

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### We're With You Rud

Thinking citizens, whatever their political convictions, will have nothing but praise for Halton M.P. Rud Whiting when they read his news letter from Ottawa in this issue.

In a strongly worded statement, Mr. Whiting comes out strongly against legalizing marijuana.

"Personally, should the question of legalizing marijuana arise, I shall oppose it," he says. "To me it represents a constant danger and the responsibility of every citizen is clearly defined."

The question is one on which every member of parliament should take a strong public stand, and one which cannot be decided on party lines.

We have been bombarded with arguments by those who favour legalization.

Some split hairs, saying that because it is not a narcotic, it should be allowed. They do not point out that it does, like tobacco, produce extreme psychological dependence. And that, unlike tobacco, it is a mind altering drug.

Some deny the proof of experts that marijuana leads to use of stronger and still more dangerous addictions.

Others say that because alcoholic beverages were made legal, we should put no restrictions on marijuana. The sort of reverse argument which says because one thing is bad and legal, man should compound his indiscretions.

And in the background, are the free thinkers — those who say each man has the right to decide his own destiny, with no laws, no restraints.

We pray that parliament has a majority of Rud Whiting in its membership. Men who don't delude themselves into thinking they must pussyfoot on a matter which can affect the whole future of our country.

It is a time when parliament should be discussing laws instead of relaxing them. The marijuana issue is an excellent place to start.

If any Georgetown resident was an ostrich on the drug question, the headlines in last week's Herald should have shocked him into reality.

### Shocking Headlines

"Charge 38 in drug party raid" was not a pleasant thing to feature in what we like to think of as a quiet, middle class Ontario community, a good place to live, a good place to raise a family.

It is frightening and sad to see what can happen.

We have provided young people with every amenity today. They have more freedom than at any period in history, more of life's comforts, more spending money, more cars, schools equipped with every luxury.

That more and more of them should deliberately head for a collision course is heartbreaking and beyond understanding to adults who matured in the depression years or in the years of a world war.

It is popular to place blame on an affluent society, on working mothers, on youth's disenchantment with the world their elders have created.

### On Extra "Bird"

Georgetown is fortunate in having one species of bird which you don't find in the books.

And this one has been instrumental in fostering a fine addition to the community—a horticultural society whose slow but steady growth has made it an intricate part of the community.

We refer, of course, to Norman Bird, who, after 14 years as secretary-treasurer, has relinquished this office.

Mr. Bird, with a background of teach-

ing and farming, has been a particularly valuable man on the directorate. The society has had well-planned and interesting meetings, flower shows of a high quality. The society has beautified Georgetown in public places, and encouraged residents to enhance their home surroundings with flowers and shrubs.

"Undoubtedly the success of the Society can be attributed to the constant efforts of Mr. Bird," said president Douglas Cole, in a tribute made at the recent annual meeting.

There could be some truth in each of these. But isn't a major reason, the breakdown of order and the rise of irresponsibility among today's adult population? Our school system which must be the bulwark of tomorrow's world, has been infiltrated by free thinkers of the Dennis variety who have almost destroyed any concept of a teacher-pupil relationship, of discipline and manners. Bill Smiley has some succinct comments on this in his Sugar & Spice column this week.

Many parents, too, have shirked their responsibilities. It's always been easier to say 'yes' than 'no.' And when we're on this free expression kick, even the most sensible parents find it hard to hue the line they would like.

Teachers, through their federation, could help to start us back on a normal course. They could demand a return to the old discipline. That might start the ball rolling in the right direction.

### IN THE MAIL BAG

## Sees Communists Influence Behind Unrest of Youth

11 Ewing Street,

Dear Sir: This will confirm my phone call of congratulation to you on your editorial of two weeks ago, and judging by the reaction of many of our misguided youth, you hit the nail right on the head.

It is very obvious that the writer of the good old days was not around at that time, also that he is a devotee of John Lennon and the Lovelace. Can anyone fail to be nauseated by the sight of screaming swooning teenagers clawing at the barricades of the airport like a lot of caged animals?

In the good old days our teenagers went to work for their living and we worked from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. They had little time for rock and roll and no money for pot.

Our teenagers today have too much time on their hands with too little to do.

I do not blame the teenagers. Much of the blame can be laid on the doorstep of their teachers. They are bombarded with psychiatrists, (brain probing) evolutionists, (denial of God's word) and if that is not enough, sex education.

Can we expect anything else but chaos in the minds of our teenagers. Is it any wonder that headlines read "38 Charged in Drug Raid Party."

A few weeks ago I stated that Communists have invaded our schools and churches. I quote from a book on Ideology and co-existence. Their aims:

1. Infiltration of labour movement particularly steel, auto and transportation;

2. Formation of a communist youth movement;

3. Getting more negro members stressing integration;

4. Putting communists into neighbourhood associations — parent-teacher associations etc.

Encourage steady organized breakdown of moral standards etc., end of quote.

We have only to read our daily news to see how well they have accomplished their aims.

Godless Communism has succeeded in rebellion in our schools and universities, has disrupted our transportation, has undermined the morals of our youth.

Can we wonder at the frustration and the wish to get away from it all by the use of drugs which I have no doubt is being supplied by the Communists also.

Small wonder that some writers are warning us that we are already in World War III not by force of arms, but by infiltration to the very core of our civilization.

Perhaps the day will come when our youth when in the throes of a love-in they will find themselves surrounded by Russian tanks and machine guns just as the people of Czechoslovakia and Hungary, etc.

I can only say, thank God that we have teenagers who are not deceived by this indoctrination and I say to them stand fast to that which is good and refuse to be drawn into the rebellion of those who would ruin us.

I have only one comment to say to that half million congregated at Woodstock last summer. It was not the police that

broke up your sit-in, it was by an act of God that sent you home drenched, and sodden to the warm comfort of your homes.

To me it was as if God had said enough of this foolishness he deluged you with the rain and the slime of mud.

Think about it and make an effort to grow up.

Katherine Cordaro

### IN THE MAIL BAG

## Support Appreciated For Air-Cadet Canvass

Royal Canadian Air Cadets 756 Squadron, Georgetown, 10 Brucewood Road.

The Editor: I would like on behalf of the officers, instructors, and the sponsoring committee, and the Air Cadets of 756 Squadron extend our most sincere thanks to the citizens of Georgetown for their excellent support of our volunteer canvass for Ontario Heart Foundation held on Sunday, Feb. 8, A.R. (Rod) MacDonald, C.D., Capt. Commanding Officer, 756 Squadron Canadian (Air) Cadets

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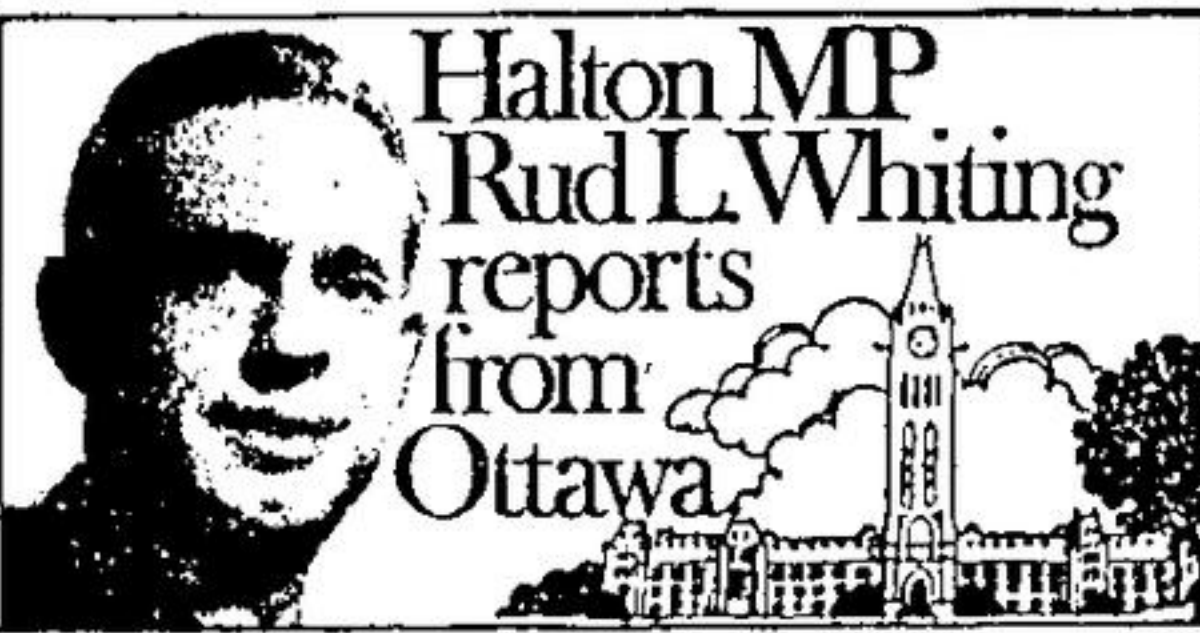
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### LEGALIZE POT?

## WHY WHITING SAYS 'NO'

MY MAIL. In recent weeks I have been concerned with the White Paper on Tax Reform, inflation and the possible legislation of Marijuana.

DESPITE THE wide discussion which prevails on taxation and inflation, the deepest concern, especially among parents with growing families centres around the use of drugs and especially marijuana, according to the letters coming into my office. The use of drugs can be traced back to the beginning of civilization. We learn of opium, for example, being used for medicinal and religious purposes in the year 1550 B.C. Later, in the 10th Century, the Arab traders introduced the drug to China where it was used as a remedy for stomach ailments and in times of famine it was used as a substitute for food. In the early 16th Century, the Portuguese introduced the cultivation of the opium poppy in India. The Chinese junkies that sailed around the Malayan Peninsula in the trade between India and China soon added opium as cargo. This marked the start of what is known today as the 'Narcotic Traffic'.

MARIJUANA IS not a true narcotic but is frequently called hallucinogenic or mind altering drug. During recent months dozens of news clippings, editorials, and magazine articles have proclaimed the virtues of marijuana.

But most writers — and speakers — many eminently qualified — fail to present a full and objective discussion of the other side of the coin — the side indicating marijuana abuse is harmful to the health and welfare of our society — and — is in fact "a calling card to narcotic addiction."

IF SUCH writers and speakers give a complete distortion, they are indulging our communities in a very dangerous gamble. By presenting only the pro-marijuana arguments, the public has been deprived of the real, vital, and objective facts necessary to make an intelligent choice about marijuana.

WHEN DISCUSSING marijuana, it is imperative to define the sometimes confusing terminology. The term 'marijuana' embraces all the fancy and vernacular names you hear, the so-called 'American Type' — the so-called 'Mexican Type', Hashish, Bhang, Ganja, Charas, Cannabis, Cannabis resins, Canabinol, pot, tea or weed.

THE POTENCY of the drugs ranges from the limited effects of poorly harvested marijuana to the severe effects of hashish or charas. Most of the marijuana consumed in the United

States and Canada is made up of the leaves and flowering tops of the marijuana plant. To a lesser extent, hashish is also consumed by users in both countries. But whether a

person is using the so-called Mexican Type marijuana or the more potent hashish, the potential for abuse is ever present. The only difference is that a user of hashish need not smoke as much to reach the desired result.

MARIJUANA differs significantly from the drugs in the opium family in that it does not produce addiction. However, it does result in psychological dependence and, according to an eminent medical scientist, Dr. David P. Ausubel, chronic users go to great lengths to insure that they will not be without the drug. Deprivation may also result in "anxiety" restlessness, irritability, or even a state of depression." For these reasons, marijuana is more often said to be habituating than addicting, although (Continued on Page 5)

### Bill Smiley

## PORK President Re-Elected

It was a close squeak, but I retained my position as President of PORK (Parents of Rotten Kids) at the annual election of officers held in my study recently.

I was given the honour of leading, once again, this progressive and widespread organization with members in every town and city in Canada, because my daughter quit university after one term.

We now have the situation of our son, who dropped out two years ago, and dropped back in this year, urging his kid sister not to be a slob, a ninny, a quitter, a lazy bum, just as we urged him when he did it.

The reason for Kim's decision is rather fuzzy in our eyes, as she wasn't failing, and even seemed to like some aspects of it. But I think the main reason was that after 12 years of school and piano lessons, she had simply had enough, and wanted to find out what real life is all about.

I haven't figures (but I'll bet they're shocking) of the number of bright young people who quit college in their first year. The reasons are obvious. It is boring it doesn't live up to their expectations, or they can't stand the new freedom and fall behind hopelessly, in their work.

It's a bitter blow for parents with high hopes, especially for those who couldn't afford it themselves and want something better for their children. There are tears and exhortations and beating of breasts. There is the rational approach, the plaintive approach, the thunderous condemnation.

But you might as well try to reason with John Calvin or an oak stump as with a stubborn 18-year-old who has made up his or her mind about something. The favorite expression is that they want to "find themselves, to learn to live in a world that is not cotton-wrapped or institutionalized. This argument brings ulcers, apoplexy and fallen arches of the soul to parents.

And I have some sympathy

for the kids. As long as they're not my own. They want to get out of the ratrace of more mortgages, taxes and striving for security in which they see their grey faced parents engaged.

They are simply sick of a system with a stick at one end and a carrot, in the form of a piece of paper, at the other. For some kids, the system is fine. And I especially admire those who, without too much natural ability, and practically no money, haul themselves through school by their bootstraps, on plain hard work.

For others, a minority, the system is rotten, and to some extent I agree with them. They want a simpler cleaner way of life.

It's a tough decision for them. Often it takes more courage to quit than to conform. They hate to hurt their baffled parents. They are labelled as lazy punks and drop-outs. They are told they can't face reality... They are confronted by nagging, bullying, threats and bribes, along with their own feelings of guilt. They often become emotionally disturbed, or pretty tough on the surface.

But there's one thing parents must do. They must stop trying to live through their kids, especially when the latter are old enough to work, to marry and to live their own lives.

Parents should do the same — live their own lives. They should go on loving their offspring, if possible. They should help them, if they need help. But they should stop trying to manipulate them, to mold them into a design they think is the right one.

Please don't think I'm defending all dropouts. Some of them are lazy bums, and quitters. But I can't help wondering what I should do, if I were 18 today.

When I went to university, it was a way of getting off the treadmill, of escaping a dull job and a limited future and a life of diapers, and boiled cab-

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1960

● An expenditure up to \$100 was okayed by council Monday night for transportation of two cannon which the town is receiving from the government for the new memorial park. Councillor Harrison said a flagpole is in place, a bridge has been built over the creek by the works department, and everything is in readiness to move the cenotaph to its new location this spring.

● An ex-Toronto Irish regiment NCO has been honoured by the Canadian Army. Walter "Red" Asseltine represented the Canadian Army in a ceremony in Oakville Friday in which he received on behalf of the army Volume 3 of the official history of the Canadian Army in 2nd World War. The presentation was made by General F. A. Sparling and autographed by the author, Col. C. P. Stacey. The fly leaf says the book was presented to Sergeant W. Asseltine, D.C.M. ... in recognition of distinguished service in the Northwest Europe campaign, World War II. Red received the Distinguished Service Medal in 1945 for outstanding heroism displayed during a German attack on the Holland town of Otterloo, during a night attack on the town involving 1,000 of the enemy. When three hundred of them succeeded in getting inside of the town and started digging in along a narrow street, Sgt. Asseltine took a section of three flame-throwing carriers (WASPS) and cleared the vital sector resulting in an enemy retreat. At one point one of the carriers was knocked out by a German bazooka. Sgt. Asseltine saved the other two from the same fate by rushing the bazooka position with a Bren gun and wiping out the crew. Otterloo was a key point in the advance of the 5th Canadian Armoured Division and the responsibility of the Irish Regiment of Canada.

1950

● Georgetown walloped Dixie 11-1 in the first game of the group playoffs on Monday when they skated to victory paced by Nick Ferri, Rene Martin and Harv Chappel, with two goals apiece. The other Georgetown goals were scored by Jack Kemshead, Junior Beaumont, John Haines, Leigh Bradbury, and Max Bradbury. A shot from the corner early in the third period, deflected off a leg and into the net to spoil Fred Lawrence's shut-out.

1940

● About 10:30 last Thursday evening fire broke out at the home of Mrs. H. Humberstone, Charles Street, and an alarm was turned in. Due to the fact that most of the members of the volunteer fire brigade were attending the Brampton-Georgetown hockey game and failed to hear the siren, the fire gained considerable headway before they arrived. The roof of the house was practically consumed by the flames and later collapsed.

bage, and hamburger four times a week, and never enough money. Today's affluent kids are getting off another type of treadmill in a different way. They have my sympathy, but my heart bleeds for those who won't make it, and discover, too late that they have exchanged a treadmill for a squirrel cage.

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