

Cops at strike anger NDPers

Herald Special

Police are not upholding justice at the Maple Lodge Farms picket line, but are "inviting contempt and mistrust," the NDP's provincial labor critic said last week.

Bob MacKenzie (MPP-Hamilton East) charged Peel regional police with "serving and protecting" company interests...in a legitimate labor dispute" after visiting the picket line. He said he wants the provincial government to account for these practices.

Mr. MacKenzie issued a prepared statement at Queen's Park after visiting the Maple Lodge Farms site, saying that Peel police were unaware of their responsibilities where striking workers have set up picket lines. Police have repeatedly denied they are taking sides in the matter.

He said police were escorting trucks, cars and vans into the chicken processing plant on Winston Churchill Drive. The strike affects about 300 workers at the plant - the largest chicken processing plant in the province.

"Very bluntly, the police were there to see that access to the plant was unimpeded," he said. "They move immediately to push and shove aside any worker who moved in front of incoming vehicles."

Mr. MacKenzie said the pickets feel the police are there to assist the company to keep the plant open.

"The police obviously see the strikers' legal rights as the problem," he said. Police have promised to investigate any complaints registered by the union.

In letters to Premier William Davis, Attorney-General Roy McMurtry and Labor Minister Bob Elgie, Mr. MacKenzie has asked for an explanation as to why "tax dollars are being spent on the police force, which is serving and protecting the interests of corporate management instead of the workers who are involved in a legitimate labor dispute."

He said the police seem determined to intimidate the workers and are treating them "contemptuously."

He wants Mr. McMurtry to make sure the police are aware of how they are to conduct themselves during a legitimate labor dispute.

Assistant director of the union, Vern Derragh, said another session was set for Monday morning. The latest round of bargaining was set up by provincial mediator Bob Pryor after negotiations broke down Sept. 20.

"I haven't personally made up my mind whether the company's ready to bargain in good faith," Mr. Derragh said. He explained that the company's bargaining team consists solely of two lawyers and no management representatives.

CRTC notice of decision

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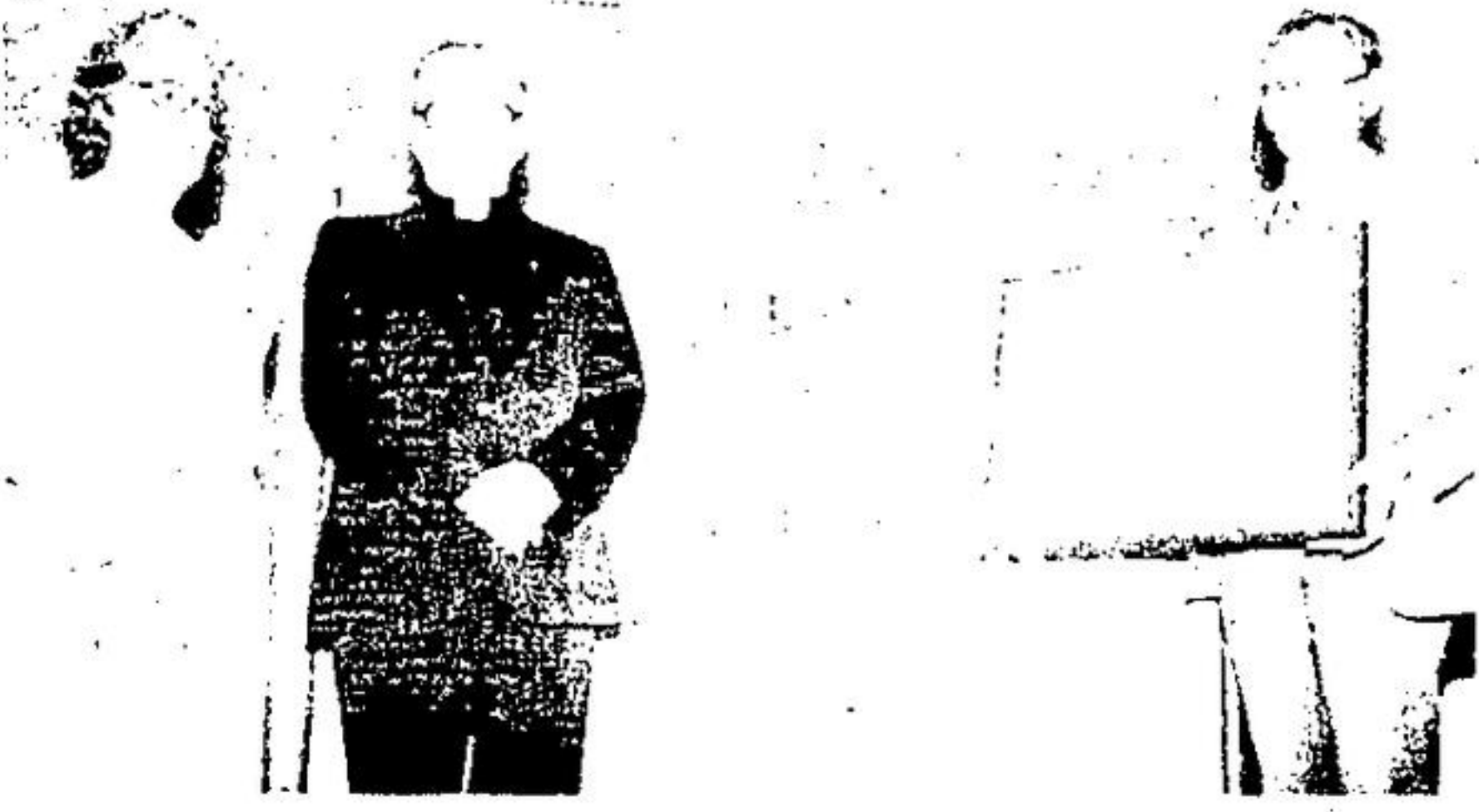
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Father Olger Devent, the popular and innovative priest so familiar to the Roman Catholic community in Georgetown, said farewell Sunday to about 200 parishioners who gathered to pay tribute to him in the church hall. Helen Callaghan (left) presented Father Devent with a quilt made by the ladies of the Catholic Women's League and Jim Langedyck honored him with a painting of Holy Cross Church which Father Devent saw built in 1965. Father Devent will take up a new assignment at the St. Felix Friary in Weston, Ontario.

(Herald photo)

Priest ends 20 years' service

About to embark on a new assignment at 65 years of age, the man who provided spiritual guidance to a generation of Georgetown English Catholics said goodbye Sunday afternoon.

Father Olger Devent was honored by approximately 200 old friends and new parishioners in the basement of Holy Cross Church, itself a monument to the work he has done for the Catholic community since arriving in Georgetown in 1969.

"I want all of you to understand that I'll keep you in my heart, in my mind and in my imagination," Father Devent said to the crowd which had come to wish him well in his new assignment at St. Felix Friary in Weston, Ontario. Father Devent will take a

number of mementos with him to St. Felix, thanks to the constructive efforts of the parish.

Jim Langedyck, representing the Holy Cross parish council presented Father Devent with an oil painting of the church in 1965. A large quilt with an applique of the church stitched at the top was given to him by Helen Callaghan on behalf of the Catholic Women's League.

As the charter chaplain for the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus, Father Devent was presented with a certificate, "in gratitude," Knight Gerald Callaghan said, "for his priestly dedication" to the parish and to the Knights of Columbus organization. Joe Domingos of the Knights of Columbus Squires gave a St. Francis

plaque.

The Red Cross honored Father Devent with a certificate for providing the Holy Cross hall for their clinics. Two Holy Cross grade 8 students, Lisa Burns and Sean Coffee offered a spiritual bouquet to the man who had confirmed many of their classmates. A bouquet was also presented by Ernie Joffe representing the Holy Cross prayer group.

And there were many others in the audience who had come to say farewell, including Reverend Rick Ruggles of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Norval and separate school board trustee Hartley Sherk. "I would still like to do some work for the world in the coming years," Father Devent said, adding that helping to

build the church was his "great pleasure".

Father Devent asked that the parish pray for the Holy Cross' new priest, Father Dave Cole who, he said, is "full of new ideas...full of many talents."

Father Devent's departure doesn't mean he won't be back in Georgetown. To expound on something Father Cole said Sunday, he'll probably be the first name on many invitation lists.

Breeder in competition

David Reid of RR2 Georgetown was among the two dozen County champions vying for the Holsten-Friesian Association's new Distinguished Achievement Award in the West-Central District of Ontario recently. As Halton's representative, Mr. Reid was one of the unsuccessful young breeders entered in the new "competition", designed to enhance the "enthusiasm and knowledge" shared by young farmers across the province. David Ljewith of Wentworth County is the award's 1980 winner.



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