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Teachers act irresponsibly

The Peel Board of Education and negotiators representing 1,600 teachers go back to the bargaining table tomorrow with the assistance of mediator Ken Swann.

With a contest for picket sign slogans and this statement by the OSSTF-district 10: "Despite the fact we'll be resuming negotiations, this doesn't stop the clock for the Dec. 3 rejection vote"; Swann's job looks difficult, if not impossible. The teachers are obviously gearing up for a strike.

The board has offered its teachers a generous contract. So generous in fact, the average homeowner in Peel may find his taxes increased by \$45 next year to cover the cost of the proposal.

The contract proposes a one year average increase of 33.4 percent. In addition, all teachers will be given a \$400 lump-sum payment as a cost of living adjustment, staffing would be reduced from 17.5 pupils per staff member to 16.9 and provisions have been made for increased fringe benefits.

By charging the board with "bargaining in bad faith," we feel the teacher representatives have acted irresponsibly. Certainly, Bill 100 is new, and mistakes in procedure have been made on both sides as a result.

But are procedure, principles and power struggles really the issues at stake here?

What should be of the utmost consideration in the minds of the teachers and board are the 27,000 high school students in Peel.

Granted, teacher salaries in Peel have become increasingly depressed in the past few years, but we feel the board offer more than allows for that.

The effects of the Metro Toronto teacher strike are already overwhelming — no scholarships and possibly the loss of a year to the students — and no end is yet in sight.

Peel teachers voted 94 percent in favor of rejecting the board's proposal. A straw vote and sampling of teacher opinion point toward a strike situation in Peel.

Only a few years ago, Peel teachers were horrified at the thought of a strike and its implied radicalism. Many now feel excited about the prospect.

Well, we don't. The teachers should set aside their feelings about form and consider content. A realistic appraisal of the current board offer should mean its acceptance on Dec. 3. Any other decision is, in our opinion, unwarranted and immature.

Judge's record is not good

Well, Judge Alan Hollingsworth of the Peel County Court has done it again. Judge Hollingsworth, you will remember, is the jurist who sentenced one William Hall to three months in jail for abducting a little girl in Port Credit. Hall had already served five years in penitentiary for carnal knowledge of a juvenile when he was arrested by police minutes after picking up the girl. In the time it takes to drive from Lakeshore Road and Highway 10 to Paisley Boulevard, he already had taken her coat off. With great consideration, Judge Hollingsworth also ordered that Hall's sentence be served on weekends.

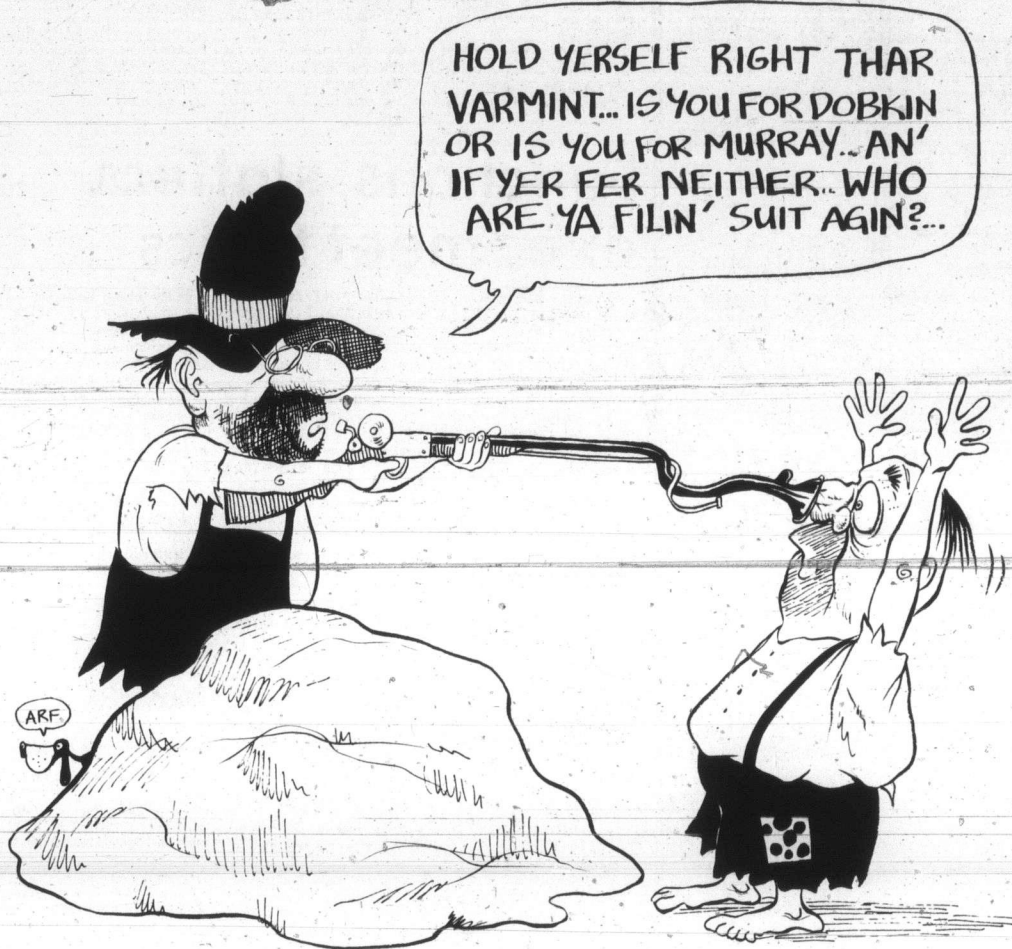
Recently Robert Leybourne appeared before this same judge for sentencing

after pleading guilty to criminal negligence and buggery in the shooting of an 11-year-old boy. The police learned that Leybourne, a habitual sex pervert, was taking young boys to his home and performing sex acts upon them.

He pleaded guilty to the two charges and numerous other sex charges were withdrawn. In his mercy, Judge Hollingsworth sentenced Leybourne to a total of 18 months. As long as Leybourne behaves himself in reformatory, he will be back on the street in six months.

The primary function of a judge is the protection of the public. The taxpayers who pay his wages may well ask if Judge Hollingsworth is doing his job.

Children have a right to be protected.



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And the feud goes on

Group opposes expansion plans

The following letter to George Cohon, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada, has been filed with The Times for publication.

Regarding expansion of McDonald's, Hurontario St., Mississauga.

On Oct. 7, 1975, your real estate representative, John Pallett, met with two members of the executive of this association to explain plans for expanding the premises on Hurontario St.

The proposal to enlarge the parking lot has been presented to our board, which has decided that consistent with past policy and the expressed wish of the ratepayers of the area, we must oppose any plans for expansion.

The Credit Reserve Association was formed in 1971 to express the determination of residents in our area to prevent development out of keeping with the style and character of the neighborhood. We have been successful in working with the City of Mississauga in designing what local people, as a whole, feel to be a more desirable use of the land along Hurontario St. than the commercial and high-rise proliferation above the Queen Elizabeth Way. The sort of traffic problems which have been created on Hurontario and neighboring roads as a result of McDonald's presence have been a source of concern to many residents.

Many of our members have dropped into McDonald's for a meal; but few would have asked for an operation such as yours in this neighborhood. The zoning which allowed McDonald's on this site was an anomaly, and the Credit Reserve Association would not be worthy of its mandate if it did not make every effort to prevent any further exploitation of the situation.

We would like to express our gratitude for your consideration in discussing these plans with us, and we appreciate the work being done to keep the premises and surrounding properties clean.

ERIC B. TOLLER
 PRESIDENT

Letters to the Editor

The Mississauga Times invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor. Letters will be published as they are received. We ask letter writers to keep in mind the shorter their letter the higher the readership it is likely to receive.

Thanks from Frank

Please allow me to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to those many, many people who are helping greatly to keep my spirits up during my illness.

It sometimes takes sickness to make a person realize who his friends are and how numerous or how few they are. During my illness I was simply overwhelmed by the interest shown by people from all walks of life. I had no idea how kind people really could be. I was literally showered with letters, cards and flowers, expressing the good wishes of people inside and outside my constituency. It was an experience that I will never forget.

My doctors inform me that my prognosis is excellent and I will be able to take on the full responsibilities given to me by my constituents in the new year. This is wonderful news to me. In the past I have always tried to be of service to



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Letters below back Mississauga council's petition that the federal government not expand the airport at Malton. They fear expansion means more noise for communities surrounding airport.

City airport stand backed

Following are letters to Mississauga council that have been filed with The Times for publication.

In light of the recent provincial decision not to provide the necessary services to the Pickering airport site and the subsequent federal decision to halt construction of a second Toronto-centered airport, may we take this opportunity to restate this association's position on Malton airport?

The very formation of Appletree Hills Homeowners' Association was based on the issue of non-expansion of Malton. Over the years, we have continued to work on this premise each time

the future of Malton has been in doubt. We continue to stand on this policy of non-expansion and feel at this time, we should again categorically state this position.

We understand that this position is also taken by the City of Mississauga. If at a time in the future the city becomes involved in any issue related to Malton airport, do not hesitate to call on this association for our support.

JULIE NEWMHAM,
 PRESIDENT

The executive and council members of the Forest Glen Community Associa-

tion reiterate our support of the brief submitted by SANA to the airport inquiry commission dated March 4, 1974.

This letter is written to you because of our concern over the recent decision not to proceed with Pickering airport. We believe you will agree this creates a grave threat to all the communities in the Malton area.

The federal government has said the Malton airport will not be expanded. Let us therefore combine to ensure that this agreement is not altered or changed in any way.

M. HUTCHISON (MRS.)
 PRESIDENT

'By-election rule to be studied'

The following letter to Mississauga South MPP Doug Kennedy has been filed with The Times for publication.

Thank you for your recent letters, respecting the existing requirements of the Regional Municipality of Peel Act for filling regional council vacancies and in particular, the problem confronting the City of Mississauga in its desire to hold a new election to fill the city council vacancy.

For your information, I have attached copies of my replies to the regional and city clerks who previously forwarded to me the resolutions of their respective councils.

I note that you share the concerns of the regional and city council that the 30 day

period for filling vacancies may not provide sufficient time to hold a by-election. I understand that you have discussed this issue with my staff and that they have indicated to you that indeed, the city may be faced with practical problems in holding an election within a restricted period of time.

Your suggestions are well taken and I have therefore instructed my staff to review these requirements of the regional act so that I may consider an appropriate amendment just as soon as time and circumstances permit it.

I hope this information meets with your satisfaction.

W. DARCY McKEOUGH
 TREASURER OF ONTARIO