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IN HALTON HILLS

Helping Hands Need Help

There must be some humor in the activities of our new, improved regional brand of local government. Because if the humor couldn't be found, it would be enough to drive one to tears. Take, for example, the case of the Helping Hands in Halton Hills. They applied to the region for a grant to help carry on their work, similar to the grant which had previously been made by the county.

The first response was to initiate a run-around. The region said. "Go to the town." Then the town said, "Go to the region." And the region complained, "You're coming to the wrong people"

The next phase of the dance was a change of pace. After the initial burst of enthusiastic spending by the region it now became penny conscious about squandering its money on services to its citizens. Once the really important items, such as councillors' salaries and office equipment, had been met, it was time to put on the brakes. Council seemed at first unaware, and then unimpressed, by the fact that a hefty proporation of such a grant could be recovered from the provincial government.

Then came the invidious comparisons. Why, in the south, homemaking services are operated without having recourse to municipal support. Why can't you in the north follow this shining example? That was a question which the poser (from Oakville) didn't really want an answer for.

If he had, a few reasons might have been suggested. The homemaking service is largely supported by the Red Cross, and many people find it easier to "give at the office" to support that organization than to do so at home. Which means that the more industrialized south tends to have more resources available, while the demand for the service is in the residential areas of both parts of ... the region. Again, the Burlington Red Cross has been able to support the homemaking service only at

the expense of not supporting fully the provincial Red Cross. The Georgetown branch of the Red Cross has not yet been forced into that situation, and so in a small sense is helping to carry the activities of the south. Again, homemakers in the south can travel to and from their tasks by bus, while taxi fares to and from remote sideroads add substantially to the cost of running the service in the northern area. But the northern homemakers weren't being asked why their circumstances were different; they were being exhorted to follow the lead of the south.

The region wasn't particularly concerned with what the homemakers do. When you apply for a grant, it doesn't seem to matter whether the money will be used to care for flower beds or bagpipes or people. But they were concerned with where you do your thing, whatever it may be. They introduced the novel idea that the region should not support any project that does not benefit the whole region.

Under those guidelines it appears that the homemaking service, which helped people in the old communities of Georgetown, Esquesing, Acton Nassagaweya deserves nothing while the Royal Botannical Gardens in Burlington (in the south) can come away with a substantial

It is is good that the gardens were supported, though it would take some imagination to see how they benefit the people of Halton Hills. The region should drop its spurious insistence that applicants for grants must pretend to serve the whole area of the region.

The homemakers have provided an invaluable service. particularly to families where the wife is in, or just returned from, hospital. Yet, they cannot carry on without more funds. We hope they will be more favorably received by the town than they were by the

Take Bite Out Of LIP

The future of the federal government's Local Initiatives Program, lately known as Liberal initiatives, is looking bleak.

Next winter, if Ottawa's seasonal job creation does return, it may have to be altered substantially to calm critics. The government won't make any decision until late summer (and by then, there might be a new government) but the strikes against LIP may be too much this time around. It's been called a pork barrel and a thief of labor.

Obvious political elements have been downplayed as much as possible by Ottawa, but there has been no denying they don't exist. But some sources close to LIP say the program is approaching a greater degree of honesty, which is ironic now that many projects started under the \$83 million idea are nearing an end.

Supporters of LIP fear it will

go by the wayside, Industry has been a strong complainant, saying it is attracting young people away from regular jobs. Supporters have argued that LIP has provided a new range of social services.

Any replacement might be a restructuring of the old winter works program. Such a program is much less innovative (clearing brush from a roadside is not much of a social service) but it is much less prone to political disaster.

With a little foresight, our political leaders might decide that LIP has an important role as a backup for seasonal unemployment problems. It could be a residual tool, to be used when traditional manpower approaches

That might bring a little more federal largesse into Halton, short of matching the member to the government.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST were exalted to the royal scarlet degree.

10 YEARS AGO Georgetown baritone Tom Trouten played the male lead in the Broadway musical Kiss Me Kate in Hamilton. The show played seven performances and was a presentation of Hamilton Theatre Inc.

Carrying placards bearing such slogans as I Support Mom and Dad and We Support S&S Strikers, children marched with their parents for a show-of-strength procession by Local 14161 District 50. United Mine Workers of America, on strike against Smith and Stone.

S.G. Bennett of the 7th Line, north of Georgetown, was appointed a member of the board of governors of the new university at

20 YEARS AGO

Organization of a fund campaign to build a new centre for the Canadian National Institute (or the Blind in Halton was started in Georgetown with Harold McClure chosen to head the local drive. Dick Licata was named

Kindergarten class was added at Stewarttown Public School and six members of the new class were Lynda Walker, Lois and Beth Murray, Gary Briggs, Billy Ewins and Mervyn Densmore.

One of Georgetown's oldest businesses changed hands when Norman Snyder sold his transport business to Scoble Transport Ltd.

Using his business experience as a papermill engineer, Stan Finlay spoke at Sunday morning services when men of the church took part in the service at St. George's Anglican Church.

At a meeting of Hornby District Royal Scarlet Chapter, two new companions, George Lyon of Loyal Orange Lodge 165 and Foreign Fuller of Loyal Orange Lodge 3234

Eighty-two Halton junior homemakers travelled by bus to Guelph where they toured Macdonald Institute and the Guelph Mercury. Trip was under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom.

Two Georgetown men were among 1,000 delegates from Canada in New York City to attend a business conference for life underwriters. They were Jack Gudgeon and Fred Lawrence.

30 YEARS AGO A three-act comedy. A Pair of Country Kids, was presented by Ballinafad United Church Young People in the Gregory Theatre. The play was under the direction of Miss Betty McCafkely, and taking part were Kenneth Riddler, Lillian Shortill, Floyd Shortill, Lena Perryman, Harry Shortill,

Betty Riddler, Anne Snow, Richard Shortill,

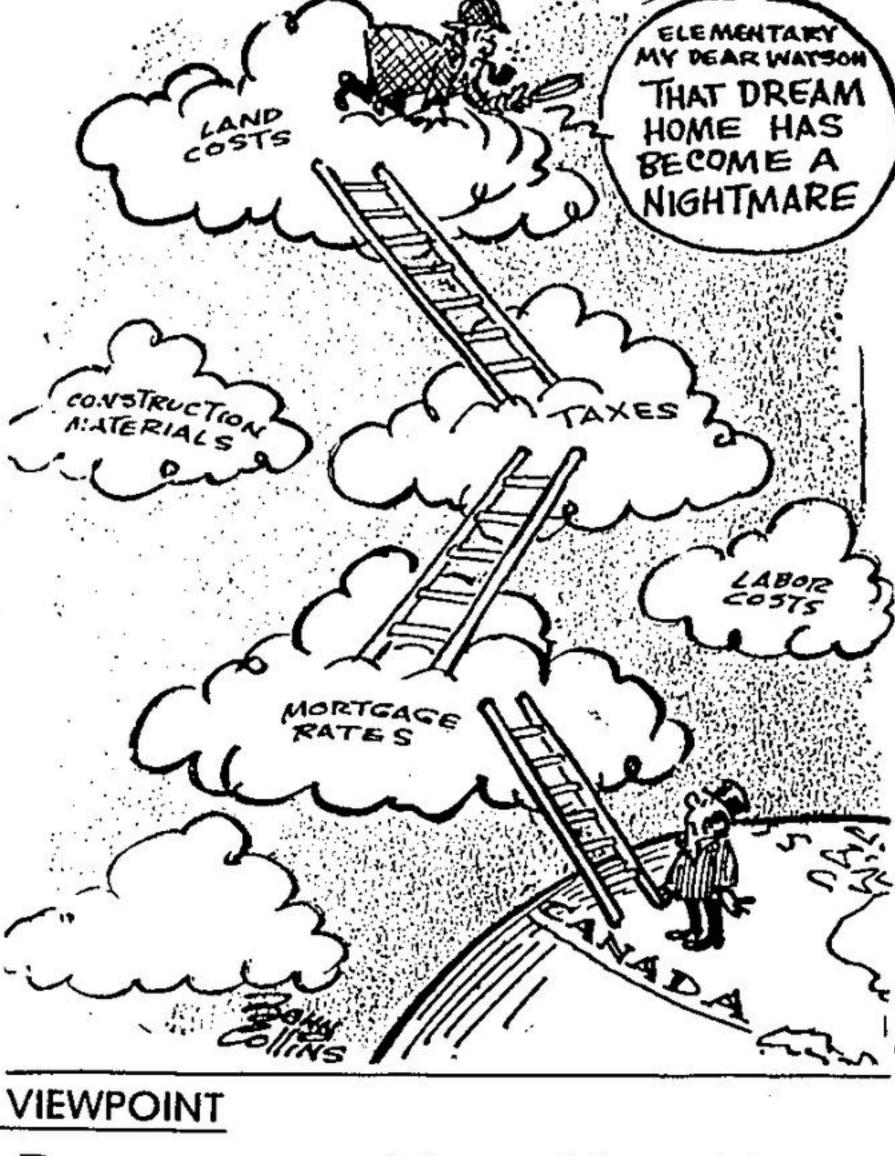
Rhoda French and Roy Warne.

Chief Petty Officer Norman Herbert was home on leave from duties with the RCNVR. Jimmie Lawson of Acton spent the Easter holiday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Lawson, in Stewarttown,

Georgetown Lions Club held a Ladies' Night when wives and guests of members were entertained at the McGibbon Hotel. Ralph Ross presided, and Harold McClure was master of ceremonies.

Norval Junior Institute and Junior Farners met at the home of Marion, Isobel and Douglas Currie. Home beautification was the heme of the gathering.

April showers melted away the last restiges of snow in the district, and daytime emperatures stayed near the 55-60 mark to he end of the month, Nights got cool, with ows going to 31.



Democracy Very Fine Line Between Freedom, Anarchy

BY G. Landsborough Terra Cotta

The recent heated controversy, between Rev. Ken Campbell, leader of the Halton Renalssance Committee, and members of the Halton Board of Education, proposes some far-reaching possibilities that are somewhat removed from the initial complaint.

The onset was clear enough, Rev. Campbell voiced a strong objection as a concerned parent when a group of four homosexuals, two male and two female, addressed participants in a Grade 12 health program.

According to K.N. Craig. principal of the M.M. Robinson High School where the incident occurred, "the arrival of the homosexuals was not pre-arranged. Dr. J. Walker an associate of the McMaster University Medical Centre, was the chosen speaker, who had successfully addressed the class on previous occassions. Unfortunately Dr. Walker was not available, and his office then referred the request to the Sexual Education Branch, It was the sexual education branch that invited the homosexual group to speak at our school. I was not personally aware of who they were until they

arrived in my office on the day of the presentation. "In their presentation, they did not advocate homosexuality, but presented a picture of some of the problems of this particular form of sexual

deviation." Hard To Define The moral aspect of homosexuality is very dif-

ficult to define. The American Psychiatric Association has supported a

homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. It has replaced the homosexuality category with a new one for "sexual orientation disturbance." You might say a rose by any other name so to speak. The Canadian Psychlatric

Association and the Canadian Psychological Association with a combined membership of 3,500 meets in June to ponder the same issue. Opinion is divided, and strong feelings are held, elther for or against,

There are approximately 100,000 homosexuals in the Metro Toronto area alone. Groups such as The Canadian Homophile Association of Toronto (CHAT) headed by George Histop want homosexuality removed from the list of mental disorders.

While we deeply feel that their continual push towards full equality could have devastating results. There is, however, a greater need for understanding and compassion for those so afflicted. In an endeavor to rid ourselves of the stereotyped role playing, unfounded prejudices, and hidden social disorders we have run head first into a "let it all hang out society."

Dr. Benjamin Spock, a well known authority, and almost a household word when it comes to child care, has lived to regret and retract his theories of total permissiveness. In 1945 he saw a need for parents to depart from the strict and inflexible attitudes on child care. Today, he stresses the fact that we cannot go overboard elther way.

The recent debate at M.M. Robinson High School

QUEEN'S PARK Justice Affront Comes To An End

BY DON O'HEARN Queen's Park Bureau

Of The Herald TORONTO-An atrocious affront to our system of justice that has been practised in the province for years has now been ended. Back in the early 1950's then premier Leslie Frost set up the Ontario Racing Commission, after the famous "lady in red" scandals at Fort Erie race

Mr. Frost was an oldschool, small-town Presbyterian and he was determined that crooked gambling clements weren't going to get a foot-hold in Ontario.

And to make sure they didn't he gave the commission extreme powers, including suspension, fines and disbarment, and he installed S. Tupper Bigelow, then known as the toughest magistrate in Ontario, as its

CLOSED SHOP The commission did its job.

It cleaned up the tracks.
Ontario is known throughout the racing world for the purity of its operation' - at least in the world of thoroughbreds.

But the commission was very heavy-handed in the way It did it. Particularly, it operated behind closed doors. It was dealing with

"justice." But it dealt with it

in complete secrecy. Its meetings were all closed. Many groups protested.

Elmer Sopha, the eminent lawyer and former Liberal member for Sudbury, twice even presented himself at hearings. But he was refused admission. And the commission carried on as a irlumvirate as the czars would, even when the tracks had been clean for years and there were new chairmen,

GOOD MARK This has now been ended.

Minister of commercial and consumer affairs John Clement announced to the house that the past few disciplinary meetings of the commission have been open and that all future meetings will be held in public.

He didn't say as much in so many words that one could gather from his remarks that he felt they always should have been.

Just where the direct credit for this change in policy goes is not evident. It might belong to Mr. Clement who has had ministerial responsibility for the commission for only a

It might belong to Charles MacNaughton, former treasurer, who was named chairman some months ago. Whoever personally was responsible, however, it is one good mark in favor of the

Davis government.

comparatively short time.

emotions are over worked and becoming jaded and ineffectual. The result is the frightening trend lowards non envolvement and apathy. Same Problem In the education of our young people we are running

reflects our fear of just how

permissive we have become.

In an attempt to rid society of

false concepts and double

standards, we are losing the

ability to be selective. Our

into the same problem. The open school concept fewer exams, broader scopes and general over-whelming changes in the way the curriculum is being

presented is not achieving the hoped for results. Recent studies have shown that upon reaching the university level. our other wise bright young adults cannot read properly. In presenting our broader programs we are missing the boat in some of the basic

are acquiring knowledge today at an accelerated rate that is without precedent in our history. Our educators are faced with the about. the grave task of separating the wheat from the chaff. Hiding our social problems have never solved or alleviated them. A look at our prison system proves this point. Advocating the unnatural as natural is not the solution either. In preserving the rights of the individual let us not lean too far in either direction. There is a very thin line between freedom schools here. and anarchy. The line is

called democracy-let us not abuse lt. We cannot legislate morality - but we can be selective and place commonsense safeguards for the good of the individual and the good of the majority. In our schools we cannot keep the realities of life from our young people, but we can be selective in the amount of depth and first hand experience we provide. There is an ancient Arabian proverb that says "All Whenever I, as an individual or as a represen-

sunshine makes a desert." Let us not give our young people an educational desert. Some of the old and some of the new is the only workable answer. We cannot afford to bend too far in either

Hockey Hospitality

Sir: We would like to take this opportunity to say a blg Thank-Yol to Georgetown and everyone involved in your recent Annual Bantam Hockoy Tournament held during the school break. . The hospitallty shown us

was wonderful and we really enjoyed the time spent in Georgetown. We would like to give extra

Thanks to the Billets who took our boys into their homes and made them so welcome. We will always have fond

memories of the time we spent at your excellent Tournament, and hope you will keep these facilities open for other boys to enjoy in the future. Again our sincere Thanks. Mr. and Mrs. K. Creasey (David No. 19)

Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor (Patrick No. 5)

Mrs. V. Kanerya (Shawn No. 1) READER'S FORUM

Proposed Recreation Complex Is Needed

Sir: To the citizens of

Halton Hills. As we all must be aware by now, there has been considerable discussion about building a recreation complex in the former town of Georgetown.

Many of you, like myself, canvassed from door to door to determine first if there was a need for such a complex and, second, suggestions on how it might be financed. To the surprise of no one the majority were most definite about the need of a complex. One surprising aspect of this survey indicated that most people were prepared to pay for it

through taxes if necessary. Well that was more than a year ago and, it appears to have been an exercise in futility, as little to this point, has been done. There are those interested groups however, that are working diligently to get this project started.

Many of us have lived here for several years and what little in the way of recreational facilities that has been provided, has been through the good graces of local service organizations. The Kinsmen built a parkette; assisted with renovations at the present arena, installed flood lights at Cedarvale for the minor soccer group....the Lions provided tennis courts....the Optimists have given assistance to the Figure Skating Club as well as other groups....and so it goes! Their assistance is greatly appreciated but they can do only so much.

What has the local government done? Well, apart from a great

deal of talking-not much! It is only fair to say that there are those on council who recognize the fact that we need this centre and have worked hard towards this end, only to have their efforts negated by those persons. perhaps because geographic definition, who do not feel like sharing the

We are all part of Halton Hills now, like it or not! Be

Attitudes, Concerns, Objectives

Slr: As president of Halton Elementary Teachers' Association, I represent approximately elementary teachers in this county. I mention this fact, not because I claim to speak for every teacher, but to indicate that it is my responsibility to be aware of the attitudes, concerns and objectives of these teachers. As further background to the comments I have to make present educational climate in the

county, I should add that I have grown up with the system - received my elementary and secondary education here - taught in schools under local trustee boards, township board, the Burlington board and finally. the Halton Board of Education as it now exists. My two sons also attended elementary and secondary

As a parent and a teacher, I have always taken a deep interest in what goes on at all levels of the educational system. I have not always agreed with all the policies or all the changes which I have witnessed over the years and I have not been hesitant about voicing the concerns I've had. I must admit to my shame, that I have not been as vocally supportive of the tremendous number of "good" things that have happened and are still happening.

tative of a teachers' or parents' organization, have asked for an audlence to express a concern. I have always been given a sympathetic hearing by the people who Mr. Campbell in his recent press conference says are ruthless, insensitive, cowardly and intimidating. That may be Ken Campbell's perception of the situation and there are many reasons why his reaction might differ from mine. My intent is not to quarrel with his impression but rather with the implication that he represents all that is good and right, the administrators represent all that is bad and wrong, and that the teachers function somewhere in a no man's land between, exercising no judgment, existing in a moral vacuum, and having no personal concern for the well-being of the children assigned to their classes. Rev. Campbell that is absolute nonsense!

ine teachers I know are responsible, articulate citizens. They care about what happens to your childen. They want your children to become literate, well-adjusted adults with a respect for themselves and the rights of others. They want your children to be concerned now about what is right and what is wrong. They want them to learn to work in co-operation with others to accomplish

we residents of Acton or Georgetown or wherever. matters not. Whether we benefit directly from the proposed new facilities is unimportant. What is important is that it would benefit Halton Hills as a whole, and it is hoped it would be used and enjoyed

by all. Fifteen years ago there was one old arena and one swimming pool to satisfy the needs of about 6,000 local residents. To-day there is close to 20,000 people in the Georgetown area and we still boast the same old(er) arena and swimming pool! Now that GO service will be serving Georgetown, it will probably result in a further influx of new people to this area who will expect adequate recreational facilities for their families.

We all know how quickly the Regional Councillors voted themselves new salary levels of \$8500, annually, and apart-from a few councillors, most accepted without much

hegitation. Now the question of appropriating approximately \$1,750,000, to bulld this

residents of this community and the cry of "too expensive" can be heard echoing throughout Halton

I am sure there is no one naive enough to think that this is not a lot of money. It is! But if this project is delayed much longer, the cost could easily double. Apparently a grant of up to \$250,000. has already been approved providing the complex is built by Mar 31 75. Our council has all the pertinent facts relative to this project to enable them to make a decision.

This is our community, yours and mine, and expanded recreational facilities are a real need. If you feel this away then let's hear from you! Show our elected representatives that we want action. Contact

to them but contact them now! Our next opportunity to get something done may not come until the next election,

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them by phone and-or write

if we wait too long. I personally hope we don't have to wait that long. complex to serve the

Dedicated Staff

of the Herald on April 10, an article appeared entitled Rehabilitation Revisited, In view of the content of this article, I am submitting the following comments:

The offender first of all must genuinely decide that future violations of the law to the point of incarceration are uceless and meaningless. Once reaching this decision. our penal institutions offer a wide range of programs to assist towards a meaningful rehabilitation. Trade training, academic upgrading, psychiatric assistance and professional counselling, just to mention a few are available in our institutions for the treatment of the offender.

Not to mention the very successful temporary absence program which permits those who are serving sentences to work or attend

Also included are the many agencies and volunteer organizations, who provide assistance during the serving of a sentenke and after the offender's return to the community. Correctional institutions implement 20th century concepts and ideas to assist in the rehabilitation of the offender despite the opinion of those who live and think in the 19th

century. Uunfortunately prisons are necessary in our society, but when citizens keep themselves informed as to the assistance available to the offender, they are not long in realizing that dedicated personnel are doing a great deal for the offender, which lesting leads to a rehabilitation.

> C.W. Hill St. Catherines

Open Invitation

Sir: Please allow me the opportunity of extending an open invitation to your readers to attend a very

informative meeting..... On May 17, Allergy Information Association is holding its annual meeting in the Lounge at The Crippled Children's Centre, 350 Rumsey Road, Toronto. Following the showing of the

Allergy Information Association is a volunteer, non-profit organization.

swered by Dr. P.A. Ryan,

whose purpose is to help those with allergles, celiac disease and other malabsorption problems. Further. details are available by calling 244-9312. film. Intal in Bronchial Asth-

Allergist.

Mrs. Mary L. Tulty, Publicity Director

Our league would then be

staffed by third and fourth-

rate players, as opposed to

the present situation which

at least allows us a calibre of

players closely second to the

NFL. It would even be

preferable to allow the

Northmen to remain, so goes

this argument, because

Johnny F. Bassett has

agreed to refrain from

raiding the CFL. His team's

ma, there will be discussion O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA

BY TERRY O'CONNOR

MP for Halton "To be (Canadian) or not to be (Canadian). That is the question"—at least for the fledgling World Football League and its Toronto Northmen franchise. It has also become the question for Marcel Lalonde, our Minister of National Health.

As he plunged headlong into this issue a few months ago, he might have likened himself to Miami fullback, Larry Csonka, bowling over the opposition to the cheers of 80,000 Super Bowl fans. It was duck soup---for Lalonde and Csonka, Who would seriously take issue with a dramatic and patriotic pro-Canadian move aimed at preserving a piece of our culture?Obviously our sentiments were and still are with him on the issue of protecting the Canadian

Football League. As the universe has unfolded, to paraphrase the head coach of Lalonde's team, several other considerations and facts have fuzzied his crystal—clear

First the question arises as to whether Lalonde's efforts can have any real effect on the future of the CFL. It is argued that if the WFL survives financially over the next couple of years, it will clobber the CFL anyway. There being no agreement between the. leagues; it will freely raid the player rosters of the nine Canadian teams, taking our best and even second-best players.

presence in Canada permits some Canadian government influence over the situation. Further, Bassett obviously has some clout among his fellow owners-they are giving him \$1 million to help pay Warfield, Klick and Csonka-and may be able to use it to prevent raiding and other actions harmful to the CFL. In any event an anti-rading, mutualrespect-for-contracts

agreement would seem to be

more easily attained with a

Canadian presence in the

WFL than without one. Thus, it is argued, Lalonde's actions, if successful, may well produce the opposite result to that

A second argument made is that Lalonde's actions amount to an unwarranted intrusion into the private sector which is unprecedented, unconstitutional and discriminatory, the latter because it affects one team

only in one sport only. I am more impressed with the first argument than with the second, I applaude Lalonde's sentiments but regret his so-far bumbling effort to accomplish his goal.

whatever each is capable of accomplishing. They want them to acquire the skills of communication that they will need to function efficiently, as well as the other skills which are necessary or desirable to the degree of

which each is capable. Do you, as parents, quarrel with those objectives? Or is the expression of disapproval by Rev. Campbell and the Renaissance Committee directed toward the methods by which we attempt to reach them? While the reason for establishing the committee has been stated as a "concern to see a return to the highest quality of education in our Ontario system, I have seen no comments indicating the faults which need to be corrected within the system, unless I am to understand that Rev. Campbell's

frequent references to a meeting at which he was outnumbered, and to an incident at M.M. Robinson constitute such a statement. It is good that parents are interested enough to give time and thought to improve the educational opportunities for their sons and daughters. It is sad to see a man with an obvious talent for uniting

people in a cause, for arousing enthusiasm and a desire to effect positive change, doing so by setting up the various groups involved as combatants on a battlefield, when sincere legitimate concerns could best he dealt with in a spirit of co-operation by sitting down and reasoning

together.

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