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Sharp meet waste of time

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The Canadian envoy sent to Zambia was Dr. W.G. Phillips, dean of the faculty of political science at the University of Windsor. For seven years Dr. Phillips was general adviser to President Kaunda of Zambia and it is the feeling of both the Drijbers and Mr. Alf Hales that he couldn't have an impartial view.

Mr. Hales criticized Mr. Sharp and felt that Dr. Phillips' role was to convey the importance to the Canadian people that the shooting be investigated but it was revealed earlier that Dr. Phillips had simply conveyed the concern of the Canadian people.

Hales pointed out that the Drijbers had told external affairs of their flight number and time of departure but that, even with a Canadian Affairs office in South Africa within the vicinity of 30 miles of the airport there were no officials on hand to greet them or assist in any way. He also pointed out that during their six week stay in Africa the Canadian office offered no assistance. Mr. Sharp said that complaint from Mr. Drijber was disturbing and that he would investigate.

Referring to President Kaunda offering money to the two bereaved families as a token of his country's condolences, Mr. Sharp advised the Drijbers to accept the money offered by the Zambian government. Mr. Drijber said the amount of money was of no real concern but that the explanation by Mr. Sharp as to what the payment of the money actually meant might lead him to reconsider the offer. He insisted again that the government had not attempted to properly investigate the matter.

Letters and statements—the Drijbers have statements of actual witnesses to the terrible murder. They pointed out that the girls were part of a safari which had taken up camping quarters outside a small town in Rhodesia as they awaited visa confirmations from Zambia before proceeding further on their trip through Africa. The entire party had been held up for three weeks and it was during that waiting period that members of the safari had taken to move about and explore the area.

The camp grounds were in a government protected wilderness park free of border tensions as it is a famous tourist attraction on both sides of the Zambezi River. Investigation by Oscar Drijber who went right down to the rock to which his daughter had clung for hours before falling into the turbulent waters showed that "exactly three shots" as stated by the Zambian officials was a falsehood as the rock was deeply imbedded with myriads of bullets and indentations where it had been riddled with gunfire.

"Time after time Marjan had been fired at but she was very strong and could take it," said the valiant father who feels that such a murder in any other country would be dealt with as such.

The Drijbers tell of interdepartmental conflict within the government of Zambia. They talk of witnesses afraid to speak the truth; of the openness of the black and white populace in Rhodesia and the rapport between the two as opposed to reports of hate, intrigue, and all during their six week visit they were aware of government attitudes and petty jealousies.

"The officials are like children" said Syske Drijber, "and they are simply not capable of handling all the money we keep pouring into their country. It is not the people who are at fault" she said, "but those who are in the position of power and I doubt if the people ever see any of it."

The Drijbers expressed their concern about the safety of other young people.

"Mitchell Sharp is not looking after his job" said the Drijbers who feel that he will not recognize what is happening over there. "As long as we cannot depend on our government officials" they said, "how do we know any of our young people, or adults for that matter are safe anywhere when travelling away from home?"

Oscar and Syske returned from Ottawa slightly depressed at the attitude of Mitchell Sharp. They are not satisfied that he understands what they are trying to say and feel that, right now, it is their responsibility to alert the Canadian people as to the necessity of checking into the Canadian government's foreign aid program.

"It would seem that the U.S.A. has also curtailed investigations into the shooting of one of its citizens because of similar reasons. 'They too,' said the Drijbers, 'would have to admit the fallacy of pouring taxpayers' money into a country where the government is not capable of properly allocating its worth.'

Earlier, Canadian government suggestions requested the Drijbers not to go to Zambia as they would get politically involved. A similar warning was passed on to their second eldest son, Rob, who is working in South Africa at this time. He was warned not to protest as he'd be making problems. The matter has been one of embarrassment to the Canadian Minister of External Affairs who apologized for the indiscretion.

Meanwhile, letters of condolences, others of complaint, but mostly ones of warm support continue to pour into the Rockwood home and, daily, the Canadian Government is receiving many letters of reproach from aroused citizens across Canada, the Drijbers contend.



HEATHER HAWORTH

On the beach

Swimming lessons to 92 children at Rockwood Park means Dog Paddle races, cracker games, crocodile and alligator games as well as skin diving. This year's instructional staff at Rockwood Park, not only have top qualifications but have already proved themselves to be top calibre instructors. Vim, vigor and vitality are only a few descriptive words of the methodology of the staff. All are trying an approach emphasizing fun and enjoyment in the lessons which is already proving itself to be effective.

August registration is filling up fast, so it would be wise to register at the gatehouse as soon as possible.

Classes open 10 a.m. Advanced Beginner.

Contest for princesses

Halton's 1973-74 Dairy Princess Karen Marshall will be representing Halton County in the Ontario Dairy Princess competition this summer. It will be held at the Canadian National Exhibition in late August.

Next year's Dairy Princess will be selected locally at a contest this fall. All single ladies 17 to 26 years of age are eligible. Details on the competition will be announced later.

Elementary Life Saving, Junior; 11 a.m. Survival, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate; 12 Pre Beginner, Junior.

The vigorous National Lifeguard Training session certainly proved valuable to the guards challenged by the weekend crowds. Lost children, numerous first aid cases, and boat rescues were among the many disruptions from the routine guarding.

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OSCAR AND SYTSKE DRIJBER were dissatisfied with their 2-hour meeting with Canada's External Affairs minister Mitchell Sharp last Thursday. They went to Ottawa requesting to have their own press representative present. However, the request was not sanctioned and only

at the last moment were they permitted to be accompanied by Alfred D. Hales, Wellington County MP. Their parliamentary visit was part of their continuing effort to "get truth and justice" concerning the murder of their daughter Marjan, by Zambian troops May 15.

Comin's and Goin's

Calling all mothers! If your children want to continue their classes with the little theatre instruction of the OFY group who are moving on to the Eden Mills Community Centre contact Jim Gordon if you have some means of transportation. "What we need is—willing mothers and available drivers" is the way the young teachers put it and they hope that former students from Rockwood and district will continue the classes and make their Friday afternoon play dates regular ones. Don't forget Eden Mills and former Rockwood actors and audiences, this week's play will be at the Eden Mills ballpark on Thursday at 2 p.m.

It was a day of pleasurable entertainment on Sunday, July 15, when Mrs. William Tuck of Georgetown and Mrs. John King-shot of Harris Street, Rockwood, attended the graduation exercises of niece Patsy Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lambert of Sarina, and granddaughter of Mrs. Ada Lambert of Guelph Street, Rockwood. One of 50 graduates, Patsy was later feted to an At Home reception at the home of her parents where relatives and friends met to congratulate the young nurse who in turn favored them with a solo. The St. Clair Regional School of Nursing was the training ground for the graduates and the reception was held at the Central United Church. Congratulations, Patsy, from those of your acquaintanceship in Rockwood and to your aunt, grandmother, and parents who also share friends in the village.

No program but euehre and bridge was the highlight of the last summer meeting of the Rockwood Sunshine Club and, winning top prize as the day's champion euehre stars were Mrs. Rose Oakes and Mrs. Max Milne. Mrs. George Perry and Mrs. Hayden were the crokinole champs. Next meeting date for the enthusiastic members will be Thurs., July 26 when at 2 p.m. everyone will be welcomed.

Hurry, hurry, everyone get in on the free entertainment to be provided next Sunday afternoon July 22 at 2 p.m. on the grounds of the Rockwood Millstone restaurant. Country music, rock, and the group of professional musicians played in Toronto last year with Canned Heat from Hollywood, California. Raindate for the exciting show is set for Sunday, July 29, and everyone is invited to come early and avoid the rush. See you at the Millstone m'frindlies, it should be a great show.

A boy, a bicycle, and a car. Put them all together and let the boy run out between two parked cars into an oncoming vehicle without incurring anything more than scratches and slightly beaten up bike and that is a miracle. That is the story of 8-year-old Eric Pries,

the young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pries of Eden Mills. Collecting mail for his mother last Monday at 5 his foot caught at the back of his bicycle pedal and couldn't brake. Fortunately the oncoming vehicle coming from the direction of Acton was only going at a slow pace. The car ran over the bike and then the boy and, although it was first thought he had incurred two broken legs, hospital examination revealed he was scot free. Nice going, Eric, and his mother wishes to thank all her neighbor friends and the entire group of Eden Mills and children who assisted her and encouraged her young son to recuperate quickly. Nice going, community folk, you always do come through together and that's great.

Accept bid

A fuel tender submitted by Texaco to the Halton County Roads Committee has been rejected because the company failed to maintain its prices for a required 30 day period.

Texaco raised the prices in its submitted tender. A bid by Gulf Oil was accepted in its place, and passed by County Council on the recommendation of the roads committee.

Gulf will be supplying gas to county works equipment at 43.5 cents per gallon, and diesel fuel at 49.2 cents per gallon.

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During the reporting week of July 8 to July 15, officers of the Acton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, investigated a total of 41 general occurrences and two motor vehicle collisions.

Major investigations included four disturbances, two complaints of trespassing, one report of assault, one complaint of cruelty to animals and the arrest of a Guelph man for driving while under suspension.

Acton detachment officers were called to Peterborough to escort a wanted person back to Halton County Gaol. The accused person had failed to appear in court on a charge of driving while under suspension, laid by Acton OPP.

Other occurrences investigated ranged from neighbor disputes to a dog bite complaint.

The two motor vehicle collisions were reported as minor hit and run accidents. They are still under investigation.

Dog warning
Dog owners are reminded that the town of Acton has a by-law in force, prohibiting dogs from running at large within the town. Also of concern to the dog

owner is the fact that there is an anti-noise by-law, under which dog owners may be charged, if their pet is found to be continually barking and disturbing the peace. Dogs should be kept leashed and refrained from barking excessively.

Check car
Motorists! When preparing your family to leave on a vacation trip, do not neglect the family car. Make sure that it is in good mechanical condition. It is always wise to have the family

car safety checked before taking it on a long trip. Carry extra water and gasoline. It is very frustrating to sit on the shoulder of a highway with an over heated car or one that has run out of gasoline.

If hauling a trailer or travelling with a loaded trunk, remember the extra weight on the rear of the car may raise the aim of your headlights. Have them adjusted before starting your vacation trip.

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By Robert Hokes
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