



## No conflict with judge CAS tells Peel

By SID RODAWAY  
Although the problem of Peel's astronomical \$900,000 bill to care for children in trouble with the law continues to plague legislators, the Children's Aid Society (CAS) at Thursday's regional council meeting took pains to point out that it had no "dispute" with Family Court Judge Warren Durham, the man whose legal preferences for dealing with such children is in large part responsible for the high costs.

Several weeks earlier, Peel Social Services Commissioner Jim Crozier had referred to the "dispute" between Judge Durham and the Peel Children's Aid Society that had started back in late 1973 and had never been resolved.

"We are saying that there never has been a conflict between us," CAS director Paul Mansfield told The Times after the meeting. "It is just a question of two different pieces of legislation that can be used by the judge, one of them costing 80 per cent more than the other."

It is a complex situation that revolves around Judge Durham's preference for us-

ing the Juvenile Delinquents Act to deal with young offenders. Under this old piece of legislation, regional council is responsible for paying 100 per cent of the daily costs of the children's upkeep in group homes, around \$37 a day.

If, however, the judge sends the child to the same group home by way of the newer Child Welfare Act, then the local Children's Aid Society takes over responsibility for his supervision in the group home and the provincial government picks up 80 per cent of the tab.

Last year the CAS and Judge Durham reached a "gentleman's agreement" under which the judge would use the less expensive Child Welfare Act in return for the CAS's willingness to surrender its personal responsibility for the supervision of the child.

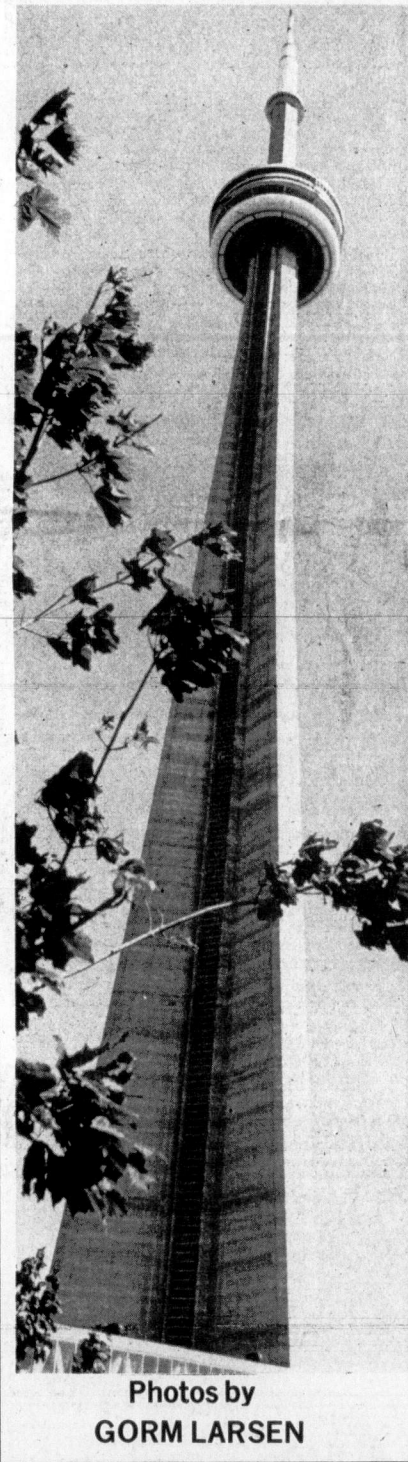
CAS lawyer Anthony Hoolinrake told regional council that the agreement was cancelled last December because the Ontario ministry of community and social services had questioned the

propriety of the scheme as early as June of 1975. That same month, ministry officials told the CAS that the agreement was clearly contrary to the provisions of the Child Welfare Act.

Hoolinrake said Crozier's comments about the "conflict" between the CAS and Judge Durham were "presumably the product of misunderstanding and are not well founded and are not consistent with the facts."

Council voted to have two senior staff members meet with "representatives of the Peel CAS to propose solutions to the problem. If no solution can be found the continuing non-conflict will cost local taxpayers more than \$1 million next year.

What can actually be achieved in these meetings will have to be judged at a later date. Earlier efforts to win provincial government support for a change in the Juvenile Delinquents Act to allow for the same funding as under the Child Welfare Act have been met with firm refusals.



## Tower: View's breathtaking and so is the price of ride

On a clear day, you may not be able to see forever and ever, but at least you can see Youngstown, New York, from atop Toronto's CN Tower.

The just-completed structure, billed by its creators as the "tallest free standing structure" may be tall, but it isn't free.

Adults pay \$2.75 for the elevator ride to the outdoor observation deck which overlooks the surrounding countryside from 1,122 feet. Youths under 19 make the trip for \$2.25 while youngsters under 12 pay \$1.50.

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If the cost doesn't take your breath away, the view from the top will.

From any one of three observation areas you can look to the west to see the spray over Niagara Falls, to the east to Oshawa and to the north you can

see Yonge Street winding its way up to the lake district, and to the coast of the United States to the south.

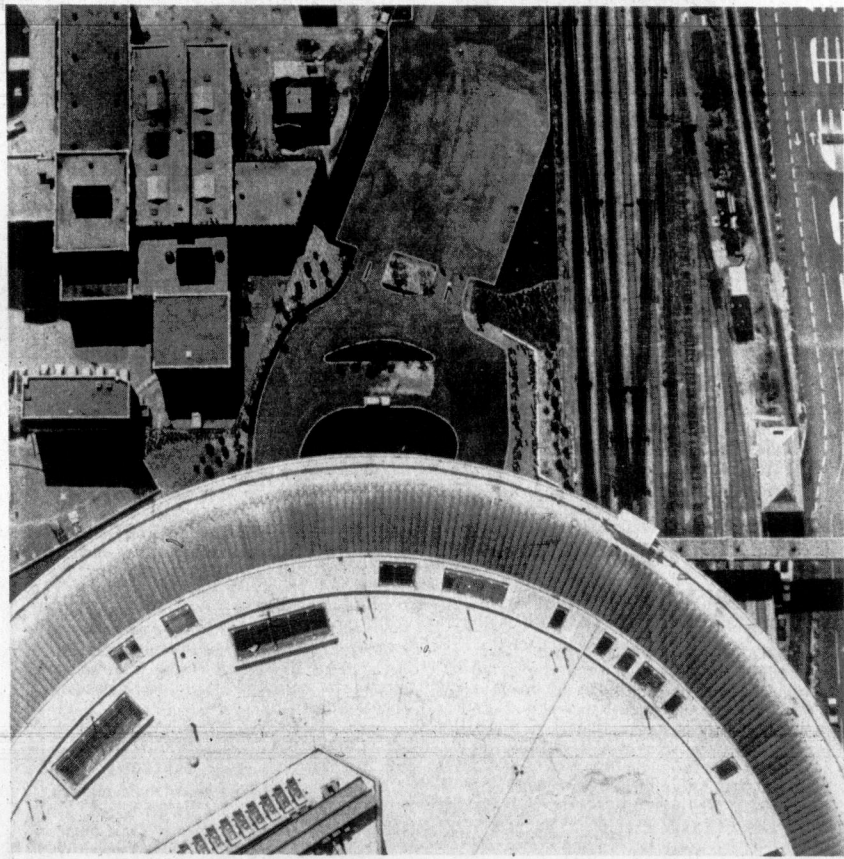
Ellen Douglas of Mississauga, one of the many hostesses on hand to answer questions, thinks the view is spectacular.

"I think it is really worth it," she says. "If I didn't work here I still would come up. I think everyone should come to the top twice, once in the day and once at night."

Ms. Douglas reports that no one has fainted from the height but that a number of people waiting in line, often up to two hours, have had to be helped.

Tower officials expected some 8,000 people a day to make the trip to the top during the summer months but are somewhat disappointed that uncertain weather has kept the figure down around 7,000.

Added attractions being added to the tower include giant telescopes and a mini theatre which will show films on the tower's construction.



Photos by GORM LARSEN

## Killaby seeks ban on truck traffic

Councillor Caye Killaby wants the region of Peel to ban truck traffic on Britannia Road between Erin Mills Parkway and Highway 10.

At council Monday, Mrs. Killaby said she had received numerous complaints from residents concerning truck traffic. "They start to move at 5 a.m. and sometimes they go all night," she noted. Many of the trucks are from the Canada Brick Company plant on Britannia, she indicated.

Mrs. Killaby, who lives on Britannia, said the trucks were a real problem "if you have to live there between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m."

Councillor Hazel McCallion of Streetsville suggested that Mrs. Killaby ask the region's engineering department to do a study on the road before taking any action. A similar study concerning Queen Street in Streetsville is already underway.

The request for the truck ban will be forwarded to the regional public works committee.

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