

Has the curtain come down on Drijber search?

By Lorraine Root

There's a quiet on the results of the Canadian involvement regarding the story of Marjan Drijber and Christine Sinclair, these days and, despite letters to editors, to the Minister of External Affairs, and great numbers written by concerned citizens to the families of the two girls it looks as if a national incident has once again wafted to the wayside, to be forgotten and ignored.

From a student just returned from a tour into the area in which the two girls were killed excerpts of his letter written to a newspaper say: I have returned this month from a six-month tour of some of these "less progressive" countries, I see this incident as a manifestation of a group of situations which the Canadian government looks very obvious indeed in its disgusting apathy and ignorance.

P.B. Phillips of Peterborough asks the question "How much has the Canadian government done to teach these Zambians about murdering our nationals. It seems," he said, "that our government has a plan to punish them by giving them a million dollars—do they intend to kill the Zambians with kindness?"

Mr. Phillips said that, during his tour of many rather uncivilized lands, most of which Canada aids, he was constantly being insulted, hassled and endangered. He pointed out that it was ludicrous sending great amounts of monies into lands where thanks are returned with murder when there are so many people in Canada who are suffering and barely getting by.

Mr. Phillips further suggested that External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp should be sent on a student's tour so that he can learn what the world is really like and come back and instruct the government accordingly.

Interesting are the facts according to Mrs. Drijber who accompanied her husband on his recent meeting with Mr. Sharp. She said that when they requested that the Canadian government consider paying the cost of rescue operations conducted in Rhodesia for recovery of their daughter's body he informed them that it would be impossible as Canada did not have any political relations with that country. He did, instead, strongly advise them to accept the payment Zambia was offering.

To date the Rhodesian government has not requested any compensation for tremendous costs incurred during the search operations carried on under extremely dangerous and volatile conditions for the two Canadian nationalists. The Canadian government has taken the tack of ignoring, without even written acknowledgment, their attempts to recover the body of the Canadian girl, according to Mrs. Drijber who asked Mr. Sharp what had been done.

The Drijbers, a family who have admittedly always despised debts of any kind, feel that the one incurred in Rhodesia is hanging heavy over their heads and any reimbursements received by them will be applied immediately to those costs.

Mr. Sharp asked them, according to Mrs. Drijber, what the Sinclair family thought of their effort to get at the truth; he wondered if they were in accord. Mrs. Drijber said that she found out later that, previous to their meeting in Ottawa, a letter had been sent to Mr. Sharp from Rev. Sinclair and his wife saying that they were solidly behind them and would back them in any way.

Included with a memorial brochure for

the two girls is a thesis prepared earlier by Marjan herself together with three other schoolmates at Centennial Collegiate, in Guelph which was given full marks by her teacher and, written on the side, "A fantastic effort".

The theme of the thesis was based on the title "Who will answer" and, in reading it through one is able to pick up the deep vein of questioning thinking which correlates with the calamitous attitudes of today's young people and, somehow manages to relate to its readers how closely the question "who will answer" resembles the one which today's people are asking regarding Marjan's own terrible murder.

"Today, says the thesis, "our world hovers under the constant threat of destruction from atom bombs, but no one seems to care. The universal watchword has become "Don't get involved."

Involvement is asking for trouble. Become insensible and live happily unaware on your little island. Ignore the constant experiments of the nations to improve the strength of the weapons of destruction. Drown it out and be peacefully ignorant while you dance and play in our mini-world. But if one man at the top has been outguessed in our cold war of wits and another player in the game can press his secret button, who will be left to tell the population of the bad move? When their protective shell of insensibility is shattered who then will explain the politics? Who will answer?"

In the thesis an insight is shown of the conviction of the writers that people must stand up for the things that are right and, besides giving credence to her trip to Africa with Chris to learn and attempt to understand, somewhere there is a spark of recognition that, in writing the thesis, they have also presented a testimony that is a pre-written memorial to Marjan herself.

In Rhodesia a soft rock folk song was written by Smith Marshall in commemoration of the two girls and somehow the poignant sadness of the uselessness of it all was picked up and carried into the music world of young people in that country:

"The river is rushing,
Foaming, creaming,
In Nature's beauty
They were dreaming.
They sang for joy
In their beautiful youth
As on they went
In their search for truth.

They walked, they whistled,
And shouted for joy,
It was like being given
A brand new toy.
The sun was still high
And hot in the sky
Then the rifle it spat
And then came their cry.

Students happy
In the prime of life,
Looking neither for problem
Looking neither for strife.
To shoot till you see
The whites of their eyes
At sixty meters
There can be no disguise.
CHORUS: There were stars on the rock
And blood in the sand
But why they died
We don't understand.
Why they died
We don't understand.

The record copyrighted but not yet in Canada was entitled Christine and Marjan we don't understand.



Bruce family say goodbye to squirrel

Bolts cage

No thanks from black squirrel Braces nurse back to health

By Lorraine

It's a farewell from Philip and Sherri Brace who, with their mother Julie see the last of their three month house visitor—a black squirrel who had fallen from a tree at the Rockwood Cemetery and injured a leg.

The Braces took the small animal home nursed it to full size, gave it medical attention complete with X-Rays at the vet

hospital in Guelph and then opened the cage to say "fly". And it did.

Without a backward glance or a "thanks for a happy time" the precocious creature literally flew out of the cage. Since its release both Philip and Sherri are sure they've seen it hanging about the community. After all what other squirrel is solid black, has a furry tail and darts about as easily as



Arrest men in Guelph

Guelph police arrested two men on warrants from the Acton O.P.P. office early yesterday (Tuesday) morning.

Charges against one man are petty trespass and failing to appear in court, while the other is charged with impaired driving and having liquor in a place other than residence.

The men were taken to the Halton County jail where they will appear in court today (Wednesday).

An Acton area man and a second man from Brampton will appear in court, September 12 to

face charges of causing a disturbance by fighting following an incident in the Dominion Hotel parking lot at 12:40 Sunday morning.

Acton O.P.P. also laid a charge of being drunk in a public place against a man from out of town and carried out one liquor seizure during the week of July 31-Aug. 7.

According to Ontario government statistics, only 52 per cent of the allowable cut of conifers and 11 per cent for hardwoods is being utilized in the province.

Rockwood romps over Alvinston

Rockwood Red Sox have advanced to the second round of the ORSA Intermediate "C" playoffs by sweeping their first round series from Alvinston in two straight games.

Bob Shaw hurled a two hit shutout and struck out 14, as Rockwood wrapped up the series with a 2-0 win in Alvinston Saturday night.

Fred Buchanan and Jim Thatcher paced a seven hit Red Sox attack with two safeties apiece. Vic Williams, Dan Arbie and Chick Milne each picked up one hit. Rockwood scored both runs in the fourth inning.

Shaw tossed a three hitter and fanned 13 in the first game, won easily by Rockwood 16-1.

Harry Phillips and Chick Milne slugged home runs, as Red Sox nailed Alvinston pitching for a total of 15 hits.

Vic Williams had three hits, Phillips, Phil Shrive and Fred Buchanan two each and Mike Martin, Dan Arbie, Walt Jeffries, George Uznowski and Bob Shaw one apiece.

Rockwood will play either Sheddin or Avon in the next round, but no dates have been set yet.

Belwood downs Red Sox in Int. league finale

First baseman Bob McCulloch banged out four hits in five at bats including a home run to power Belwood to a 5-2 win over Rockwood Red Sox at Rockwood park Thursday night. It was the final game of the regular intercounty schedule for the Rockwood senior club.

Belwood tagged Rockwood starter Bill Robinson for six hits and four runs in the first 5 2-3 innings. Reliever John Salmon also gave up six hits.

Rockwood managed just 7 safeties off winning pitcher Jim Weatherald. Jim Thatcher clouted a single and a triple, Norm Beattie doubled and

singled and Fred Buchanan and Harry Phillips both singled.

Right fielder Randy Clark lined out four singles in as many trips to the plate for Belwood.

Belwood 100-010615
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Rockwood: Vic Williams, Mike Martin, Norm Beattie, Jim Thatcher, Dan Arbie, Chick Milne, Fred Buchanan, Harry Phillips, Mike Kelly, Bill Robinson, John Salmon

Umpires: Plate - Don Currie, Bases - Sade Widmeyer and George Wheeler

Comin's and Goin's

Well now! Latest word from Eden Mills' travellers, the Chesworths, is that they have left France to spend a few weeks with their families in England. "We were terribly sad to leave France after six months having made some wonderful friends. The children went to school and soon spoke French and our own French really improved" was the word from Anthony in a homebound postcard. Everyone is looking forward to more word and knowledge that they will be home fairly soon.

Visitors and visitors of Mr. and Mrs. S. Trousdale of Harris Street enjoyed the visit of Mr. and Mrs. John Laing of Kingston recently and also of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Trousdale of Flesherton.

Marvellous holiday, ideal fishing, and great hospitality all wrapped up in the neighborly week visit. But home again Finnegan, and the couple came home a week ago to prepare for daughter Donna's wedding last Saturday.

Friends of Mrs. C. Levels on Main Street send their deepest sympathy at the passing of her husband, Mr. Levels' paintings have made him a well known personage about the village of Rockwood and, with his passing, it must be remembered that many of his local scenes will stand as tributes to the talents of a fine resident and his loss will be sadly recorded.

Ron and Marlene Short were tremendously pleased at the assistance and kindnesses afforded them by neighbors and friends at the time of their recent disaster. They could not name individually all those who offered help both with clothing, pieces of accommodation for themselves, their children and their animals; and in many other areas of assistance. They were unable to state any particular plans as to future arrangements but conveyed to Rockwood villagers their genuine and sincere appreciation for everything. Rockwood residents also convey their attitudes of concern to the Short family and look forward to their re-establishment in the village.

Who is staying at your house? If you do have a guest during the month of August call and tell the Acton Free Press about it. Let's not drop out on the newsy summer news so call anyway and keep the press hopping with activity.

On the Lake of Kagawaca by the Islands of Manitoulin went two Rockwood visitors recently when Don and Winnie Hills visited and stayed at one of the campsites owned by Doug and Lois Schwenker who recently purchased the 15 campsite

Severe electrical storm causes Rockwood damage

A 1:45 a.m. electrical storm which hit Rockwood last Thursday morning seemed to concentrate most of its energy on houses in the vicinity of Harris Street.

Although many villagers in Rockwood were awakened sharply by the tremendous blast as the storm hit, few could find any results other than some blown electric lamp bulbs and broken window panes.

On Harris Street however, blown television tubes, stoves cut off, and a car moved several feet from where it was parked, indicated that the area of the village had been in the direct line of the current.

Most badly hit was the home of Mrs. Dorothy Dean. The attic wiring was severely burned and the nails in her metal kitchen ceiling blackened with soot and dust from the attic blown about the kitchen and house. Clayton McLaren, local electrician, said

it was a wonder a fire hadn't resulted. He recommended complete new wiring.

A neighbor of Mrs. Dean's, Mr. Coulette, reported his car had been moved and also a front window of his home shattered along with burned out wirings and blown electric lights.

Talking with residents about the village later Thursday morning, revealed that several of them had been hit with the loud cracking noise. However, early morning investigation had proved otherwise.

Mrs. Dean's outside telephone box had been blown off and found later in a ditch. Her next door neighbor, daughter Florence Lovell also found that her telephone box had been blown off to land at the rear of her mother's garden.

Mrs. Dean has presently vacated her Harris Street home to stay with Mrs. Lovell until the attic rewiring and kitchen clean-up has been completed.

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