

Our readers write

Long live Quebec

Dear Sir:
 Canadians speak English.
 French-Canadians French.
 Language, culture, historical grievance
 Alienate Canadian from French-
 Canadian.
 Congenital, congealed character.
 The idealized concept,
 The supposed panacea,
 The intended rapprochement,
 The policy of bilingualism
 Causing opposition, annoyance, in-
 difference, token compliance.
 The schism, the separation scheme no
 less real.
 French-Canadians accustomed to a
 comic, incongruous English,
 Should keep to French,
 Not bastardize English.
 French in Canada outside Quebec, is
 alien, foreign.
 Canadians do not want it, will not agree to
 it.

Canadians will resist the imposition and
 strife
 Inherent in two languages, two cultures.
 Quebec separation will benefit both.
 French-Canadians free, autonomous,
 sovereign.
 Language, culture secure, intact.
 The goal of independence achieved.
 Canadians free of a divisive, extraneous
 language,
 A carping, clannish people, superfluous,
 futile debate,
 The sop and anathema of special status.
 The future assured in a multicultural,
 common linguistic,
 Anglo-Saxon monarchial Canada.
 Quebec's natural, final destiny, the
 denouement denied her
 As Francophone subordinate in an
 Anglophone majority Canada,
 Must yet be determined.
 Long live New Quebec!

Canada

Copy of letter

This is a copy of a letter dispatched to the
 office of the Solicitor General Francis Fox
 by this date in concert with the riot and
 killing of an inmate at Milhaven Peniten-
 tiary yesterday. For publication and for
 C.P.

URGENT & IMPORTANT
 October 28, 1977

The Hon. Francis Fox
 Solicitor General of Canada
 House of Commons
 Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Milhaven Penitentiary Incident

Honorable Sir:
 An application recently has been sub-
 mitted to the Solicitor General and other
 officials of the Penitentiary Service for a
 conference in concert with the proposed
 recommendation submitted by The Hon.
 McGuigan for revision of the Penal System
 in Canada. Further a telex communication
 has been received by your office applying
 on behalf of the prisoners in Canadian
 Institutions to be granted 30 days per an-
 num as amnesty on the occasion of the visit
 of Her Majesty to Canada two weeks ago.
 On both issues no acknowledgment has
 been received by me, and it affirmatively

appears your office seems to ignore these
 matters which are now of the utmost
 urgency and importance and concerns the
 lives of our inmates and penal administra-
 tors.

I have been advised by one of the officials
 of the Commissioner of Penitentiaries as
 late as August of this year that 53 of the 65
 recommendations made would be im-
 plemented no later than November 15, 1977.
 May I remind my past predictions that
 unless the Canadian Government heed to
 this promise that we will again experience
 blood baths in our federal institutions which
 can be avoided simply by the stroke of the
 Solicitor General's pen. Every effort is
 being made by me to control my people but
 this is limited. I for one having been
 through the maze of the Canadian Justice
 System and the dirt of the prison's ad-
 ministrators' office which is concealed from
 society and swept under the carpet of
 politics can assure the Honorable Minister
 that unless something is effected at once,
 the situation will be more than dangerously
 deplorable. Please advise. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
 Arthur J. Meunier A.A.
 P.O. Box 65
 Acton, Ont. Canada L7J 2M2

Life

Life
 By David Cohen

It's Autumn now, and with the falling
 leaves
 Come gusty days, and cooler evening
 breeze.
 The colours change to most enchanting hue
 Of vivid red, and orange and yellow too.
 And soon another year of life has passed.
 Winds change now and the morning frost is
 o'er
 The glens and hills and fields, so green
 before.
 The Master's hand depicts the changing
 scene
 And paints its beauty on the land serene.
 And so the die is cast.

Soon winter with its chilling gusty breath
 Blows snow and sleet and storm that
 whistles death; To all that was spring and
 summer, autumn fair.
 Chilling the world with frost without a care.
 And life has made one year.

Years as they pass move swifter now than
 ever
 Spring unto winter seem to speed together.
 And with the quickly passing years
 Man realizes all his woes and fears
 Knowing that his time is nigh.

Gently and tender as spring rain
 Life ebbs away with little pain.
 A span of living passes man once more
 And he returns to nothing, as before.
 Breathing a gentle sigh.

Tender debentures

Committee says no to financial agency

Halton Regional Treasury
 Department will go without
 the assistance of a fiscal
 agency, according to a
 recommendation coming out
 of the region's Adminis-
 tration Committee last week.
 The committee was told the
 region now has a double A
 rating and is known on the
 American and Canadian
 money market due to the
 efforts of the group of Wood
 Gundy, A. E. Ames and
 Company, Dominion
 Securities, Canadian
 Imperial Bank of Commerce
 and the Royal Bank. As a
 group those firms served as
 the region's fiscal agents over
 the past four years, and the
 cost to the region has been in
 the order of \$150,000.

Experts in the money
 market were of mixed opinion
 Wednesday morning. Some
 advised the region to stay
 with a fiscal agent
 arrangement, even though it
 could be a bit more ex-
 pensive, because it provided
 continuity and better service.
 Others attending the
 meeting said the region
 should go without the service
 of an agent and tender for
 companies that will handle
 the issuing of debentures for
 the region.

One of the key roles the
 fiscal agent plays is deciding

when it is best for the regional
 debentures to hit the market
 and advise the regional
 treasury accordingly.
 The region from time to
 time sells debentures on the
 Canadian or American
 market to finance capital
 expenditures that the region
 is carrying out.
 Noting that there is a
 possible saving of something
 in the order of \$15,000 the
 committee agreed to tender
 for its debenturing needs.
 Regional Treasurer Don
 Farmer had encouraged the

committee to continue with
 its arrangement with a fiscal
 agency but later agreed he
 could manage the debenture
 issuing without an agency's
 assistance.
 He said he had hoped to
 keep an agency so further
 promotion of the region's
 credit rating could be un-
 dertaken and a second double
 A rating be awarded.
 The committee felt it would
 be cheaper to contract that
 portion of the work out and
 will recommend that action to
 council.

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Snow announces

Province gives go-ahead for Milton's GO service

GO train expansion to the
 Milton-Streetsville line has
 been given the green light by
 provincial government. The
 announcement was made in
 provincial legislature last
 Wednesday by Ontario
 Minister of Transportation and
 Communication James
 Snow.

Mr. Snow also announced
 improvements to Toronto's
 Union Station and expansion
 of GO service to Richmond
 Hill. No dates were given.
 Details of the proposed ex-

pansion to Milton will be
 available within a month.
 Halton-Burlington MPP
 Julian Reed, who said he at-
 tempted without success to
 extract a starting date for the
 service, commented: "I
 believe Milton could make
 excellent use of the GO Train
 because bus service to Tor-
 onto is so slow."

The provincial announce-
 ment followed on the heels of
 a federal statement releasing
 \$230-million over a five year

period for transportation
 programs in Canada.

Calling the federal monies
 a "joke" Mr. Snow said the
 GO train expansion he
 authorized will be carried out
 using provincial monies.

Ontario's share of the
 federal funds, scheduled for
 release in April, will provide
 \$16.5-million a year for five
 years. The lump sum is in-
 tended for grade separations,
 railway relocation and urban
 transit. Mr. Snow said the
 amount would not cover the

cost of grade separations
 alone. "It's actually a
 reduction for Ontario," he
 commented. "The federal
 government has basically
 welched on previous
 promises of any significant
 funding."

Frank Philbrook, Halton
 MP, led a campaign within
 his own caucus to get federal
 funds for GO expansion. He
 called the federal announce-
 ment both good news and bad.
 He said it was good to have a
 decision, adding any money
 was better than none.

Dr. Philbrook deplored the
 federal decision to lump three
 programs in one funding
 package, saying it diluted the
 available monies. He was
 also disappointed funding
 won't start until April. It

should be a top priority, he
 said.

Release of any further
 federal funds would depend
 on the government changing
 its view on the urgency and
 importance of transportation
 improvements as well as on
 the growth of the economy.
 "If we can get the economy
 growing fast again, it will
 generate more money and
 there'll be a bigger pie," Dr.
 Philbrook said.

The MP predicted exten-
 sion of GO transit to
 Milton will speed up growth
 of the town and bring with it
 both the good and bad effects
 of growth. He said the town
 would be bigger and
 wealthier and hopes it will be
 better able to attract in-
 dustry.

Long weekend

Local children got a long
 weekend as North Halton
 elementary and intermediate
 teachers held their first pro-
 fessional activity day of the
 year Friday, Oct. 28.

Professional activity days
 are intended as an in-service
 education program for
 teachers, said Robert
 Baldwin, Vice-principal
 Colton Roberts, one of the
 planners of Friday's
 program. The program was
 limited to teachers in the
 north part of the region to
 meet the needs of teachers
 more effectively than a
 Halton-wide in-service could
 do, Mr. Roberts said. There
 will be a total of nine pro-
 fessional activity days this
 year, including days set aside
 for parent interviews.

Teachers attending the
 program, held in Milton,
 Georgetown and Stewarttown
 schools, dealt with the
 development of core concepts
 in kindergarten to grade eight
 subjects.

Approve 1978 budget estimate

The Children's Aid Society
 (CAS) budget estimates for
 1978 received approval from
 regional community and
 social services committee
 this week. The committee
 held a special meeting
 Monday to review budgets.

The budget estimate of
 \$1,479,100 was said to be a 5.1
 per cent increase over the
 1977 budget. However, Milton
 Councillor Jim Kerr
 disagreed with this figure. He
 said the budget actually
 represents a 7.1 per cent
 increase over last year. (The
 5.1 per cent figure was
 derived by annualization of
 the projected actual gross
 expenditures for 1977.
 Annualization is the process
 of determining the yearly

cost of staff who were em-
 ployed only part of the year.)
 The 1977 CAS budget was
 approved only Oct. 1, after
 nine months of negotiations.
 It represented a 25 per cent
 increase over the previous
 year. Additional monies were
 advanced on a sup-
 plementary budget to cover
 foster home and institutional
 care and staff increases. Mr.
 Kerr said the full impact of
 the '77 increases will be felt
 in 1978.

Mr. Kerr said he supports
 the 1978 CAS budget.
 However, he wants the
 province to support the
 adoption program 100 per
 cent, instead of the 80 per cent
 it now gives. Many of the
 children adopted by Halton
 families come from outside

the region, Mr. Kerr pointed
 out. Adoption saves the
 province money and for this
 reason, the program should
 be financed totally by the
 province, he said.

The day care budget
 projected costs for subsidized
 day care for 1978 at \$168,000.
 According to Councillor Kerr,
 this represents a 54 per cent
 increase over last year's
 original budget, before a
 supplementary budget was
 granted to cover operating
 costs for the remainder of
 the year. (The original 1977
 budget projection proved too
 low and a further \$52,000 was
 approved.)

Mr. Kerr commented bleak
 economic prospects for '78
 will possibly have more
 people looking for subsidized
 day care. If day care is a
 community priority, it will be
 reflected in a large budget
 increase, he said.

Royal Winter Fair educational experience

The Queen's Silver Jubilee
 will receive special attention
 at this year's Royal Agricul-
 tural Winter Fair, Nov. 11 to
 19 in Toronto.

Sir John Johnston, British
 High Commissioner to Can-
 ada will open the Fair's 49th
 show at the Coliseum, Exhibi-
 tion Place, and welcome
 visiting delegates from the 24
 member countries of the
 Royal Society of the Com-
 monwealth.

The Royal's highlights
 include livestock exhibits,
 competitions, auctions, prize-
 winning produce, home bak-
 ing, horse show and other
 attractions.

You can learn a thing or

two at the Royal Winter Fair.
 A large educational display
 depicting the production and
 marketing of barley from the
 farm to the consumer as well
 as an open barley sheaf
 competition will be featured.
 Barley, the third crop to be
 featured in the past three
 years at the Royal, is a major
 Canadian grain crop. Wheat
 and corn were displayed in
 1975 and 1976 respectively.
 The barley sheaf winner
 will receive a silver tray.
 The increasing popularity
 of rabbit meat for com-
 mercial purposes prompted
 the opening of a rabbit fryer
 class at this year's fair. It will
 be judged opening day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday, November 6, 1977

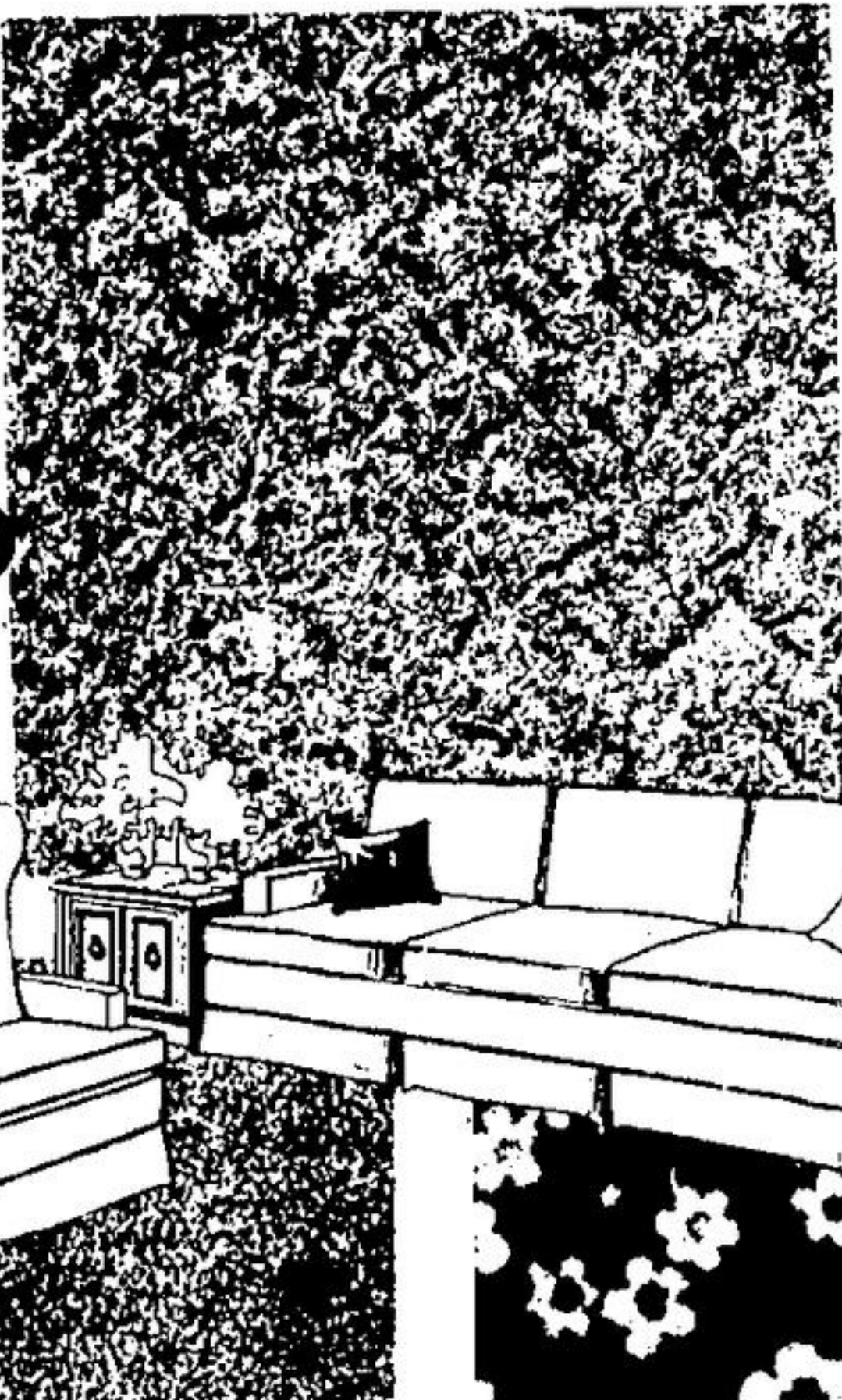
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- 10:15 a.m. — Vets form up on Fellow Street
- 10:30 a.m. — Parade to Cenotaph
- 10:45 a.m. — Service at Cenotaph
- 11:15 a.m. — Church Service in Trinity United Church
- 12:15 p.m. — Vets Parade to Legion for lunch

It is hereby proclaimed by the Council of the
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