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PROGRESS REPORT

May and June proved productive for the headquarters team. Organizational trips to Ontario and Alberta, continued action in B.C., and HALT participation in the federal election all helped to increase public awareness.

Ontario Trip

Mike Little blitzed Ontario for three weeks from April 20th to May 14th. He reports a very successful trip. Media response was excellent, with a total of fifteen radio shows, televisions appearances and newspaper interviews, the highlights of which were the Money Line (City TV), the Betty Kennedy Show, a two hour talk show with Tom Charrington in Hamilton, and an article in the Toronto Star. Little reports that he was sandbagged by the Star reporter: "It was very apparent during my two hour interview with him that he totally disagreed with me. Fortunately, he was objective in his article - - but neglected to mention the public meeting that I was holding."

This points out the importance of finding sympathizers in the media, because if the meeting had been mentioned it would have at least tripled attendance. Our Edmonton meeting proved the importance of this.

The meeting was still a success, with several new members signed up and the nucleus of a good Ontario HALT organization established. Many thanks to the people who helped with the trip, in particular Paul Miniato, who, through his persistence in phoning the media, was respon-

sible for setting up most of the interviews. Paul also set up the meeting and is now our Ontario rep. Welcome aboard, Paul.

Alberta Trip

Both Mike Little and Rick Bolstler went to Alberta from the 9th of June to the 23rd. Again the media was most co-operative, granting us approximately fifteen interviews, including articles in the three major newspapers and an appearance on the CBC-TV news. Two public meetings were held, one each in Edmonton and Calgary. Both were well-attended and the enthusiasm of the Albertans was contagious. Rick and Mike say the reception they received was overwhelming. Said Little, "When those Albertans get themselves organized, B.C. will have a hard time staying out front."

For convenience, Alberta has been divided in half at Red Deer, and two regional HALT organizations set up, one based in Edmonton and one in Calgary. Thanks go to Ann Paterson in Edmonton and Rolf Janz in Calgary for setting up the meetings.

And to our two Alberta executives, thanks and welcome. With promising leadership such as this, HALT should meet its goals well ahead of schedule.

Our Edmonton executive:

Chairman	—	Mike Kozak
Vice-chairman	—	Wally Meyers
Secretary	—	Jose-Renee Trudeau
Treasurer	—	Brent Bissell

Our Calgary executive:

Secretary	—	Vicki Perkins
Treasurer	—	Brenda Klassen

HENRY HAZLITT JOINS HALT

We are proud to announce that Henry Hazlitt, one of North America's foremost journalists in the field of economics, has become the first member of our Board of Advisors. Always writing from a free market point of view, Mr. Hazlitt's impressive credentials include the writing of sixteen books, Literary Editor of *The New York Sun*, Literary Editor of *The Nation*, Editor of *The American Mercury*, financial and economic editorialist for *The New York Times* and author of the "Business Tides" column for *Newsweek* magazine for 20 years. His classic **ECONOMICS IN ONE LESSON** (see our Books Section) has been published in eight translations and sold more than 700,000 copies. We welcome Mr. Hazlitt to our Board and look forward to receiving valuable advice from this great defender of human liberty.

B.C. Action

Mike Little spoke to a group of professionals at a luncheon held at the Vancouver Board of Trade. This meeting was arranged and paid for by one of our members, Mr. Ebb Syberg-Olson. This is an excellent example of one of the many ways our membership can help the organization. We are always ready to talk to small groups of people, but we need our members' help in making the arrangements. Many thanks, Ebb, especially for the financial donation this represented, and for the new memberships that resulted.

Rick Bolstler took part in a panel discussion on small business at the Island Equipment Owners Association convention in Victoria. Other members of the panel were

Mr. Keith Morton, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce; Hon. Elwood Veitch, ex-minister of Tourism and Small Business Development; Mr. Larry Vincent, Federal Business Development Banks; Mr. Bill Waddington, Kent's TV and Stereo; and Mayor Mel Couveliere, moderator.

Rick was also interviewed for a CBC radio show on taxation which was hosted by Dr. Michael Walker, director of the Fraser Institute. Rick was questioned about HALT and its aims, and discussed the tax revolt in Canada.

HALT Municipal Teams

We held several meetings in various municipalities in the Vancouver area and on the Island in an effort to get municipal organizations started. One of the first groups organized was in Burnaby. This team decided to take advantage of the federal election by hosting an all-candidates meeting. The meeting was organized and publicized by the HALT Burnaby team, and was attended by the P.C., Liberal and NDP candidates. It was chaired by HALT director Rick Bolstler. It is of interest that this meeting was praised by the candidates as being the most professional and well-organized meeting that they had so far attended. Well done, HALT Burnaby, and special acknowledgement to Carleen MacLellan, who worked so hard to convince the candidates to attend, and to Peter Kersbergen, who supplied the printed materials.

Federal Election Activity

The election came too early in HALT's development for us to take any direct political action; however, we did use the opportunity to start an awareness program - awareness amongst politicians of our existence and objectives. We did this by sending out a questionnaire to 527 candidates and followed up with a news release. 92% of Conservatives favored tax cuts; 35% of the Liberals refused to answer, New Democrats wanted "workers" taxes down and corporate taxes up. For your information the result of the questionnaire is reproduced elsewhere in the newsletter.

NEW HALT BRANCHES FORMED

As mentioned in the Progress Report, we now have three more regional organizations: Two for the province of Alberta, and one for Ontario. The addresses are at the bottom of this notice.

Would the members in Alberta and Ontario please deal directly with their local organizations unless the subject is of a national nature? It will take some time for the HALT literature in each province to reflect their local addresses; in the meantime, when getting others to join please have them send their membership and donations to the new addresses.

CALGARY	EDMONTON	ONTARIO
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The other day I received a letter from one of our HALT team coordinators. He was a bit dejected because the crowd that showed up for his public meeting consisted of twelve people. The reply that I sent to him is just as appropriate for every member who is attempting to recruit supporters but has become discouraged because of lack of instant support. The text of my letter is as follows:

Dear Paul:

Sorry to hear you only got one member from your meeting, with twelve people showing up. The only suggestions I have as far as improving attendance would be: first, to phone some of the radio and cable TV stations and get notices put on their community service agenda or calendar of events, and second, to notify your membership and tell them this is an opportunity to bring newcomers to hear about HALT.

However, the most important thing I have to say is --- keep it in complete context with the big picture. Consider:

1. You distributed 700 notices. This means a significant number of people have now seen the HALT name.
2. Twelve people now know a lot more about HALT than they did before.
3. Those people will mention it to friends and acquaintances.
4. You gave these people a couple of hundred charters which are now in circulation.
5. You have started a psychological effect in the minds of some people. They have seen a man who believes that something can be done about taxes --- where all along they have believed that nothing could be done. This is the first process in changing men's minds. I call it sowing the seeds of doubt.
6. You are on the road to self-improvement --- one that will never end. You will have made mistakes: it was your first meeting, your presentation was not nearly as good as your presentation will be ten meetings from now or one hundred meetings from now.

I could go on but I think you have the picture.

To sum up, you are laying groundwork for the future. It can best be expressed in the idea of what is seen and what is not seen. What you saw was the one member joining, and twelve showing up. What was not seen is beyond calculation but of much more importance, the benefits of which will be reaped in the future.

On looking back over what I have written I think there are some important ideas there. You should impart them to the people who are helping you. Above all be aware of what is not seen and you will remain eternally optimistic --- the first requirement of leadership.

To our HALT membership at large I can only restate the importance of continued effort and optimism. Remember that the tax you save will be your own.

— Mike Little

GROWING MEMBERSHIP FIRST PRIORITY

To become an effective force for tax change in Canada, HALT needs a large membership. As a HALT member you can help to produce significant increases in membership totals. The importance of a large organization can be demonstrated by analyzing the HALT strategy, a three stage plan of development:

1. increased membership
2. growing influence at the political, media and community levels
3. political change.

Membership is our first big goal, because only a large and well-funded organization can begin to generate the second two stages. As the progress report demonstrates, stage two is developing concurrently. Although still a fledgling organization, HALT is already garnering allies in the media, in politics and in community groups.

Our membership currently stands at 1400. We estimate that we will need 50,000 members in the country before HALT will have enough momentum to influence legislation at all three levels of government. An active organization is not enough. The strength in numbers is in this case a latent force with which legislators will have to reckon.

At head office we attempt to build up memberships with tours, mail-outs, and media coverage. However, one of the main membership drive forces is the energy of those in the community who share their convictions with friends, relatives, co-workers, and hence bring others into the organization.

The main problem you will have is to convince others that by joining together we can effect changes to our tax structure. To help allay the resistance you will encounter, be familiar with the clauses in the Taxpayers' Charter, and encourage people to read them; remind them of the success of Proposition 13, since its parallel issues are household words; use the HALTER articles to describe alternatives to traditionally accepted areas of government control; arm yourself with reading material like William Simon's A TIME FOR TRUTH that factually points out the direction in which we are heading, and accurately identifies why this is the necessary outcome of current economic practices. Your conviction that the economy would not fall apart and that government waste can be replaced by private market efficiency will eventually convince others. Look at the success of HALT member Heinz Holzschuher. Since last October, Heinz has been canvassing business offices in North Vancouver for two or three hours each week and has signed up over 25 new members and sold well over \$200 worth of books advocating ideas of liberty. If each HALT member was as dedicated as Heinz is, we could have our 50,000 members in less than a year!

Consider this: HALT membership currently stands at 1400. If each member brings in only two new members a year, our present 1400 will leap to over 100,000 in just four years. A personal commitment to sign up three new members over the summer will allow us to reach our goal of 50,000 in under three years. To help you in this we have enclosed three membership coupons. Convince an acquaint-

tance, collect the contribution, and send it in to our Vancouver office, or, in the case of Alberta or Ontario, to the local HALT address. Act on the courage of your convictions and the understanding that a large membership is VITAL to the process.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS WANTED

The media is watching us and they are interested. HQ is very interested in what coverage HALT is receiving. We would like you to clip out any newspaper or magazine articles about HALT and send them to the Vancouver address. Include with the clipping the name and date of the publication. Also send along any mention of HALT in letters-to-the-Editor columns. This is a good avenue for members to gain free publicity for us. Write a letter to your local paper protesting some recent spending boondoggle and mention that as a member of HALT you strongly protest.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Our thanks to all of you who sent in an entry — — — the response was considerable. Here's a list of some of the imaginative suggestions we received: ANTITAXIN, HALT ATTAR, THE RETRIEVER, HALTERNATIVE, THE HALT ASSAULT, HALT^{EM}, THE HALT MESSENGER, and THE TAX BRAKER.

However, the overwhelming majority of you urged us to stick with THE HALTER. In fact, most of the suggested name changes were made only as second choices "if you are really determined to change the name" The following letter is indicative of the response we received:

Gentlemen:

I trust that you will not permit the name of your newsletter to be changed. The double meaning of the present name is perfect. It is what we must put on the government and what the government has on us. I refer you to the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary:

Halter, sb. 1. A rope, cord, or strap with a noose or headstall, by which horses or cattle are led or fastened up. 2. A rope with a noose for hanging malefactors.

Yours truly,
D.H. Davies

As far as the sexually offensive connotations of the name are concerned, one person wrote in: "Now if you had called it 'The Uplifter and Separator', I could understand some objections." Thank you, sir, for putting it into perspective so well.

THE HALTER is now the official name of our newsletter. Thanks again for your response and for the many words of praise and encouragement. We all appreciate it very much.

LETTERS

May 17, 1979

To Whom it may concern:

As I understand it, HALT was conceived as a revolt against excessive taxation, so the article, "Taxation and You", by Richard Bolstler in the May HALTER came as a surprise. Surely Mr. Bolstler has some viable alternative in mind which he neglected to mention. Us taxpaying drones would sure like to hear it, please.

Helen Stuart

P.S. I think "THE HALTER" is a darn good name.

Mr. Bolstler replies:

The article "Taxation and You" viewed the issue of taxation only from a moral perspective without regard for viable alternatives for paying for government services. Ms. Stuart is correct in assuming that HALT must propose alternatives. In failing to do this, we would be little more than a clique of critics and complainers.

Most government spending programs today fall in one of four broad categories. These categories, examples of each, and the HALT approach is depicted in the chart below.

CATEGORY	EXAMPLES	HALT APPROACH
1. Protection of life, liberty and property.	armed forces, police, judges and juries.	No change proposed
2. Business	Post office, Air Canada Medicare, Canada Pension Plan, CBC	(a) Remove all monopoly privileges. (b) Stop subsidizing with tax dollars. (c) Gradually sell all government businesses.
3. Regulatory agencies	Marketing boards, CRTC, Statistics Canada, Transportation freight rates, bilingualism, zoning laws	Phase out entirely, except for those areas pertaining to the protection of life, liberty and property.
4. Redistribution	Baby bonuses, foreign aid, Canada Council grants, equalization payments, all subsidies and welfare.	Transfer entirely to voluntarily-funded concerns.

The HALT strategy is to allow as much freedom of choice as possible for the Canadian taxpayer. This includes freedom to compete with government business and freedom to opt out of government "services". It is our present system of government which is suppressing alternatives by making freedom to choose illegal. Remember that whenever government spending and taxes are reduced, each individual will have more to spend.

These, then, are broad, guiding principals for HALT. What about practical, everyday examples? HALT is pleased to announce that starting with this issue, "THE HALTER"

will be carrying FISCAL WATCHDOG. Made available by the Local Government Center of Santa Barbara, California, FISCAL WATCHDOG spotlights money-saving innovations in the delivery of local public services, such as police and fire protection, garbage collection, parks and recreation, and zoning.

FISCAL WATCHDOG provides answers to the question, "After Proposition 13, what?" Recent columns have discussed such topics as subscription bus service, the growth of private fire departments, how computers can reduce welfare cost, and the advantages of user fees vis-a-vis taxes.

The column is written by Robert W. Poole, Jr., president of the Local Government Center, and an experienced consultant to cities and counties in seven states. The center is a nonprofit organization which researches and publicizes tax-saving innovations at the local government level. It has built up extensive files on such subjects as private contracting, user charges, and voluntarism.

Although FISCAL WATCHDOG is an American column, the cases depicted are just as applicable in Canada. We are sure that our readers will enjoy this feature and we would appreciate your comments.

SECRETARY FUNDING NEEDED

As outlined in the progress report, Rick Bolstler and I have had great success in promoting nationwide interest in HALT. Maintaining this interest, which is essential to our growth, is going to involve full-time effort from all of us here at 909 Thurlow, and to make that effort, we have to free up our time. Every hour spent processing memberships, filing and typing letters detracts from the time we have to spend building the organization.

With this in mind, HALT would like you to help us hire a secretary. With our present membership of 1400, a regular monthly contribution from those willing and able to do so would likely be enough to hire someone full-time to run a proper office. Our present \$6.00 minimum membership fee helps pay for office overheads such as rent, telephone, and postage meter. To put HALT's office operations on a viable footing so that we can concentrate on furthering HALT itself, we are asking you for 12 post-dated cheques made out for whatever amount you deem appropriate. Make out the cheques for the first of each month, starting September, 1979 and ending August, 1980.

With the January issue of the HALTER, we will be able to provide you with a Statement of Receipts and Expenditures. Except for the source of contributions, which are held confidential, our accounting records may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time.

Regular monthly contributions are the single most important way that those members who are unable to be active on a daily basis can involve themselves. At the present time, pure administration is taking up too much of Rick Bolstler's and my time. Your 12 post-dated cheques will enable us to concentrate our time and energy in the more productive areas and thereby shorten the length of time it takes for HALT to become an effective and influential organization.

- Mike Little

PRIVATIZING PARKS AND RECREATION

by Robert W. Poole, Jr.

"You'll be sorry," warned California bureaucrats one year ago this month. "Proposition 13 is going to destroy municipal park and recreation programs." That fear was widespread last year - - but the threatened demise has not occurred. Instead of closing down, park and recreation departments have been forced to learn how to operate with less tax money. Increasingly, to do so they are turning to private contractors.

An indication of the growing interest was the response to a Seminar on Contracting Park and Recreation Services, held April 20 by California State University at Hayward. With only minimal publicity, it attracted over 100 participants - - park and recreation professionals from all over the state. What they heard was a thorough exposition of the advantages of turning park and recreation operations over to the private sector - - from the points of view of (a) department managers who have done so, (b) city attorneys, and (c) a number of private contractors.

The biggest advantage of contracting, of course, is that it saves money. Cities report typical savings of 20 to 30 percent - - a big help in times of Prop. 13 - squeezed budgets. But contracting also permits much greater flexibility: it allows work forces to be adjusted upwards and downwards in response to changing needs, and it lets a city take advantage of costly, special-purpose equipment when needed, rather than having to pay for it full-time. Contracting generally lets a city avoid many capital expenditures - -the firm itself makes these investments and spreads the cost over all its customers. Contracting also accomplishes the objectives of zero-based budgeting and sunset laws, since most contracts only run for a few years before being put out to bid again.

Even before Proposition 13 a number of California cities had begun to contract for some of their park and recreation services. A 1976 survey by the League of California Cities found that seven cities had hired private firms to do their park maintenance, eight to maintain their street trees and median strips, and eight to take care of the landscaping around city buildings. Another four used private firms rather than city staff to design and develop new parks. Five cities had private firms running some or all of their recreation programs and 13 had contracted out their golf course operations.

Participants at the April 20 meeting reported a number of additions to the ranks of contract cities. Alameda, for example, is trying out contract maintenance at its newest park. If satisfied with the first year's results, the city will continue contracting. Rohnert Park has contracted out maintenance of two of its parks, and of the landscaping at city hall and on median strips. San Jose has just awarded its first two-year contract for maintenance of its downtown parks. Compared with city costs of \$12,500 per month, the bids it received ranged from \$4,800 to \$13,000.

While the operation of parks by private firms is not yet

common, golf course operation is a runaway success, especially in southern California. When Fullerton decided to contract out its golf course in 1974, the winning bidder cut operating costs by 21 percent - - and extended the playing time by five weeks a year. After several years, though, that firm lost out to a competitor which was willing to invest in capital improvements and take over the restaurant and pro shop as well.

Rohnert Park's eight-year-old golf course was losing about \$60,000 a year when city officials decided to privatize. The winning bidder, California Golf, signed a 30-year lease contract, rebuilding the course and guaranteeing the city a minimum income of \$60,000 a year. Increasingly, like Rohnert Park, cities are turning to long-term leases, under which the contractor takes over the entire operation, leaving the city nothing to do but sit back and collect revenues.

One of the most unusual innovations presented at the conference was the idea of using a nonprofit corporation to operate recreation programs. The case in point was the San Ramon Valley Community Center - - a tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation set up several years ago to serve the unincorporated communities of Alamo, Danville, Dublin, and San Ramon. When Proposition 13 came along, the local (tax-funded) Community Services District - - which had provided most of the public recreation programs - -lost over 60 percent of its budget. But the nonprofit Community Center has stepped into the breach in a big way.

Last summer, right after Proposition 13, while many communities were bemoaning the loss of summer program funds, the Community Center set up self-supporting summer school, adult education, and outdoor education programs - - all on a user fee basis. Last September, to raise money for ongoing recreation programs, the Center held a fund-raising dinner that netted 52 local individual and business donations of \$ 500 or \$ 1000 each - - a total of \$27,500. And by July the Center expects to have raised over \$50,000 in tax-deductible contributions.

To hold down its own costs the Center does without a full-time staff; director Dave Stegman is on long-term loan from the local school district, and most of his people are independent contractors, not employees. The combination of user fees, fund-raising, and very low overhead makes a full range of recreation services available at less than half the previous cost.

What all these examples suggest is that the hysteria about loss of parks and recreation was misplaced. Under pressure of tight budgets, Californians are finding out that when not provided by complacent bureaucracies, park and recreation services require substantially fewer tax dollars.

Robert W. Poole, Jr. is chairman of the Local Government Center, a research organization specializing in cost-cutting ideas for local government.

B O O K S

ECONOMICS IN THE ONE LESSON by Henry Hazlitt

Written for the layman, this is one of the best books on basic free market economics available. Mr Hazlitt explains that bad economics consists of a refusal to recognize the long term effects of a given act or policy on *all* groups in society. Today we are suffering from the long term effects of previous government policies.

MAN vs THE WELFARE STATE by Henry Hazlitt

The other side of the "something for nothing" welfare argument presented with force and clarity. This book shows the damage done by the outrageous levels of taxation required to finance welfare programs.

A TIME FOR TRUTH by William Simon (former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury)

With an insider's knowledge and insight Simon blows the lid off the debacle of government spending and meddling with the economy. Two groups who should find this book especially relevant: Taxpayers and Voters. A bestseller and one of the most important books of this decade.

From the Previous Issue

A LEGACY OF SPENDING by Ed Murphy

HOW MUCH TAX DO YOU REALLY PAY? by The Fraser Institute

TAX FACTS: THE CANADIAN CONSUMER TAX INDEX AND YOU — an updated version of the above book — Available August 1.

THE LAW by Frederic Bastiat

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AVERAGE CANADIAN'S TAX BURDEN UP 36% SINCE 1961!

Tax increases have outstripped increases in the cost of food, shelter and clothing says The Fraser Institute in their new book, **TAX FACTS: THE CANADIAN CONSUMER TAX INDEX AND YOU** (see our Books Section). Included in this tax increase is deferred taxation, the process by which the government pays for its operation through deficit financing.

Total outlays on taxes now account for a greater chunk of the consumer's budget than shelter and food combined — a complete reversal of the situation in 1961.

Unfortunately while the average Canadian is coping with this increased tax burden, he is still painfully unaware of its existence. Indirect taxation (other than income tax) accounts for nearly 60% of his total tax bill. Inflation too acts like a hidden tax, cruelly punishing those on fixed incomes in particular and all of us in general.

We urge all members of HALT to increase their own knowledge of our present taxation system and then help us to make this knowledge more widespread. Remember, public tax awareness is the first step to removing public apathy. Our success depends upon your participation.

I WISH I HAD SAID THAT

Heard any good quotes lately? B. Posma, a member from Ontario, sent us the following:

The Government

". . . The government — consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for getting and holding office. Their principal device to that end is to search out groups who pant and pine for something they can't get, and to promise to give it to them. Nine times out of ten that promise is worth nothing. The tenth time it is made good by looting 'A' to satisfy 'B'. In other words, government is a broker in pillage, and every election is a sort of advance auction sale of stolen goods."

H.L. Mencken

OFFICE EQUIPMENT STILL REQUIRED

Many thanks to Trudy Buckler, one of our Vancouver members, who donated three desk lamps and one chair.

We still need one desk and two office chairs. However, our most urgent equipment need has still not been met.

WE NEED A COMPUTER !

We realize this is a tall order; however, our need for a computer, or access to one, is growing fast. Our administration is presently being done by brute force, i.e. manual labour, and this is immensely time consuming. If any member has an idea please contact us.

RESULTS OF THE 1979 HALT FEDERAL CANDIDATES' SURVEY

PARTY	No. of Surveys mailed by HALT	No. of Surveys returned to HALT	Candidates replied but chose not to fill in the HALT survey	
			Answered with a general letter on taxation.	Refused to answer because candidate felt that the survey contravened Sec. 104 *of the Elections Act.
LIBERAL	118	17	5	6
P.C.	171	25	1	1
N.D.P.	179	15	7	
LIBERTARIAN	59	21	—	
TOTALS	527	78	13	7

Results of the HALT survey by question by party:

1. Do you agree that taxes are too high?

<u>Party</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Liberal	6	
P.C.	23	
N.D.P.	7	2
Libertarian	21	

2. Do you agree that government spending is too high?

<u>Party</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Liberal	6	
P.C.	23	
N.D.P.	6	1
Libertarian	21	

3. Do you want cuts in both taxes and spending?

<u>Party</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Liberal	6	
P.C.	23	
N.D.P.	4	2
Libertarian	21	

4. Do you favour a constitutional limit on the power of government-to tax?

<u>Party</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other</u>
Liberal	1	5	
P.C.	5	9	3
N.D.P.	3	4	
Libertarian	19	2	

5. Over the next four years, I want to see my taxes reduced by:

<u>Party</u>	<u>Less than 10%</u>	<u>10 to 25%</u>	<u>25 to 50%</u>	<u>more than 50%</u>
Liberal	1			
P.C.	1	11	1	1
N.D.P.	1	2		
Libertarian		1	—	19

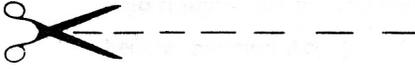
Signed pledges by Candidates Prohibited

104. It is an illegal practice and an offence against this Act for any candidate for election as a member to serve in the House of Commons to sign any written document presented to him by way of demand or claim made upon him by any person, persons or associations of persons, between the date of the issue of the writ of election and the date of polling, if the document requires the candidate to follow any course of action that will prevent him from exercising freedom of action in Parliament, if elected, or to resign as such member if called upon to do so by any person, persons or associations of persons.

HELP HALT THIS SUMMER

Attached are three membership coupons. Summer is a dry time for HALT and we need your help to keep our numbers climbing. Convince three friends to join us, collect their membership fees and then send the fees plus the filled-in coupons to HALT HQ.

We need twenty new members every working day. Please play a vital part in our growth this summer.



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City, Province/State, Country _____

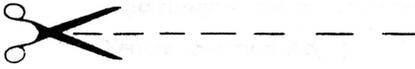
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Enclosed is my membership contribution to HALT:

\$ 7 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$ 100 \$250 **OTHER** _____

Names of contributors will be held strictly confidential.

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO THE. ENCLOSED LIST OF PEOPLE.



Name _____ Phone Home _____

Street _____ Work _____

City, Province/State, Country _____

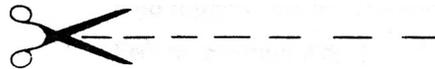
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