

# You've come a long way

## Horatio Alger Kaneff

### Iggy's testimonial dinner

### brings Premier's praise

By **JOHN RUTHERFORD**

A testimonial dinner honoring Mississauga developer Iggy Kaneff on the occasion of the 25th. anniversary of his arrival in Canada as an immigrant, has established two \$1,000 a year scholarships in Kaneff's name at Erindale College.

More than 100 persons attended Kaneff's testimonial \$150 a plate dinner at the Mississauga Golf and Country Club, the proceeds of which went to the scholarships.

Kaneff arrived in Ontario from Bulgaria in 1952 with approximately \$5 in his pocket. Today he has 12 highrise buildings with his name on them, and has built hundreds of homes in Mississauga.

Asked how much he was worth, Kaneff replied, "I don't know — lots."

Guest speaker Premier Bill Davis said, "Most who seek their fortunes do come to Ontario and I only have 33 years of Progressive Conservative Government to back that up."

Davis said if you work hard enough, you can achieve almost anything.

Also speaking were Gordon S. Shipp, Shipp Corporation; Michael Weir, Q.C., Weir and Markson; George Kern, president, Danhei Construction Ltd.; Mississauga MP Tony Abbott; and Erindale College principal, E.A. Robinson.

Shipp, for whom Kaneff worked as a

carpenter when he first came to the area, said, "You know how Iggy is — he can bluff his way through anything."

His monuments, Abbott said, "stand as a testimonial to his achievements. He has come here and left a lasting monument."

The two scholarships established, which Kaneff said he would try "to continue forever,"

are for a third and fourth year student in Urban Studies.

They will be presented on June 15 for the first time.

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Kaneff was rather choked up by the praise, and could only say, "I can cry sooner than

talking tonight — it was a great surprise."

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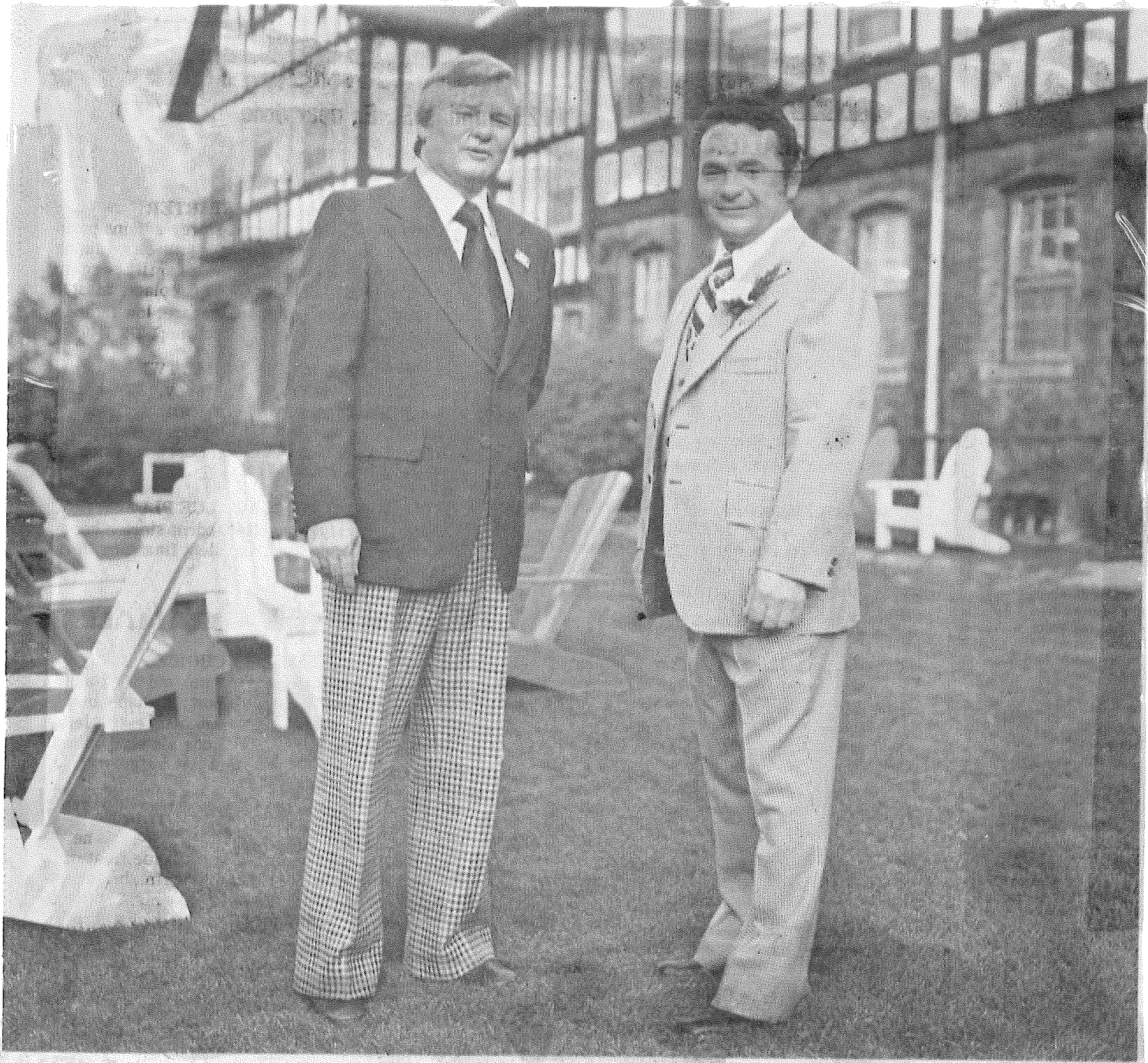
Kaneff was under the impression he was meeting only Mississauga MPP's Bud Gregory and Doug Kennedy for dinner.

Several letters were read congratulating

Kaneff, including a note from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

The most reaction came from a letter by Edith McGill, the wife of the late Garnett McGill, chief of the former Town of Mississauga Police Department. McGill died on April 13.

McGill and Kaneff were close friends, and McGill was to sit at the head table.



**Premier Bill Davis (left), congratulates Mississauga developer Iggy Kanef on the occasion of his 25th anniversary in Canada.**

**Proceeds from the testimonial dinner honoring Kanef established two scholarships at Erindale College.**