

POLICE ISSUE WARNING ABOUT OVERSEAS INVOICES

Halton Regional Police are warning businessmen to be on the lookout for what can be mistaken as payment invoices from a German firm seeking publication of the firm's name in a telex directory.

Payment of the amount requested could result in "judicial complications," Superintendent Floyd Schwantz said Monday.

The appearance of the solicitations became known this week after the regional police received one dated May 6, 1976 from Telex Directory in Hamburg, New Germany, requesting \$192.55. It was addressed to the Georgetown Police Department.

Under the "Business Terms" printed on the reverse it is stated that the solicitation does not oblige payment, but according to Schwantz there's a possibility that bookkeepers and clerks in larger companies may not read the fine print on the reverse and authorize payment.

"If only 10 percent reply, it's worth their while (as a money-maker)," he said, "and it's not quite illegal."

If the name of the firm is published in a directory then

the terms of the agreement have been met, Schwantz explained.

"This type of (thing) is on the threshold of civil and criminal liability," he said, adding that it is difficult to determine whether an offence occurred when the invoice was made out, the cheque issued or when the cheque was cashed.

The firm being located outside the country also means international complications.

Schwantz said he doubted if anyone would admit to paying the sham invoice, "let alone following bad money with good" to settle the matter in court.

"It's a pretty safe sham and fairly lucrative," he added.

Schwantz said he has received similar proposals before from the Netherlands and South Africa.

"They had the same format, just different layouts," he said explaining that one such invoice had the disclaimer printed on the fold which "blurred the words."

He said the originators of the solicitation get their business address from directories and they are sent all over the world.

Sixth Line residents seek road upgrading

The recently formed Fountain Green Homeowner's Association has petitioned council to improve the sixth line between 17 and 22 sideroads, change the road name and enforce traffic control.

Robert Reed, a spokesman for about 45 local residents, said the association is concerned over dust levels, confusion over the road's name and the volume and speed of traffic using the road.

designating the road as class B during six months of the year. Approval for a class B road must be made by the ministry of transportation and communications, however, and such designation may result in no approval of improvements to the roadway.

Mr. Reed added, that residents "were thinking of tar and chip improvement, but under no circumstances just a

tar finish because there are a lot of children there."

Town engineer Bob Austen will prepare a committee report on the request.

Committee members said speed bumps (silent policemen) make snow clearing operations difficult and create maintenance problems. Designation of the roadway as class B would only restrict vehicles with a gross weight of 11 tons or more.

Works committee, which received the request last week, will ponder the situation prior to any decision being made.

Mr. Reed said the local color of the area would be enhanced and visitors to the area would more readily find the road if its name was changed back to its original Fountain Green Road.

He suggested the use of "silent policemen," a series of bumps built into the roadway to reduce speed on the road, and the hardtopping of the thoroughfare. Committee members learned that the speed limit on the road is 35 m.p.h. and the only way of reducing traffic volume is by



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Report From Queen's Park



by Julian Reed MPP, Halton-Burlington

The third session of the 30th Ontario Legislature has now adjourned for the summer recess. However, if the Supreme Court of Canada rules later this month Ontario's agreement with the federal government on the anti-inflation programme is invalid, the members of the Provincial Parliament will almost certainly be recalled into session.

The Federal Justice Minister has asked the court to rule on the constitutionality of the federal-provincial agreement after objections raised by teachers in Renfrew County.

During debate on the Estimates of the ministry of health, the minister threatened to quit his position if an appeal court rules the province does not have the power to close hospitals through a cabinet order-in-council, and the province does not then introduce enabling legislation.

The divisional court has ruled that the cabinet does not have the power to close ten hospitals, and the provincial government is appealing this ruling.

Meanwhile, four hospitals in Clinton, Paris, Durham and Toronto, have received interim financing.

The minister also said his ministry staff has been reduced by 2,192 over the past two years in an effort to make savings.

"HUNGLED" Liberal Leader Stuart Smith said the health ministry has never "bungled so thoroughly" as it did in its attempts to close hospitals, that the government's activities in this area left many hospitals "in shambles" and caused fear among hospital employees. Most people were, he said, shocked at the government's assumption it could close hospitals in small communities simply by cabinet decision.

The government ministers are, apparently, afflicted by the notion that decisions can be made at an elite centre and then imposed by regulation.

Ontario is to study the effect of mercury-contaminated fish on the health of two Kenora-area Indian bands if the Indians will agree, according to the minister of health. The study is one of the main proposals of a mercury-poisoning report tabled in the Legislature, and would cost approximately \$500,000.

The minister was reluctant to discuss the study because he said he doesn't want the Indians of the Grassy Narrows and White Dog reserves on the polluted English-Wabigoon river system to feel the government is imposing it on them.

curry into the river system, the report states, and the company used the mercury-producing process until last October.

The report, by a team of doctors, notes that some Ontario Indians have as much mercury in their blood as those people suffering from mercury poisoning in Iraq. But, it says, so far no proven case of mercury poisoning has been found among the Indians.

Without the sophisticated study proposed by the doctors, who visited Japan and Iraq to study the subject, less severe mercury poisoning could go undetected, apparently.

The report suggests that all residents of the two reserves be involved in the study, which could be conducted by a large university medical school.

ARENAS CLOSINGS About 180 Ontario communities are being ordered to shut down their arenas permanently because they are too dangerous to use. An additional 120 communities are expected to be prohibited from opening their arenas in the fall unless they make structural repairs.

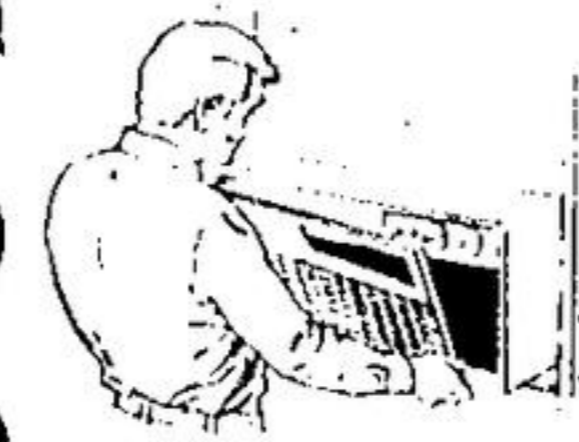
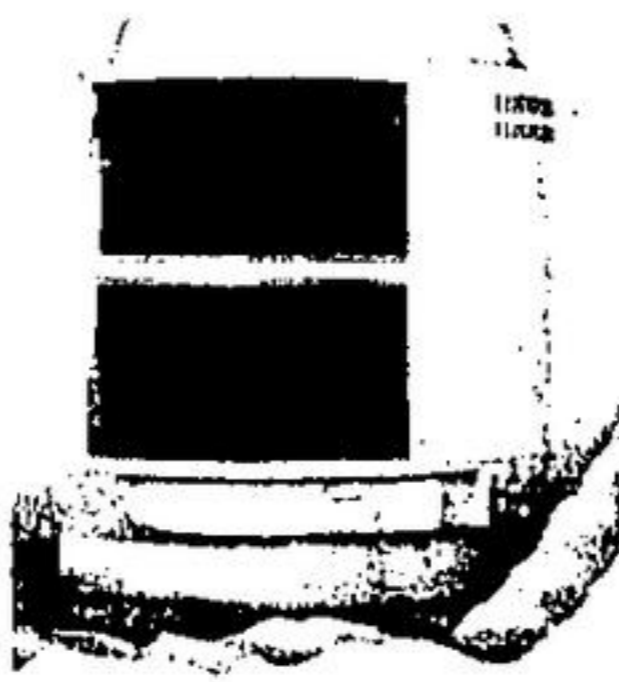
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