

# Peace: Is it beyond our grasp?



## CLERGY COMMENT

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We are obviously living in times that have, in numerous ways, robbed us of a state of peace, one which is so rich in power - power to communicate, to reason, to observe, to understand, to love. This too is a world whose hunger goes beyond food. Countless numbers of people daily starve for peace - peace among nations, peace with neighbors and relatives, peace with oneself. Has man's efforts alone brought us nearer to the threshold of peace, or is it beyond our grasp?

I begin to really wonder at the means sought after for lasting peace: violence, drugs, suicide, the Playboy philosophy, worldly comforts. The list is unending. Have we not been blatantly deceived regarding the true value of peace?

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Ps. 46:10). In seeking Him in this stillness some years ago, something profound happened to me. Where so many failed to provide me with a true and lasting peace, God demonstrated to me that He could - and God continues to be true to His Word.

Since then, having accepted Jesus into my life as Lord and Savior, the peace I struggle to find is readily available. An assuring aid to this peace, this awakening to Him, is to empty the mind from all preconceptions man-made decisions, reason based desires. God's Spirit is there waiting for the lid to be removed. Moreover, there will often be the need for a deeper surrender of cares, worries and anxieties, for acceptance of His loving presence in every circumstance, for repentance and true forgiveness. Such cares and worries are distractions of the heart which cannot be by-passed but require working out through prayer.

What has assisted me immensely to be at peace is the gift of the Holy Spirit - a Spirit able to obtain in us his full freedom. Allowing myself to be still more frequently is yet another aid. "In Him we live, we move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). "In Him we dwell within our hearts" (John 17:23).

The "Good News" that true peace is not beyond our grasp. The Spirit of God is performing great wonders these very days, in our country, throughout the world, even within us, providing man with his greatest hopes - Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

"My peace is my gift to you; I do not give it to you as the world gives peace." (John 14:27).

## Third power line headed this way?

# New routes fit old hydro plans: ICG

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
Herald Special  
Ontario Hydro's announcement last Wednesday of one, or possibly two, new corridors to deliver power from the Bruce generating station is "delightful" to former Interested Citizens Group chairman John Schneider.

"It's quite clear they've said exactly what they said before," he said.

"We (the Bradley-to-Milton corridor) were the least necessary, but we were going to be the hardest to get, so they went after us first," the RR2, Acton resident said. "The corridor to London is less essential too, but it'll be harder to get than the other line so they want it next. But look out what will happen once that one is in. Then they'll need that third line."

Mr. Schneider said he was flattered to see the Bruce-to-Essa line mentioned since it was the fourth alternative and was suggested to Hydro at the Acton hearings in 1976.

At that time Hydro spokesman Art Mosher said a preliminary report on such a route had been made, but it was "incomplete" and had been thrown in the garbage and brushed it up a bit.

"I understand now there's been a study on that route," Mr. Schneider said. "I have to wonder if they dug the original out of the garbage and brushed it up a bit."

Mr. Schneider predicts that the Bruce-to-Essa route won't be accepted this time either. A news report, he said, stated the Bruce-to-London route would cost about \$300 million, while the Bruce-to-Essa route would only cost about \$600 million. He

predicts London will be found to be less environmentally sensitive and therefore more acceptable.

"If it's going to cost \$200 million more one way than the other, then it's got to be longer and involve more environment to destroy," he said.

"Can you show me the book where it outlines how you measure the value of an environment? I mean how many blue jays and how many bullfrogs and how many swamps does it take to be worth \$200 million?"

From the experience of those involved with the ICG and the corridor through Erin Township and Halton Hills, Mr. Schneider recommends anyone from the London area with ideas of protesting the route just forget it.

"They've set the stage for

the direction they're going," he said, "so the London people can just fold their hands and rest because they're not the difficult line to get but it's more important because it gives access to Goderich."

Mr. Schneider predicts that with the London line in place Hydro will then need a generating plant at Goderich. He warns residents who formed the United Townships Group (UTG) in Huron-Bruce which protested the Halton Hills line out of Bruce to be wary.

The UTG was allied to the ICG for a brief time but dropped out of the fight when they found the line wasn't going their way. After the

London line is in place, the line through the United townships is next, Mr. Schneider said, and their protests won't be of any use by then.

"Hydro hasn't changed its plans," he said. "They appear to be making peace with our groups by bringing the Bruce-to-Essa line into evidence. But it will be found less environmentally acceptable and it won't be used even if it is \$200 million cheaper than the London route."

"I firmly believe that the hearings will go by and unless something has changed enormously which I haven't perceived, they'll be into the same thing we were into nine years ago."

Mr. Schneider decries the

entire "environmental facade" as "garbage". The government should take the responsibility for making a political decision and save the

public the expense of these "ridiculous hearings" when he feels sure the results are already laid down in Hydro's plans.

## President Badham re-elected at Branch 120

It is with deep regret having to announce that comrade Bud Hill died last Saturday night. Legion services for Bud were held Tuesday evening. So many persons liked Bud; he will be missed by all of us.

Comrade Nick Garvin is in St. John's Hospital. R. Wilgins and Bill Hanson are in Georgetown Hospital and Marg Hunter and Hazel Robertson of the L.A. are in Georgetown Hospital.

Norm Ayres will be entertaining in the lounge Saturday night. The winners of the Car Club draw were R. Rolfe, Nancy Layton, Joe Polner, Dave Osbourn, Red Roshier and Al Redman.

The election results are as follows: Harold Badham is the



## LEGION LINES

By Tom Elliott

president, Norm Ward is the 1st vice, Pat Chamberlain is the 2nd vice and the executives are Bill Kirk, Jim Hayes, Lloyd Hounsell and Tom Elliott.

The Ladies Auxiliary dart team of Gwyneth Thompson, Gretta Stoddart, Jean Reid and Sharron Middleton will be playing at Kirkland Lake Saturday (June 13). All our best wishes on a successful tourney.

Following the ladies elections, the following appointments have been made: Sick: Edna Rippon, Banquet: Marg Clarke, Kitchen: Marg Tutty, Standard Bearers: Jessie Johnson, Mary Frank, Cathy Watson. Spares are Joanne Coles and Kathy Monk. Veteran Days: Edna Rippon.

## Region insurers probe home's sewer problems

Halton region's insurers will be doing an in-depth study into last month's sewer back-up at Georgetown resident Anne Linquist's home. In addition, the public works department has been asked to define policies it may have concerning whether or not its employees should clean up the mess from sewage-flooded basements regardless as to who's at fault for the problem. Like many other homeowners, Mrs. Linquist and her husband Oliver discovered that their own home insurance doesn't cover them for sewer-related floods. The region's public works department maintains sewer and water mains throughout Halton but may not be considered responsible for damage caused during a sanitary sewer mishap if it is caused by vandalism or negligence on behalf of other homeowners and businesses in the area.

## 'Christ in Others' retreat Annual conference draws local delegates

Many Georgetown and area young people and adults, who have made a COR Weekend in Georgetown, will be travelling to Bingeman Park in Kitchener for the weekend of June 19-21 to participate in COR Conference '81.

Approximately 1,000 young people and their adult leaders will celebrate the Hamilton Diocese's 125th Anniversary.

The COR Conference will be held as part of the Diocesan celebrations. COR means Christ in Others Retreat and 106 of these retreat weekends have been held in the diocese since 1972. A weekend generally has 40 to 60 young people 17 to 22 years of age, with eight to 10 adult leaders.

gathering of COR youth in the North American history of the movement," said Father Dave Cote, diocesan director of COR.

A number of impressive guests, including Father Dan Egan, the "Junkie Priest", will address the three-day campout Conference. Two major liturgies will be held Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Bishop Reding will be principal celebrant on Saturday and COR Brother Bishop James MacDonald will be celebrant Sunday afternoon.

Since October, 1980, over 3,500 invitations have been sent to persons who have been involved in COR since 1972. The planning committees feel preparations are right on target and everything is in readiness for June

19 to 21. Accommodations director Pete Cote said "We have two of the biggest tents available and they will serve as a girls' and boys' dorms for the weekend."

The weekend format will be a series of workshops, interspersed with key speakers. The Bingeman family have cooperated in providing all meals and making the entire park available to the organizers.

Any COR brother or sister is welcome for the all inclusive price of \$35 to share in this once-in-a-lifetime happening. Further registration information may be obtained by calling Joe and Shirley Downey at 853-4537 in Cambridge, or Father Dave Cote at 877-3983 in Georgetown.

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