

wards Multi-Party Democracy. What Is the Contribution and Future of CPA?" This would be a brief opportunity to propose a number of initiatives for CPA to consider. I suggested that CPA organize and mobilize volunteer Members, former Members, professional staff and former professional staff in providing assistance in monitoring the electoral process and the practical assistance of establishing democratic parliamentary system of governance. Our help should not be limited to the Commonwealth. In particular, CPA should be able to respond quickly to requests from former Soviet bloc countries and Central America countries. In the Commonwealth we have a vast reservoir of talented human resources, as yet untapped. There are 10,000 elected Members and likely at least 20,000 former Members and countless staff and former staff. It is not hard to find the talent. The challenge is to organize effectively. If CPA demonstrates the will then the next step is to blend our human resources with the Commonwealth Secretariat's access to financial resources. In world where turmoil and terror, hunger and hatred are all too common, not to share our inheritance of a peaceful parliamentary system would be a crime. Working together, however, we can help to create a better world.

The session produced an excellent response to my suggestions. I am encouraged to proceed further and will do so with great vigour.

The late afternoon featured a visit to the divided city of Nicosia. The Mayor of Nicosia met us and escorted us to a UN sentry post where we could view, from a platform, the other side of the wall, into the Turkish occupied portion of the city. I did not realize that the city has been deserted for 18 years. A once beautiful capital city is nothing more than rubble and ruins.

We were greeted at the Presidential palace by the President of Cyprus, Mr. Clerides. The outdoor reception gave delegates an opportunity to discuss what they had seen at the "green line" as well as the Cyprus situation in general.

Friday, September 10: This is the concluding day of the Conference, with summary reports from the panels, election of officers, resolutions and closing ceremonies. The Commonwealth is a source of strength in the quest to create a more peaceful and civilized world. This Conference was valuable in furthering such a worthwhile cause. The challenges facing certain Commonwealth countries as well as developing democracies in eastern Europe and Central America are formidable. Yet the Commonwealth has both a responsibility and the resources to meet the challenges. This Conference was a boost to the needed efforts.

David Warner, Speaker Ontario Legislative Assembly

New Speaker in Alberta

On August 30, 1993, **Stanley S. Schumacher**, MLA for Drumheller was elected Speaker by a secret ballot of the members.

He was born June 12, 1933 in Hanna, Alberta and received his education in Alberta and at the University of British Columbia.

He was first elected to the Legislature in 1986, re-elected in 1989 and appointed Deputy Speaker, and Vice-Chairman, Select Special Committee on Constitutional Reform. In December 1992, he was appointed Chairman, Standing Policy Committee on Community Services. Mr. Schumacher is a former Member of Parliament for the constituency of Palliser. He was elected to the



House of Commons in 1968 and re-elected in 1972 and 1974.

Mr. Schumacher is counsel for the firm of Schumacher, Gough and Pedersen in Drumheller. He is also a member of the Drumheller Chamber of Commerce, Drumheller K-40 Club, the Ranchmen's Club, Calgary, and Past Potentate Al Azhar Shrine Temple. He was a member of the Regional Advisory Committee of Big Country Education Consortium from 1980-85. He served on the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Calgary in 1985 and 1986. From 1955 to 1958, Mr. Schumacher served with the Canadian Officers Training Corps. ▀

Parliamentary Conference, PEI

The Fifteenth annual Atlantic Parliamentary Conference was held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island from September 28-30, 1993. The Conference was hosted by **Nancy Guptill**, Speaker of the PEI Legislative Assembly.

The topics and lead speakers at the conference included the following: The State of the East Coast Ground Fishery (**Walter Bradley**, Newfoundland) the Delivery of Hospital and Health Care Services in the Atlantic Region (**Greg O'Connell**, Nova Scotia), Education and Discipline in our Schools (**Reid Hurley**, New Brunswick) and Members Services and Support (**Lloyd Matthews**, Newfoundland) ↵