

Letters to the Editor

Resource recovery program should be regional priority

To the editor of The Herald: Councillor Terry Mannell's recent resignation as Chairman of the Solid Waste Management Committee is an expression of sheer frustration at the broken promise of a firm commitment by

Halton Regional Council to any program of resource recovery. For all taxpayers in Halton who want the reduction and reuse of garbage as opposed to wholesale dumping, Mr. Mannell's admission that a close-up observation proves to him

Halton Region does not view new methods of garbage management as a priority, can only leave taxpayers dismayed. For the past five years, no other single Regional issue has commanded as much press, public comment and use of

public money for hearings as has the issue of improved garbage disposal. When is Halton Region ever going to begin representing the taxpayers by listening to what they, the taxpayers, voice as a need? Improved methods of garbage

disposal are needed now in Halton, not some time in the lazy, distant future. The Region promised the O.M.B. and promised the people that improved methods would be acted on, but the promise has been broken, or worse, ignored by inaction.

In his letter of resignation, Councillor Mannell said, "I refuse to be used any longer by a council which has misled the public." It would appear that the larger issue is one of the public's being used or misled on an issue to which scores of Halton taxpayers have devoted countless hours of work in the past five years. The Region should realize that public funds would be better spent on something useful such as resource recovery that the public wants, than something negative like a hearing to push through a dump that the public does not want.

Present council inaction on resource recovery and garbage reduction reflects a long outdated attitude that Halton taxpayers and voters of the energy conscious '80's are not about to accept. Councillor Mannell's reaction to the Regional inaction is a sign to be heeded by those elected to keep Halton moving forward positively and productively. Now is the time for those Regional Councillors who do not have a commitment to resource recovery to re-align their priorities to the public interest and to act immediately.

Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Morgan,
Burlington, Ont.

Red Cross says thanks

To the editor of The Herald: On behalf of the Georgetown and District Red Cross Branch I would like to extend congratulations and thanks to all who were concerned with the Red Cross Campaign-for-Funds last month.

Special thanks to the rural, residential and commercial canvassers, who helped make this year's campaign more successful than ever before.

To those who gave, our sincere thanks! You may be assured that what you gave will go to help with the many services, offered in this area, including emergency disaster preparedness and response courses and training, and with national and international disaster and other emergency aid.

At this moment in Georgetown, Acton and districts we have received approximately \$20,000.00. Monies are still to come in from various industries, business and professional and some residential donors. Further contributions would be welcome to Post Office Box 106, Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4T1.

We would like to take this opportunity to also thank the various news media for informing the public of the campaign and the Georgetown public library for the showing of the Red Cross display.

Yours very truly,
John Wickens,
Chairman Campaign Com.,
Georgetown and District Br.,
The Canadian Red Cross Soc.

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Cambodia needs help to stand on its own

To the editor of The Herald: While events in Cambodia have been overshadowed recently by those in Iran and Afghanistan, the potential for disaster in that troubled country still exists.

The people of Cambodia were faced with death by famine last fall but have been given a temporary reprieve through the unprecedented response of the international community. Over 150,000 tons of food, as well as other necessary medicines and supplies, have been delivered to Cambodia and distributed since October 1979, and that, coupled with Cambodia's own partial rice harvest in December, has provided adequate nourishment for the people at least until the end of April. After that, Cambodia will again be almost totally dependent on international assistance until the next major rice crop is harvested in November...if it gets planted.

To see that it does, \$80 million is needed immediately for the purchase of rice, seeds, fertilizers and agricultural tools - in time for the spring planting. Unless these reach the provincial capitals quickly, the new crop will not be planted before the onset of the summer monsoons and, as a result, next fall's harvest will be totally inadequate, leaving Cambodia again dependent on food aid into 1981.

Those of us living in our comfortable Canadian homes might remember that in many villages, the women planting this crop will all be widows; their men, and many of their children, having been killed in the tragic events of recent years.

Much criticism and some impatience has been directed at the international relief efforts for delays in distributing the supplies but to understand the reasons for these delays, one has to recognize the complexity that exists in Cambodia. The government is attempting to rebuild a country which has been almost totally devastated over the past 10 years. Where military factions still battle each other; where almost the entire population is on the move as families return to their home villages and towns, or migrate to the refugee

camp on the Thai border, and where there is a very severe shortage of experienced leadership after the mass killings during the Pol Pot regime.

In this complex and volatile situation there was at first, quite naturally, distrust on the part of Cambodians for what was perceived to be possible outside intervention. This, combined with the lack of dock facilities, roads, trains, trucks, gasoline, and even drivers, as well as the lack of communication and administrative facilities, made it unrealistic to expect distribution to proceed with "Western efficiency". But according to Louis Wizzner, Special Correspondent with the Christian Science Monitor, "An atmosphere of confidence has gradually developed." And he credits the Unicef-Red Cross relief operation with averting the full potential effect of the disaster "mainly because it succeeded in isolating itself from politics." And Arnold Abrams reports in Newsday that "the government of Cambodia is doing its

best in a country which lacks everything, even the most basic things."

The Canadian people and Canadian governments responded most generously to the first Cambodia appeal. But in the words of Unicef official Tony Hewitt, "If we are going to make a long-term impact, we must now give them more than a band-aid. Cambodians must get back on their own feet."

To do this they need our help to see them through the next eight months and to ensure

that the next winter's rice harvest is successful.

We appeal therefore, to Canadians, to help the people of Cambodia as they strive, with great courage and resilience, to rebuild their shattered country. We cannot undo the damage but we can help to put it to an end.

Contributions should be sent to any office of Unicef Canada or the Canadian Red Cross Society, and should be clearly marked Cambodia Appeal.

Sincerely,
Joanna Miller,
President.

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