



PLAYGROUND LEADERS held a car wash at the park Saturday, July 5. Proceeds of the event are to be used to finance bus trips for the children belonging to Playground. Yesterday, two busloads of youngsters paid a visit to Toronto Island. (Staff Photo)



What do the words The Just Society mean to you? It was a phrase heard much during the last year's election campaign. They are words which the people of Canada placed high hopes that now we were going to be given an opportunity to work for better things for all of us. These are words that raised in the minds of some a vision of Utopia and because it hasn't arrived we hear in some quarters that the Government has not lived up to its promises and expectations.

Well just what has happened? Much has taken place and we have taken great steps forward. It must be remembered that governments alone do not create a just society but rather the part of government is to try to create conditions that make it possible. Much depends upon the people themselves.

As we come to the end of this first session of Canada's 28th Parliament, perhaps we should ask—has the government moved in this direction? I think it can be said that real progress has been made but, in my opinion, based on my own observations on what has been achieved, the greatest strides will be made and the actual results will be seen during the next year and the year following.

The legislation which was presented this session covered a wide range of public interest and it became evident as the session progressed that a number of priorities were involved. It was essential that many matters be cleared away before real progress towards the Just Society could be made and its effects felt by the people.

The first involved the need for unity in Canada and a major step in this direction was a Bill to help correct disparities in economic and social development between regions in Canada. It will take time before the full benefits of this legislation are felt but at least we know it is now in operation and we are working towards a goal.

The official Languages Bill was passed. The purpose of this Bill was not to regulate the language which citizens must speak but rather to permit a citizen to use the official language of his choice where feasible and to do so when dealing with the Federal Government.

Parliamentary reform was another priority. It is necessary to streamline the Rules of the House and modernize procedures if Parliament is to complete its work. The need for such correction was shown when the Creditists, who constitute a group of eighteen Members, were able to prolong discussion on a Bill for twenty-three days.

Recognizing that a revision of the Canadian Constitution is essential to the future of Canada, plans were laid for frequent Federal and Provincial conferences. Two such conferences were held this year. Housing, inflation, the continued prosperity throughout Canada were also high on the list.

Our Readers Write Chamber of Commerce has no representatives on Industrial Commission

The Editor,
The Acton Free Press.
Dear Sir:

We have noted the report concerning our request for representation on the Industrial Development Commission, under the heading of "What Council Did"—July 9th issue.

Contrary to the remarks by Mr. Tyler, the Acton Chamber of Commerce has no member who discusses with the present executive on a regular basis developments concerning the Industrial Park.

After 71 years on the rails caboose retires in Eden Mills

After riding the rails an estimated six million miles, CN caboose No. 77506 will retire near Eden Mills.

The caboose which was first put into service with the Grand Trunk Railway in 1896, was bought recently by H. T. "Jo" Skov of Guelph, to be restored and added to his collection of antiques on Danwood Hills Farm located on the Eden Mills Road.

Mr. Skov moved the car up the CNR line from London's reclamation yards last month. In Guelph a Mann Construction Company crane gently eased the caboose off its wheels and onto

no way alters our position, that is, that this Chamber of Commerce feels it is entitled to at least know what is going on. One of the functions of the Acton Chamber of Commerce is to support local industry where ever possible, and to encourage outside industry to locate here. Why the secrecy? No

speculation can take place, as the land is owned by the town. Does Mr. Tyler really think that we would hinder industry locating here?

In view of the dismal record of this town in attracting new industry into the Industrial Park it seems obvious that help is needed.

The chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee, as an example, travels widely in the U.S. and Canada, and I fail to see that this type of help can be of no use to the Industrial Commission.

Yours truly,
John Shadbolt
President
Acton C. of C.

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The clergy speak out...

THE REVEREND HARRY J. DAWSON
CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN, THE MARTYR



THEY ASK: WHERE IS GOD?

Many people today, more by the way they live and act than in words, are saying "Where is God? Where is His so-called Kingdom?" They are quite oblivious of the Kingdom—that God is within them and all around them.

There are those who say, "Well, I really try to see God's works or experience something of His presence, but nothing seems to be clear or definite. Religion used to mean something to me. I used to get something out of going to church, but now it seems empty and meaningless."

There are some who go so far as to say "I don't feel the need of God now. There have been times in my life, like during the war, or in times of sickness and trouble, that I leaned pretty heavily on Him, but now things are different."

And there are some who say, "I thought I believed in God and I went to Sunday School and Church regularly, but how can I believe in a loving God, if he would let my husband, my wife, my son, my daughter, my father, my mother suffer so much or die?"

Surely statements and questions similar to these have been said and asked many times. But let us remember that even as these questions were and are being raised by many, there were and are many, and many more, saying joyously, "Praise God for all his goodness and wonders", and who have known a special quality of life which inspired those around them, and can't be fully defined.

What can those of us who are believing Christians say about the above questions? Obviously there is not space in this message to answer them satisfactorily. May I just make a couple of general suggestions.

Our great relationships of life, love and friendships, are not "automatic". They have to be worked at or they die. We have to communicate unselfishly and regularly, or a friendship suffers.

Jesus, God in the flesh, says "I call you not servants but friends." He is a good friend, always standing by. He knows us and accepts us as we are, as any good friend does, but He does not impose Himself or His will on us. Surely we have to do something about friendships, but what? Let others tell us something about Him—for instance, St. Mark or St. Luke. They wrote the Gospels really saying "Here is a wonderful person, I want you to meet and know." Study their descriptions. It will help us to know him.

But then we have to meet Him personally to really know Him. How do we expect to meet him? Does our age of "Spectaculars" and "Fantastic Inventions" make us expect some mighty, dramatic, experience? Is that how you met and began to know your dearest friend, the person you love most? If your friendship and love is real, and you are worthy of it, you must be willing to share it with others, for their sakes as well as your own. Isn't that what a service of worship in church means? We don't go "to get", we go "to share". Even as we say "I am shy and a comparative stranger," He smiles and says, "I want you to come that we may become better friends."

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Church Notices

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
Minister:
Mr. Robert G. W. Hyde, B.A.
Phone 853-2299

SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sunday School.

All are Welcome at the Church on the Hill

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Rm., 144 Tides Ave., Phone 853-1615.

SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1969
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Good Farming."
No Evening Services during June, July and August.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — The Study Hour.
"Study to show yourself approved of God."
All Welcome

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister — Rev. F. Broutier, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1969
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
11:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
4:00 p.m.—English Service.
Everyone Welcome

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister:
The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music:
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SEVENTH SEASON — COMBINED SUMMER SERVICES
IN TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Frescher, Rev. Gordon B. Turner.
SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.

EVANOR PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8:00 p.m. — Christ's Ambassadors.

1 John 4, 10 — "Here in His love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His son to be the Propitiation for our Sins."

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1969
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
Georgetown 877-6645

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1969
Trinity VII
10:00 a.m. (One Service)
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays—Eucharist.
2nd and 4th Sundays—Matins.
Saints Days as announced.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.
Minister.
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.
Organist and Choir Master



"In all my 45 years of Christian experience," a Czech Christian told Euro-vangelism's Director Dave Foster in Prague recently, "I have never before seen such a situation where everyone I speak to wants a Bible." While Mr. Foster was in a Prague bookstore a student came in and asked for a Bible. Receiving a negative reply, he was about to leave when Mr. Foster's Czech companion stopped him and asked, "Are you a believer?" "No," answered the young man, "but I do want to know what the Bible teaches."

The urgency of making the Word of God readily available to those who request it is underlined by a story which appeared in the Prague University newspaper. Among those who duplicated Jan Palach's death by self-immolation was a 17-year-old technical high school student. Two weeks before his death, he sought out a theological student from whom he requested a Bible. None was immediately available, but the theological student searched and finally found one which he sent to the high schooler. It was delivered 24 hours after his death.

The above account was confirmed by the Rev. B. J. Sedlitzky, newly-appointed Secretary of the Czechoslovak Bible Trust, who at the time of his visit to Prague, stated that the Bible Trust is indeed working to help meet this outstanding need.

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