Report from Queen's Park

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The Residential Tenancies Act has been given approval in principle and has now been sent to committee for study. This legislation, which would permit the eviction of tenants for breaking a landlord's "house rules", has been strongly criticized by tenants and opposition party critics since its introduction on October 30.

At present, landlords must obtain a court order to evict a tenant, but under the new bill a landlord can establish "house rules", and if they are broken, can apply to the new Residential Tenancies Commission, which can tell the tenant to move out. This bill also extends rent controls on the majority of rental units at least until the end of 1979 and changes the rent review system.

In connection with the deaths of 22 Hamilton foundry workers, who died from lung cancer, the Minister of Labor has described the actions of medical officials in his ministry and the Workmen's Compensation Board as "careless". The Minister stated that he had met officials from his Ministry's occupational health and safety division and the WCB and learned that the investigation was not carried out because of a breakdown in communications.

He continued "In reviewing the co-respondence I must say...the breakdown in communications is difficult to understand. Nevertheless, this misunderstanding did arise and was not brought to my attention until I commenced my investigation". This breakdown in communication has led to a further delay in the WCB's decision on the 22 claims for compen-

ficials revealed recently.

sation made by the widows and families of the foundry workers who have already been walting for more than a

In July 1977, the board received a copy of a 10-year study by Dominion Foundries and Steel Ltd. which discovered that foundry workers over 45 years old are four and a half times as likely to contract lung cancer than workers in other parts of the plant. Defasco officials have pointed out that these lung cancers may be the result of operations and processes in the foundry 20 years ago that no longer apply.

Dr. William McCracken, executive director of medical services for the WCB, said in an interview that he sent the study to the Labor Ministry's occupational health and safety division with a request for a detailed evaluation, and asked for an analysis to determine whether any other studies show an increased incidence of lung cancer in foundry workers elsewhere in the world. The extent of the Ministry's involvement was to send a list of occupational health studies in foundries to Dr. McCracken last June. However, Dr. McCracken was under the impression that the ministry was continuing a detailed investigation and held off doing anything about the claims before the board until the probe was completed.

Environment maintains that some industries will be forced to close or curtail operations if Ontarians don't accept certain methods of liquid industrial waste disposal. "I know we've got to come to a conclusion. Industries are

south of the entrance to the

Replacement of both bridges has been approved by Halton Regional council and

work is expected to be

Oakville has two bridges with serious flaws. One is on

the Fourth Line, half a mile north of Burhamthorpe Rd. and the other is on the Lower

Base Line, about a half mile west of the Fourth Line. In addition a CPR bridge or Snake Road in Burlington is

Region officials indicated they did not know if the

finished next year.

being looked at.

Two regional bridges in Moore. His department

nesses which require strict. One of the suspect struc-

road limits, municipal of tures is on Tremaine Road

Two other bridges in the Kelso Conservation area at

Replacements are in the of Stewarttown on Regional works for the bridges in the Road 15. The bridge near

south are in the same shape. Milton. The other is just west

north, according to Halton's Stewarttown has a two-ton public works director Robert limit, according to Moore.

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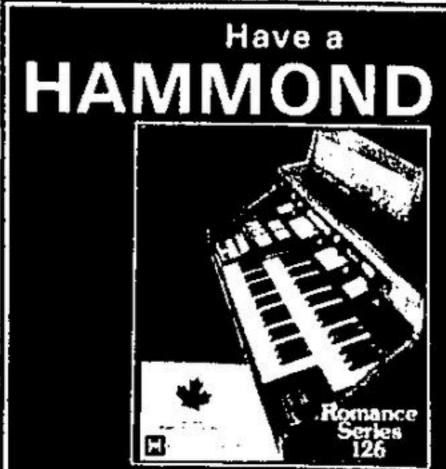
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The Minister of the warning the hospitals not to quences".

Halton plans to repair even if they ask for it. north's flawed bridges schools in Some Tore within

Education trustees criticized the education minister for her "high-handed censorship" of the film. There was a move to reply to the minister's request because Toronto saw it as a preliminary to stronger suggestions from the minister

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going to be up to their ears in waste and nobody will be manufacturing."

The public is apparently unwilling to accept what the Minister calls proven processes for the disposal of industrial waste. He quoted comments such as "Not in my backyard. . .put it where there are no people. Let it go where the people who get the jobs and benefits from the industry live" and said "If I tell people. Here is a technically proven method: I can burn PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) safely at a temperature of 2400F degrees', people feel there must be some better way. I'm appalled by the fact that even if present a technically feasible way (to dispose of

Hospital increase

politically."

liquid wastes), it won't sell

Hospitals cannot expect a bigger increase in capital or operating funds next year. the Minister of Health has told the Ontario Hospital Association. Capital budgets have, in fact, been pared from last srping's approved \$115-million to \$98-million for 1978-79, and next year's total is unlikely to be more than this year's, according to the

On the average, operating budgets for the coming year cannot be increased by more than 4.5 per cent and "a much harder look at the whole system" will be needed to achieve even this, he said, budget for deficits which "is a shortsighted practice that could fead to serious conse-

Any hospital running a deficit will find it will have to

Ontario Transportation

Minister James Snow said

inspections were carried out

on 8,300 bridges in the last two

years. The survey found 2,544

were "in jeopardy of collapse

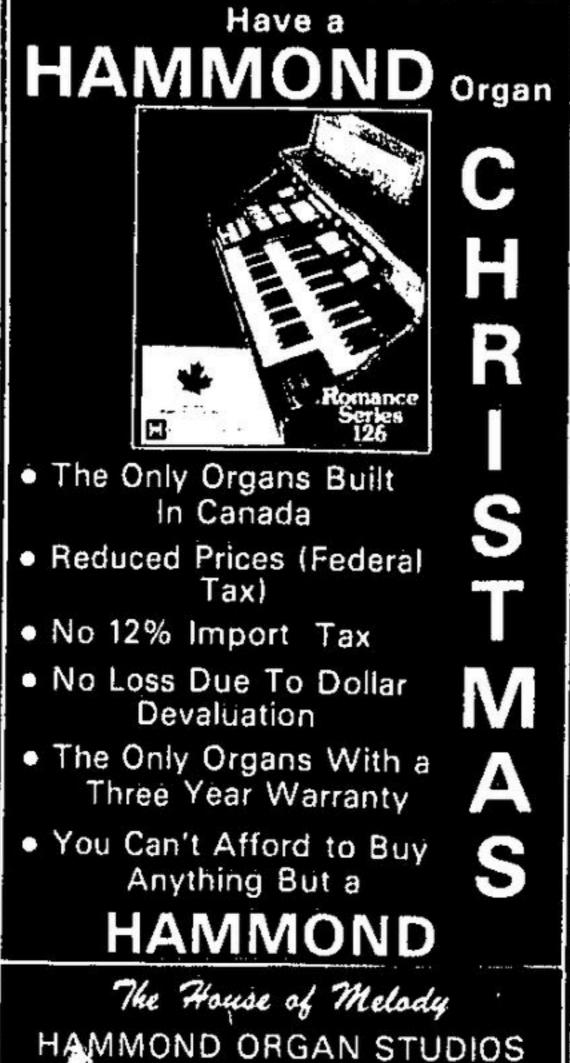
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Bette Stephenson

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being shown on television

despite a request by Reuben

Baetz, Minister of Culture

and Recreation, to PostPone

The film, produced by the

crowd attended the festivities. Ted Hansen conducted the group.

Halton reacts mildly to Jesus film note

Halton Board of Education reacted almost without comment to a request from Ontario Education Minister Bette Stephenson to ban the film "The Jesus Trial" from local schools.

Director of Education Em Lavender introduced the item on last Thursday's board meeting at Burlington by saying he had not seen the film, but that he talked to one trustee who had.

"So many people have taken it (the memo) as censurship," Acton Esquesing trustee Bert Hinton told the gathering. He continued by saying a film is like a book, and schools do not have to get involved in situations which have chance to promote friction. Education Minister

Stephenson stated she Ontario Educational Communications Authority not to make the film available to schools,

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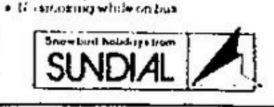
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