

OUR READERS WRITE:

On control by unions . . .

P.O. Box 571
Guelph,
April 12, 1971.

Subject: Union Control by Councils

Sir:

I note that Halton County Municipal Representatives are going to take steps to control unions. I would like to point out to these gentlemen that the book which I have mailed them called Facts and Figures, which is a book of precisely that, and which is fully substantiated, proves that unions are not primary cause of inflationary trends, which we are experiencing throughout the county at the moment.

It would have been far better, if they had first made sure of their facts, before attempting to lay the blame at the door of any particular body, and instead wielded their municipal power at the main body, namely the Federal Government, for serious financial and economic policies were started when that body gave the seaway workers a 30 per cent raise.

The natural human reaction to this was

quite reasonable and sane; if they can get it, so can we.

Let's face the facts, the present government doesn't know its economics and hasn't any policies of controlling financial circles; the latest instance of this is the recent raise to 14 cents per cheque. How long must this go on?

This body of municipal representatives should first set their own house in order. If they don't ask the taxpayer for a raise in pay they just vote themselves one.

There are many instances of glaring waste of time, money, men and material right here within their own county, and no one cares, other than to more or less condemn a particular body which by its efforts and its experts keep the country's pulse throbbing. I am not, don't think for one moment saying, don't criticize, but if you must — make sure you have all the facts and figures before making condemnation of any body or group.

Thank you for the use of your columns,

I remain,

Yours truly,
Andrew E. Welch

Need controller for county council

51 Meadvale Rd.,
April 13, 1971.

Editor,
Acton Free Press.
Dear Sir,

After reading two items of news in your issue of April 7, I could not help but think of that old saying, "I'm alright Jack".

The one article was "Halton County Councillors Vote Themselves a 40 per cent raise". The other article concerned the conference these same councillors held during the week. The conference (believe it or not) was held to discuss ways, means, legislation that would contain and control the power and the demands of unions representing the public employees in our county.

When I read of the reception which was given to Bill Gillies by our "pillars of the democratic process," I wondered who will restrain and control these gentlemen, when they feel in the mood for a raise. Not one of our councillors depends on this salary for his bread and butter. They are in most cases, self-employed and businessmen. Meetings are called during work hours so as to eliminate any possibility of a professional or working citizen having or taking the opportunity to serve on council.

I would also like to point out, just to

complete this comedy, that these gentlemen have just hired an inquisitor. It is his job to find out about any little nest egg our elderly citizens may have saved, and take over same before they are allowed to enter the heaven they call the Manor.

I suggest it would be more beneficial to the taxpayers if he has been employed, to enquire into the councillor's expense accounts and also how time is spent at those endless conventions.

Charity or depression of spirit forbids further comment on this issue, however I must confess that I find myself shifting gradually towards the view of the disillusioned left wing youth—that there is no justice in our system, our democratic process is in tatters and participatory democracy is just another joke.

In the past few weeks, I have read letters from your readers giving their reasons why they felt your paper was a stand-out. I regret not taking the time to add mine, but now for what it is worth, here it is. I feel that any newspaper that presents the facts and allows the reader to reach his own conclusions is a great paper, and dear editor, in this respect, on many occasions, your paper has been great.

Yours sincerely,
Brendan Aherne.

List objections to Rockwood project

The Editor,
Acton Free Press,
Dear Sir:

In spite of a printing error which has Eramosa Township Councillor Dick Strong as my "long time opponent", an error I trust you will confirm (perhaps as an editor's foot note!), I welcome the coverage you have given this issue. In addition to my submission to the council, there are a few other points I feel should be noted as follows.

1. Contaminated wells pose a serious health hazard that we should deal with as quickly as possible.

2. The solution proposed by the Ontario Water Resources Commission as early as 1966 has, because of its high cost and its "side effects" actually delayed action to deal with point 1) till this very day.

3. For obvious reasons Rockwood's residents have been loath to spend any money on their wells and septic systems when and if found wanting; further aggravating and adding to, the health hazard!

4. The board of trustees, presumably acting on the belief that either the proposal was basically a good one or if it had shortcomings these by best dealt with by someone else (in this case the Ontario Municipal Board) asked the Eramosa township council to pass by-laws approving the construction projects and council complied.

5. It is my guess that a board of trustees of a police village has limited powers and must depend on the municipal council of the township they are situated in to pass such by-laws, for good reasons. These would be limitations of assessment and physical and human resources. In other words the possibility that we would commit too small a number of people to too great a tax burden was considered real. Our early law makers therefore wisely envisaged municipal councils as being more responsible, but I wonder if we have just witnessed how this safety device failed.

6. The council is the body passing and signing the by-laws. According to the municipal act they may pass by-laws upon

the request of trustees—but they are not bound to do so and in keeping with the section regarding duties etc., their responsibility seems clear, regardless of past practice!

7. These by-laws are subject to approval by the Ontario Municipal Board, and if—after duly advertising the proposals—any objections are received, the O.M.B. may call a hearing.

8. In taking this course, are not both the board of trustees and the township council justifying the very existence of the O.M.B. a body formed in the early thirties to prevent municipalities from going bankrupt due to incompetence?

9. In taking this course are not the same bodies confusing the "ability to judge" the cost of this project with the "authority to approve"? The same bodies experience no difficulty setting and submitting their budgets, and other money matters, for O.M.B. approval. Why then should Reeve Warren Parkinson say "It is up to the O.M.B. to judge the cost of this project, how do I know the cost is prohibitive, etc., etc.?" Is he admitting the council's incompetence?

The council must have been well aware what the feeling of many Rockwood residents on this subject is, and I object strongly to the stand they have taken. If we are not willing to judge our own needs and our ability to pay, we are giving our provincial departments good reason for propagating strong central or regional government.

In spite of the reluctance on the part of municipal councils to accept this, I can but agree.

Sincerely,
M. C. Schuller,
Box 27
Rockwood, Ont.

Editor's note—Mr. Schuller is correct. There was an error in last week's article. It should have read that Councillor Dick Strong was a long time opponent of the sewer and water proposals—not Mr. Schuller.

"Sitting on a powder keg"—Denktash . . .

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came in and the cease fire was arranged. The green line was drawn on the line where the Turk Cypriots stood for the last resistance, out of ammunition and sleepless for four nights.

Denktash maintained settlement talks must proceed on the basis of independence with guarantees from Turkey and construction of the government on the Greek Turkish communal state lines. Denktash saw one of the keys to the problem in the hands of Greece who could deny that Enosis or union with Greece would never be a reality. He also suggested that the removal of a church leader as head of the state would reduce one of the prejudices which the Turks as Moslems have. "We are sitting on a powder keg. The U.N. deterrent is that they are impartial eye witnesses in Cyprus,"

the Turkish leader said.

Financing for the Turkish element on Cyprus comes from Turkey. The Cypriot group submits a budget to Turkey and receives funds from that country. The budget last year was for 8,000,000 and this year it will be for 10 million. The Cyprus government cut off payments to all Turkish civil servants in 1970-71 while the Greeks under Makarios collect taxes direct and indirect from the Turkish enclaves.

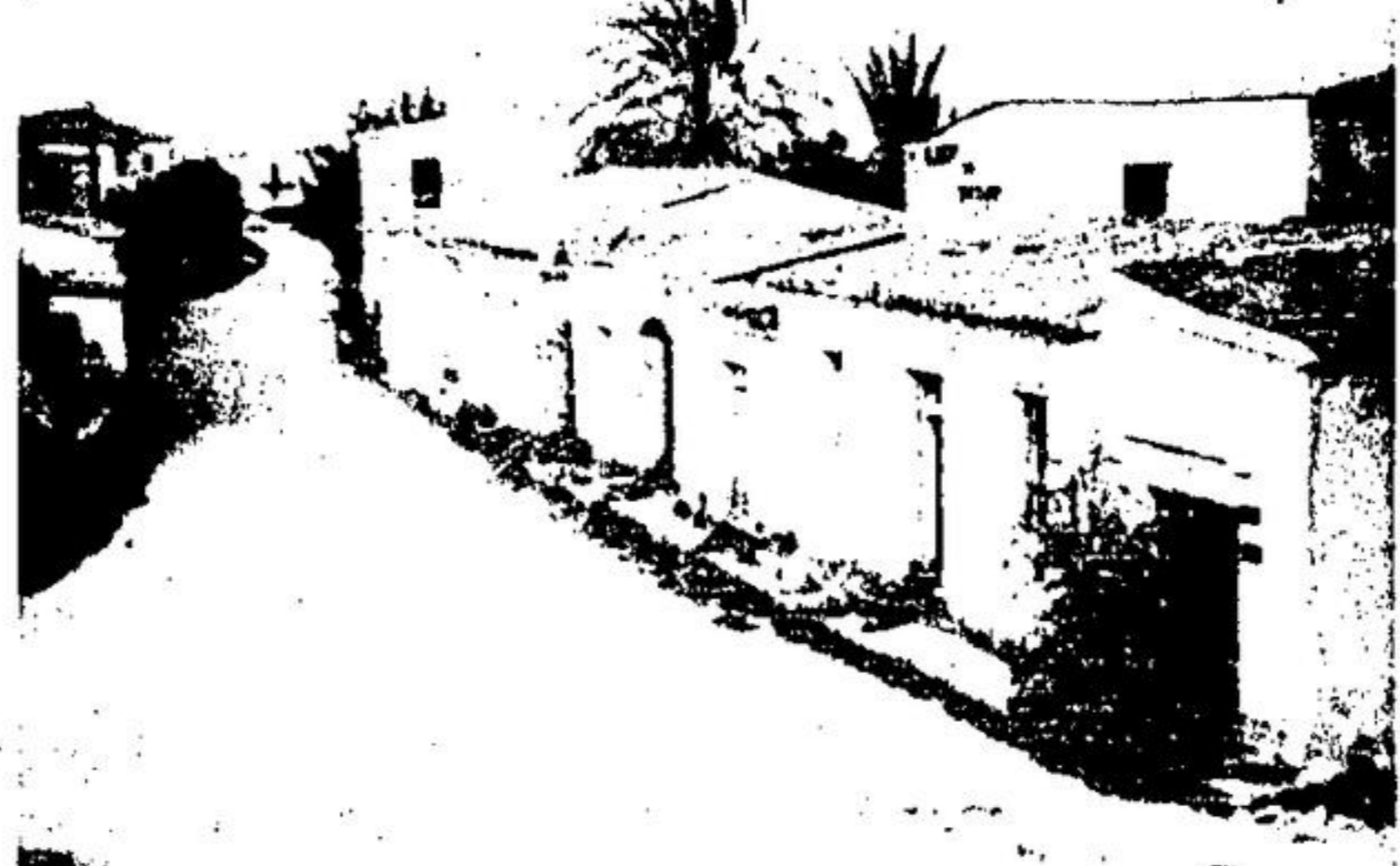
We left the Turkish enclave with its hovel-like building in sharp contrast to the palace which Makarios, as recognized head of the Greek government in Cyprus occupies, and roared in a small bus up the Kyrenia Mts., twisting through the Turkish territory where their forces were in possession. It was towards this mountain pass the Turk Cypriots fought in 1964 as they



PIPE-SMOKING Rauf R. Denktash, with the group of Canadian community newsmen in Nicosia. Craven, Dills, Lashbrook and McConnell are shown in the picture.



FIRST PICNIC OF the season was enjoyed Sunday afternoon in Prospect Park by Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Burgess and sons Laurie Jr. and Skip of Toronto. Temperatures soared into the high 60's on the weekend even though huge areas of snow still remain, as can be seen in the background of the picture. Laurie Jr. and Skip display snowballs they made from a nearby snowpatch. The Burgessses, who are regular weekend visitors to Prospect Park throughout the summer, say this is one of the latest dates they have started picnics in years. Some years they've been out as early as March 27! —(Staff Photo).



NARROW STREETS, blood-splattered walls and deserted buildings characterize Ormophita where the street fighting on Cyprus broke out in 1963. It once housed 5,000 and is now almost completely deserted.

advanced toward the Port of Kyrenia, in an effort to obtain a port entrance for the Turkish fleet which was steaming off Kyrenia ready to advance on the island of Cyprus. Had the drive through the mountain pass been successful and the Turkish fleet been able to land its forces, the outcome of Cyprus and in the Middle East could be significantly different today.

Our objective as we flew along the twisting mountain road up the Kyrenia Range was an old Byzantine castle which dated back hundreds of years and which had played a part in the crusades. At one time Richard the Lion Hearted had been associated with the castle in ownership, if not in occupancy.

Viewing the ruins of an old castle is always interesting. The time was flying and we left behind the huge walled fortress on

the peak of one of the highest mountains, reflecting on the art of the ancients that could construct such a fortress at such a high level in the Kyrenian mountains.

Back down the road now, twisting along and into the tiny port village of Kyrenia where the blue Mediterranean sweeps into the curved harbor which was dotted with all kinds of vessels. Lunch in a restaurant with native dishes of Turkish and Greek mixture, before we had time for a few pictures of the very pleasant and attractive spot.

Time was flying as we pushed back to Nicosia to catch an El Al Israel Airlines flight to Tel Aviv. It was here we ran into the most stringent security with personal frisking and baggage checks before boarding the Israeli plane.

(Continued Next Week)

Obituary

William Waterhouse dies unexpectedly

After an illness of a few weeks, William Waterhouse died unexpectedly at his home, 38 Agnes St., Acton, on Monday, April 5. He was a machine operator at Beardmore and Company. An avid sports fan, he starred in intermediate baseball here. He was one of the 1947 O.B.A. intermediate team which won the Ontario championship. He was a minor league coach.

Funeral April 8

Funeral service was held at the Humley-Shoemaker funeral home on Thursday, April 8, conducted by the Rev. Gordon Turner. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Survivors were four nephews Fred Dawkins, John

Hoare, Don Tuck and Jim Waterhouse, and friends Henry Venema and Fred Thompson.

Mr. Waterhouse was born in Bracebridge in 1911, son of the late James and Charlotte Waterhouse and attended school in Acton. He was married in Acton November 4, 1939, to Helen Dawkins who survives him.

Also remaining are son Terrence, daughter-in-law Lynn, granddaughter Lisa Anne; sisters Rose Anderson, Toronto; Nora Tuck, Georgetown; May Hoare, Acton; brothers Jim, Fred, Kitchener; Harry, Charles and Jack, Acton. A sister Charlotte predeceased him.

Unexpected

Friends and family were shocked to learn of his death in his 60th year. He had apparently been recuperating after returning home from hospital.

Georgetown band folding?

The Georgetown Citizens Band may disband, Georgetown council learned last week when a long letter from band president Dave Hastings pointed out the lack of interest in its existence.

The letter said only five members turn out regularly, to the poorly-lit and sometimes unheated rehearsal room in Cedarvale. No adults seem interested in playing band music, said the letter and no interest comes from high school students.

The president listed three possibilities, disband, move the band to another town, or amalgamate with another band.

Cr. Harry Levy said it would be a shame for the town to lose its identity as an award winning town in band music festivals.

Admitting he didn't know what could be done in the situation, councillor Siddall promised to find out why the rehearsal room was unheated and poorly lit.

Open letter

Dear Also Concerned: The Free Press has a letter to the editor from you — but no signature. Will you please tell us who you are, so we can print your letter? We require all letters to be signed, but your own name does not need to be used in the paper. Sincerely, The Free Press.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ACTON

TO DISPENSE WITH A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS

WHEREAS The Ontario Municipal Board by order made February 2nd, 1971, approved reconstruction of Mill Street from Park Avenue to Victoria Avenue at an estimated cost of \$31,550.00 and the borrowing upon debentures of an amount not exceeding \$15,775.00.

AND WHEREAS it is now estimated that the actual cost of the said work will exceed such approved amount and that the total expenditures will be \$52,400.00, of which it will be necessary to borrow upon debentures the sum of \$19,945.00.

TAKE NOTICE THAT:—

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Acton intends to apply to The Ontario Municipal Board for approval of an additional expenditure of \$20,850.00 for completion of the said work, whereof the amount of \$4,170.00 shall be raised by the sale of additional debentures payable out of the general rate over a period not exceeding 10 years.
2. Application will be made to The Ontario Municipal Board for an order to dispense with the assent of the electors to the said additional expenditure. Any ratepayer may, within twenty-one days after the first publication of this notice, send by post prepaid to the Clerk of the town of Acton, at the address given below, a notice in writing stating his objections to such approval and the grounds of such objections.
3. The Ontario Municipal Board may order pursuant to the statute that the assent of the electors shall not be required and may approve of the said additional expenditure, but before doing so it may appoint a time and place for a public hearing when any objections will be considered.

DATED at the Town of Acton this 7th day of April, 1971.

J. T. Hurst, Clerk
40 Mill Street East
Acton, Ontario.