Carol Ann Matschke and Donna Mitchell battle it out in kick boxing at the Acton Y Thursday nights.

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Julie Atherton strikes a pose during the YMCA ballet class Wednesday nights.



Doing an Incline dumbell press is David Stone.

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Trinity pulls account out of Scotia Bank

By a majority of just four votes, Trinity United members Church decided Sunday to start removing their assets from the Bank of Nova Scotia in a protest against the bank's loans to South Africa.

The motion on the floor since the February Annual Congregational meeting proposed Trinity remove their funds from the Bank of Nova Scotla and place them in the Toronto-Dominion Bank or a credit union. The T-D bank has stated it will pursue no new loan involvement in South Africa.

An amendment ratified the motion to allow the board some leeway. The church's current account will be changed immediately and investments will be transferred as mature if the Bank of Nova Scotia hasn't at that time changed their responsibility. oan policy.

After nearly three hours of discussion and debate, 76 of the church's 490 voting members and adherants cast ballots, 40 in favour, 36 against. Debate on the issue has

stirred the Trinity congregation for nearly two months. Inspired by a letter from ex-board chairman and Acton chairman for Ten Days for World Development, Eldon Comfort, and the United Church Canada's urging ternational banks cease lending money to South government because of its apartheid system of racial segregation, the matter was thrown to

congregational meeting February 8. Carried by a "substantial majority" the motion was handed to the Unified Board for action. In an unprecedented action the board threw the decision back to the congregation for further research and information.

A four man panel composed of protagonists Eldon Comfort and United Church of Canada treasurer Bill Davis; and antagonists Wes Beatty and Ross Knechtel, presented information to the congregation prior to a question period.

All members of the

panel agreed they were bearing on the decision. opposed to apartheid. Beatty said the question before Christians was not "should we help to bring about change, but how".

"We should not ask people with influence to back away...we can only help the Africans if people with influence are there", he stated.

questioned the motion by asking "should condemn and punish the Bank of Nova Scotla for disagreeing with General Council (of the Church United Canada)." He called the "secondary boycott" and said it was a "terrible

produce any effect. attitudes of General history of the Task Force

mistake" that would not

We are stewards of the church's money and are responsible for the way it's used. . . we are obliged to be concerned how the church's profits are made." He added there was no evidence the South Africa government had used loan money to

benefit blacks. economic boycott" he concluded.

Last to speak, Eldon Comfort aid he believed "every moral, political, sociological economic means" should be used to attack social

he queried, "no other country is as intransitant to the world as South Africa, . . all done in the name of Christianity." He called the South situation unique-the only country where racial segregation

a question period it was brought out by Davis that South Africa is concerned about it's international image

'As long as we are prepared to provide capital we are supporting it (apartheld)" he said. He explained the U.C. Albizures . will

Answering a question concerning "cleanliness" of other Canadian banks, Davis sald it was hard to get information from most banks but the Toronto

why couldn't companies

in South Airlea be asked

Dominion had Issued a public statement that it will not be making any new loans to South Knechtel Africa. "I'm confident they are not playing around with us," he sald, adding the

Royal Bank had come "half way" in decision, by stating they "had made no new loans to South Africa for two Rev. Chuck Beaton asked the antagonists

Davis explained the Council and provided formed to look at the

Beatty answered if the Bank of Nova Scotia were "where would we stop?" issues" he concluded.

to bring pressure to bear the "oppresive the surprise visit to the church recently by regime". "Where there is national Bank of Nova money there is power,' Scotla president J.A.G.

"We have a responerked to use it's influence sibility for international

Knechtel said a better

way to counter the South African problem would

be to offer scholarships to

whites in South Africa,

"they'll learn things here

they won't learn in South

Many congregation

members chose to speak

to the motion. Speaking

negatively, senior church

board member Ralph

Denny informed listeners

all banks in question had

a percentage of holdings

in Brass Can, a company

doing business with South

Africa. He said the Acton

Nova Scotia Bank branch

had been very good to

Rev. Beaton, speaking

for the motion, said

Trinity's actions had "far

wider implications than

we thought" referring to

Africa" he added.

Acton fights for refugee

Guatemala, Angel Albizures, has been arrested in Costa Rica and will likely be killed by the Guatemalan government if letters from Acton churches fail to obtain refugee status for the political escapee in Costa Rica. "Why South Africa?"

Here in February for the Ten Days for World Development brogram, Albizures and his translator, Anna Fuentes Mohr told Actonians the horrors of living under the present Guatemalan

organizor, Albizures was exiled in Costa Rica after having fled for his life. Mrs. Fuentes Mohr is the daughter of an opposition leader murdered for his political activities.

Arrested recently after his return to Costa Rica, of Canada would be returned to Guatemala tendering it's bank ac- and will be at the mercy counts shortly and a of the government unless bank's position in South he is granted refugee Africa would have a status by Costa Rica.

In an effort to help, a petition has been circulated throughout Acton requesting churches Costa Rican president Rodrigo Carazo Odio grant Albizures refugee

A telegram was sent Tuesday and will be followed by a letter bearing an estimated 350 signatures.

Mrs. Ruentes Mohr is married to a Costa Rican therefore automatically granted protected status.

Care of meeting

The North Halton Palliative Care Interest Group which was organized to study the needs and concerns of the dying and their families is holding its second meeting April 2, 8 p.m. at the Milton hospital.

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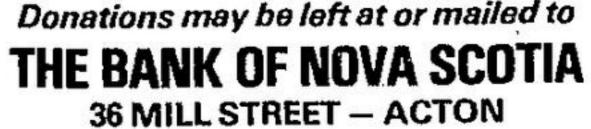


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