference website), Wayne Simmons, Lloyd Walker, Terry Clemens, David Pengelly, Andrew Falby, and Hermann Martens. Many other individuals and volunteers from other organizations also participated to help make the conference a success.

Libertarians to talk freedoms at conference in London, Ont.

BY MARY VALLIS

More than 200 self-styled freedom fighters will converge in London, Ont., this week for the World Liberty Conference, an international gathering of libertarians. Beginning Sunday, delegates

Beginning Sunday, delegates from 25 countries will discuss how to use civil disobedience as a marketing strategy; how individuals can take control of their lives; and how to set libertarian messages to music.

Each session is designed to popularize the principles of libertarianism, a peaceful movement championing a minimalist government, personal freedom and the primacy of property rights.

The annual conference will help educate the public on the dangers of governments that impinge on an individual's rights, said Mary Lou Gutscher, who organized the conference for the International Society for Individual Liberty.

"At heart, almost everybody is a libertarian, because they would prefer to deal with their neighbours with a handshake," she said.
"The essence of libertarianism is

"The essence of libertarianism is non-violent interaction between these people. But with all these laws, we're required to bow to a third master, rather than just the person we want to deal with.

"Our goal is to stimulate the continuation of alternative forms of education and eventually make headway turning things around — or to create new countries to live in that have a better base of law."

Described as a United Nations without the nations, the gathering's speakers list includes Barbara Branden, a student and colleague of Ayn Rand, who is credited with popularizing the philosophical theory of Objectivism; Marc Emery, a former Vancouver mayoral candidate and vocal cannabis activist; and Dr. Rigoberto Stewart, who will share his strategy for turning a Costa Rican province into an autonomous region.

Terence Corcoran, editor of the Financial Post, and George Jonas, a syndicated columnist who occasionally writes for the National Post, will speak on junk science and the media and international courts, respectively.

Holding this year's conference in Canada is appropriate because it is one of the most socialist G8 nations and the country does not recognize the value of property rights in its constitution, Mrs. Gutscher said. She pointed to an impending change in legislation that may prevent citizens from using pesticides on lawns as one example of where Canada is criminalizing citizens by over-regulating their daily life.

The conference, which is open to the public, is on until Thursday at Middlesex College at the University of Western Ontario.

National Post

Fp's 20 YEARS OF MEDIA MADNESS

Introducing Freedom Party as a "new kind of libertarian party" to conference delegates, Fp president Robert Metz prepared a video presentation composed of television news clips, features, and excerpts from talk show debates featuring Freedom Party and Fp representatives as they have appeared over a twenty year period from Freedom Party's foundation to the present.

Projected on the giant screen in the amphitheatre of UWO's Middlesex College, the two-part 33-minute video presentation clearly left an impression on the audience.

"Freedom Party is much more than just a political party," Metz told the audience. "We educate. We advocate. We agitate. We activate. We debate. We lobby. We support individuals confronted by unjust laws.

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AT LEFT: -from the London Free Press, July 24, 2000 and from the National Post, July 22, 2000

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We help out at events like this. And sometimes we even find time to field candidates during elections."

However, rather than verbally explain how this is being done, Metz instead chose to show them, through "the biased eyes of the media," how Freedom Party (and even the idea of individual freedom) is perceived by the television media. It was clear that many members of the audience could relate to what they were being shown.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

Metz was only one of an impressive array of speakers which included: Stefan Blankertz (Germany), Barbara Branden (Canada/USA), Terence Corcoran (Canada), Attila Csanyi (USA), Jacques de Guenin (France), Dr. Thomas Alfred Dorman (USA), Marc Emery (Canada), Craig Franklin (USA), Michael Gilson de Lemos (USA), Sharon Harris (USA), John Hospers (USA), Carla Howell (USA), Guido Hulsmann (Germany/USA), George Jonas (Canada), James W. Lark III (USA), Sarah Lawrence (United Kingdom), Tibor Machan (USA), Jeff MacInnis (Canada), Wendy McElroy (Canada), Jan Narveson (Canada), Michael van Notten (the Netherlands), Jim Davidson (USA), Linda Rawles (USA), Gayle Remisch (Canada), Mary Ruwart (USA), Karen Selick (Canada), Dr. Rigoberto Stewart (Costa Rica), Meaghan Walker-Williams (Canada), Jarret Wollstein (USA), and others.

Consisting of home schoolers, explorer/adventurers, singer/song-writers, philosophers, politicians, journalists, newspaper editors, professors, consultants, authors, doctors, and all-around freedom fighters, the speakers' expertise revealed a wide range of subjects and experiences. Most notable was the message of Barbara Branden (author of The Passion of Ayn Rand), who passionately appealed for a stronger artistic emphasis within the libertarian movement, an emphasis that she felt was necessary to motivate more advocates for individual freedom.

The whole conference was professionally recorded on both video and audio. Watch for future announcements and ads regarding the availability of these recordings to our readers and supporters. It will be worth the wait.

2001, BASTIAT'S ODYSSEY

In a celebration of the bicentenary of the birth of Frederic Bastiat, next year's conference will be held July 1-5, 2001 in Dax, France, about 90 miles south of Bordeaux. Co-sponsored by *Libertarian International* and *le Cercle Frederic Bastiat*, inquiries can be directed to Cercle Frederic Bastiat, 40320 Saint-Loubouer, France, or, visit the 2001 conference website at: www.bastiat.net. Discounts apply until March 31, 2001.

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THE LONDON FREE PRESS

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Libertarians lead march for individual freedom

Pass collectivity and selflessness, can't pull together a conference without the selfless help of fine volunteers.

It's just one of the cheerful contradictions,

It's just one of the cheerful contradictions, when human life smacks into philosophical ideals, that may get a good chew-over as the World Libertarian Conference gathers at Western for four days this week.

The 31 guest speakers addressing 200-plus delegates range from a young native Canadian woman calling herself the "unofficial opposition" to her band council to a professor from Germany. Freedom Party president and Londoner Bob Metz, and former Londoner and marijuana advocate Marc Emery, are on the speakers' list, with Metz also serving as volunteer registrar.

Several speakers will reflect on the influence of Russian-born writer Ayn Rand (1905-1982), whose first name rhymes with "mine" — a memorable moniker for the high priestess of selfishness

One of the latest issues tackled by the Ayn Rand Institute, which carries on the philosophy of world transformation preached by Rand, is an anti-volunteerism campaign.

Dubbed the "campaign against servitude," it's been active opposing U.S. President Bill Clinton's call for more community service and launching court challenges in school districts that, like Ontario, have a community service component in the high-school curriculum.

Photographs of Rand-Institute-sponsored demonstrations show young people carrying signs saying "Duty to Serve=Nazism" and "I have no duty to sacrifice myself."

The Rand road to happiness, summarized by



KELLEY TEAHEN

her Libertarian descendants as fighting for "free minds and free markets," has been marched by some powerful folks in our day, including the one-time head of the U.S. Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan.

Rand once gave a short answer to define her philosophy: "Metaphysics: Objective Reality. Epistemology: Reason. Ethics: Self-interest. Politics: Capitalism."

My first introduction to her came through a swale of young swains I knew at university in the mid 1980s, who swooned over Rand and her "objectivism."

These fellas didn't exactly have the discipline, dedication to vision and talent given to Rand's fictional creation of the hero-man, Howard Roarke, the uncompromising architect in her 1947 poyel. The Fountainhead

tect in her 1947 novel, The Fountainhead.
Curious about what had captured their imagination, I read Fountainhead and, later, Atlas Shrugged. Curiosity even got me past the nauseating part in Fountainhead where the icemaiden heroine, Dominique, loses her virginity and frigidity in one revelatory swoop when brutally raped by one of her wealthy father's quarry workers (who, we know, is Roarke, who can't get paying work in architecture.

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scares the staid ninnies around him.)
Still, Rand continues to appeal to the young:
Nathaniel Branden, one of Rand's ardent followers (who she later shunned) has said he read Fountainhead as a 14-year-old in Toronto and it became "the chief companion of my lonely, rather alienated adolescence."

Her books continue to sell well. The institute has campus clubs, high-school essay-writing contests and continues to capture what Rand in a 1968 essay calls "the few in each generation (who) will grasp and achieve the full reality of man's proper stature."

Rand championed reason but lived her life, it seems to me, tossed rudely by emotions. The Institute, however, excises emotional turmoil from her official record. It recalls her long-term marriage but not her public affair (conducted, supposedly, with hubby's blessing) with the 25-year-younger Branden, after inviting he and his young bride, Barbara, into the Rand inner circle. Then, after the affair burned out in 1968, in Branden's words, "she mobilized as bets the could the objectivist movement that she and I created to wreck and destroy me in every way she could, professionally."

Hardly a poster girl for reason over passion.

Hardly a poster girl for reason over passion. Barbara, the young bride in this odd menage, became Rand's biographer and speaks tomorrow at the Libertarian conference.

A one-time intimate of Rand, Barbara Branden acknowledged in an interview this week the author had a dldactic streak and "didn't look to the left or right" as she fought for individual rights. Still, she believes the Rand Institute has been hijacked by "fanatics" who are creating "the church of Ayn Rand —

he would have hated it."

Branden opposes commun'ty-service units in school curriculum because students do the work under force, not choice, but she doesn't understand why the Institute is opposing efforts to have citizens help other citizens.

While I find the inconsistencies between Randian theory and practice useful in puncturing her goddess status — not that she, as an avowed atheist, would suffer such a title — Rand and her Libertarian descendants should not be shrugged off.

Their "no government is good government" credo has huge popularity with the political right in Canada, people's outrage over waterquality testing in Ontario, notwithstanding.

"Most of the Libertarian movement was created by our students," says Barbara Branden who, with then-husband Nathaniel, ran the Nathaniel Branden Institute in the 1960s to promote Rand's philosophies. "We were very young and we thought we were changing the world. A number of years later, I'd think of those days with amused affection but now I look at what has happened and realize, we were changing the world. We were leading the movement to more freedoms."

It bears watching what Libertarians talk about, where their concerns lie and what battles they pick, if we want some idea of where the larger right-wing movement may be heading down the Rand road.

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If you see a demonstration in the next couple of years shouting about volunteers being slaves, don't say I didn't warn you.

Kelley Teahen (kteahen@lfpress.com) is a writer with The London Free Press. Her column appears Tuesdays.

ABOVE: -from the *London Free Press*, July 25, 2000; If you can't attack the message (freedom), then attack the messenger (Ayn Rand): Though replete with contradictions, inaccuracies, and a philosophical perspective that cannot distinguish between <u>voluntary</u> "volunteerism" and <u>forced</u> "volunteerism", columnist Kelley Teahen nevertheless acknowledges that the ideas of libertarians "bear watching ... if we want some idea of where the larger right-wing movement may be heading..." Predictably, the paper did not follow through and made no effort to inform its readers what was actually being said at the conference. Another incredible opportunity missed.

Election'99... Last Word



▲ FISHER

▲ JANZEN

are moving along," he said. Monteith, who enjoyed campaigning and meeting the public, was pleased with his own result, but disappointed to see a majori-

ty PC government elected. "It was a lot of hard work, but fun," he said. "I decided everybody was set in their ways as to who they were going to vote for."

Monteith said he enjoyed his role, speaking at service club luncheons and all-candidate meetings.

"I think I'm able to get people to listen."

The Freedom candidate indicated he was disappointed to see Mike Harris going back to Queen's Park with a majority government.

"I really don't want him to have a lot of power. A lot of people are saying he has to finish what he started."

Monteith confessed that at one time, he was a loyal PC supporter.

"I was a diehard PC and people can't change. Once you belong to a party, it's like belonging to a church,"

Janzen, who campaigned as an independent, charted the returns on a break from work at KML Windows in London, Ont.

He admitted to being disappointed at finishing far behind and said he hopes the Tories start showing more consideration for voters in this coming term.

The decisive difference in this election was that the NDP and Liberals split the vote and the PCs stood alone." Janzen said he enjoyed his first experience as a candi-

"I thought it was great. I got to find out a lot about my community. I got to see the election from the other side of the curtain. All of the candidates were good men.'

THE OBSERVER, Friday, May 21, 1999 - A3

Falby's sheep comparison right on

Re: "F-Men prove democracy open to all" (Editorial, the Observer, May 19)

I was most amused by the said editorial. In my view, you mocked Andrew Falby for statements with respect to "society of sheep" and "government of wolves," suggesting that he was an "anti-candidate."

Mr. Falby's speech to the Rotary on May 18 was the first honest political statement I have heard in a number of years. I hope you heard more in his presentation than this. He made points that must be listened to. If comparing his listeners to sheep is what it takes to get the attention of those sheep, then perhaps more of it is necessary and the example should be followed by other candidates.

Mr. Falby pointed out serious issues existing in this province and country. The politically correct yes men/women who are following the party line may be what the "civil serpents" and "wolf-men" desire visible, but it is not what I want to hear.

The blind following of collective thought is leading this country and province down a path of least resistance to nothing short of slavery, where the pork barrelling will ultimately bankrupt everyone.

I believe you would be doing a service to your readers if you would print the rest of Mr. Falby's speech as there are words that need to be heard and examples that need to be set.

The mediocrity and complacency clearly evident on the faces of the sheep and in the efforts of the traditional candidates is writing on the wall. Take heed! Resistance is futile!

> John C. Schnurr Sarnia

- ABOVE LEFT: -from the St. Thomas Times Journal, June 4, 1999; A post-election article features a photo and some commentary by Freedom Party's Elgin-Middlesex-London candidate Ray Monteith.
- ABOVE RIGHT: -from Sarnia's Observer, May 21, 1999; A letter to the editor written by John Schnurr reacts to the paper's May 19 editorial about Freedom Party's area candidates. The original editorial appears on page 9. Full Election'99 coverage appears on pages 8 - 22.



Needless to say, there's a backlog of mail to Feedback that the limited room left in this already over-sized newsletter cannot possibly accommodate. Nevertheless, here's our attempt at a start on this monumental project. Watch for plenty more feedback in our next issue, along with a special section dedicated to your responses to our Member's Draft Official Platform.

The following selection of letters and e-mail correspondence represents a broad sampling of correspondence received by Freedom Party since our last issue of Freedom Flyer. While many of these letters have already been personally responded to, others have not. Editorial responses, as they appear here, may be entirely new and/or edited versions of our original personal responses. To the greatest degree possible, original letters to Feedback are left unedited, though there are exceptions with regard to length, structure and grammar (the latter applying particularly to e-mail and Usenet (news groups) correspondence).

As always, we'd like to hear from you. Your comments, criticisms, suggestions, and occasional compliments are always welcomed. To contact Freedom Party, write: Box 2214, London, Ontario N6A 4E3, or fax us at (519) 681-2857, or e-mail us at "feedback@freedomparty.org".

NEVER GIVE UP!

Greetings and salutations! My name is Andrew Boulton and I am currently a Freedom Party supporter. I want to tell you right off the bat, I think you are doing a fine job in the defense of individual rights. I first learned about Fp while doing research for an essay about unions for a political science course I took during my first year at York (two years ago), and I came across an article written by Lloyd Walker on your website. I read it and incorporated a couple of its ideas into my essay. I also followed the link at the bottom of the essay to the issues index. and found all sorts of articles on a wide variety of issues, and I found that they matched my views. (For many years I've been a small-I libertarian.)

Over the next few weeks and months, I eventually read almost every article in every back issue of Freedom Flyer and Consent. I want to thank you for putting such excellent reading material online for anyone to see. I especially like Robert Metz's straight-from-the shoulder writing style. I wish I could get the radio show Mr. Metz hosts. I also want to say that, as someone who has surfed the Web for four years, your site is very well designed, with links at the bottom of every page leading to the issues index and articles and so forth, and I liked it when you put the calendar on your site. I also read the 'ont.politics' newsgroup (and post sometimes) and enjoy seeing posts from Jack and Lloyd.

I am enclosing [a donation] because Freedom Party is a party that I think does the best job of speaking out for our individual rights here in Ontario. I would also like to become a member! I might not be living in Canada for much longer, but while I'm still here I might as well contribute in a small way towards the effort to dismantle socialism and statism.

Anyway, that's enough about me. :-) Keep up the good work, and never give up. Remember the words of John W. Scoville: "No cause is helpless if it is just. Errors, no matter how popular, carry the seeds of their own destruction." Can't wait to see the next issue of *Freedom Flyer!*

Andrew P. Boulton,

TORONTO, Ontario, July 1999

Thanks once again for both your financial support and your kind comments. The radio show to which you refer, 'Left, Right & Center', is actually hosted by **Jim Chapman**, but Mr. Metz is a regular, ostensibly representing a 'right-wing' viewpoint. Since the election, his new regular opponent (ostensibly representing the 'left') is former Attorney General of Ontario and London Centre MPP **Marion Boyd**. (See Freedom Briefs, elsewhere in this issue.) For those interested, audio taped copies of the show are available through **Freedom Party**.

Contact us for details.

By the way, Freedom Party members and supporters who move out of Ontario can still remain contributing members and supporters. We have many out of province supporters and subscribers, even though they cannot claim a tax credit. The work Freedom Party does is universally applicable, and our website is visited by a world-wide audience that is at least ten times larger than the number of our Canadian visitors. Donations and subscriptions we receive from non-Ontario residents all goes towards our global education efforts. [rm]

SIMPLISTIC STANCE?

I like some of what you say but most sounds a little too simplistic. The Fp stance on gun control is scary as well as your economic policies. I work in a very cooperative environment. Piece work. It is the ultimate form of freedom to make good money in a non unionized work place. However I must compete with the guy beside me for my living and when I am no longer able to work as hard and as fast as I can now, my income will plummet. The company does not care who does the work and who has a life to support. I have a feeling the Fp policy would be that I chose to take the job and that is my responsibility. If I had my choice I would be in a unionized shop with some responsibility put on the employer to ensure the survival of the citizens that allow them to do



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business. If my employer got a tax cut it would go right into their pockets or into the stock market.

What is your position on the MAI and a tax scheme like the Tobin Tax? Do you see bank service fees the same as a tax? My feeling that I get from your page is that the Fp is not a very compassionate group but a 'survival of the fittest' type. Some of my best friends are poor and unhappy. They would love to just work in relatively unskilled work but with at least a livable wage. The free market has exported their jobs. We have a minimum wage, so how about a maximum wage? Believe me, the incentive to do well in this life would not be lost. If you think so, call me and come and try keeping pace with me at my work place. I would make mince meat out of your free market ideals. I am a true socialist in my heart but when I am in Rome I do as the Romans do.

I work in the dental business. There is pure free market forces hard at work. When a dentist charges you mega bucks for work you didn't need because you didn't shop around, do not complain about the bill or [what] they may or may not have done.

Anthony Sinn,

ajs@iosphere.net, August 10, 1999

Hello Anthony! Thanks for taking the time to write us regarding your concerns, which we'll respond to roughly in the order in which you raised them:

You state that our economic policies and our stance on gun control are 'scary'. We think that **gun control** is scary because the only thing it accomplishes is to disarm law-abiding citizens while criminals remain armed. The right to self-defence is a fundamental right.

However, no one has a right to INITIATE force against anyone, whether with or without a weapon. By controlling a person's right to self defense we have morally equated such a person with the person who uses a weapon as an instrument to INITIATE force. That's why we believe that people who use force in the commission of a crime should be given much more serious sentences that those who do not.

Gun control is very much like drug prohibition. It opens the door to corruption in our police forces, makes criminals out of people who are not criminals, and gives undue powers to the government that cannot be

justified in a free society. Every totalitarian society has gun control.

Economically, we believe in freedom. As George Bernard Shaw, one famous socialist, once said: "Freedom means responsibility. That's why most people dread it." There is no doubt that many people find individual responsibility 'scary', but no matter how scary it may seem, its alternative is definitely more scary. You are quite correct when you say that "Fp policy would be that I chose to take the job and that is my responsibility."

The fundamental moral question is: If it is NOT your responsibility, whose is it? Mine? Your neighbour's? Your family? The stranger down the street? If so, consider how scary YOU would seem to them. Or even worse, if they felt the same way you feel, then it would be YOUR responsibility to provide THEM with the things they want in life. And the only way that could be accomplished is by INITIATING force against you. Now that's scary!

With respect to the MAI, we support the principles behind it, that all investors in a particular country should be on an equal footing before the law, regardless of where the investor may live in the world. It works both ways: Foreign investors investing in Canada would have the same rights and freedom as Canadians, while Canadians investing abroad would have the same rights and freedoms as the citizens in the country where they invest. To do otherwise would be to promote inequality before and under the law. We'll be publishing a full article on this issue in the near future. Watch for it when it is posted to our web site later this year.

We are opposed to the imposition of ANY further taxes and would lower taxes across the board, something that would benefit those with low incomes the most. Bank service fees are not the same as a tax, since they are technically a 'user fee', whereas a tax is a 'NON-user fee' which would have to be paid even if a person does not use a particular service. Does this make any sense at all?

You speak of compassion and socialism. They are not the same thing. Socialism is the use of government force to achieve a given political and social end. Compassion is the voluntary giving by some individuals to others in need. We would support the right of anyone to give their own money to anyone of their choice; we do not support the right of anyone voting to spend SOMEONE ELSE'S money on the programs they may happen to agree with.

If you are indeed a 'true socialist' in your heart, then in practice you will be forced to support the initiation of force in human relationships, and worse, you will require an instrument of force (i.e., a gun) to implement any such policies. The contradiction of socialism (i.e., the use of violence vs compassion) is self-evident and that is why no socialist system

has lasted very long.

Your example of a dentist who charges for services not required is not unique to a free market. It is probably more prevalent in a socialist system, where the consumer does not even know when and how much a doctor is charging for a visit. But there is no way to fairly compare such statistics under a state monopoly, since the issues of 'shopping around' or 'complaining about a bill' do not exist.

Remember, a free market does not mean an absence of laws or consumer protections. It simply means that consumers within a marketplace are free to choose with whom they deal with and what they buy. Its alternative is an unfree market, which means that someone else (politicians) will tell you what price you must pay and whom you must buy your products from. Similarly, minimum (or maximum!) wage laws restrict the right of employees to negotiate their own terms of employment. For example, because I am self-employed, I am often working for less than minimum wage, but I believe that it is my right to do so. Those who would set the value of my work at some legal minimum or maximum level are in effect saying that I am not the owner of my own labour; if that is true, then I do not even have the right to my own life. Consider the consequences; they extend far beyond the self-interest of any given indivi-

Thanks again for writing. We hope that some of these responses are helpful. Many of the issues you have raised are dealt with in greater detail on our website; Check out our issues index page which is accessible from any page on the site. [rm]

□ JUST SLUTS FOR VOTES

You people are way off the mark. We need strong governments to enforce laws to maintain a civil society. Your ideas [about] gun control are just plain ludicrous. I don't know of one gun owner who has ever defended themselves with a firearm. I have known many who are law abiding citizens who have either shot themselves or shot someone else while drunk.

If you believe in responsibility so much then how come the stock market is only responsible to the shareholder and no one else? Come on, think about it. A company can take all its profit and plow it into the stock market and forget about the people on the shop floor.

Taxes are user fees. Who do you think supplies our, health care, roads, sewers, infrastructure, public broadcasting? We should have government-run banking.



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Yes I am a socialist. Without strong legislation and a strong enforcer we end up with a capitalist system that has a few rich people and mostly wealthy people. I say tax the shit out of the stock market trades. The record breaking Dow Jones hasn't increased my standard of living for me or my neighbour. Our health care isn't the greatest, but a least it serves everyone instead of mostly everyone.

You guys are just sluts for votes like all the rest of the political parties. If you really don't like paying taxes, move to a country where they don't have them. Sierra Leone perhaps. I bet they also don't have gun laws.

Please don't reply.

Anthony Sinn

<ajs@iosphere.net>, August 10,

No reply necessary. [rm]

□ HOW EXTRAORDINARY!

How extraordinary to discover you, your site, and your party! Here you are speaking bold truths long lost to the masses, and in Canada, no less.

I am only saddened to see evidence of individualists leaving in frustration and going to the U.S. Things here are not good, we are in the final stages of what was once said by Winston Churchill 'there will be a time when America has become socialist and Russia free'. Even as this unravels, a travesty manifests as ex-communists come to the United States and Canada to learn how to better control people.

I have been spending much time in my own 'Galt's Gulch' (yes I am a Randian, but in the sense she and I believe the same things, just as you, apparently, do; in that sense I contend we are not 'followers of Ayn Rand' but believers in the same principles she stated so well*). Discovering you, it might be reasonable to conclude that through your efforts Canada will become superior to the United States in the coming Millennium and it will be Canada the productive will call home.

Please retain your exceptional sanity; while under attack from those who call you totalitarian, fascist, right-wing and all

the myriad expressions they themselves obviously do not understand (Individualism = fascism???; Avowed abhorrence of controlling others = totalitarianism?????) The only credible criticism they may gain of your philosophy and platform with such logic(ill) is drug related.

I will stay in touch and find a way to help you, as you know that is only helping myself. Intelligent Generosity and Altruism is, after all, the ultimate expression of selfishness, helping others worthy; helping as an investment in humanity not a gift, our individual products being the only possible true gift.

Warm Regards from one less alone.

H. Bruce Hartgers,

<thephnx@gis.net>, August 8, 1999

*BTW: not to let 'the Cat out of the Bag' but you may soon see "Atlas Shrugged" on film from a major studio. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of one woman who will have to remain anonymous for not too much longer, I hope.

Hello Bruce! Thanks for the comments and valuable insights. I hope you plan to keep in touch in the future. Any time you're ready to let the 'cat out of the bag', please let us know. This sounds like great news. [rm]

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Thank-you,

Eric Letts, e-Quality

http://www.e-Quality.net,

Ottawa Ontario, March 29, 1999

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legally award "anything" as compensation to the complainant, Metz painted a picture of a process that is a clear and present danger to the fundamental principles of justice on which any free nation rests.

Citing the absurdity of the labels that have been used in conjunction with 'racial' issues, Metz reminded attendees that "Elieff was charged with 'racism' --- even though the majority of his tenants were Asian. Philip Rushton was labeled a racist --- even though he consistently placed races different from his 'above' his own. John McKellar was labeled 'homophobic' because he formed Homosexuals Opposed to Pride Extremism (HOPE) --- even though he himself is gay. Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra were charged with 'spreading false news' --- even though newspapers and politicians do so on a daily basis. And that is to say nothing of what has happened to a growing number of mayors in this country.

"Having the right to disagree is no longer a freedom we have in Canada," Metz emphasized. "The hidden agenda of those who support so-called Human Rights legislation is twofold: 1) to advance a socialist philosophy based on a redistribution of wealth, and 2) by using labels of 'racism' to stifle and eliminate debate about the former and thus avoid the truth."

CURRENT STATUS

As of this writing, Elieff's case is still in 'discovery' stage, which began on September 14, 2000. Many more documents, including affidavits, invoices, financial records, newspaper articles, etc. have yet to be exchanged amongst the various parties involved. After that process is complete, and if there is no settlement or agreement among parties, a jury trial date will be set.

Readers are encouraged to contribute to the on-going battle on Elijah's behalf. It is an expensive and time-consuming undertaking and Elijah simply cannot afford to do it on his own. See the box on page 33 for details of how to contribute. {END}



ABOVE: Year 2000 World Libertarian Conference organizer Mary Lou Gutscher has a lot to smile about. The 19th annual conference, sponsored by the *International Society for Individual Liberty* (ISIL) broke all previous attendance records and introduced Freedom Party to libertarians from around the world. See the story inside on page 34.

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