

# Now seek UN nuke vote after referendum success

**Herald Special**  
 This Christmas, "Peace on Earth" may be spoken with a little more fervor in Halton Hills. With results now in from almost all Canadian municipalities which conducted referenda on disarmament this year, it appears that the "Yes" votes definitely have it! About five million Canadians in 140 cities and towns voted for balanced, verifiable global disarmament, with the average for the "Yes" vote being 75 per cent. Halton Hills' vote was a little lower at 71.2 per cent, Oakville lower still

with 67.5 per cent, and Toronto a resounding 78.8 per cent.  
 Hamilton recorded 72 per cent, Kitchener 64 (about the lowest anywhere), and Waterloo 77. Even higher percentages were recorded in Stratford (82), Thunder Bay (81), and a number of rural Quebec townships (88).  
 From Vancouver to Chester Nova Scotia (77 per cent) the results were highly encouraging for supporters of Operation Dismantle, the Ottawa group which initiated the referendum idea, and which will now press for a world vote on disarmament, at the UN.  
 Jim Stark, who began working towards this objective five years ago as founder of Operation Dismantle, expected no more than a 65 to 70 per cent yes vote.  
 "We're looking at nearly 80", he said recently. "This will be our ammunition in the fight for a UN ballot. It will strengthen the resolve of the MPs already committed to seeing this through."  
 Mr. Stark said his personal resolve has been flagging. "I'm tired, I'm broke", he said on the Ontario election night. "But I'm going to give it one more good year. This is a great experience. The military were saying the disarmament movement was communist-backed. The President of the United States said we were Soviet-backed. We were rather uncertain as to how we'd do. But I'm delighted. This is fantastic."  
 Local organizer Janet Duval echoed his sentiments. "Some people claim the peace movement has been infiltrated by communists. Even if that were true, and it certainly isn't true here, it's not a case of the tail wagging the dog; perhaps infiltrators would just be fleas on the dog's tail! We may well have been infiltrated by joggers, Sunday School teachers, and the IOE, but our goal remains the same, and anyone who works to achieve it is welcome!"

## Man sentenced

Former Acton resident Allan Doley, 34, now of Bracebridge, was sentenced to six months in jail Dec. 9 for his part in stealing steer hides from Acton's Beardmore tannery last fall. He pleaded guilty Oct. 7 to the charge of theft over \$200 in connection with the robbery of about \$9,000 worth of hides for sale to a Toronto shoe repair shop. At the time of the theft, Mr. Doley was working in the tannery's shopping department. He was subsequently fired.

## Liberals meet Jan. 4

The Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal Association kicks off the new year with a general membership meeting Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Chinguacousy branch of the Brampton public library in Bramalea. Those in attendance will elect 18 delegates and 18 alternates to the Liberal Party of Canada annual meeting Jan. 28 in Toronto. National party treasurer Gordon Dryden will discuss the Grits' past, present and future. For more information, call 459-4035.

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