

Letters to the Editor

Objection to Maggie cartoon

To the editor of The Herald:
Ninety-eight per cent of your editorial cartoons I enjoy, but the one of page 4, Feb. 27, I disagree with 100 per cent.

First, Canada is talking trade agreement with Japan.
Second, Halton must get federal help.

Sir! I ask - Why should we? With this negative attitude. When we vote for the person in the riding.

I do enjoy reading your excellent newspaper.

Thanking you in advance,
Yours truly,
John Mowat,
Acton.



HOBOMOBILE

The Hungry Hollow Hoboes celebrated their seventh birthday Sunday. The group of campers gathered at Stewarttown Hall to celebrate with a birthday party, complete with cakes in

the shape of a van and a trailer. Among the club members who turned out for the party were Marg and Harold Hobson, Carol Hall, Norma and Keith Arthurton, and Ray Hall.

(Herald photo)

VIEWPOINT

Students' lives are ruined by teachers strikes - Gerry

By GERRY LANDSBOURGH
Herald columnist

STRIKE - the ultimate weapon

The right to strike has become so abused that the word itself is a "blight" on the Canadian way of life. The result of striking and the disruptions it causes is breaking the back of our country. Striking today disrupts the lives of everyone.

In Russia before the communist takeover, workers everywhere were striking. No one denies the validity of their claims. The answer under the Czar was to send "cossacks", soldiers on horseback armed with clubs, who rode full gallop into the pathetic groups of starving workers who huddled in front of what were true workshops. Men, women and children were clubbed - left with broken bodies and broken spirits. But injustice for the working class continued and seeded the grief that launched the revolution, in which the worker traded hunger of body for hunger of soul.

STRONG UNION
We must settle our grievances differently if history for us is to prove different.

Any given day here in Ontario, we can read of strikes in effect and those pending. The bottom line is always the same: "the workers cannot exist on the wages you (the employer) pays."

We have learned men and women in this country who believe that higher wages will answer the crunch of spiralling inflation.

Right now if you want to reach a Bell Canada operator, you can play the guess-and-by-golly game, yet each month, Ma Bell's bill arrives on time (if the posties aren't out) despite poor service or in some cases lack of service entirely.

Then of course, you have your teachers pulling together in a strong union that cares little for its professional obligations because the bottom line is again dollars and cents.

The teachers also operate with a bit of dirty pool; they convince their inexperienced students that their demands are justified and that they will make up for any time lost, which is so much garbage. They can't turn out literate students today given a full year, and we are to believe that four or five weeks less will improve the situation?

The lives of so many students are "ruined", plain and simple, by these strikes. The ultimate demand, "pay us more or we don't work." And what of all the poor slobs who are without unions, strong or otherwise, who keep right on slugging away?

Let's go back for a minute to Ma Bell. Bell Canada showed several hundred million dollars profit last year, as did most large corporations. The day of the uneducated worker who can't read a financial sheet is long past - today workers read what the profit is and won't buy the "poor company" routine.

Striking, of course, is the only final weapon for the worker who has a mortgage to pay and food to put on the table. On the other hand, micro chip processing will soon automate at such a rate that companies won't require disgruntled employees, and therefore management sits on its multi-millions and just bides time.

Now, here's the joke - large corporations which pull in the multi-millions (profiteering plain and simple) are run by workers with strong unions. The battling average of companies being generous on their own gave the unions power in the first place. People

who work for the taxpayers' dollars see what the assembly line employee is pulling in and they too want a bigger slice of the pie - whether it's there or not.

Teachers and civil servants (and of course we use "servants" very loosely) feel the same financial death grip as everyone else, yet when they strike, they disrupt fundamentals to society, essential services for all.

Take it one step further and picture your doctor telling you how sorry he is that your kid is bleating to death - nothing personal, but the financial interests of his profession are at stake here. Nice?

Force, as a method of persuasion, is highly undesirable. However, hard-earned profits is also a sickness and it is unlikely that corporations (which set the pace) will become more generous with their employees in the near future.

MOVES NOW
The time for the government to step in is now - "outlaw" all strikes.

When negotiations come to a standstill, let the government impose fines on unions and

companies alike for non-settlement.

Striking disrupts society and prolonged striking breaks the back of the economy.

We don't side against people who can't meet their expenses and need cost-of-living clauses to exist, but surely everyone must recognize that more money during inflation is a bottomless pit.

Enough is enough - the government should step in and end this abuse. We have so many kids whose lives are ruined by these strikes - our

mail has become a guess-and-by-golly - everywhere workers are contemplating strike action to be equal with whatever so and so's union got and on and on it goes.

We as a democratic society are pulling ourselves to pieces - spiralling inflation is a monster and feeding more dollars into it will just bring disaster all the faster.

DON'T sympathize with strikers - understand their position but don't support blackmail (no pay, no work) as a method of solving problems.

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Choral Society lauds Herald arts coverage

To the editor of The Herald:

The Choral Society wishes to thank The Herald for its excellent Arts Section. We were particularly grateful for the articles, profiles and information given for our recent Beethoven concert. We know that the coverage given encouraged people to come and hear us and the Oakville Symphony and helped make the concert the undoubted success that it was.

We are proud to be a local organization which can bring varied choral music to the community and the coverage given by The Herald is very important. We hope that your Arts Section will flourish and wish particularly to thank

Enid Williams for her enthusiasm and accomplishment. The Herald is very fortunate to have her abilities working for it.

Yours truly,
K.M. Hulley,
Hon. Secretary.

CRAZY BOAT RACE

Activity is now in full gear for this year's Crazy Boat Race, which will take place March 29. Canoes will start from Cheltenham at noon with the crazy boats being launched at Terra Cotta at 12:30 p.m. All boats and canoes will finish at the bridge in Glen Williams opposite Preston's Lucky Dollar Market. An awards dance will be held at the Acton Legion at 8 p.m., with tickets available from Ted Daquano, 877-8756. Anyone wishing further information can contact Jack Lee at 182-7100 during business hours or 877-8767 in the evenings.

Maple Avenue hazardous

To the editor of The Herald:

With reference to the sewer installation being done on Maple Avenue, I feel that this street has been totally destroyed. It is now hazardous and uncomfortable to drive on. I trust that on the completion of work this street will be repaved or at least repaired to make it a road suitable for driving.

Yours sincerely,
Kim Kirk,
Georgetown.

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Mississauga Railway Accident Inquiry

INFORMATION REQUESTED

The Mississauga Railway Accident Inquiry commenced hearings on Monday, February 4th, 1980 at 201 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, 5th Floor.

The Commission is interested in receiving information from anyone who observed CP freight train 54 between Campbellville and the site of derailment at Mavis Road, Mississauga on Saturday, November 10, 1979 shortly before midnight.

Anyone having information is requested to call the Mississauga Railway Accident Inquiry Investigative staff

AT

275-4252

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INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

(Sociology 101 Z)

Acton Public Library

Mondays, 7-10 p.m.

31 March - 23 June

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SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

(Psychology 253 Z)

Normal Community Centre

Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m.

2 April - 25 June

Prerequisite: Psychology 101

THE SHORT STORY

(English 201 Z)

Acton Public Library

Thursdays, 7-10 p.m.

3 April - 26 June

No Prerequisite

You can take these lectures for university credit, or you can attend them free of charge just for personal interest. For more information, call the public libraries in Georgetown (416-877-2681) or Acton (519-853-0301), or come to the first lecture of the course in which you are interested.

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In addition to the lectures which will be held in Halton Hills this spring, the University of Waterloo offers many other opportunities for part-time study. You can choose from over 600 courses that will be given on campus later this spring (28 April - 7 August) and in the summer (2 July - 9 August) during regular daytime, late afternoon and evening hours. You can also apply now to take courses this fall through UW's Correspondence Program, which offers more than 200 credit courses on audio tape cassettes. For more information, call or write the Part-time Studies Office, Needles Hall, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1, telephone (519) 885-1211, ext. 3447.

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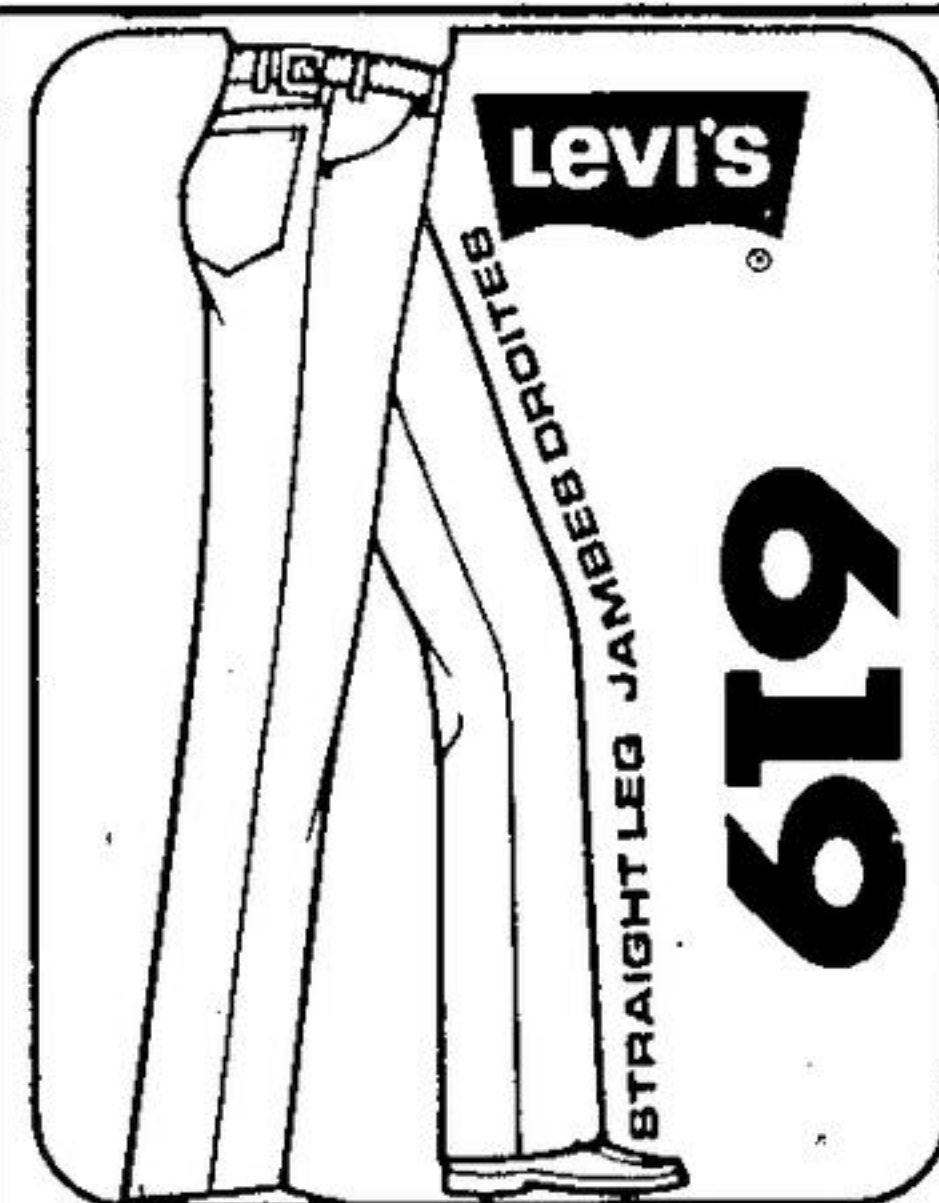
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