



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CANADA

REPORT FROM OTTAWA



GIRVE FRETZ M.P. - ERIE RIDING  
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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasant duty to send to you my first news bulletin which serves the purpose of informing the constituents of Erie about some of the events on Parliament Hill.

We are faced with many problems which need special attention. Unemployment in our riding is of particular importance. My staff and I have been researching ways to attract small business and industry to our riding.

If any of my constituents have a problem that they think may concern my office, please do not hesitate to contact my staff or me personally. We are all willing to help in any way we possibly can. You may contact my office by phoning or writing to Girve Fretz, M.P., Room 356, West Block, House of Commons, Ottawa Ontario. K1A 0A7. My Constituency office is 12 Clarence St. Port Colborne Ontario, L3K 3F8. The phone number is 835-2771

It is an honour for me to represent the people of Erie as your Member in the 31st Parliament of Canada. I am looking forward to my responsibilities in the House of Commons and I have great optimism in the future of our new Government.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

GIRVE FRETZ M.P.  
ERIE CONSTITUENCY



GIRVE FRETZ AND HIS STAFF IN HIS PARLIAMENTARY  
OFFICE IN OTTAWA

(LEFT TO RIGHT)

MARY BROWN, CORRESPONDENCE ASSISTANT

FRED DAVIES, RESEARCH ASSISTANT

GIRVE FRETZ, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (SEATED)

HEATHER DAWE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

## FIRST DAYS IN OTTAWA

After the election on May 22, my wife Lenore and I spent a few days resting before we travelled to Ottawa for a caucus meeting with the Prime Minister and a seminar for the new Members of Parliament. We spent some time in the capital city and familiarized ourselves with the Parliament Buildings and got acquainted with many of the other newly-elected Members of Parliament from other parts of the country.

Because I had not yet been assigned an office, all of my work was done out of my hotel room. I had met with various people in the riding such as Doug Fletcher from Wainfleet and Sam Berkhout from Port Colborne. My staff and I moved into our new office in West Block on June 27 and quickly started on the business that had accumulated since the election.

While back in the riding, I met with Regional Chairman, John Campbell and discussed issues of concern in our area. Shortly after, I attended a Business and Industrial Development Committee meeting held by the Regional Government of Niagara.

It was a pleasure for me to meet with the Honourable Mike Wilson, Minister of State for International Trade and with the Honourable Allan McKinnon, Minister of National Defence. Mr. Bob Haack, Director of Aerospace Systems, Transportation Branch of Industry, Trade and Commerce met with me, as well as Brigadier General George MacFarlane, Program Manager of the Aurora Program. (The Aurora is a long range Patrol Aircraft built by Lockheed)

I attended the Hamilton Air Show where I inspected the Canadian built "Dash-7" and was introduced to the officers of the United States Airforce "Blue Angels" flying team.

On July 5, my assistant Fred Davies and I went on a tour of Fleet Industries in Fort Erie which build parts for Boeing Aircraft and Lockheed Corporation and other major aircraft companies. The next day we again toured another aircraft plant, this time the McDonnell-Douglas plant in Toronto.

My interest in the Aerospace industry is due primarily to a desire to stimulate growth and employment in Erie riding. Canada has immense potential in the Aerospace industry and could well be a world leader in this field.

I have just returned from a trip to California where I toured the McDonnell-Douglas plant and two Lockheed plants. After this, my wife Lenore and I spent a few days in Vancouver for a short visit before returning to Ottawa where I have started on a caucus committee on External Affairs and National Defence and also a committee on Economic Development.



MR. FRETZ STANDING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION WHILE ON TOUR OF THE PLANT DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO CALIFORNIA.



## THE CANADIAN MINISTRY

The Right Honourable Charles Joseph Clark  
Prime Minister

The Honourable Jacques Flynn  
Leader of the Government in the Senate and  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

The Honourable Martial Asselin  
Minister of State for the Canadian International  
Development Agency

The Honourable Walter David Baker  
President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada  
and Minister of National Revenue

The Honourable Flora MacDonald  
Secretary of State for External Affairs

The Honourable James A. McGrath  
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

The Honourable Erik K. Nielsen  
Minister of Public Works

The Honourable Allan F. Lawrence  
Solicitor General of Canada and Minister of  
Consumer and Corporate Affairs

The Honourable John C. Crosbie  
Minister of Finance

The Honourable David S. H. MacDonald  
Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of  
Communications

The Honourable Lincoln Alexander  
Minister of Labour

The Honourable Roch LaSalle  
Minister of Supply and Services

The Honourable Donald F. Mazankowski  
Minister of Transport

The Honourable Elmer M. MacKay  
Minister of Regional Economic Expansion

The Honourable Arthur J. Epp  
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern  
Development

The Honourable John Allen Fraser  
Postmaster General and Minister of the Environment

The Honourable William Jarvis  
Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations

The Honourable Allan McKinnon  
Minister of National Defence and Minister of  
Veterans Affairs

The Honourable Sinclair M. Stevens  
President of the Treasury Board

The Honourable John Wise  
Minister of Agriculture

The Honourable Ronald G. Atkey  
Minister of Employment and Immigration

The Honourable Ramon J. Hnatyshyn  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and  
Minister of State for Science and Technology

The Honourable David Crombie  
Minister of National Health and Welfare

The Honourable Robert R. deCotret  
Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and  
Minister of State for Economic Development

The Honourable Heward Grafftey  
Minister of State for Social Programmes

The Honourable Perrin Beatty  
Minister of State (Treasury Board)

The Honourable J. Robert Howie  
Minister of State (Transport)

The Honourable Steven E. Paproski  
Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport  
and Multiculturalism

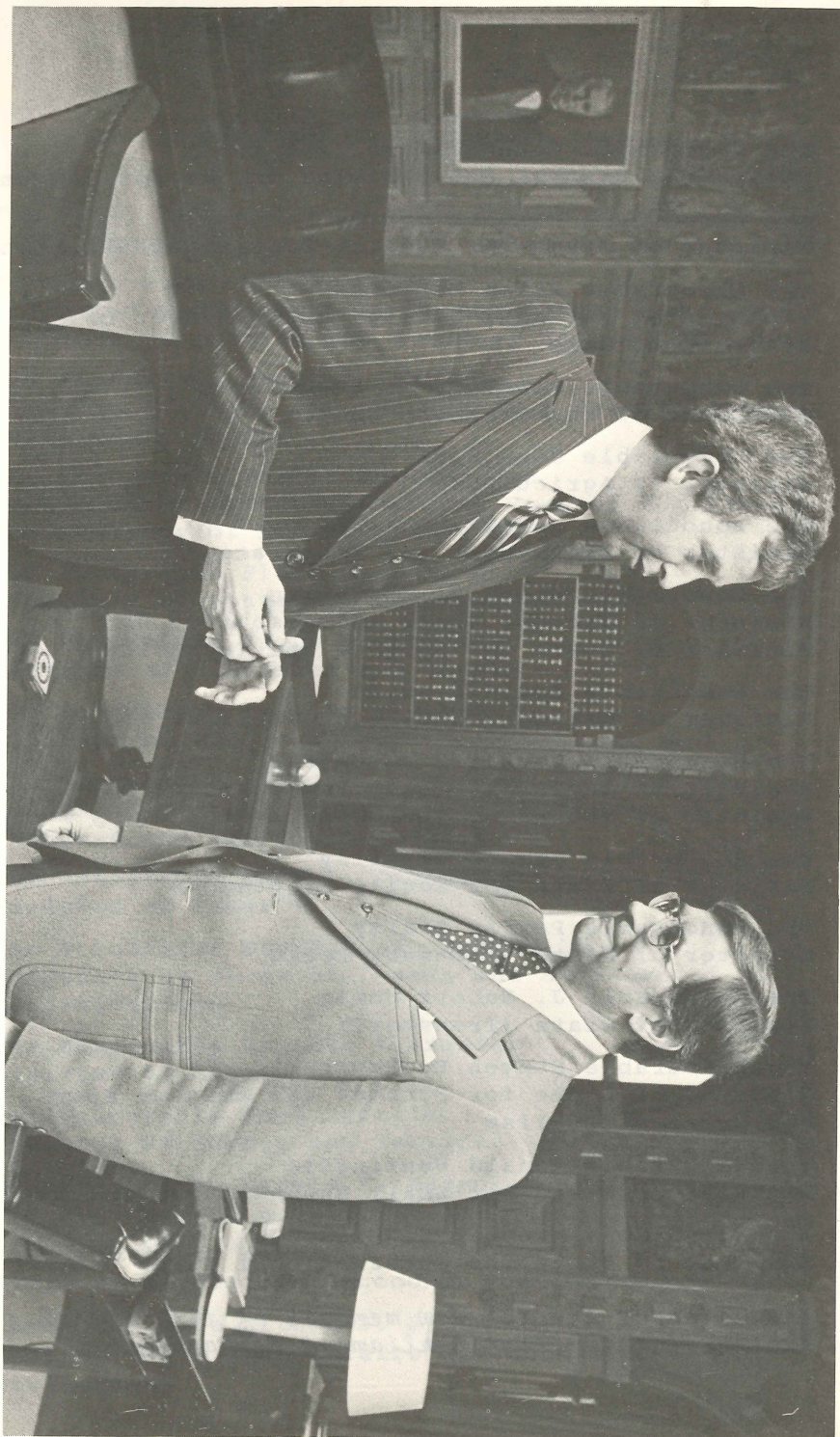
The Honourable Ronald Huntington  
Minister of State for Small Business and Industry

The Honourable Michael H. Wilson  
Minister of State for International Trade

*Listed above are the new members of the Federal  
Cabinet for the 31st Parliament of Canada.*



THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOE CLARK, PRIME MINISTER AND GIRVE FRETZ, M.P.



## PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

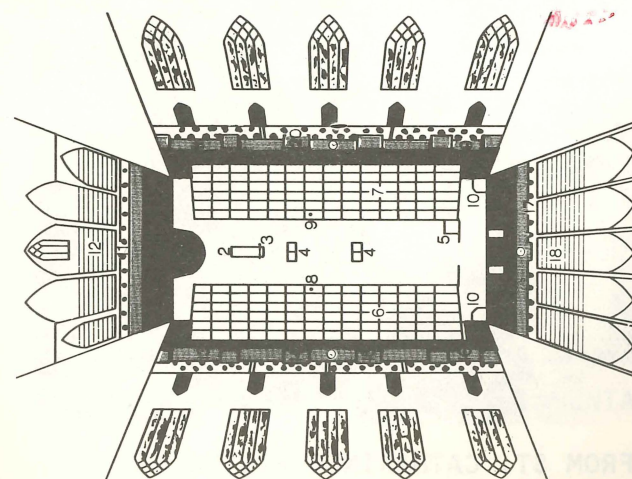
Television in the House of Commons is now an accepted part of the daily proceedings. In the beginning, Members of Parliament were not sure how television would affect their work or how it would be received by the Canadian public.

Judging by the response members have received from their constituents, televised daily proceedings have generated a renewed interest in what goes on in the House of Commons.

I sincerely hope that many of my constituents will watch the proceedings on television. In our riding, the question period is most commonly shown during the day.

The purpose of the question period is to allow the Members of Parliament to ask questions concerning important issues of the day. The normal daily pattern is for the speaker to recognize first the Leader of the Opposition for an opening question and three supplementaries. A second member of the Official Opposition is recognized for three or four questions, and finally, Members for other political parties ask their particular questions.

Members seek recognition by standing until "seen" by the Speaker of the House. In the early part of the question period, Mr. Speaker accepts suggestions submitted in advance from the Opposition parties as to who should be recognized.



1. Speaker
2. Clerk
3. Mace
4. Hansard Reporters
5. Sergeant-at-Arms
6. Government Benches
7. Opposition Benches
8. Prime Minister
9. Opposition Leader
10. Translation Booths
11. Press Gallery
12. Public Gallery
13. Official Gallery
14. Reserved Gallery
15. Opposition Gallery
16. MPs' Gallery
17. Diplomatic Gallery
18. Public Gallery

AN OUTLINE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS





GIRVE AND LENORE FRETZ IN THE ETHNIC DAY PARADE  
IN PORT COLBORNE IN JULY.



JOE REID, M.P. FROM ST. CATHARINES RIDING WITH  
GIRVE FRETZ AT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN ERIE RIDING.

Once again, if you feel that you need my  
assistance or the assistance of my staff  
about any matter, please feel free to  
contact my office at the following places:

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GIRVE FRETZ IN HIS PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE