

Actonites amid mob in Oakville plaza — 15-minute "Trudeaumania" hits Halton

By Barbara McIntosh

You can't really believe in "Trudeaumania" until you see it take hold in seemingly serious, well-mannered people, and turn them into frantic, screaming, posturing animals, whose sole aim

in life at that particular moment, is to touch our Prime Minister, gaze into his steel blue eyes, or tear off a piece of his topcoat as a cherished souvenir. Trudeaumania struck in Halton County last Friday afternoon in Oakville's Applewood Shopping Plaza, where an estimated 2,000

gathered to hear the Prime Minister and Halton Liberal candidate Rud Whiting. It was a well-ordered, heavily-polliced scene to begin with. The crowd hung enviously over a rope a good 50 feet from the stage under the ominous stare of about 25 policemen and the

silhouette of a rifled security man on the roof overhead.

An enthusiastic, yet reserved cheer burst out as Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Oakville's Mayor McLean Anderson, former Halton MP Dr. Harry Harley, and Liberal candidate Rud Whiting were escorted onto the platform.

Speaking into a mass of microphones from surrounding radio stations and newspapers, Mr. Trudeau discussed the need for change in Canada.

"There can be no guaranteed future," he said. "The future belongs to the society that is willing to invest in it."

Then Mr. Trudeau, looking younger and less bald than in his campaign posters, flashed a fatal smile and prepared to travel around the stage shaking hands with those along the ropes.

Trudeaumania struck!

In a matter of seconds, the rope was down and housewives, grandfathers, teenagers and policemen alike, were caught in an every-man-for-himself surge around Trudeau and Whiting.

For the next fifteen minutes chaos reigned beneath a giant poster which read, "Pierre, Blow Their Minds", and a portrait of Pierre with a live chrysanthemum between his teeth.

It was a familiar experience for Mr. Trudeau and he continued to smile and shake the endless supply of waiting fingertips. Rud Whiting wore a look of sheer terror.

Acton was well represented in the mob. A bus load of Trudeau enthusiasts, most of them members of the Young Liberal Go-go-Trudeau club, had gone to Oakville for the rally.

Cathy Krul and Bob Bohetto successfully cut their way

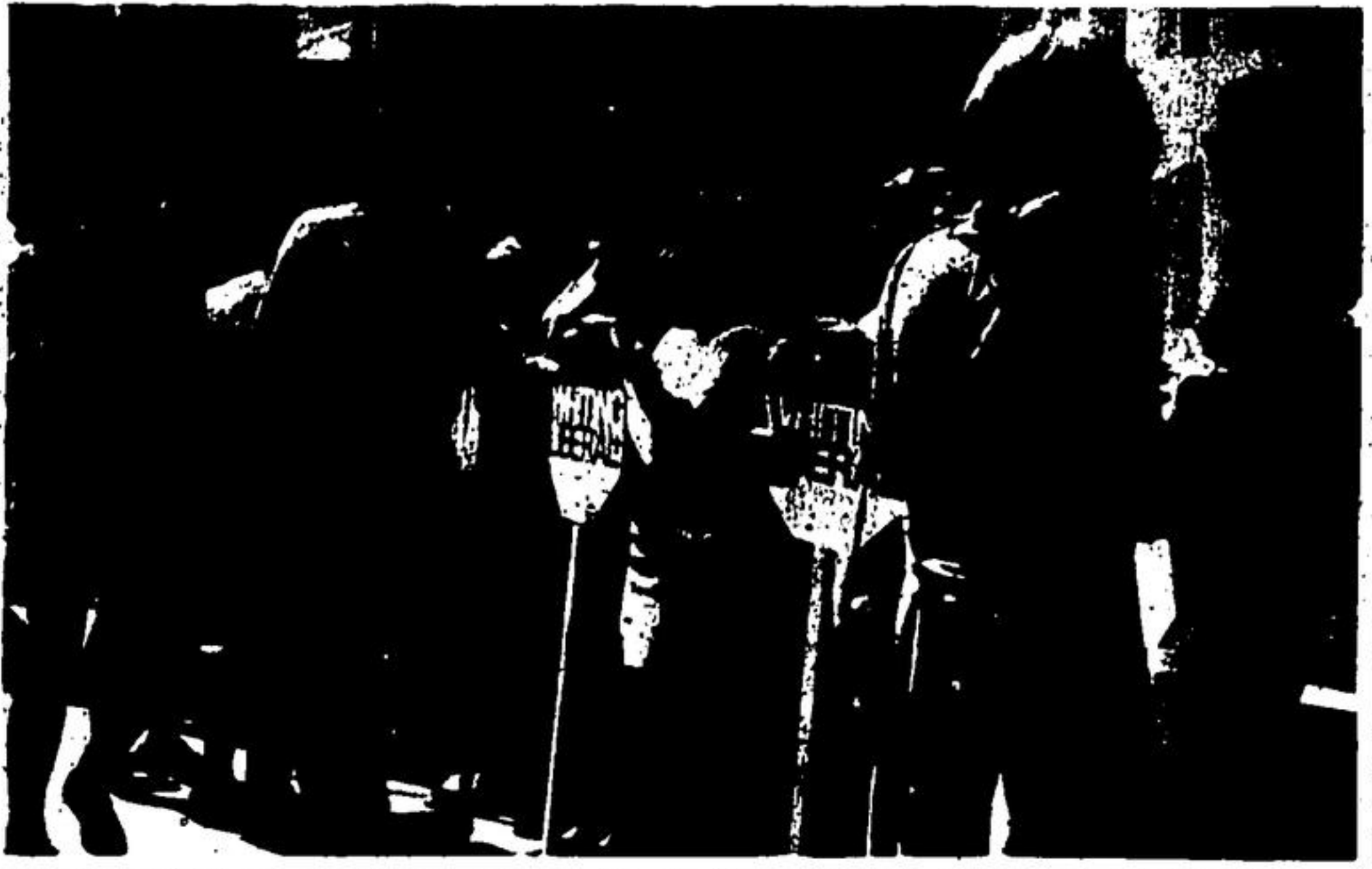
through to the Prime Minister to present him with a red paper rose with a penny built into the centre. Trudeau promised to keep the penny in his shoe for luck.

Among the young delegates, was Cam Agnew who beamed, "Trudeau was the only man there." Mrs. Ann Mowat was impressed with Trudeau's "charming smile."

Ether Taylor didn't believe in Trudeaumania until she got caught in it. "I lost a ruddy earring and it's a wonder I didn't lose more than that," she puffed afterwards. The earring later turned up in her dress.

Oakville's "Trudeaumania" only lasted 15 minutes, less time than the traffic that resulted after the Prime Minister left the plaza.

But many people will never be quite the same again.



L.A., W.M.S. hear history

1839 sermons in English, Gaelic

The Ladies' Aid and Women's Missionary Society of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church met on the evening of June 6 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. Cox.

The Ladies' Aid was opened by Mrs. Henderson with a poem followed by the singing of "For the beauty of the earth" by the members present, and reading of the 23rd psalm. Mrs. Roberts read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Robinson gave the treasurer's report. Arrangements for serving dinner and lunch during coffee breaks for the roofing job on June 15 were made. It was decided to have another committee meeting for final details before the wedding on June 20.

The auction sale on June 10 at 7:30 p.m. was planned for with members offering their help for various positions. A recently completed quilt was displayed which is up for auction on this date. The collection was dedicated by Mrs. Henderson and after singing, "The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended," the meeting closed with prayer.

Mrs. Norris presided over the Women's Missionary Society and read the poem, "The Builder,"

then the members sang "Rise up, O men of God." There were a few moments of silence in honor of Mrs. Herbert Dredge, a faithful member who recently passed away. A letter from the Brampton Presbyterian was read by the secretary, Mrs. Cargill and then the hymn, "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord" was sung. Mrs. Campbell gave a prayer for missions and Mrs. Cox read the Scriptures.

After giving the Missionary's Plea, Mrs. Henderson, as con-

venor, quoted from the History of Nassagaweya as written by Joshua Norrish. This touched on the time of the first Presbyterian church in this township in 1839 when sermons were given in English and Gaelic to a membership of 45.

The offering was dedicated to Mrs. Norrish and the courtesy convener Mrs. Robinson thanked Mrs. Cox for her homo and hospitality. They hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus," closed the meeting and lunch was served.



Canada's first trains designed specifically for high-speed inter-city commuting go into service this month after years of planning. Canadian National's Tempo service on the Toronto-Windsor and Toronto-Sarnia runs is designed for people who want to travel between major cities quickly and comfortably with a minimum of expense and baggage. The equipment is totally new from the rails up and differs from conventional trains in several important respects. It has all-electric heating, air conditioning, a stereophonic public address system for announcements and music, and electrically-operated motors that open the end doors at the touch of a pressure plate. Bright lighting, individual reading lamps, and a fresh color scheme are other changes. Passengers in the 39-seat club cars are served complimentary gourmet meals at their seats by stewards. Travellers in the 82-seat coaches are served at a take-out counter and eat at fold-down seat trays.

Free Press

Local News Items

--Be sure to vote next Tuesday.

--Teachers' college students are expecting their results soon.

--Ross' Barber Shop has moved from Mill St. to the creamery building.

--After two weekends of sell-out lobster business, the Swims are flying in more from the east again this weekend.

--Acton, Milton and Nassagaweya schools have their field day in Acton today, and Esqueping schools are in Georgetown. Results and pictures from both next week.

--Four "insecure premises" were located by police the past week during their regular rounds. Business places and one school were included.

--Got a problem about the election - where to vote or how to get there? Call one of the campaign headquarters in town. Someone there will be glad to help you.

--The University of Guelph development fund has achieved its first phase objective of \$7.5 million. "It has made possible the initiation of our long-range building plans, but many projects now under consideration will continue to challenge the support of alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the university," the chairman said.

During the five-year period, which pledges cover, University of Guelph students will contribute over \$500,000 toward a proposed university centre project. The students are each subscribing \$10 per semester.

--Several of the new teachers are advertising again this week for accommodation. While they'd prefer to live in Acton, some of them are forced to live in Guelph or elsewhere, due to lack of apartments or rental accommodation here.

--Some of the notorious "hate literature" is being received in Acton. The pamphlets make allegations against Pierre Elliot Trudeau which he has been forced to refute and explain publicly, due to the wide-spread mailing of the folders.

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DRESSED UP FOR A SONG about showers, pupils of Milton Sunshine School performed for families and friends at their end of school concert in Robert Little School. (Staff Photo)

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The little old lady entered the department store. Instantly a band began to play, an orchestra was pinned on her dress, she was handed a \$100 bill, and found herself being photographed from all sides; then she was taken before the television cameras.

"You are the one-millionth customer," the master of ceremonies beamed at her. "And now, can you tell us what you came here for today?" "Why, yes," said the little old lady. "I'm on my way to the complaint department."



What's The Matter, Little Man? You're Carrying More Than Your Share

SO WHAT'S NEW?

The "little man" has been carrying more than his fair share for a long, long time, with less and less to show for it. Murray Kernighan, with all New Democrats, feels it's about time for a change.

It's about time for a change in the way we're taxed. Those of us earning under \$15,000 a year pay more than our share. Those earning more than that very often don't. The NDP would plug loopholes in the taxation system that permits these inequalities.

It's also about time for positive action against the high cost of living, positive action to make more low cost homes available at lower interest rates.

It's about time something was done about our polluted air and water. Strong words don't clean pollut-

ed waters. Only firm, positive action does.

If you look at the New Democratic platform, you will find that the New Democrats have specific plans of action for these problems and others affecting us. And the NDP tells you how these plans will be paid for.

And Murray Kernighan feels it is about time Halton had a voice in Ottawa. As the owner of a small business and a professional engineer, he is aware of the problems. He'd like to take a crack at helping to remedy them.

Murray Kernighan will speak up for the "little man".

It's about time somebody did. Give us a voice.

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