

LIBERATION TULIPS

Some of the 850 tulips given the town by the Holland Liberation Committee sway in the breeze at Memorial Park on Charles St. Others were planted at Georgetown, and District Memorial Hospital and Cedarvale Community Centre.

Residents Back Government Plan for Quarry Controls

The provincial government plans to pack a strong punch in controlling pit and quarry operators. North Peel and Halton representatives told the minister of mines last week that it's about time.

Municipal officials and ratepayers from Caledon, Nassagaweya and Esquesing townships told Allan F. Lawrence, the provincial minister handling the current overhaul of mineral resource policy, that they were tired of being pushed around by the extraction industry.

WALLS SHAKING
They told of walls shaking from blasts, convoys of gravel trucks rumbling by endlessly and land stripped raw.

The dozen who spoke all welcomed the general direction of the report of the mineral resources committee made to the minister, but most said that its recommendations did not go far enough to effectively control what Lawrence called the "environmental disasters being handed over to us."

He stressed three major recommendations in summing up the report: initiation of provincial legislation making rehabilitation of the quarried land mandatory; taking over of quarry operation restrictions by the province rather than keeping it a municipal jurisdiction and submission of municipal plans to provincial standards in the area of mineral resource policy.

CENT A TON
"We're suggesting legislation which would make the operator of a pit pay a levy of one cent per ton to be held by the province," Lawrence told the meeting. "If the operator rehabilitates his land, then he gets his money back. If he doesn't then we've got the levy money to do it."

"Even before the site gets attacked by the operator, he must file a detailed report on how he plans to make it livable after he's through with it."

"We will encourage operators to rehabilitate as they go along rather than leaving a gaping hole at the end."

PUSHED AROUND
He said that even many members of the quarrying industry favour the second recommendation. "Maybe they think they have the minister of mines in their pocket," he smiled. "I don't know, I haven't received a bribe yet today."

He said that the current municipal legislation concerning operation (dust, trucks, blasts, etc.) was "useless, because these big companies can just push the municipalities around."

"The operator goes on his merry way, protected by long and confusing court action. It's my impression that most smaller municipalities lack the necessary professional expertise and that municipal by-law con-

trol in this area has not worked out."

STEP IN
All of the speakers backed up Lawrence on that point.

"As far as planning, we want that function to remain locally controlled," he said. "Only if municipalities will not include in their plan sufficient answers concerning pits and quarries will the provincial department of mines step in to do it."

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Differing Views on Principal, Teacher Role

The relationship between principals and teachers was defended Thursday by an executive assistant for the provincial executive of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

Clare Perry told the annual meeting of Halton district OSSTF that the principal-teacher is an important part of the high school staff unit.

However, Al Herbert, a Halton teacher, disagreed. He said the principal-teacher concept is antiquated.

A MANAGER

He said the principal has become a manager, primarily interested in satisfying his superiors. He is more concerned with the image presented to superiors, rather than what goes on in the class.

Perry had been speaking about the principal's role in the OSSTF. He said if principals were not members of the same organization as the teachers,

there would be no responsibility on the headmasters to report incompetence or ask teachers for proper credentials.

SUSPICION

To place teachers and principals on a hard 'union' basis, with a management - employee relationship, suspicion and mistrust would grow he said.

He also said that if principals were not included in the OSSTF, strength in salary negotiations would be lost.



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Martindale is President Halton District OSSTF

Paul Martindale of Acton was elected president of Halton district of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, Thursday night, defeating William Jefferies of Oakville his only opponent in the race.

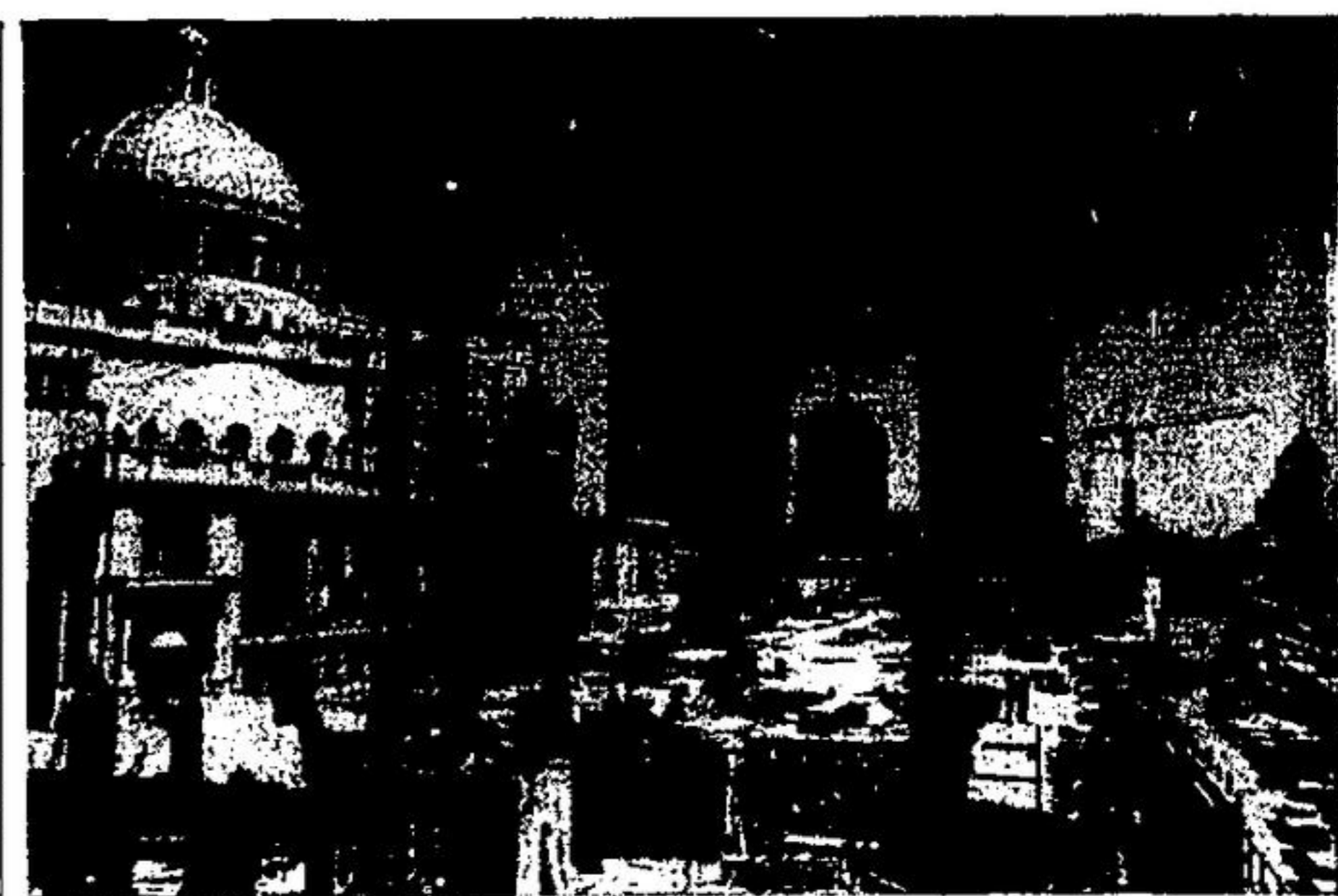
Martindale was previously president of Halton division of OSSTF which was included in the Halton-Wentworth district organization.

Teachers had voted earlier this year to incorporate Halton as a separate district.

NEW EXECUTIVE

In the Halton OSSTF annual meeting about 80 of the county's 825 secondary school teachers elected the new executive.

Other members of the executive: Robert Smith, Georgetown, executive council; Tom Ramautarsingh, Georgetown, Hugh Childs, Oakville and Robert Whitley, Burlington, vice presidents. Florence Eason of Georgetown is secretary and Henry Rapcewicz of Burlington treasurer.



BOSTON — The Christian Science Church Center now rising in Boston's Back Bay will provide a focal point for new and existing church buildings surrounded by the changing metropolitan skyline. Thousands of Christian Scientists from around the world are meeting this week at The Mother Church (left) while construction moves forward on the project designed for The First Church of Christ, Scientist, by I. M. Pei and Partners. A new Sunday School (foreground), a 26-story Administration Building (under cranes at far right), and a five-story Colonnade Building adjoining The Christian Science Publishing Society headquarters (beyond church tower) will be reflected in a pool on the central plaza, which has been built over an underground garage. On the perimeter of the Church Center many high-rise apartments and office buildings are planned or are in progress under private development.

Fear Paraprofessionals Could Oust Some Teachers

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Halton secondary school teachers were urged Thursday to investigate the role of paraprofessionals in the schools.

Paraprofessionals is a term teachers use to describe teaching assistants who could take over non-teaching duties.

The Halton district Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation was told that OSSTF groups are reluctant to support the use of teachers' helpers because boards of education could use the increased numbers of non-teachers as a strong weapon at negotiating time.

"They might simply begin to use paraprofessionals instead of hiring more teachers."

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