

Local Vote 'Yes' committee gratified, McDermid remains skeptical

Disarmament receives 71 per cent support

While Halton Hills ran below the national average in its support for global disarmament, the town's Vote "Yes" Committee is pleased and gratified by the results of Monday's municipal referendum on the issue.

About 71 per cent of the town's voters supported global disarmament, compared to a rough national average of 80 per cent. Committee spokesman Janet Duval of Georgetown attributed the difference in part to the fact that Toronto Vote "Yes" campaigners, for example, canvassed for

support door-to-door.

Locally, a nucleus of six workers plus about 12 helpers made appeals to council, supplied media for pro-disarmament information and mustered strong support, particularly among church groups, for full-page newspaper advertisements.

Among those who declined to financially support those ads were Ontario Premier Bill Davis and Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, who questioned the reasoning behind holding a municipal refer-

endum on such an international issue during an interview with The Herald yesterday (Tuesday) morning.

ANY MP
The Conservative MP voiced strong reservations about dealing with the Soviet Union on such a matter, but expressed hope that Canada's United Nations delegates will take a prominent role in arranging a vote there on the issue and should disarmament get the wide support anticipated. Mediating a solution to the arms race between the U.S. and Soviet Union. As for Ottawa's res-

ponse to the municipal referenda, he said, it is possible for any MP to propose a resolution urging the UN to take action, but for Mr. McDermid and his fellow Conservatives, the matter would first have to be discussed in party caucus.

"But the impetus should really come from the government," he said. "If the opposition proposes (some action), they'll just shoot it down anyway."

Mrs. Duval, for her part, is this week mailing copies of the full-page newspaper ads to Ottawa,

Washington D.C., London, Moscow, the United Nations and the headquarters of the European Economic Community. On a personal basis, she'll join the thousands of peaceful demonstrators expected outside the Litton Systems plant in Toronto tomorrow (Thursday). Site of a recent bombing, the plant manufactures guidance systems for the American nuclear Cruise missiles.

The Remembrance Day demonstration is in protest against Canada's role in the arms race.

Mrs. Duval commented

that the results of Monday's referenda in towns across Canada "put stronger pressure on the UN and Ottawa" and could give Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau more cause to pursue his theory of "suffocation of the arms race".

HAVE EFFECT
Is the local Vote "Yes" Committee optimistic that the results will have their desired effect in Ottawa or at the UN?

"You had to be optimistic going into this thing," Mrs. Duval said. "If nothing happens at those levels, we at least know a lot of people were talking

about disarmament and seeds were planted in a lot of minds. Maybe next year if Canada decides to build a missile of its own, people will remember and object. We're happy so many people have talked about it."

Mrs. Duval pointed out that a recent Gallup poll showed 67 per cent of Canadians in favor of disarmament. The local committee and its counterparts in other towns and cities at least raised that percentage, she said.

The widespread support for disarmament "indicates that people are concerned", Mr.

McDermid acknowledged, but the question remains: why a municipal referendum rather than a national one as part of the next federal election?

"It doesn't matter where you stand," he commented. "Everybody is for mutual, bilateral disarmament or reduction of nuclear arms. The most avid right-winger is in favor of that."

"I get very concerned about trusting that Russian bear, though. They're very cocky right now, very aggressive. I do not trust the communists

right now. The U.S. can't say 'we're going to stop making arms and the Russians have to follow suit'. They're not going to."

The answer, if there is to be one, must begin with the UN, Mr. McDermid said.

"I would hope that Canada can take a much stronger position at the UN," he said. "We tend to be very shy there, but maybe we can take the initiative and be the honest broker in negotiations. The matter's under discussion right now, and as long as they're talking, they're not shooting."

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ELECTION CENTRAL



READY FOR THIRD TERM

(Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

Pete Pomeroy had no problem winning a third term as mayor in Monday's election, but he had to acknowledge the message handed him by more than 2,600 voters - mostly Actonians - who rallied to support challenger Glen McKenzie, a 27-year old political rookie who believes

job creation should come under municipal jurisdiction. Helping the re-elected mayor celebrate his victory at Georgetown's Chateau Restaurant Monday night were campaign co-chairmen Paul Campbell (left) and Rick West.

Mason scores only upset

High voter turn-out but few surprises

Keen voter interest, the triumphant return to politics of former mayor Tom Hill and widespread support for global disarmament combined to make an otherwise predictable election memorable Monday night.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy breezed to a third term in office, defeating 27-year old challenger Glen McKenzie with more than 5,600 votes to spare.

The election's sole upset came in Ward 1's two-way race for the hydroelectric commission seat. Doug Mason, Acton's hydro superintendent, edged incumbent commissioner Wilf McEachern by less than 300 votes.

Of the town's 24,566 eligible voters, almost 11,000 turned up at the polls for a voter turn out of about 45 per cent.

During the 1980 campaign, in which most of the 13-member town council was acclaimed, there was a voter turn-out of about 29 per cent, while in 1978 with Pete Pomeroy and then-mayor Tom Hill squaring off, the turn-out was 49 per cent.

Tom Hill of Glen Williams, the former Esquering councillor who became Halton Hills' first mayor when the new town was formed in 1974, returns to the council chamber next term after a four-year absence. A minimum of campaigning but a strong stand on the issues won

In Ward 3, where the departure of Coun. Roy Booth and Coun. John McDonald's unopposed jump into regional politics left two local council seats open, realtor turned car salesman Phil Carney, 54, are the new faces on council.

They'll be joined by another political rookie, Rick Bonnette, 27, who signs on as Ward 1's new representative, replacing Terry Grubbe. Former councillor Dick Howitt, chairman of the town's library board and a

lawyer by profession, will assume the Ward 2 Halton board of education seat vacated last term by the death of Betty Walker. He defeated Jim Kenzie by a 500-vote margin.

Otherwise, the old faces have returned to council, both school boards and the town's hydroelectric commission. Re-elected along with Mayor Pomeroy were councillors Dave Whiting and Ross Knechtel in Ward 1, Russ Miller and Pam Sheldon in Ward 2 and Harry Levy and Marilyn Serjeantson in Ward 4.

But for Mr. Mason's hydro commission upset, Ab Tennant, Murt Allison and Bill Smith constitute the same board.

Arlene Bruce returns as Ward 1's public school trustee along with Betty Fisher in Wards 3 and 4. Irene McCauley continues as separate school trustee, while Mark Bradley of Milton makes his political debut in the same board of education Roman Catholic trustee's seat currently occupied by his father, John.

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councillors, trustees,
hydro reps
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Immigration cuts justified - MP

Herald Special
A cut in next year's immigration levels of about 25 per cent announced last Monday is justified by the gloomy unemployment situation, says local MP John McDermid, the Conservative immigration critic.

In an interview from Ottawa Mr. McDermid,

Brampton-Georgetown MP, said the government's decision to allow in only skilled workers destined for jobs that can't be filled by Canadians is in the interests of potential immigrants as well as this country's 1.3 million unemployed.

"It's very unfair to them to welcome them to

our country and not have employment for them."

However, he said he was disappointed that the cuts included two groups - independent businessmen and Polish refugees, which he said should be welcomed to Canada.

He said the country needs immigrant businessmen with money to invest who could create - not fill - Canadian jobs.

And the decision to reduce the quota for the Eastern European refugees by half to 3,000 next year was surprising, Mr. McDermid said, in light of the thousands still left in Austrian refugee camps.

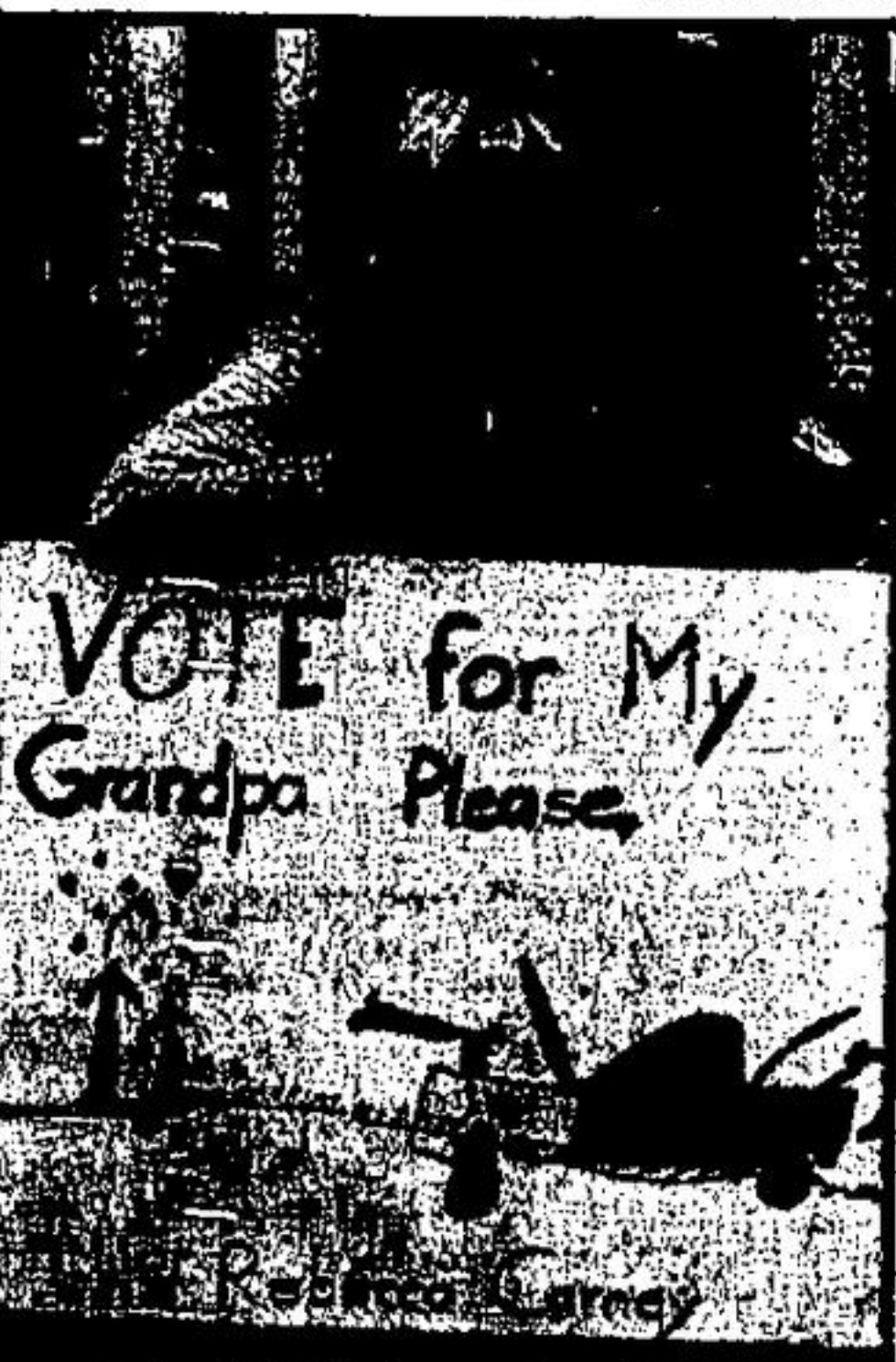
The bleak unemploy-

ment picture was cited by Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy as the major reason for reducing the annual immigration and refugee quotas.

Motion fails

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, the federal Conservative immigration critic, last week presented the House of Commons with a resolution demanding an inquiry into the employment practices of Atomic Energy Canada Ltd., the Crown corporation which is considering laying off 1,000 workers and shutting down two Cape Breton heavy water plants. Mr. McDermid sought assurance that qualified Canadians are getting AECL jobs, not foreigners. The motion was rejected by the House, however, when MPs denied it the unanimous consent on oral vote required for debate.

The number of government-assisted refugees to be admitted next year has been reduced to 12,000 persons from 14,000 in 1982.



DID THE TRICK

Who knows? Maybe the sign helped, but one thing's for sure: Rebecca (left) and Katie Carney shared their grandfather Phil's excitement after he became a Ward 3 local councillor along with Finn Poustrup Monday night. Rebecca and Katie put their artistic talents together and came up with this campaign sign which hung outside their Church Street home for several weeks while the election race warmed up.

(Herald photo)

She knows all about the BIA's business

A Georgetown resident with years of experience in the advertising industry has been named the first promotions co-ordinator for the community's (downtown core) business improvement area and Chamber of Commerce.

Sue Graham, who holds an honors graduate certificate from a Sheridan College advertising program, will assume her promotional duties Jan. 1, working with local businesses, groups and customers to improve business relations in the area.

She began her career in advertising with newspapers, working as an ad-



SUE GRAHAM
vertising consultant with The Herald and later, the Brampton Daily Times.

Ms. Graham left newspaper advertising after completing a shopping centre management course and eventually became marketing director for Victern Developments Ltd. co-ordinating promotions for six shopping centres between Mississauga and Ottawa.

While living in Georgetown for the past 14 years, Ms. Graham became actively involved with the local Girl Guides organization. She is public relations advisor for the Halton division of the Girl Guides of Canada.

Ms. Graham is also a licensed real estate agent working in Georgetown.



POIGNANT PAUSE

Having just laid a wreath on behalf of Acton Cubs, a youngster, bows solemnly before the cenotaph in front of the community's Trinity United Church on Mill Street. Lorne Scots members (right) formed the color guard at the Georgetown and Acton services held to remember victims of two world wars and the Korean conflict. Remembrance Day is tomorrow (Thursday). See also pages A4 and A12.

(Herald photos by Chris Aagaard)