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file: vanhorne

By  
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TORONTO -

Ron Van Horne is about to learn what senior citizens really want. Ontario's first minister without portfolio for senior citizens told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview that once the Legislature recesses for the summer he will begin consulting with seniors' groups at random across the province and meet with the umbrella groups such as United Senior Citizens of Ontario and the Association of Jewish Seniors.

"As organizations they have a lot of expertise about the needs of seniors," Van Horne said. "They can be very helpful."

To provide his department with "a wide angle lens" of the

situation, Van Horne said he will also be visiting senior citizens' centres across the province — particularly in outlying communities — in order to talk to as broad a cross-section as possible.

Out of the consultations, Van Horne said he will attempt to gauge seniors' concerns in such areas as housing, transportation and income security. As well, he will seek assistance from the elderly on how to best implement the programs outlined in a recently released white paper on senior citizens to suit the various communities involved.

“You have to be mindful of the variations that exist from community to community,” Van Horne explained, “because the delivery system will be different in Toronto than it is in Thunder Bay. What the white paper says is here is a government policy for community support systems. We're prepared to spend the money on it and want to consult with you as a community on the best way of doing that.”

After spending the summer touring the province, Van Horne said he will sit down with the information gathered and talk to the “experts in the field” before putting ideas to paper and presenting them to Premier David Peterson by year end.

As the first minister for senior citizens, Van Horne acknowledged that there has been a growing awareness of the needs of senior citizens and attributed this to a number of factors. He said that when senior citizens spoke out against the planned deindexation of federal old age pensions last year, people started looking at the size of that “vocal group” and realized that seniors are not a small group but is large and growing larger.

Another factor Van Horne cited is the advancing age of seniors being admitted to nursing homes.

He said that when nursing homes came on stream in 1972 the average age of admission was 68. This has increased to almost 83.

“That's a very significant number,” Van Horne said. “It tells you that seniors are staying in their homes much longer and when they do come into an institution are obviously older and require more assistance.”

Van Horne said that while touring the province earlier this year to seek input on the white paper on health care he learned that basically senior citizens want to be involved in whatever is being planned for them.

“I think there has been a feeling that government and a handful of faceless people were making decisions that they had no input with and they didn't like that,” said Van Horne. “The next thing they are saying to us is that by and large we're not a dotting group of old, faltering people.”

Van Horne said that in comparing the number of seniors living in nursing homes and institutions relative to those who live at home, he discovered the majority were healthy and preferred to remain at home.

While senior citizens were interested in discussing nonhealth related issues, the minister said that the government chose to tackle health care first as it makes up a large part of the provincial budget.

Van Horne said that about \$4 billion of the roughly \$30 billion budget is now devoted to providing services for senior citizens. If the government were to do nothing more than to provide the same level of service from year to year, he said that \$4 billion would rise to about \$7 billion by the end of the century because of the growing number of seniors in Ontario.

“What we are saying is that we are not necessarily going to save a

lot of money, but we're going to service those growing numbers and in the long run we're projecting that improved home services will lead to lesser demand on our chronic and acute care beds."

Van Horne said that while some of the policies outlined in the white paper will take time to develop, others are already in place. He said the homemakers program has started already and that regional geriatric units have been identified in Toronto, Hamilton, London, Kingston and Ottawa and preliminary work has begun to provide specialized geriatric services in these communities.

He said the "1-stop shopping centres" for seniors' medical needs will be starting up in communities as quickly as communities can implement the program within this next year and that the centres providing comprehensive community services will be ready for the latter part of 1987 as part of a pilot project.

Moving away from the issue of seniors' health, Van Horne that while he hopes the new provincial rent guidelines do not adversely affect senior citizens, the government is taking a wait and see approach to see if more work has to be done in this area.

On a related topic, the minister said that while the conversion of apartment units to luxury condominiums is a threat to seniors, it is a municipal responsibility.

"I just hope it doesn't get to a point where some more serious type of action is required by the province," he said.

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file: crombie

By  
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OTTAWA —

Canada's ethnic community has a new minister speaking for it in Ottawa as a result of last week's cabinet shuffle.

The cabinet shakeup — which resulted in many top cabinet ministers being shifted to new portfolios — saw Toronto MP David Crombie moved from Indian Affairs and Northern Development to the dual positions of minister of state for multiculturalism and secretary of state.

As the third MP to occupy the multiculturalism portfolio since Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Conservatives took office in 1984, (Jack Murta was the first) Crombie will be responsible for settling the dispute over wartime compensation to Japanese Canadians and continuing the initiatives launched by his predecessor Otto Jelinek to make the department more accessible to the multicultural community.

These initiatives include opening a storefront office in Toronto, holding multicultural-business conferences and drafting a new multicultural policy to provide Canadians with equal opportunities in all sectors.

“The previous government's theme was ‘Let's celebrate our differences,’” Jelinek told The CJN in a recent interview. “The time has come to go beyond that and celebrate our common goals.

“We will build on the foundation — the celebration of differences — with new thrusts and new policies,” added Jelinek, who retains his duties as minister of state for fitness and amateur sport.

Crombie was also promoted to the priorities and planning committee, Mulroney's powerful inner circle.

Crombie, Toronto's “tiny, perfect” mayor from 1972 to 1978, entered the House of Commons in October 1978 following a byelection as the member from Rosedale. He served as health minister in former Prime Minister Joe Clark's short lived government and contested the 1983 Conservative leadership convention after Clark stepped down. Following the PC landslide in 1984 Crombie was appointed minister of Indian Affairs.

Harry Bick, president of B'nai B'rith Canada, said he was pleased with Crombie's appointment.

“He's capable and knows the multicultural community,” Bick told The CJN. “Coming from Toronto, he has good experience working with the multicultural community.”

Bick speculated that Crombie would probably expand on Jelinek's work in the portfolio.

The Conservatives' first major cabinet shuffle since taking office also saw St. Paul's MP Barbara McDougall shifted from minister of state for finance to minister responsible for status of women and the new position of minister of state for privatization. In the latter portfolio, she will be responsible for the sale of crown corporations to the public sector.

TORONTO-Jr 6  
file: rna

By  
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TORONTO -

The quality of care provided in Ontario's facilities for the elderly is, at best, mediocre and must be changed to improve life for long-term residents and patients, states a report commissioned by the Ontario Association of Registered Nursing Assistants.

The RNA Report on Institutional Care of the Elderly in Ontario examines four areas of resident care: personal, physical, environmental and general, and looks at both the positive and negative aspects of Ontario's long-term care facilities, why they exist and how they can be improved.

"RNAs, in their responses, emphasize again and again the shortage of qualified personnel in institutions and the effect it has on every aspect of care quality," the report states. "As well, the findings indicate that numerous, indeed most homes for the aged and nursing homes are employing unregulated and unqualified health care aides to provide nursing care."

The report was commissioned in response to a call from Ontario Minister of Health Murray Elston for suggestions of ways to improve care for the elderly. The study was conducted by mailing questionnaires to 6,200 RNAs working in facilities for the elderly and by visiting nursing homes and homes for the aged and talking with administrators, RNAs, residents, relatives of residents and representatives of various organizations involved with the elderly.

There are over 6,000 RNAs currently employed in Ontario in hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, rehabilitation and therapeutic centres and various community health settings. They are trained to administer medications and prescription creams, take temperatures and blood pressures, apply dressings and to provide emotional, physical and mental support to residents and patients.

The results of the study emphasize the "mediocre" degree of resident care being provided in Ontario facilities with personal care being rated the least satisfactory of all care elements. This is care that offers communication, emotional support and the encouragement of independence to residents.

"Mediocre personal care means that residents are not allowed sufficient privacy, are not given proper respect, are not encouraged to be independent, are not regarded as individuals, are not receiving adequate emotional support and it means that staff rarely has the time to communicate with them at a personal level," the report states.

To improve the level of personal care in Ontario's institutions for the elderly - both in homes for the aged and nursing homes - the report suggests a move away from the medical model of health care to the humanization model.

"Medical model dominance means that the social life of the institution and the private lives of the residents are rigidly



organized to ease the achievement of medical goals...While the medical model may facilitate bed and body work, it tends to produce docility and compliance in the elderly, and docile and compliant people are far easier to care for than independent individuals who may challenge the authority," states one source cited in the report.

This humanization model would, according to the study, enhance self-esteem, a sense of belonging and positive attitudes in residents; promote individualized care of residents; allow for privacy and intimacy; and encourage contact with the community, artistic expression and the adoption of pets.

As well as calling for the provincial government to enforce improvements to the environmental, physical, personal and general care currently being provided, the RNAs report also recommends that the province ensures that more staff is hired in Ontario's facilities for the elderly.

The report also recommends that:

P5 The current nursing assistant program be extended to include additional training in the care of the elderly.

P5 An accredited postbasic RNA gerontology specialization program be made available to all RNAs in Ontario. In connection with this, a number of RNAs also recommended the inclusion of study in such areas as Alzheimer's Disease, palliative care, psychology and communication skills.

P5 A multi-disciplinary, team approach to care for residents be adopted in Ontario's facilities for the elderly. Residents would also be part of this team approach, the report states.

P5 The provincial government oversee the implementation of community support services to accommodate those senior citizens inappropriately housed in long-term care facilities.

As an alternative to institutional care, the report recommends that a continuum of care be implemented comprised of a broad range of health care services.

This would include housing services such as basic shelter, sheltered housing, apartment complexes and medium and heavy nursing care; support services such as meals-on-wheels, security checks, transportation, home help, home-making, home care and gerontological nurses; and partial services such as drop-in and day centres.

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file: housing

By  
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TORONTO -

A director of race relations policies and programs will be appointed to promote an environment of harmony and cooperation among residents of Metro Toronto Housing Authority as part of the provincial government's

race relations policy, Housing Minister Alvin Curling recently announced.

``The appointment of the director is intended to send out a clear and unequivocal message -- that neither the government of Ontario, nor the ministry of housing, nor the Ontario Housing Corporation, nor the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority will tolerate racism in any form in our housing projects,`` Curling said in the Legislature.

``The individual will serve as a catalyst, drawing on the strengths and resources of both the professional resource people already serving the residents of MTHA, and the residents themselves,`` he added. ``The director will move immediately to develop a race relations policy statement that reflects the views of the tenants and local community organizations, and then to implement that policy statement in constructive and meaningful ways.``

Outlining the director's duties, Curling said the individual will chair a committee comprised of tenants, community representatives and housing authority staff which will be responsible for finding ways to minimize racial strife.

Curling said the director will work with MTHA staff to find ways to improve communications and eliminate misunderstandings between tenants and maintenance staff, explore methods of recruiting multilingual and racial minority staff, develop and implement cross-cultural training for maintenance workers and conduct a review of the housing authority's communications policy.

Community relations workers employed by MTHA will also be trained to improve race relations, to mediate racial conflicts and to help residents form tenant organizations, the minister added.

Curling also announced that a major review of Ontario Housing Corporation policies and practices will be spearheaded by David Greenspan, new chairman of the Ontario Housing Corporation.

As well, Curling said his ministry is taking steps to ensure that the 58 local housing authorities responsible for managing OHC's 84,000 units across Ontario reflect the ``real makeup`` of the province's population.

``I have requested that Bill McKnight, the federal minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and that all of Ontario's municipal councils, begin now to ensure that the membership of Ontario's Housing authorities accurately represent the people of the province,`` Curling said.

``Another important challenge is to ensure that OHC tenants are familiar with the cultural, recreational and educational programs that this government's ministries provide.``

To accomplish this, Curling said his ministry will be working with other provincial ministries and will develop ways to target young residents for Ontario Youth Employment and Job training programs to help them find work.

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TORONTO-jr 8  
file: ridings

By  
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TORONTO —

When MPPs next head to the polls, they may find themselves doing battle in new electoral districts, due to the redistribution of provincial ridings recently approved by the Ontario Legislature.

The changes in the province's electoral districts are a result of the Ontario Electoral Boundaries Commission's report, which was set up three years ago under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Samuel Hughes.

When Bill 77 comes into effect — 45 days after receiving royal assent — the number of electoral districts will increase from 125 to 130, with some new ridings being created, some rearranged, while others are eliminated and amalgamated with existing ridings.

The last redistribution was completed in 1975 when the Legislature grew from 118 to 125 seats.

The current plan has Toronto losing Conservative MPP Susan Fish's riding of St. George, while North York and Scarborough each gain one seat. Rural ridings have been reduced from 32 to 28 seats, while city ridings have been increased by nine seats.

The redistribution — designed to even out changes in population distribution — will greatly change the look of ``Jewish ridings.``

The predominantly Jewish riding of Wilson Heights, currently held by Consumer and Commercial Relations Minister Monte Kwinter, had a 1981 population of 75,235 with Jews constituting 42.4P7 of the total. Under redistribution the riding will decrease to 74,138.

It is currently bounded by Briar Hill, Bathurst, Steeles, Dufferin and the CN tracks west of Dufferin. Under the redistribution the riding's southern boundary is moved north to Baycrest Ave. and the area west of William Allen Rd. is being tacked on to the riding of Downsview.

While Kwinter will lose the southern part of the riding, which is predominantly Jewish to the new riding of Lawrence, he will pick up the northwest corner of Armourdale bounded by Bathurst, Steeles, Finch and Yonge. This block includes a sizeable Jewish population.

``I'll lose a lot of people that I'm happy to serve and will get others I'll be happy to serve,`` said Kwinter.

Residents of the large Jewish riding of Armourdale (24.7P7) will also notice a dramatic change in their riding's boundaries as the district's shape changes from a strip to a block pattern.

The riding currently runs between Bathurst and Yonge St. with a jagged southern boundary running from Briar Hill to Fleming Ave. The new boundaries will extend Armourdale east to Leslie St. — cutting into the northern part of York Mills and part of Oriole — and south to Highway 401.

While the new boundaries will result in an additional 7,000 people being added, Armourdale MPP Bruce McCaffrey said the changes will probably result in a loss of Jews due to the disappearance of the northwest and southern parts of the district. The southern part includes Temple Sinai and Shaarei Shomayim.

McCaffrey said that he doesn't like to see his riding's boundaries change as he is used to the various neighborhoods. However, he added, he realizes it had to happen.

As a result, McCaffrey said, his home will lie in Bette Stephenson's riding of York Mills and hers will be in his riding.

With both Wilson Heights' and Armourdale's southern borders being shifted north, the Electoral Boundaries Commission created the new riding of Lawrence which will include a large number of Orthodox Jews among its population of 75,327.

This electoral district runs from the western border of North York, along Highway 401 to the Allen Rd., to Baycrest Ave., to Bathurst to Old Orchard Grove to the southern limit of North York and along Briar Hill.

While the new Armourdale riding will cut into York Mills, York Mills' new boundaries will do likewise. Bette Stephenson's riding takes in the area from Steeles, Victoria Park, Finch, Don River, Leslie, Lawrence, Yonge, Cummer and Bayview. It is 71.4P7 Jewish.

Under redistribution the riding will shrink to 73,336 from 90,965 and its northern boundary will be Highway 401. As well as taking in the southern portion of Armourdale, south of Highway 401, it will also swallow up the southern part of Oriole and the northern tip of Don Mills ridings.

At the same time, the northeast part of York Mills will be added on to Elinor Caplan's riding of Oriole which will result in a decrease in the riding's population from 92,155 to 72,559.

Caplan pointed out that Oriole's new boundaries take in part of North York council's ward 13 — the riding she represented as an alderman.

“I feel I know the communities there and it won't take me long to get reacquainted,” she said.

While these ridings will be smaller, Eglinton will grow by about 6,000 as its southern boundary is extended from Manor Rd. to Lonsdale Rd. to take in part of St. David — a riding which is being dismantled. At the same time, the riding will lose a large part of its Jewish population in the Forest Hill area as its northwest boundary is moved from Marlee to Latimer.

This will be picked up by Larry Grossman's riding of St. Andrew-St. Patrick which will gain an extra 7,000 people. The Conservative leader told The CJN that the redistribution will result in his riding losing the Toronto Islands and part of the city's Chinese community. At the same time, Grossman will “inherit” a large part of upper Forest Hill — an area he said he is familiar with — and part of St. George as its eastern border moves east from Avenue Rd. to Yonge St.

“I'm picking up a familiar area where I know a lot of people,” said Grossman, who previously lived in Forest Hill.

Grossman said he has been working with Susan Fish on many issues so he is familiar with her riding.

Fish, who has been MPP for St. George since 1981 and, prior to that, represented part of the riding on Toronto city council, said that while it is difficult for politicians to reorient themselves following redistribution, the new boundaries make sense as they follow the main streets.

She said she is looking at a number of ridings in which to run in the next election, including the new district of Fort York, which takes in the southern part of St. Andrew-St. Patrick.

Outside Metro the growing Jewish ridings of York Centre and York North will be reduced by the creation of the new riding of Markham which will consist of the Town of Markham. It will result in both York Centre and York North being cut by over 40,000 people.

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file: assistance

By  
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TORONTO -

An independent public review committee has been appointed by the Ontario government to examine the overall direction of social assistance in Ontario, John Sweeney, minister of community and social services, recently announced.

Sweeney told members of the Legislature that the review was necessary because, while the provincial government has responded to changing needs by developing new programs and benefits, the two major pieces of income maintenance legislation - the General Welfare Assistance Act proclaimed in 1958 and the Family Benefits Act proclaimed in 1967 - remained largely unchanged.

"Those two statutes were designed for a different age - a time of much lower unemployment, a time when most women stayed home, the great majority of families had two partners and fathers were typically the sole wage earners in the family," Sweeney said.

The minister said the review will lay the foundation for the enactment of new income maintenance legislation in Ontario to "face the challenges of the 1990s and beyond." The 12-member committee will be headed by former Family Court Judge George Thomson and will deliver its report by the spring of 1987.

The committee will begin meeting in August and will hold public meetings in the fall and winter.

Sweeney said the committee will solicit the views from all relevant parties, especially those who are directly affected by the programs involved in the study. This will take the form of telephone calls, letters, written briefs, verbal presentations at public meetings and specially arranged meetings with some or all members of the committee.

The Social Assistance Review Committee can be reached at 700 Bay St., 21st floor, Toronto, M7A 1E9 or call (416) 963-3741.

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file: mcdougall

By  
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TORONTO -

Soviet Refuseniks Leonid Vainstein and Mark Polansky of Kishinve, Muldavia have been waiting eight years to join their families in Israel. Now, due to the efforts of Canadian cabinet minister Barbara McDougall, Vainstein may soon get his wish.

During a recent visit to Israel, McDougall, minister responsible for the status of women and federal minister of state for privatization, met with Margarita Polansky and her daughter Lea and Clara Vainstein.

Marsha Slavens, co-chairman of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, said that around the time McDougall was in Israel, Jeanette Goldman was in touch by phone with Leonid Vainstein and Mark Polansky and informed them of McDougall's interest in the matter. Goldman is a former chairman and member of the Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Slavens said Soviet authorities became aware of the calls and, on Aug. 7, Vainstein received permission to leave the Soviet Union. She said Vainstein has to leave by Sept. 20. At the moment, Slavens said, there is no word on Polansky.

Slavens said Vainstein reapplied to leave the Soviet Union in May and received no answer. At the beginning of July he again tried, with no success, to get an answer. It was only after McDougall's contact with the Refuseniks' wives Vainstein obtain permission to emigrate, she said.

"McDougall was the first person of some authority to take up their cases," Slavens said, explaining that the two men live in a small village and don't receive many Western visitors because of visa requirements and KGB security. "I think McDougall's interest had an impact," Slavens said.

McDougall, MP for St. Paul's, said during a recent interview at the offices of The CJN that she plans to keep in touch with the women and would bring up their cases with her cabinet colleagues and see to it

that they are brought to the attention of the Soviet government.

McDougall said her ``informal, working`` trip to the Middle East, which also included a stopover in Egypt, enabled her to raise a number of smaller issues with the Israeli government that do not fall in the public domain.

``I think the more links we have in terms of ministerial visits adds to our government's understanding about what is happening economically in Israel and helps us to understand the nuances of the peace process,`` McDougall said.

During a meeting with Premier Shimon Peres prior to his mission to Morocco, McDougall said some of their mutual concerns about the peace process and Canada's relationship with Israel were discussed. She said Peres was ``kind of contemplative`` about Israel taking more initiatives that could lead towards peace in the region and that while he would like the process to move faster, recognizes the realities of having border states to deal with.

``I think Canada views the Moroccan trip quite hopefully,`` she said. ``It was a very courageous mission for Peres to undertake.

``Any bilateral initiatives that can be taken can only help further the peace process,`` she added. ``However, I don't know if you'll see anything concrete coming out of it. The king of Morocco (Hassan) is dealing with his own political difficulties around his Arab neighbors.``

Concerning the relationship between Israel and Canada, McDougall was more optimistic. She said Israeli ministers were prepared to adjust their schedules to meet her despite the fact that the trip had to be rearranged twice due to the cabinet shuffle in Ottawa.

As well as meeting with Peres, McDougall said she met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Abba Eban, chairman of the foreign defence committee, Gad Yaacobi, minister responsible for privatization, and Nitza Shapiro-Libai, the PM's advisor on the status of women. She said that from talking with deputy prime minister Shamir, she thinks more Israeli cabinet ministers will visit Canada in the future.

McDougall also met with Bernard Cherrick, vice-president at Hebrew University and the professors involved with the Canadian studies program at the institution and she toured the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa.

During her visit to Egypt, McDougall said she met with the Egyptian prime minister and foreign minister and discussed a couple of projects the Canadian government hopes to be involved in.

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file: golden

By  
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO -

In 1956 Toronto's Jewish community helped organize the United Way of

Greater Toronto. Now, 30 years later, one of its own has the number 2 post and is running the agency's \$32.4 million 1986 campaign.

"I had no doubt I could do the job," said campaign director Anne Golden, who served as director of planning, allocations and government relations with United Way for the past 4 years. "My commitment to philanthropy and belief in my responsibility to the community makes it comfortable for me to work for United Way. It is the best vehicle to serve the entire community."

Golden said her father, the late Theodore Richmond, provided a strong influence in how she views her work.

"He thought that a person's life was not meaningful unless they contributed to the community," Golden said of her father, whose picture sits on her office desk. Richmond was a chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and Negev Dinner honoree in 1981.

Golden, a former university professor, said her work on David Crombie's 1972 mayoral campaign sparked her interest in urban issues. The next year she became research coordinator of the Bureau of Municipal Research and later moved on to Queen's Park where she served as special advisor to former Ontario Liberal leader Stuart Smith and then as director of research for the provincial Liberal Party.

Golden is married to Dr. Ronald Golden and has two children, Beth, 20, and Karen, 15. She is a board member of Jewish National Fund and Mazon (Canada) and a member of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

Golden, the United Way's first female campaign director, stressed that the Jewish community has a "tremendous stake in the United Way.

"I'm not sure Jews are aware of how well served we are as a community," she said. "We are a major funder of Jewish agencies and, in many cases, provide more money than Toronto Jewish Congress."

She said United Way funds nine major Jewish agencies including Jewish Family & Child Service which receives over \$1 million (representing one-quarter of its budget), Jewish Community Centre which receives \$377,000, Jewish Vocational Services which gets \$256,000, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care which gets over \$300,000 and the Bernard Betel Centre which gets over \$111,000.

Golden said that when she joined United Way the latter organization was getting \$30,000 and she helped secure a tri-level grant of over \$85,000 to pay its capital debt to make it a viable organization.

"If Jews understood the benefits of United Way, maybe they would feel a closer connection," she said.

Golden added that in the future she hopes to see an increase in Jewish support, both in numbers and dollars. As well, she said she would like to expand the campaign's base and "develop its potential" for next year. This year, Golden said, she is aiming at a 10P7 increase with most donations coming from the workplace.

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TORONTO-jr 14  
file: newpolicy



By  
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TORONTO -

The Ontario government plans to develop a new multicultural policy to reflect the changes in Ontario's multicultural society, Ontario's minister of citizenship and culture recently announced.

Lily Munro said at a press conference at the Art Gallery of Ontario that it became apparent a new multiculturalism policy was needed following a number of think tanks across the province in which she and Tony Ruprecht, minister without portfolio responsible for citizenship and culture, took part.

Out of those meetings, Munro said she learned that while current programs are working well, new strategies have to be devised to ensure that multiculturalism becomes fully integrated into all social systems.

"We need to ensure that equality of access and equality of opportunity for participation are more than philosophical principles - they are realities," she said.

Munro said the new policy will be developed by the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship working with her ministry. The minister said she has already begun discussions with her cabinet colleagues on some of the issues raised during public consultations and will seek public input in the future.

"While some of the broader, systemic issues in employment, social services, education, and trade, will take time to resolve, we are committed to finding comprehensive, long-term solutions," the minister said.

To assist the advisory council in this undertaking, Munro announced that the council's budget would be increased by 58P7 including \$79,100 in operating funds and \$68,600 in salaries and benefits for new staff members.

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TORONTO-Jr-15  
file: boundaries

By  
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO -

The expanding Jewish community north of Metro Toronto will be subdivided into new federal electoral districts and Ontario will gain four new seats if recommendations proposed by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission are approved by the federal government.

The redistribution, if approved, would bring the number of ridings in Ontario to 99 from 95. Only seven federal ridings in Ontario would remain untouched.

Almost all the rest of the existing ridings would change by boundary

or name to reflect population growth and movement shown in the 1981 census.

In the sprawling districts of Simcoe South, York North and York-Peel north of Metro Toronto, the commission recommends an additional district be created because of the large population in the area.

Markham would combine the towns of Markham and Whitechurch-Stouffville and the riding of York North would include the towns of Aurora, Richmond Hill and Vaughan and the southerly portion of the Township of King. The size of Simcoe South would be reduced by the proposed creation of the riding of York-Simcoe.

The commission will hold public hearings on its proposals in November and December before drafting its report to Parliament. MPs will then have an opportunity to examine the changes and send their comments back to the commission.

Once approved, a 1-year waiting period is imposed to allow the chief electoral officer time to distribute new maps and train new returning officers. If a federal election were called before the end of the 1-year period, existing boundaries would be used.

In Metro, the commission recommended that the existing riding of Trinity be divided among three other districts, Parkdale-High Park, Spadina and Rosedale. Rosedale would also pick up the southeast corner of St. Paul's.

The west boundary of Eglinton-Lawrence would be altered by the addition of an area bounded by Highway 401, Culford Rd. and Flamborough Dr. The area immediately south and north of Lawrence would be added to York South-Weston.

York Centre would be extended east to the east branch of the Don River and Don Valley West would be renamed Don Valley South.

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TORONTO-jr-16  
file: healthcare

By  
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO -

The Ontario ministry of health will provide an additional \$14.3 million annually to nursing homes to help improve the quality of care for residents beginning Oct. 1., Health Minister Murray Elston announced recently.

Elston, addressing the annual convention of the Ontario Nursing Home Association, said the additional funding will go towards providing three new services. These services are improved activation programs, better continence care and staff development.

Nursing homes offering all three services will receive an additional payment of \$1.30 per resident per day, Elston said. Funding will be provided under agreements which the ministry will sign with each nursing home.

``The new activation programs will move beyond the recreation programs now offered in many homes,`` the minister said. ``The concept involves a deliberate planning of daily activities that might include

programs of regular physical exercise or physiotherapy, mental stimulation programs, and social and cultural events.

`` The goal is to help residents realize their potential and to satisfy, as much as possible, their physical, emotional and intellectual needs,`` he added.

Elston said nursing homes will be asked to assign qualified personnel to develop and implement this program with the ministry providing funding for one fulltime staff person for every 60 residents.

The second initiative will provide improved incontinence products to nursing homes who need them. Elston said nursing homes will have the option of obtaining supplies from the government pharmacy at no cost on a pilot project basis, rather than buying the products on their own.

Elston said the third program involves staff training. He said current regulations require in-service training programs for all nursing staff with course content left to the nursing homes' discretion.

Under the new program, in-service education for nursing, as well as non-nursing staff, will be mandatory for participating homes.

Elston also announced that the ministry's nursing homes branch would be reorganized to streamline the inspection system. The reorganization, which was recommended in a report by Woods Gordon on Inspection and Compliance in Ontario's Nursing Homes, will divide the branch into a compliance section and an enforcement section.

He said the new compliance section will deal with annual re-licensing inspections, follow-up visits and investigation of minor complaints, while the enforcement section will concentrate on serious complaints and compliance features.

``This division of responsibilities should promote a more positive relationship with the majority of nursing homes and strengthen enforcement for the minority of poor performance homes,`` Elston said.

At the same time, Elston said, fire safety inspections will be moved to the Fire Marshall's Office, under the jurisdiction of Solicitor General Ken Keyes, and many environmental health inspection functions will be transferred to the public health units.

The minister also announced the creation of new placement coordination services in Halton and Durham regions to help arrange placements for patients transferring from acute care hospitals or entering long-term care directly from the community.

The ministry will provide annual funding of \$75,200 plus a capital grant of \$9,000 to set up the service in Halton region and \$65,410 plus a capital grant of \$3,000 to Oshawa General Hospital to establish the service in Durham region.

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TORONTO-jr-17  
file: training

By  
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO -

To give Ontario workers an opportunity to improve their marketable

skills and increase business productivity, the provincial government has allocated \$100 million for a comprehensive new training policy.

Gregory Sorbara, Ontario minister of skills development, recently announced the details of Ontario's Training Strategy which he said will help train a million workers in the next five years, making the companies affected more successful and competitive.

"The initiatives are designed to promote more-on-the-job training and greater participation by the private sector in training programs," Sorbara said. "We want especially to stimulate and enable more training by the new service industries and by small and medium-sized business."

Sorbara said that while the provincial government will do its part to help workers, the province's training needs will only be met fully by cooperating with the federal government and business and labor.

"Only then can we be sure that training is responsive to the changing needs of the economy. Relevant, sufficient and high-quality training cannot be achieved without a partnership of the public sector, private business and labor."

The minister said that while the federal government has provided support for in-school and long-term training and income support for the unemployed, it has reduced spending on industrial and workplace training in the past four years by 45P7. As a result, Sorbara said the provincial government will be providing more support for workplace training in Ontario than the federal government.

Sorbara said Ontario's Training Strategy includes five components including a consulting service for employers, incentives to support the costs of training for employers, an updating program for skilled tradespeople, measures to ensure broader access to training and a tripartite institute with the role of ensuring quality skills training.

The training consulting services will offer expert advice to business, particularly small and medium-sized firms, through Offices of Skills Development across the province.

Ontario Skills will provide \$34 million to offset the costs and risks of employer-sponsored skills training. At least half of Ontario Skills will be allocated to firms with fewer than 200 employees. These two services will be available across the province in October, Sorbara said.

The Trades Updating program will begin in January, 1987, and will offer short-term courses for skilled tradespeople, enabling them to renew their skills and adapt to new technologies.

Sorbara said that to ensure fair access to training for all individuals, the government will spend \$32 million to remove or reduce the barriers to training. This will include support allowances for child care and transportation and accommodation for those taking part in the programs.

He added that Ontario Basic Skills will place increased emphasis on literacy and other basic skills and an Institute for Skills Training which will be responsible for enhancing the quality of job training in Ontario.

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The Ontario government is launching a comprehensive literacy program to help the more than 1 million adults in Ontario who cannot read and write, Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro announced

recently.

The government has earmarked \$5 million for the ministry to support community-based literacy groups as well as coordinate plans now being developed by the 14 government agencies and ministries involved in the strategy, which is part of the \$100 million Ontario training program announced by the Ontario minister of skills development.

Munro said she will be meeting with literacy groups to discuss the mechanics of her ministry's grants program. Money, however, will be available for ongoing services, pilot projects and investigative programs.

She said adults are deemed to be functionally illiterate if they have not completed grade 9 and are more than 15 years old. In practice, this means they may have trouble reading their children's report cards, filling out job applications and understanding health and safety warnings at work.

In Canada about 4 million adults or 20P7 of the population, are functionally illiterate. Approximately 60P7 of those, or 2.4 million people, have given up trying to find work.

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file: wallenberg

By  
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TORONTO -

The legal status of former Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg will prevent Canada Post from issuing a commemorative stamp with his likeness, says an official with the corporation.

According to Canada Post officials, a number of ethnic groups and government representatives have requested a stamp be issued in December to mark the first anniversary of the proclamation naming Wallenberg Canada's first honorary citizen.

However, the corporation's stamp design regulations states that a stamp can not be issued to honor any living person, except the British sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II. To do so, says Canada Post, would recognize the official position of the Soviet Union - that Wallenberg died in prison in 1947 - and would cause problems for the Canadian government in pressing for his release.

As well as the legal technicalities, Canada Post officials say there are other physical problems associated with issuing the stamp in December. To have a stamp issued Canada Post needs a lead time of 36 weeks and does not issue stamps past mid-November. Therefore such a stamp could not be released in time.

Mike Janacek, a member of the Swedish Canadian Chamber of Commerce, told The Canadian Jewish News that the purpose of such a stamp is to ensure that Wallenberg is not forgotten.

During World War II, Wallenberg helped save the lives of over 100,000 Hungarian Jews who were targeted for death in the Nazi death camps. Following the war, Wallenberg was arrested by the Soviet military and has not been seen in public since.

Janecek said he has talked to Mississauga MPs Bob Horner and Don Blankarn about the proposal and has received a letter of support from Rabbi Larry Englander of Solel Congregation in Mississauga who has written to Michel Cote, minister responsible for Canada Post.

In a letter to Cote, Senator Jerry Grafstein said the ``unselfish gesture`` of issuing a Wallenberg stamp on behalf of all Canadians would ``further remind all nations of the gratitude for Wallenberg's unselfish acts of heroism and will keep alive the hope that he will one day be freed``.

George Latvala, on behalf of the Finnish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, also sent a letter to the minister calling for the production of such a stamp.

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TORONTO-jr  
file: election

By  
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO -

Ontarians will decide whether Premier David Peterson's Liberals are a 1-shot government or should retain the right to govern when they head to the polls \*\*\*\*\*.

In calling his first election as premier, Peterson said \*\*\*\*\*.

As well as being Peterson's first election as premier, it will be Conservative leader Larry Grossman's first try at the premier's office since he took over his party in 1985 after former Premier Frank Miller resigned as party leader.

When MPPs head to the polls, they will find themselves doing battle in new electoral districts, due to the redistribution of provincial ridings.

The changes in the province's electoral districts are a result of the Ontario Electoral Boundaries Commission's report, which was set up three years ago under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Samuel Hughes.

Bill 77 increased the number of electoral districts from 125 to 130, with some new ridings being created, some rearranged, while others are eliminated and amalgamated with existing ridings. At dissolution, the Liberals held 50 seats, the Conservatives 51 and the New Democratic Party under Bob Rae 24 seats.

The plan has Toronto losing Conservative MPP Susan Fish's riding of St. George, while North York and Scarborough each gain one seat. Rural ridings have been reduced from 32 to 28 seats, while city ridings have been increased by nine seats.

Outside Metro the growing Jewish ridings of York Centre and York North have been shrunk by the creation of the new riding of Markham which will consist of the Town of Markham. It results in both York Centre and York North being cut by over 40,000 people.

During the next few weeks, The CJA's Election Watch team will talk to party leaders and MPPs and candidates in key Jewish ridings, focusing on issues of concern to the Jewish community.

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TORONTO-jr-HEAD SHOT 20  
file: rentreview

By  
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO -

If the Ontario's government's proposed rent control legislation becomes law, it will result in the Residential Tenancy Commission becoming a much stronger and more impartial body, says its chairperson.

The legislation is currently being debated at Queen's Park and is expected to be passed late this year. While Conservative and NDP MPPs originally announced that they would oppose Bill 51, the confrontation was defused following negotiations between the three political parties.

Dr. Ratna Ray, who was recently appointed chief tenancy commissioner and chairperson of the board of the Residential Tenancy Commission by Housing Minister Alvin Curling, told The Canadian Jewish News that Bill 51 will separate the administrative and adjudicative functions of the commission.

The Residential Tenancy Commission currently administers the Residential Tenancies Act. Under the act, the commission listens to applications from landlords who apply for rent increases in excess of the 4P7 rental guideline. Tenants may also make an application disputing a recent increase or make an application for a rent rebate if they discover someone else in their building is paying less for a similar rental unit.

The other arm of the commission hears appeals from landlords and tenants who do not like the initial decision made by the commission.

Ray said that the proposed legislation will transfer the commission's initial review function to a new division run by the ministry of housing called the Rent Review Division. At the same time, the Residential Tenancy Commission will be transformed into the proposed Rent Review Hearings Board and will only hear appeals.

"I think it is a great improvement to separate the two functions of the commission," Ray said. From a procedural point of view it is not proper to have the day-to-day administration of the act - the review hearings - and appeal hearings in one bed."

Ray said the proposed Rent Review Division will operate through local offices throughout Ontario. It will have trained officers working with landlords and tenants to settle disputes on a continuous basis by administrative procedures rather than through "quasijudicial" hearings.

"It will diminish the adversarial approach and encourage a more consensual approach," Ray claimed.

As chairperson of the board of the commission, Ray said she has a mandate to prepare it for the proposed changes. As such, she said she had put together a transition team.

"My first priority is to make everything open," she said.

``Secondly, when the transition occurs, people in the commission ought to be given top-notch care so nobody is lost in the shuffle.``

Ray, an Ottawa management consultant and former executive director of the Federal Women's Bureau in the federal department of labor, was born in India and began her career as special assistant to Canada's commissioner of official languages, Dr. Keith Spicer. She then served as the executive secretary of the Pepin-Robais Task Force on National Unity.

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TORONTO-Jr 21  
file: daycare

By  
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TORONTO -

In the past Toronto's Jewish agencies have responded to the community's social and communal needs by providing technical and financial assistance where necessary.

Now, with more Jewish women going off to work and an increase in single parent families, they are attempting to deal with the shortage of day care spaces.

In an address to Toronto Jewish Congress at the last annual meeting, TJC president Ronald Appleby touched on the problem stating that TJC should take an active role by initiating discussions with synagogues and Jewish organizations for more day care centres - an approach which Lisa Morrison said Congress is now taking.

Morrison, assistant director of social planning for Toronto Jewish Congress, told The Canadian Jewish News that this is part of Congress' multipronged approach which also includes acting as a resource group to supply information to help interested parties start up day care centres.

Morrison said day care has been an ``evolving issue`` with TJC for the past four years. In the process, she said Congress has become convinced that day care is more than just a welfare issue, but one that crosses all class barriers.

(According to Statistics Canada's 1984 report, The Labour Force, more than six out of 10 Canadian women with children under 16 work outside the home.)

Metro Toronto councilor Joanne Campbell reiterated this view in the recently released task force report on day care. The 10-year policy blueprint for day care recommends that Metro should attempt to double its number of licensed day care spaces and provide day care subsidies to twice as many needy children within the next five years.

While admitting there is a shortage of Jewish day care spaces in the Toronto area, Morrison said Congress would rather not set up a uniform system, preferring the centres to be set up in a variety of Jewish settings. However, to be considered a Jewish day care centre, she said they should provide kosher meals and have Jewish content.

Charles Diamond, chairman of Congress' social planning committee,



said it is important for Jewish children to have Jewish day care as it helps reinforce their Jewish identity. He said that once the community realizes there is a need, he thinks it will be easier to obtain.

Steve Ain, executive director of TJC, claimed that the greatest demand now for day care is coming from people who can afford to use it, but can't find the space.

At the moment, Morrison said there are four non-profit programs in the community serving approximately 170 children and about 275 youngsters from the age of four months to 5 years in programs with a minimum of 30% Jewish content. (Over half of the latter group are over two years old.) Morrison said most of the programs range from \$70 to \$110 a week and most have waiting lists.

The four non-profit programs serving the community are Loving Care Day Care Centre, sponsored by Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, B'nai Shalom North Nursery and Day Care, Gan Yeladim Day Care Centre, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and Menorah Day Care at the B'nai B'rith building.

Ain said that while Congress might consider subsidizing spots for people in need at some point in the future, it is now trying to help create day care spaces by acting as a resource group and talking with other Jewish agencies. He added that interested parties can obtain funding to cover start-up costs from the Ontario ministry of community and social services. Paul Brownstein, director of the Jewish Community Centre, said the executive has approved a day care program in principle which will start at all branches in September.

Orlan Feldman, director of community and family services at the JCC, said the day care program at the north branch will be integrated into the nursery school and will run separately from the nursery school at the northeastern branch. She said no decision has yet been reached on how to run the program at the Bloor branch.

At Jewish Family & Child Service, executive director Gordon Wolfe said they are not planning to start a day care program at the moment. However, he said JF & CS is looking at the issue and will participate in a feasibility study on day care with TJC.

Toronto Jewish Congress also considers day care to be a public social policy issue. In a statement to the federal government's Special Committee on Child Care, Appleby said Canada should continue to support a multicultural approach to day care so families have a choice of "ethnocultural-based early childhood education for their children."

In his statement, Appleby also said that day care should be considered a high priority for all families regardless of income and that the government should broaden its eligibility requirements so that lower middle income families would also be eligible for partial or full subsidies.

At the recent First Ministers' Conference in Vancouver, Ontario Premier David Peterson called on the federal government to convene a national conference to develop a cost-sharing scheme for federal child care. He said such a conference would be comprised of all ministers responsible for women's issues, ministers of finance and ministers of social services.

Peterson's government demonstrated their concern for quality day care in last spring's budget when Ontario treasurer Robert Nixon announced the government was allocating an additional \$6 million for child care over the \$26 million increase in funding allocated in the

October 1985 budget. As well, he said the government was developing a  
`comprehensive` plan for child care.

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TORONTO-Jr-HEAD SHOT-22  
file: payequity

By  
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TORONTO -

In an effort to eliminate wage discrimination between the sexes, the Ontario government has introduced pay equity legislation for the private and part of the public sectors.

In presenting the bill to the Ontario legislature, Attorney General Ian Scott said since the wage gap between men and women in the workforce decreased by only 4P7 in the past 17 years, it became necessary for the government to become involved.

The pay equity or equal pay for work of equal value legislation is aimed at ending wage discrimination for women in private sector firms, with 10 or more workers and the broader public sector - which includes municipalities, school boards, universities and hospitals.

`We believe, fundamentally, that the work women do - in offices, stores, hospitals and schools across the province - is valuable not only to those businesses and institutions but to society as a whole,` Scott said. `We believe that the time has come to assure that gender discrimination, conscious or unconscious, has no place in our society or in our workplace.`

Under the proposed law, a pay equity plan will be mandatory for all employers in the broader public sector and for employers with over 100 employees in the private sector. While the plan will not be mandatory for firms with less than 100 employees, Scott said those employers will also be expected to make wage adjustments if pay inequities exist.

It will be implemented in stages with the public sector being the first to feel its effect two years after being proclaimed. Three years after proclamation, companies with 500 employees and over will come under its jurisdiction, four years for companies under 500 employees, five years for firms with less than 100 employees and, six years after the bill is passed into law wage adjustments will start for private sector companies with 10 to 49 employees.

To oversee and monitor the pay equity plan, the government will establish a pay equity commission. It will advise employers and employees of their rights under the law and hear and investigate complaints and may order compliance and impose fines.

In making comparisons to determine pay equity, Scott said comparisons will be made in an employer's own establishment. To be eligible for comparison, a job category must in general be 60P7 female dominated or 70P7 male dominated.

While acknowledging that the legislation will not affect some workers in female-dominated jobs, such as childcare workers, Scott

said this issue will be examined as soon as the pay equity commission is established and action taken so that wage adjustments can be made.

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TORONTO-jr-23  
file: unitedway

By  
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TORONTO -

The 1986 United Way of Greater Toronto fund raising campaign proved to be the most successful drive in Canada and there was a great deal of Jewish participation, says campaign director Ann Golden.

Raising \$32,015,000 from 400,000 donors - about 10P7 or \$3 million over last year's total - the campaign was not only successful in terms of dollars, but also in emphasizing community and sharing values, said Golden.

Jewish involvement was most significant, she said, in the newly formed small business task force's Achievement Breakfast in which a large number of ``prominent`` Jewish fund raisers participated.

Among the participants helping out at the event was David Goldstein, president of Chalet Oil Corporation, Allan Offman, managing director of The Art Shoppe, Paul Rothstein, president and CEO of Maple Leaf Plastics, Abe Schwartz, president of Exploracom, and Issy Sharp, chairman and president of Four Seasons Hotels. Goldstein and Schwartz are on the task force.

Golden said the Achievement Breakfast raised over \$30,000 and resulted in an additional 34 companies hosting fund raising functions.

As well as Jewish involvement in the small business task force, Golden reported that B'nai B'rith played a big role in the campaign Kickoff walkathon which raised between \$85,000 and \$100,000 and that Rabbi Dow Marmur gave the invocation at the Achievement Dinner. She added that the staff and volunteers in the various Jewish agencies had a high participation rate.

She stressed that United Way is important to the Jewish community as it funds nine major Jewish agencies including Jewish Family & Child Service which receives over \$1 million, Jewish Community Centre which receives \$377,000, Jewish Vocational Services which gets \$256,000, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care which gets over \$300,000 and the Bernard Betel Centre which gets over \$111,000.

Comparing Toronto's campaign with other cities in North America, Golden said that its success was due to the cooperation it received from the local media, as well the hard work of United Way representatives.

Planning is under way for the 1987 campaign when the target will be over \$32 million. The exact goal has not yet been set.

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TORONTO-jr  
file: gayrights

By  
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TORONTO --

Just as Jews were deprived of access to public services in the past, homosexuals today are feeling the same type of discrimination, Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott said in opening debate on a controversial amendment to the Ontario Human Rights Code.

If passed, the amendment would outlaw discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and guarantee homosexuals the same protection against discrimination as the handicapped or religious groups.

Making a comparison with Jews, as well as with the Irish, Scott said, "Everybody in their own lifetime can remember dissent from the Middle Ages that the Jews, by virtue of the usury laws, were better at making money, were tricksters, were sharp.

"Some of them were," the attorney general continued. "But most of them were not. Most of them turned out to be just like the rest of us. Therefore we had to add the Human Rights Code in order to protect the human rights of the members of (this) group."

Scott said the bill will not allow homosexuals to break the law or "alter any fabric of society," but give them the same rights that other groups now enjoy.

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NATIONAL-jr-HEAD SHOT 25  
file: nursinghomes

By  
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO --

Senior citizens living in nursing homes in Ontario will be entitled to certain fundamental rights which will be enshrined in law, under amendments to the Nursing Homes Act recently introduced by Ontario health minister Murray Elston.

"The fundamental principle upon which this legislation is based is that a nursing home is, first and foremost, the home of its residents," Elston said in the legislature in introducing the amendments which cover five areas of the Act. "Nursing home residents should have not only the best possible care, but also the best quality of care."

If passed by Premier David Peterson's minority Liberal government, the statement of rights and obligations of residents will be posted in

each nursing home and each resident will be given a copy. As well, all homes will be required to operate in accordance with these rights. The statement of rights includes the following:

PSENEach resident shall be treated with dignity, courtesy and respect.

PSENEach resident shall be given care in accordance with his or her needs.

PSENEach resident shall have the right to consent to or to refuse to receive medical treatment.

PSENEach resident shall have the opportunity to participate in decisions and to obtain independent medical advice.

PSENEach resident shall have the opportunity to communicate in confidence with others.

PSENEach resident shall have the opportunity to pursue his or her interests.

PSENEach resident shall have the right to be informed of laws, rules and policies affecting the home and to express opinions without fear of reprisal.

PSENEach resident shall respect the rights of others in the home.

The government's proposed bill of rights mirrors that of Extendicare Health Services' Commitment to Residents which guarantees 23 specific rights - from the right to be treated fairly and courteously, to freedom from unnecessary use of restraints. It includes freedom to choose a personal physician and the right to be fully informed about his or her own care program, about financial affairs or the home's regulations.

Extendicare's bill of rights is displayed in every one of its nursing homes.

Sam Ruth, former chairman of the nursing homes compliance board of Ontario and past chief executive officer of Baycrest Centre for the Aged, said that while the amendments are a good start, many nursing homes already have their own residents' bill of rights. He said the Jewish Home for the Aged has the most comprehensive bill of rights for residents.

The government's amendments to the Nursing Homes Act also provides for the establishment of residents' council advisory committees to review the operation, financial statements, spending practices and inspection reports of their nursing homes.

This, Elston said, will give residents a stronger voice in the day-to-day management of their homes. The councils will be set up in every nursing home whenever at least three residents or their representatives request one.

It will be made up of between three and 10 members with up to seven members being selected by the residents' council and up to three members appointed by the minister of health from the local community.

Heading the committee will be an advisor appointed by the minister of health with the consent of the advisory committee. The advisor will have the power to enter a nursing home at any time to meet with a resident or a member of the residents' council and will be able to review the home's records when instructed by the committee to make an investigation.

Ruth said the councils will only work if the people who run nursing homes believe in them.

To further enhance the role of councils as a voice for residents, Elston announced that \$50,000 would be provided to the Ontario

Association of Residents' Council.

In announcing other amendments to the Nursing Homes Act, Elston said the legislation will give the government greater control over licencing and ownership of nursing homes and will require owners to post annual financial statements showing the expenditures for services and supplies at each home.

The amendments will allow the health minister to provide additional funding to a nursing home for additional services where needed.

They are also designed to protect anyone reporting incidents of improper care, unlawful conduct or neglect from reprisal. Elston said his ministry is now working with the Ontario Provincial Police to set up a means of responding to criminal incidents in nursing homes. He said that in cases that do not involve criminal conduct, other options are available, such as prosecution under the act or revocation of a licence.

The ministry's authority to regulate ownership changes will also be expanded and strengthened, Elston said. Corporations will be required to notify the minister of health about any changes in controlling interests which affect the licence.

``In approving or refusing a licence, the ministry will consider the past conduct of those with controlling interest,`` Elston said. ``Their honesty, integrity and competence to operate a home will be assessed.``

He added that the minister's right to issue or refuse a nursing home licence based on public interest will also be expanded to take into account criteria such as concentration of ownership and the balance between profit and non-profit ownership.

The liability of a nursing home owner for violations of the act is also clarified. Penalties for non-compliance will be increased under the legislation from \$2,000 for a first offence and subsequent offences to maximums of \$5,000 for a first offence and \$10,000 for subsequent offences.

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NATIONAL-Jr-HEAD SHOT

file: stackhouse

By

JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO -

The federal standing committee on human rights should consider looking into the principle of providing a guaranteed annual income to strengthen Canadians' economic rights, says its recently elected chairman.

Reg Stackhouse, Conservative MP for Scarborough West, told The Canadian Jewish News that while Canada has gone a long way to protect not only the civil, but the economic rights of its citizens, it has to continue its efforts.

While admitting that many people have trouble with the term ``guaranteed annual income,`` Stackhouse said the principle of providing a ``floor`` income is a sound one which he supports.

``There is a demand for elemental natural justice to ensure that each person gets what is his due to live as a person,`` Stackhouse said.

``It is simpler than programs we have now,`` he added.

The concept of establishing a guaranteed annual income was first recommended 15 years ago in the Senate Report on Poverty as a means of replacing existing welfare measures. The concept was supported by former Conservative leader Robert Stanfield in his first election campaign and Liberal leader John Turner has come out in favor of a guaranteed annual income. Liberal Senator David Croll recently called for the government to institute such a program. (CJN Nov. 20)

As well as giving more thought to economic rights — such as shelter, food, clothing and security — Stackhouse said he would like to see the committee move in ``other directions,`` looking into such areas as age discrimination.

Stackhouse said he would like the committee to be proactive, rather than reactive by raising questions of its own and suggesting some answers.

On the international scene, Stackhouse said he supports a request made by Tory MP Benno Friesen that the standing committee examine the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union.

He added that he would like the committee to look into the area of foreign aid and human rights.

``Canada should use whatever leverage it has to raise the level of human rights in countries where it provides developmental assistance,`` he said.

The standing committee on human rights deals with issues arising from the Canada Human Rights Act and the Canadian Human Rights Commission, as well as other issues it decides on. In addition to Stackhouse and vicechairman Andrew Witen (Conservative-Parkdale-High Park), its members include Mary Collins (Conservative-Capilano), Sheila Copps (Liberal-Hamilton East), Fred King (Conservative-Okanagan-Similkameen), Svend Robinson (NDP-Burnaby) and Maurice Tremblay (Conservative-Lotbiniere).

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TORONTO-jr 27  
file: seniorsboom

By  
JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA —

Canada's senior population is growing in size and its members are enjoying longer lives and better health, according to a federal study on the elderly.

While there are now about 2.7 million Canadians over the age of 65, this group will grow to nearly 4 million by the beginning of the 21st century, states Seniors Boom, produced jointly by Statistics Canada, Health and Welfare Canada and the secretary of state.

From there Canada's senior population will escalate rapidly as the

baby boom generation (those born between 1946 and 1966) becomes seniors boom generation.

By 2021 this group will reach 6 million and grow to 7.5 million by 2031. This compares to a century earlier, when there were less than 1 million senior citizens in Canada in 1931.

While the growth rate of Canada's senior population will continue to grow well into the next century, the study forecasts that the general population will expand at a rate barely above 1P7.

This is partially due to a decline in the birth rate from a total fertility rate (a measure of the potential number of children per woman born in the year) of 4 in the late 1950s to 1.6 in 1986.

The demographic changes expected in the coming decades, ``could bring new pressures to bear on social service delivery systems insofar as those aged 75 and over will be reliant upon a relatively smaller and younger population for social supports of various kinds,`` the study says.

Canada's growing number of senior citizens are making their needs known to government. In 1985 organized senior citizens spoke out against the planned deindexation of federal old age pensions.

When Ron Van Horne, Ontario's minister without portfolio for senior citizens, met with senior citizens around Ontario to draft a white paper on health care for senior citizens last year they told him that ``by and large we're not a dotting group of old, faltering people.``

The white paper itself contains a series of broad policy directions designed to help seniors ``live active and independent lives.``

Along with the baby boom, Seniors Boom cites the decline in mortality rates as a ``consequential development.``

While the death rate has declined dramatically among women in the past 30 years, the study notes that it has been ``far less impressive`` for men.

Along with increased longevity, the study reports that seniors' chances of surviving to age 85 increase once past age 80.

Both male and female populations have increased their chance of reaching 85 years of age, given they have reached 80.

For women aged 80 in 1926, the chances of reaching age 85 were 52P7. This increased to 66P7 by 1971. While males did not register as dramatic an increase, their chances of reaching 85 increased from 47P7 in 1926 to 55P7 in 1971.

As well as an increase in the number of senior citizens living past age 80, the study reports that the chances of women living into their 90s has greatly improved.

Women aged 80 years in 1941 had less than a 10P7 chance of attaining the age of 92 and a 6P7 chance of turning 94. Thirty-years later, 20P7 of 80-year-old women could expect to celebrate their 92nd birthdays and 12P7 their 94th.

Men do not share the same chances of living well into their 90s. In 1941 some 11P7 of 80-year-old men could expect to reach age 90. In 1971, this had only increased to 15P7.

Whether it is the cause or result of seniors' longevity, there has been a marked improvement in seniors' lifestyles and their attitudes towards physical fitness.

The study shows that there is a steady rise in the number of people who feel positive about their relative fitness as age increases from 25 to 75 among both men and women.

In the 5-year span from 1976 to 1981 there was a 10P7 increase in



the number of ``able-bodied`` seniors taking part in regular exercise. This was a greater increase than any other age group.

As well as participating in regular exercise, the study shows that the rate of avoidance of smoking rises with increasing age, reaching its peak among 80 year olds.

In 1981 nearly 80% of those over 80 were non-smokers. This is a full 30 percentage points above the rate of nonsmokers in the 25-44 age group.

The trend toward non-smoking was greater among women than men.

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file: reiser

By  
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TORONTO -

A Joint investigation by Canadian and American authorities is underway to determine the whereabouts of an Israeli tourist who disappeared on his way to Los Angeles after visiting Toronto.

Amnon Reiser, 24, disappeared Dec. 17 while traveling from Toronto to Los Angeles. Three days later, Marysville police found his backpack on the banks of the St. Clair River in Marysville, Mich. 8 kilometres downstream from Sarnia, Ont.

Edward Kidder, Marysville assistant chief of police, told The Canadian Jewish News that while an investigation is currently underway to find Reiser, his department has run into a dead end.

The young Israeli is reported to have left his country after completing his army service and began traveling around the world.

Shimon Zelas, with Habonim Dror, a Zionist youth movement in Toronto, said Reiser settled in Los Angeles last January and remained there to September when he returned to Israel to visit his sick father.

Zelas said that after remaining in Israel for two months, Reiser tried to return to the U.S. but was told by immigration authorities to wait a few months for a second tourist visa.

Kidder confirmed this, saying that from talking with U.S. immigration officials, his understanding is that Reiser was denied a visa to return to the U.S. because it was too recent to obtain a second one.

Unable to return to his apartment in Los Angeles, Reiser went to London, England to visit friends and, after again being rejected for a U.S. visa, decided he was going back, despite his friends' objections.

While in Toronto, Reiser talked with Michael Kuehn from British Columbia and was eventually dropped off at the bus depot and was supposedly headed to Windsor. However when his backpack was found on the riverbank, it contained a ticket to Sarnia.

Speculating on what happened to the Israeli, Kidder thinks that Reiser may have tried to enter the U.S. illegally. A Marysville police scuba team searched the St. Clair River, but failed to turn up anything.

Zelas said that while Reiser was a trained scuba diver in the Israel Defence Forces, he does not believe he tried to swim the St.

Clair River, which divides the U.S. and Canada.

"I don't believe he would be alive and well and not contact his father or his girlfriend," said Zelas, explaining that Reisner's girlfriend was supposed to meet him in Los Angeles at Christmas time.

"I feel something has happened." Reisner is described as 5'8" inches and 145 pounds, has close-cropped brown hair, green eyes, a deep tan and an athletic build. He speaks with a distinct accent and is believed to have been wearing blue jeans and a green coat.

As well as involving the Marysville police, the hunt for Reisner has involved the Israeli consulates in Toronto and Chicago, the U.S. state department, Canadian officials, the RCMP, the OPP, and Sarnia police.

Ontario Provincial Police officials in the Criminal Investigation Branch reported that an investigation was recently initiated, but so far have nothing to report.

Zelas said that if anyone has seen Reisner to call him at (416) 633-3508.

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TORONTO -

The discovery of an Israeli tourist's shoulderbag on the bank of the St. Clair River has increased speculation that he may have tried to enter the U.S. illegally by swimming across the river.

Amnon Reisner, 24, disappeared Dec. 17 while traveling from Toronto to Los Angeles. Three days later, Marysville police found his backpack on the banks of the St. Clair River in Marysville, Mich. 8 kilometres downstream from Sarnia, Ont. (See CJN Jan. 15)

Reisner reportedly left Israel after completing his army service and began traveling around the world. He settled in Los Angeles last January and remained there to September when he returned to Israel to visit his sick father.

After remaining in his own country for two months, Reisner attempted to return to the U.S. but was told by immigration authorities to wait a few months for a second tourist visa.

Shimon Zelas, with Habonim Dron, a Zionist youth movement in Toronto, said Reisner settled in Los Angeles last January and remained there to September when he returned to Israel to visit his sick father.

After stopping in Toronto around Christmas time, Reisner supposedly left for Windsor by bus. However when his backpack was found on the riverbank, it contained a ticket to Sarnia.

While his backpack was found on the American side of the river, his shoulderbag was discovered on the Canadian bank about 15 miles downstream from Sarnia.

Shimon Zelas, with Habonim Dron, a Zionist youth movement in Toronto, said Reisner's goods were wrapped in nylon bags indicating that the Israeli tried to swim the river.

While Canadian and American police are conducting a joint

investigation into Reiser's disappearance, they have not turned up a body, Zelas said.

Reiser is described as 5 ft. 8 inches and 145 pounds, has close-cropped brown hair, green eyes, a deep tan and an athletic build. He speaks with a distinct accent and is believed to have been wearing blue jeans and a green coat.

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TORONTO-jr 29  
file: rentlaws

By  
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TORONTO -

All tenants living in private rental units in Ontario will now be protected from landlords charging ``illegal`` rents on rental units as a result of protective measures contained in the provincial government's new rent review law.

The Residential Rent Regulation Act was formulated by a committee of tenant and landlord representatives and contains a series of new tenant protection measures including the establishment of a computerized rent registry.

The new registry records the maximum rent which can be charged for each rental unit. Information from the registry is free of charge to the public and available by toll-free telephone.

Under the new law a tenant's rent unit can be increased only once in a 12-month period and landlords must give at least a 90 day notice of a rent increase.

Charging key money in any form is now illegal in Ontario and anyone demanding under-the-table payments from tenants or prospective tenants faces fines of up to \$2,000 for an individual and \$25,000 for a corporation.

A new Residential Rental Standards Board now ensures that tenants receive proper maintenance of their rental units. Failure by a landlord to meet these standards may result in either suspension or forfeiture of rent increases.

Where a landlord has received a rent increase due to an increase in the interest rate on the mortgage, the tenant's rent increases can be reduced if the interest rate on the mortgage is reduced.

Under the new legislation, the rent review guideline will be adjusted each year to respond to changes in economic conditions, providing tenants with greater protection in times of high inflation. Landlords can now increase rents by a maximum of 5.2P7 without approval from the ministry of housing.

As well as giving tenants more protection, the new act has changed the process of rent review. Under the old law the Residential Tenancy Commission listened to applications from landlords who applied for rent increases in excess of the rental guideline and tenants who were disputing a rent increase or applying for a rent rebate.

The other arm of the commission heard appeals from landlords and tenants who didn't like the initial decision made by the commission.

Under the Residential Rent Regulation Act the commission's initial review function was transferred to the ministry of housing's new Rent Review Division. At the same time, the Residential Tenancy Commission was transformed into the Rent Review Hearings Board which hears appeals. The Rent Review Division operates through local offices throughout Ontario. It has trained officers working with landlords and tenants to settle disputes on a continuous basis by administrative procedures rather than through "quasijudicial" hearings.

For further information on the new rent review law call the ministry of housing toll-free at 1-800-387-9060.

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TORONTO-jr-biz  
file: condos

By  
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TORONTO -

As part of its plan to fight the provincial government's amendment to the Ontario Human Rights Code prohibiting adults-only buildings, the Canadian Condominium Institute will encourage dialogue among condominium owners, says the organization's past president.

"The government has retroactively eliminated condominium owners' rights to an adult-only lifestyle," said Alan Rosenberg, chairman of the CCI's national adult-only action committee. "Many owners made their decision to buy based on a child-free lifestyle for their later years, and have lost the right to live that way by virtue of the government changing the rules in the middle of the game."

While seeing the need for such legislation in cities like Toronto where the vacancy rate for rental units is less than 1%, Rosenberg said he is against it being all-encompassing, calling it "discrimination in reverse."

"People who bought a condo under one assumption, have had it blown to bits," he said.

To tackle the legislation, Rosenberg said the CCI will first explain the new law to condo owners and attempt to find out how they feel about the changes. Eventually, he said, the CCI hopes to make some type of presentation to the government.

"On behalf of condominium unit owners everywhere, we're prepared to fight for a change in this legislation, to allow homeowners to live the life of their choice."

The CCI is a federally chartered non-profit organization representing condominium owners, directors and professionals in related fields across the country.

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TORONTO-jr-30  
file: kwinter

By  
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TORONTO —

When Monte Kwinter decided to enter provincial politics 2½ years ago the last thing he expected was to wind up in the government's "lost and found" department. Yet, in his dual portfolios as minister of consumer and commercial relations and minister of financial institutions that is exactly what this former community leader and businessman is doing.

After almost 19 months since being elected in the predominantly Jewish riding of Wilson Heights, Kwinter says he now enjoys and is comfortable with the Ontario Legislature and his job as a minister. However, that was "always the case," he pointed out.

"I recall the very first day that I was in my seat, the first day the House convened when we were still in Opposition and I suddenly looked around and said 'what am I doing here, how did this happen to me?' Now of course, I'm very comfortable in the House and find that all members of the House, regardless of their political affiliation, are well meaning, responsible people and it is a very nice environment."

Kwinter said having been "on the edge of public life" prior to entering the political arena, he easily adjusted to the hectic pace of a politician's life. What he found different was the pace of the political process itself. While surprised at the how long it takes to pass legislation, Kwinter said there probably isn't a more efficient way of doing things as it is important to the democratic process that all MPPs have their say.

Prior to entering the Legislature, the minister's hectic pace included serving as chairman of Toronto Harbor Commission, chairman of the Toronto Humane Society, serving as a member of the conservation authority and vicepresident of the Ontario College of Arts. Kwinter said this diversity of effort helped him in dealing with his ministerial duties as his ministry is the most "far reaching" in the government.

The ministry of consumer and corporate relations ("in Ontario we have relations, in Ottawa they have affairs," Kwinter said in explaining the difference between his ministry and that of his federal counterpart) regulates 78 unrelated acts all dealing with consumer protection.

They include liquor legislation, the securities commission, the stock exchange, loan and trust companies, the film review board, the racing and athletic commission, the lottery commission, the cemeteries act, the elevating devices act, the amusement devices act, the fuel handling act, the condominium act, the bread sales act and the registration of marriages, births and deaths.

"I often call it the lost and found of the government," said Kwinter. "On any given day I will get a question in the House and it comes from anywhere, so from that point of view it is a very exciting portfolio. Because of the diversity of my background I'm very comfortable with it and I like the action."

Kwinter added that if Premier David Peterson were to shuffle his cabinet, he would be pleased to continue in his present job, despite

the busy schedule.

On a typical day Kwinter is picked up no later than 7.45 a.m. at his home and is in his office just 15 minutes later. While every day is different, Kwinter said he has to be in the House when it is sitting and has to be present at Question Period every afternoon at 1.30, a process he described as a ``shooting gallery``.

Kwinter said that on the average he has to answer at least three questions and on the odd occasion when he doesn't get a question he feels like the ``Maytag repairman.``

Two days a week Kwinter is on ``House duty`` which requires him to be in the Legislature from 1.30 to 6; Wednesday mornings he's off to the weekly cabinet meeting.

Kwinter also sits on four cabinet committees - legislation, regulations, emergency planning and justice - whose meetings he has to attend and every Tuesday morning he has a policy meeting with his ministry staff.

On top of this, Kwinter said he usually gives three or four speeches a week, meets with constituents and groups and travels around Ontario and abroad.

``Every minute of the day is totally accounted for,`` he said. ``I already have bookings for May next year.``

Being Ontario's only Jewish cabinet member also keeps Kwinter on the go. (Elinor Caplan was forced to resign from cabinet over conflict of interest allegations.) However as Kwinter likes to point out, he is no ``Johnny-come-lately to the Jewish community,`` having served as founding president of Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith 20 years ago and having been on the joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress-B'nai B'rith.

``Because of that long involvement I have personal contact with with many leaders in the Jewish community,`` said Kwinter, a member of Holy Blossom Temple. ``Now that I am a cabinet minister they see this as an important linkage where they have someone to come to on a personal basis with their concerns.

``I'm proud of the fact that I'm a representative of the Jewish community and that a representative of the Jewish community is represented in the cabinet,`` he added.

In spite of his busy schedule, Kwinter said he loves the political process and will run in the next election, which he expects to take place sometime this year after the political accord with the New Democratic Party expires in June.

``I enjoy the ability to effect change. That is something that is a privilege given to very few people and that is something I find very satisfying and exhilarating. I love every minute of it.``

Kwinter's enthusiasm is shared by his family. He said his four children - Richard, 29, Robert, 27, Lisa, 25, and Kathryn, 22 - get a lot of pleasure from his success. He pointed out that his youngest daughter has never even seen him in a political role as she attends school in Israel.

Kwinter said his wife Wilma is also very supportive and she accompanies him two or three nights a week and on the weekends when he has to make speeches. All in all it means that his total social life revolves around his ministerial duties.

``It is an exciting time for my wife. She also shares and gets a lot of naches from it. The reception I'm getting is excellent so she shares that.``

If he had to do it over, Kwinter said he would have no hesitation, explaining that when he got the nomination in September 1984 he did not expect the Liberals to win the coming election. At the time William Davis was Premier and the Conservative government was riding high in the polls at 55P7. ("If Davis had stayed on as Premier, there would have been a continuing Conservative government.") However, he said then-Opposition leader David Peterson convinced him he could make a valuable contribution to the party.

As a result of what Kwinter termed "a fluke of history" the Liberals wound up forming the government and Kwinter was thrust into the government and wound up in the cabinet after a brief stint on the Opposition benches.

Kwinter said his time as an Opposition MPP gave him the opportunity to see how the government responds to questions and he learned how the House works.

"I remember the first time I asked a question and it was pretty funny. I read it exactly from the question that was prepared for me (by the question period committee) and it was a question for then-treasurer Bette Stephenson. I said she had mislead the public and that is a no-no. You can not tell a member they have mislead. That is a polite way of saying they lied, but I was not aware of that at the time.

"Suddenly everybody starting yelling and screaming at me to withdraw and the Speaker asked me to withdraw the question. I didn't know why I had to withdraw the question and then it was pointed out to me that I was not allowed to say mislead. So I changed it to say inadvertently mislead and that was acceptable."

Today, of course, Kwinter understands the House and is well briefed by his ministry staff. While admitting it can be a trying time unless you feel comfortable, Kwinter said he feels comfortable and looks forward to the House action.

"I enjoy answering questions as it allows me to put my point of view forward and to get into the record what we are doing about things."

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