



"PIONEER" CHILDREN ROLL INTO TOWN

About two dozen youngsters from across town turned out for the Children's Parade which highlighted Saturday's Pioneer Days festivities in downtown Georgetown. Preceded by a police escort, the children rode decorated bicycles and tricycles, pushed festive buggies or strolled leisurely in their colorful

costumes along Main Street and up Mill. The three-day event, organized by downtown merchants, gave the youngsters a chance to participate in the re-creation of their forebearers' lifestyles and amusements.

(Herald photo)

Thieves concentrate efforts on local Canadian Tire stores

Over \$1,000 was stolen from the Canadian Tire stores in Acton and Georgetown in two separate robberies last week, both involving groups of women.

Three women bought a small item at the store in Georgetown June 19, and asked for change from a \$100-bill in small bills. During the exchange, the women created confusion around the till and removed about \$560 from the till.

The women were all about 30 years of age, with brown hair, ranging in height from 5'4" to 5'8". They spoke a foreign language, possibly French.

Four women are suspects in the theft of \$500 from the Canadian Tire in Acton the same afternoon. The women entered the store, purchased a small item, and went through the check-out counter. One of the women began speaking to the cashier in what might have

been Italian, and in the confusion, the money was taken.

Several scuffles broke out following a fund-raising event at the Georgetown Memorial Arena. About 300 to 400 people were in attendance, and many were intoxicated, police said. Several minors were found on the premises, in violation of the liquor permit.

Radiators valued at \$350 were removed from five vehicles in Acton.

Watson's Auto Parts reported a burglary which occurred some time Thursday evening. The burglars gained entry by forcing the lock on the front door. The equipment stolen is valued at \$515.

Three packages of cigarettes and \$5 in loose change was all

that was taken during a break-in on Raylawn Crescent last week. The burglars got in through a basement window.

A large quantity of photographic and stereo equipment valued at between \$5,000 and \$6,000 was stolen from a resi-

dence outside Limehouse. The burglars got in through a window.

A tachometer, an eight-track tape player and several tapes, with a total value of \$400, were stolen from a car parked on McIntyre Crescent.

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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Labor still a "sleeping giant" ex-CUPW boss tells workers

By GENE MOONEY
Herald special

More than ever, there is a need for unity, solidarity and militancy in the labor movement in Canada, Joe Davidson former president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers told the Brampton and District Labor Council last Monday.

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the labor council Davidson not only discussed the need for labor unity in Canada but also took the opportunity to describe the labor-management woes within the postal system and criticize the leadership of the Canadian Labor Congress.

He described the Canadian labor movement as "a sleeping giant" and said that in 1976 (when a nationwide 24-hour strike was called to protest wage and price controls) it was awakened for "a brief moment" but that moment was not enough.

Referring several times to comments by CLC leaders to its members not to take any militant actions or reactions in the last postal strike in Canada, Mr. Davidson said there is a "need for leaders who will not counsel against over-reaction."

"There appears to be a scarcity of this kind of leadership at the present time and unfortunately the labor movement will remain a sleeping giant until that leadership emerges or is elected to power," he said.

In his call for national labor unity, the former CUPW president said it is necessary in order "to oppose and defeat the vicious attack of big business and governments at all levels."

The attack, he said, will not lessen in the future, but instead will intensify.

He said the attack became obvious to workers with the imposition of wage and price controls in 1975.

"TORIES NO BETTER"

"I don't think the Tory government will be an improvement on the Liberals and there is a definite possibility of the reintroduction of wage and price controls by Joe Who's big blue machine," he said.

Mr. Davidson also told the meeting he expects the Conservatives to reintroduce Bill C 12 and C 22.

(The proposed Bill C 12 would have removed the indexing of public service pensions. Bill C 22 would have provided further legislation on public service contract negotiations. Neither bill has been approved as Parliament was dissolved before they could be introduced.)

Mr. Davidson described C 12 as an unjust attack on the retired who had worked throughout their lives contributing up to 7 1/2 per cent of their incomes toward their pension.

Indexing, he said, allowed the pensions to increase with the cost of living, and that if cut, "it would be better to shoot the people than let them slowly starve."

Mr. Davidson said his public service pension is \$400 a month (in comparison, a United Auto Workers member later told Davidson and the press that under present contract, his initial pension on retirement will be \$300 a month).

Bill C 22, said Mr. Davidson, "will mean an end to collective bargaining in the public service and permanent wage controls."

He said C 22 should be opposed by every means possible and that even if a public strike is called, it should not be

criticized by leaders in the CLC.

Mr. Davidson said he hoped that people are aware of the "divide-and-conquer" tactics

used by the last government against unions.

He warned that the tactic will probably be employed by the new government in its bargaining with the public service, and "what happens to us today, will happen to you tomorrow."

COMPARISON TO NAZIS
He compared it to Nazi Germany, saying that under the divide-and-conquer tactic, militant groups were eliminated one by one until leaders were in a position to control the silent majority.

The former union leader also called for a socialist government in Canada which would stop giving away natural resource, eliminate foreign controls in Canada, stop building weapons of war and do some-

thing to help solve the unemployment program rather than just cut benefits.

"We need a government for the people, not a government for profit," he said.

He said the socialist government was his personal dream, saying that it could not happen overnight, especially when the trade unions have "reactionaries and quisslings as labor leaders."

In recounting the history of labor disputes within the postal service since 1965, Mr. Davidson said the refusal by the federal government to bargain has resulted in the militancy within the membership of CUPW.

In the initial contracts, labor leaders took their proposals to government negotiators, who simply said no, said the union leaders.

The government, he said, made no counter proposals and waited until the union returned

with reduced demands and again said no.

In later negotiations, he said, the union adopted a harder line, waiting for government counter proposals before reducing its demands.

He described postal negotiations as a "bitter, frustrating

experience, with the end result being the poorest employer-employee relationship in Canada."

He said mild-mannered employees of the postal system can be turned into militant workers after a year with what he called "the worst employer in Canada."

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