



Rehearsals are underway for the McKenzie-Smith musical production, *Anne of Green Gables*, to be held in March. The cast cheers when it hears Anne, (Bev Glenn, above and Tracey Dunbar), has won the scholarship.

# World War III topic in classes

by Diana Waltmann

The discussion is about nuclear war. Far away places such as Afghanistan, Iran, China and Russia are being tossed around. The strength of armies and advancement of technology are being debated.

The argument should be coming from some quiet corner of the U.S. Pentagon, but it's actually Bill Taylor's grade nine history class at Acton District High School, and these students are worried.

The concerns of the ADHS student, in fact any teenager in Canada today, have changed. No longer are they worried about the Valentine's dance on Friday or what to wear to it. Suddenly events in a small country which no one had even heard of (two months ago, have taken it's place. Suddenly, war seems imminent and suddenly these kids realize they are the armies that will fight the battles.

"My grade 11's are upset," says teacher Bill Taylor, "especially about the Iranian situation. We'll talk about it for the first 15 minutes of each class."

War popular

"A third world war is a popular idea (with students)," says another history teacher Marian Hughes.

"The first thing they ask is will I be drafted," adds Taylor.

The United States is considering a conscription bill that would draft citizens between the ages of 18 and 21, both men and women, but there are no signs of a similar bill surfacing in Canada.

If there was a draft, the majority of the students say they will go to war, no matter where it's being fought or why. In a grade nine class survey, five girls and three boys, out of 2 students, indicated they would dodge a draft, but only if a war was taking place outside of Canada.

If Canada was attacked, the entire class says they would go to war—voluntarily.

But says Mrs. Hughes, the younger grades are far removed from the world situation. "They are taken by the fact people still wear turbans over there," she said. "They have only been noticing the situation for the past six months. It's all new to them."

Unaware of Vietnam

She added the younger students were totally unaware of the Vietnam war and problems the United States had dealing with internal opposition to their involvement in southeast Asia.

Students are quite supportive of the United States, unlike the generation before them. "They think it's great the way the U.S. stands up to the Russians," says Taylor, "but as long as they do it and not Canada."

The older grades—grade 12 and 13 realize the possibilities of Canada getting involved," he added. "Suddenly 18 isn't so young anymore. The kids are conscious of the fact they could be the ones fighting."

Both Taylor and Mrs. Hughes, as well as geography teacher Harold Mahato, said they found students were knowledgeable about world issues, even before they discussed them in class.

"Even in my math class," says Mahato, "they want to discuss the Ayatollah (Komeini—Iran's religious leader). I was surprised at the amount of information they had," he adds.

One student says he read an article about China which stated the Chinese population has one big advantage—

themselves. If they all jumped up and down at the same time, he adds, it would start a tidal wave that would hit the State's west coast.

Another student was concerned about Russian strength. "I don't think the United States is on par with Russia in nuclear warfare. I read in a newspaper article that Russians are much further advanced and that's probably why the U.S. won't take any military action in Afghanistan," he says.

"But we, well, not we, the United States, have kept a close watch on their silos," another student says. "We, I mean they, have satellites watching them."

Most students were sure of one thing, however. They said they think there will be a third world war, and when there is, the United States will protect Canada.

"With the United States right beside us, we have got nothing to worry about," says one student optimistically.

But his classmates are looking over their shoulders anyway, just in case.

## Musical at McKenzie-Smith

Rehearsals are underway at McKenzie-Smith School for the musical production of *Anne of Green Gables* set for March 12 and 13.

The students, with some help from the staff of McKenzie-Smith, will be performing a condensed version of the famous Canadian operetta.

Two casts have been selected for each performance, which will include not only singing, but dancing numbers as well.

Dave Mashinter and Gail McHugh are directing the production. Ena Gibson and Marg White are in charge of costumes while Paul Kirby and Doug Hines designed the sets.

The cast is:

Tracy Dunbar and Bev Glenn - Anne; Jim Johnston, Chris Rogge - Matthew; Sandy Avial, Charlene Couture - Marilla; Vicki Rodriguez, Andrea Arbie - Diana; Scott Nowlan - Gilbert; Kris Hodges, Jane Sweet - Mrs. Lyne; Crystal Smith, Sandra Bendicks - Mrs. Barry; Lisa Gillis, Lisa Doberthien - Miss Stacy; Rhys Gibb, Doug Dewhurst - Mr. Phillips; Kelly Bogart, Shannon Lindsay - Mrs. MacPherson; Corrine Walker, Lillian Waldie - Mrs. Sloane; Susan Nadhazi, Pam Dubrosky - Mrs. Pye;

Gillian Brian, Sally Peterson - Mrs. Spencer; Jeff Silcock, Warren Blain - Stationmaster; Darryl Vicary, Ryan Persaud - Minister; Anthony Tillet, Chris Hicks - Earl the Mailman; Richard Kilpatrick, Don McDonald - Cecil the Farmer; Carolyn VanDen Akker, Connie Soros - Josie Pye; Susan Johnston, Louise Reid - Ruby Gillis; Cathy Kolozsvari, Jenny McDonald - Tillie Boulter; Dawn Hilton, Janice Barton - Gertie Pye; Leahann Jarrett, Diana Dunn - Prissy Andrews; Brad Demone, Tim Garton - Charlie Sloane; Jason Stanbridge, Rick Dwyer -

Moody MacPherson; Tony Van Dam, Mike Arbie - Tommy Sloane.



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