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## Health needs neglected

Mississauga is located less than 20 miles from the bastion of provincial government at Queen's Park, but even at that short distance, it seems that the simple message of this city's phenomenal growth hasn't quite got through to the powers-that-be.

For the past 10 years, Mississauga Hospital has served this city with 495 active treatment beds despite the fact that our population has nearly doubled. Those 495 beds were below the ministry of health's bed-to-population ratio in 1968 and their number falls hopelessly below the required standard in beds for 1978.

It will be at least four years before the proposed 130-bed addition to Mississauga Hospital is ready to receive patients. If the ministry's present plans stand, the Streetsville community hospital won't be ready for another 10 years.

Up to now, the ministry of health has not provided the Mississauga hospital board with a logical explanation for its neglect of the vital health care needs of this city. Apparently ministry officials feel that, because so many Mississauga residents receive treatment in hospitals outside the city limits, there is little need to increase facilities within the city.

Of course, those bureaucrats are forgetting that Mississaugans are forced to seek health care outside of Mississauga because beds at the local hospital are always full. Inevitably, as our population continues to grow and the populations of our neighboring communities grow with us, those empty beds in other hospitals are also going to be filled. Perhaps the bureaucrats at Queen's Park should remember a simple truth: If you scrape the bottom of a barrel long enough, eventually the bottom disappears.

## Nice things finish last

It seems that no matter how the planning process is revised, environmental issues are always the last priority.

Take, for instance, the case of the Winding Lane bird sanctuary. Developers want to put a sanitary sewer beside the preserve.

But instead of a full review of the consequences before any final decisions are made, the issue, *decided*, afterthought with planning committee members screaming that they were never told of the consequences.

The area is designated as an environmental protection area in the city's draft Official Plan, meaning special precautions must be taken if any development is to be allowed. Yet the problem also came as a surprise to the environmental planner for the municipality.

The first time the matter is dealt with, in the middle of an already contentious council meeting, there is conflicting and erroneous information. Several representatives apparently base their decision not to stop work on information

they are given from the developer that a professional arborist hired by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority reviewed the route. Conservation authority staff say no arborist has been employed.

When the CVCA's executive committee hears a plea from Mrs. Bernice Inman to save the sanctuary, they are also surprised to find that they have dealt with the matter before and approved the creek crossing in principle. They say they weren't told about potential consequences to the sanctuary.

Somehow these things always sneak up on us. It would almost seem at times that we don't want to see what we're really doing because it could prove inconvenient and embarrassing.

Hopefully, these problems will end when the Official Plan is finally adopted and environmental planning becomes an accepted regular component of the approval process.

But it's hard not to be pessimistic given the recent history of attention to environmental damage as an afterthought, and not a real part, of our planning process.

THERE'S NO CURE FOR THIS KIND OF HANG-OVER...



## We salute letter writers

The contribution Times' readers make in the form of letters to the editor is one which often goes overlooked. As we approach the end of 1977, The Times would like to thank the following people for taking the time and effort involved in putting their ideas and opinions on the line for publication during the past year.

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## Where are the cries about Communist oppression

By W. S. THOMSON

It was interesting to note that Bishops John Bothwell and Kent Clarke felt constrained to urge strong action against South Africa. It was particularly interesting to note their charge that there was "recent renewal of blatant oppression based on race alone."

I am certain that the good bishops would not intentionally mislead their readers and I, therefore, have to adopt the charitable view that they are dreadfully mistaken if they believe this to be the case.

### SECURITY OF STATE

Notwithstanding the fact that I am disposed to be charitable toward them, they know perfectly well that the measures that were taken for the

security of the state were not based on race alone.

I think the gentlemen know that when any state is in danger of armed insurrection and is subject to uprisings sponsored by guerrilla movements, financed by foreign powers, they are bound to take such measures as are necessary to protect the state.

It is just simply amazing that these churchmen do not cry out for measures against Russia, which has 250 million prisoners. That is, none of the people of that large nation are able to leave there when they want to do so.

The same is true of East Germany, where many people have been shot by armed guards, simply because they tried to cross the border and leave East Germany.

It happens that in most of these countries the victims are white. It is fair to say that measures taken by those states are based on race alone?

I think it is also significant that these Anglican busybodies, and some of their friends in other

denominations as well, are not crying out about the oppression of the Communist-dominated countries in the far east.

There is no cry of sympathy for the victims of the Communist dictators in Vietnam.

### opinion

Messrs. Bothwell and Clarke want isolation of the South African government at all levels. They want us to sever all connection, economic, diplomatic and otherwise, with that nation.

At the same time they want us to maintain our links with China, Russia, Uganda and all of the other dictatorships. Funny people!

So far none of these people have called for the recognition of the Transkei and other homelands established in South Africa and ruled, with their own legislatures, by the native people.

### COLORED NATIVES

Let us say one more time for the education of those dummies who keep talking about takeover of power "by the native population," that the colored populations of South Africa and Rhodesia are not native to the regions concerned.

They moved there from other areas because of the high standard of living provided by the development of those countries under the white settlers.

Rhodesia provides a splendid example. In 1901 there were 700,000 blacks in Rhodesia. In 1976 the figure was 6,340,000. It must be a terrible place to be when they flock there

and Rhodesia and provided by the colored dictatorships in other countries.

Bishops Bothwell and Clarke, and others like them, are just like so many parrots who do a whole of a job of repeating the line which appeals to the Communists who want to take over all of southern Africa.

But when did you last hear one of these parrots complaining about Cuban troops being in Angola, Somalia, Ethiopia and other places, acting as the cat's paw for Russia?

It is not so easy to forgive playing footsie with the Marxists and it is difficult to believe that such intelligent men can be as unknowing as their statements from time to time would indicate.

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## Expression

### Money-making cure for unemployment

By BOB BOWEN

I can close my eyes and see my name in lights again and this time it's very clear. I have finally got an idea that just cannot fail to make me a bundle.

"Sure you have," my jealous detractors will scoff, "that's what you said about Exec-U-Cheq, B.R. Equipment, Cutlass Explorations and Bowen-Reality. And we all know what happened to them! A dud, a bankruptcy, a delisting and a large write-off."

I don't disagree; many of my schemes have been less than perfect. But what better teacher than the school of hard knocks?

Getty, Taylor, Bronfman, Onassis and many other empire builders have had their failures; mine just happen to be consecutive. Now I've earned my money and I'm raring to go.

This idea is an entrepreneur's delight: The market is unlimited, the operating costs are minimal and the capital requirements are reasonable.

The only reason I am publicizing it is to give local people the opportunity for a good investment before I tap the Toronto and New York money markets for my funds.

I am going to build a full-scale replica of an ancient Roman war galley complete with 30 pairs of oars, a

podium and tom-tom for the timer and a wide aisle between the oar benches for the whipmaster.

The Royal Ontario Museum has agreed to loan me some authentic design drawings free provided I loan them the completed vessel one week each year for tours along the Toronto waterfront.

"Where do I get a crew?" you ask. Well that's the master's stroke in my plan: They will come from Manpower, free of charge.

I have an agreement with the government to provide a bench for all the able-bodied males who have been out of work for more than 60 days and still wish to collect unemployment insurance.

Until they find a job they must spend two days a week on my galley as an oarsman, shackled to their bench. And they won't be mollified. If they don't pull their weight my whipmaster, Lash Cooper, will gleefully spur them on with his cat o' nine tails.

"All right," you say, "you've pressed some people into rowing a huge, ungainly, wooden tub around the lake. Where's the profit in that? They might as well be digging holes and then filling them in again." Not so, my doubting friends.

I have a contract to haul coal for Ontario Hydro from Youngstown, New York to their generating station

at Lakeview. On day one we tow their empty barge at ramming speed the 35 miles across the lake to Youngstown; on day two we tow the coal-laden barge back to Lakeview, at cruising speed.

Judging by the high pile of unemployment cheques in the Halton pigeon-hole we should be able to operate three round trips a week; perhaps we can even justify a second ship in six months.

If any of the crew either forfeit their cheques or find work we will replace them by offering free exercise programs to puffy politicians, bulging businessmen, stout students, edgy editors, etc.

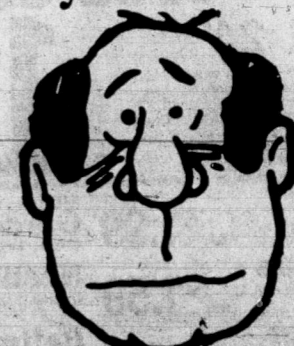
If we run into a long streak of stormy weather we simply moon our vessels in front of the Riverside tavern and operate them as floating bars.

Surely you can see the fortunes to be made! There's no end to the profits. We can start selling franchises to all the towns along the lakes - Great Lakes Galley. Next come the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, then the United States, Europe, Australia - the world is our marketplace!

"Where do I send my money?" you beg.

Send it to me in care of The Times and, please, hurry; I just can't go on living on my pogy check much longer.

## Something on your mind?



Letters to the editor welcomed from anyone