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United Way can't be rushed

Burlington's Mayor Roly Bird has been expounding the virtues of a Halton United Way recently, adding pressure to the United Way Task Force.

His aggressive nature at regional council meetings does not help his credibility or those around him who seem impatient that it should take so long to form a United Way for Halton.

The far-reaching implications of Halton Hills joining into a United Way must be more than a "marriage of convenience" for regional councillors.

Time must be taken by all parties to properly explore those who have opinions about fund-raising for charities in Halton. Such an important issue does not warrant simplified approaches.

Two weeks ago the region approved grants totalling \$3,700 for the UW task force, to be administered by the Halton Social Planning Council. The grants are on a one-time basis only, with \$2,000 for the promotion of a Halton Hills United Way.

In the coming months, representatives will have to be convinced that a United Way can indeed work fruitfully in our community. Task force chairman Jarvis Sheridan has the right idea when he says the community has to support a United Way and threats of freezing grants at 1984 levels just won't work.

The United Way has made tremendous strides in helping community organizations, but certain fears and suspicions must be put to rest.

Groups who participate in United Way must feel that services won't be duplicated, that funds collected can be accounted for and their individual group needs can be looked after.

Halton Hills prides itself on our volunteer organizations and their support is needed if a United Way is formed for Halton. Let's not hurry the process along, leaving behind our most important resource: our volunteers.

Jesus enters Jerusalem

CLERGY
COMMENT

By Rev. A. DONALD LEE
St. Stephen - St. John

This Sunday begins the holiest week in the Christian yearly cycle. It begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We see him riding into the city as the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords". The people of Jerusalem throw branches in his path in order to spread a carpet for him.

Many Christian churches in our area and in Canada will celebrate this event by the blessing of palm fronds or olive crosses. These palms will be taken to the sick in hospital, placed on religious pictures or mounted behind crosses in the homes of the faithful and, alas, in some cases, put in the bottom of a drawer and forgotten.

Jesus enters Jerusalem in another sense this Sunday. He enters it as the beginning of his suffering for all mankind. Another name for Palm Sunday is Passion Sunday as, in most churches, the reading has to do with Christ's suffering.

Passion is just an old Latin word that means suffering. But Jesus' suffering is a suffering with a purpose. It is not for its own sake, not as a tragic hero and certainly not so he may be pitied. Jesus' suffering is no less real. It is painful, lonely, and demanding but filled with hope and promise - for Jesus enters Jerusalem to suffer on our behalf.

There is no turning back, he is fully committed to do the Father's will not for himself, not for status, not even to begin a new religion, but for you and for me. Whoever believes in his name is saved.

Let us accept him as Lord of our life on a daily basis in thankfulness for his acceptance of us - sinners in a fallen world.

Grateful parents feel GDHS spirit is alive and well

Dear Sir,
Last Thursday evening, the John Elliott Theatre was the site of a delightful evening of entertainment which brought back shades of our school days when student concerts were in vogue.
The almost "full house" was treated to sixteen acts ranging from slapstick comedy routines, to ballads, piano solos and beautiful choral music.
The swinging "50's" rhythm of the high

school band made us feel like "cutting a rug". All of this was accomplished by students of GDHS at their second Variety Night.
Their efforts, and those of the two able emcees, together with the back-stage crew, all students, enabled them to contribute in excess of \$500 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
No doubt a major part of the success of this evening was due, in no small way to the efforts

of those teachers who gave their time, expertise and encouragement to these students.
At a time when we are besieged with negative press from some areas about students and teachers, it is like a breath of fresh air to know that school spirit is alive and well at GDHS. A tip of the hat and a big thank you from two grateful parents.

Del and Kay
d'Entremont

Write us a letter

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor. It is of utmost importance that all parts of the letter are clearly legible. Letters must be signed and include the telephone number and address of the sender.

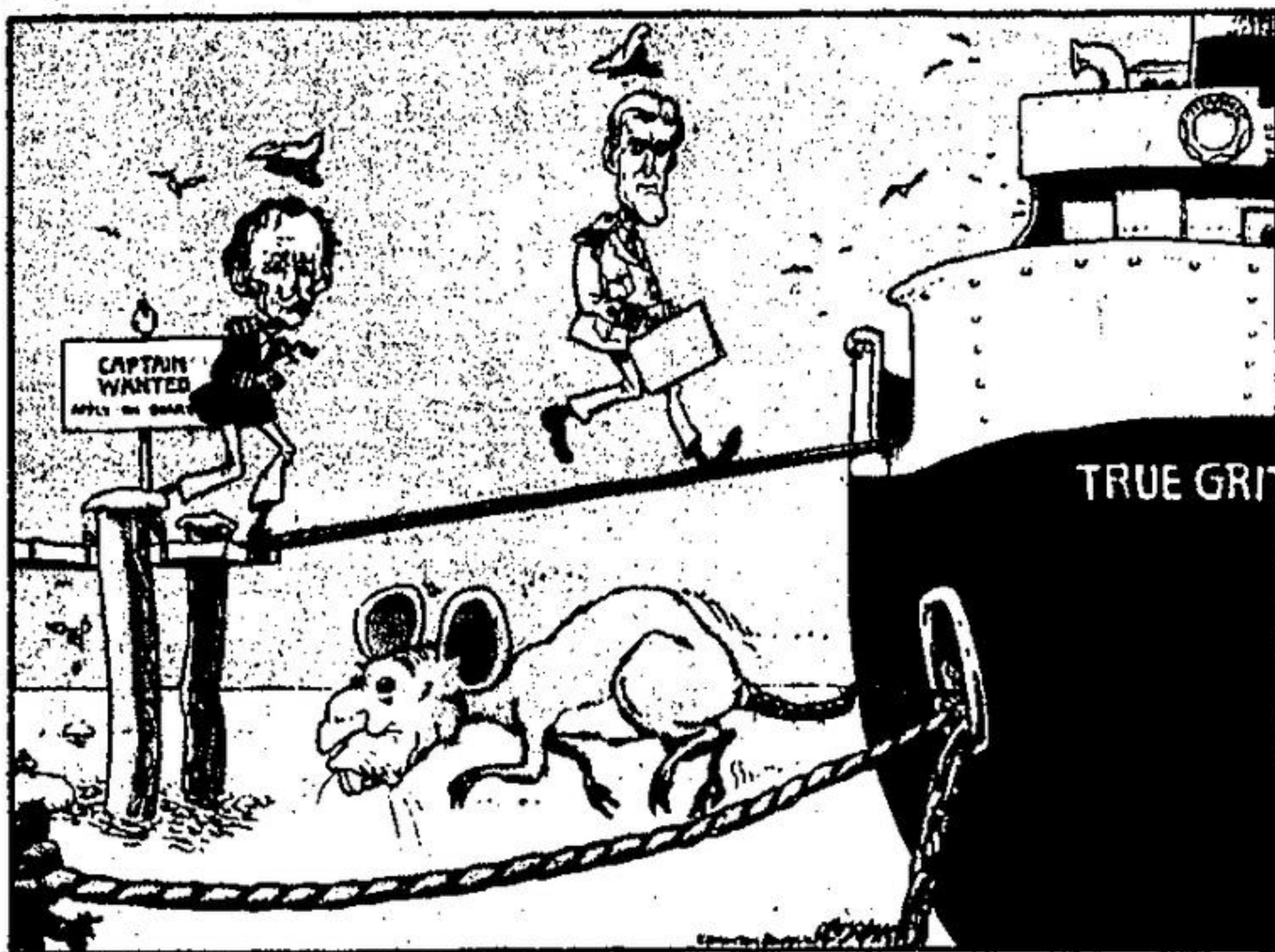
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Queen, Pope, limit options for the new Liberal leader

Ottawa
Report

By Stewart
McLeod

Ottawa Bureau
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OTTAWA - All things being equal, the new leader of the Liberal party, who will be crowned on June 16, would want to call an immediate general election to cash in on all that glorious publicity surrounding the leadership convention.

That's exactly what Pierre Elliott Trudeau did in 1968 and we know how well that worked as he was swept across Canada on relentless waves of Trudeauomania. The outcome of that vote, following the excitement Trudeau created at the leadership convention, was a foregone conclusion.

So we could normally expect Trudeau's successor to try performing the same stunt, perhaps allowing a couple of weeks for a smooth transfer of power, putting some fresh faces in cabinet, and then asking the Canadian people for a mandate.

But there are problems this time - big problems. What's happening is that

both the Queen and the Pope are coming to Canada this year and neither one can become remotely associated with any election campaign. And with the Queen coming in July, and the Pope in September, that clearly limits the options available to a new prime minister.

WON'T CANCEL

The Queen is scheduled to be in Canada from July 14 to 27 - a longer-than-usual visit - to take part in birthday celebrations in the provinces of Ontario and New Brunswick and the city of Toronto. She will also tour Manitoba.

The first-ever Canadian visit by a Pope will take place between Sept. 9 and 20. Neither would come to the country if an election campaign were in progress.

And can you imagine any new prime minister assuming responsibility for cancelling either visit for the purpose of winning an election? Not too likely.

"The cancellation of the Queen's visit would pose enormous problems for us in the areas she is scheduled to visit," says a senior Liberal. "Can you imagine how voters in Toronto might feel if we cancelled the Queen for an August election and then welcomed the Pope in September?"

Agreed, this might indeed stir up the odd animosity.

"And as for cancelling the Pope's visit for an early fall election," he went on, "just forget it. Just forget it entirely."

Since close to half the country is Catholic, I suspect he is once again correct.

SEEMS REASONABLE

So, since it takes roughly seven weeks to hold an election after the dissolution of Parliament, the current guesses seem to revolve around a November vote, with the announcement coming soon after the Pope leaves Canada.

The alternative would be a winter campaign - an election must be held by the spring of 1985 - and that's not an appealing thought for any leader. Furthermore, economic conditions, not to mention voter morale, are usually at their worst during the winter months.

A November election would also catch a bit of the residual hype from the June convention - assuming enough is created. At the very least, the new leader would still be regarded as the freshest face on the political scene.

Of course, any number of unforeseen crises could intervene to force postponement of a late fall vote, and we might yet witness a campaign on snowshoes, but at the moment all the talk around Ottawa seems to centre on a November general election. And, all things being considered, it seems reasonable enough.

Open invitation to meddle

Queen's
Park

By Derek
Nelson

TORONTO - Forgive me if I don't leap on the bandwagon of praise for the late Bora Laskin's reign as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Whatever his personal qualities (and I know nothing of the man himself), at a political and judicial level he was a symbol of the wrong direction the country is going today. He stood for a Supreme Court that not only would interpret law, but which would use those interpretations to enforce its own vision upon Canada - regardless of what the elected representatives of the people favored.

Laskin put it this way: "It is too easy for judges to say that if the law needs to be changed, that is the responsibility of parliament. A judge who understands the common law must be able to take account both of precedent and of prevailing social conditions..."

And since "prevailing social conditions" can mean anything, the Supreme Court has an open invitation

to meddle in almost any political matter.

MUCH CHANGE

One fawning editorial praising Laskin's legacy said he saw the court's duty to go beyond law to interpret the statutes "in a way consistent with genuine social justice."

And since one man's social justice is another man's tyranny it leaves the door open to all kinds of menacing decisions.

Take the following Laskin decision:

In 1974 he dissented on a ruling in a famous case where the court said a woman who divorced her husband had no legal claim to any part of the family ranch.

Now, one may agree that the law as it stood was unfair, the woman should have shared in the assets. In that case parliament should change the law.

Laskin, however, favored the American approach of using (some would say bending) existing law to pursue his own particular social agenda, in this case financial equality for women in marriage.

SOCIAL ISSUES

It is a slippery slope. Down the road we shall see the courts deciding on issues such as whether abortions are legal. But why should these decisions be made by people not just unelected, but in the main appointed by the federal Liberal

Party?

And this is no irrelevant point in a country where the federal Liberals under Pierre Trudeau are widely perceived to be centralizers, interested in enhancing the powers of the Ottawa government at the expense of the provinces.

Another famous case in which Laskin participated perhaps illustrates this usually ignored aspect of the court's power to chart our future - that being Trudeau's unilateral patriation of the Constitution.

MUCH SUPPORT

A minority, both Conservative appointments made in John Diefenbaker's days, thought Trudeau's actions illegal and unconstitutional.

A majority, all Liberal appointments, thought it unconstitutional but legal.

Laskin thought it both legal and constitutional. Interestingly, Laskin denied that the view of the Supreme Court as a "federal institution" had any validity. To him it was a "national institution" for all, without purely "federal allegiance."

The record reads otherwise. Who, other than the Prime Minister's office in Ottawa, chooses the men and women to sit on the Supreme Court. No political institution - especially the provinces - advises and consents to these appointments.

No wonder a lame-duck Trudeau insists he'll appoint Laskin's successor.

Volunteering can be satisfying

Herald Special
Working as a volunteer is very satisfying; Most times it is rewarding. Sometimes it may seem trying; But most importantly of

all, You help where help is needed, And just through LISTENING you will find How much you have succeeded.

If you are interested and feel you could apply your listening skills in being a telephone volunteer, please call North Halton Contact (District) Centre (416) 877-

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A listening and befriending service and information centre.
Spring training begins May 1.



THE WAY WE WERE

In co-operation with the Esquewaug Historical Society, The Herald will be periodically running a number of historical photos in celebration of Ontario's bicentennial and the part Halton Hills played in the development of our province over the past 125 years. Most of the photos require dates and names for the Society's collection. If you can help, call us at 877-2201.

THIRTY YEARS AGO-Georgetown business man William George Milliere who operates Milliere Television married Miss Georgette Gladu of Brampton last week at St. Mary's Rectory, Brampton.

Students at the Glen Williams United Church Sunday school receiving pins for one full year of perfect attendance were: John, June, Norman, Tommie and Gary McGowan, Terrance Hancock, Dennis Hancock, Patricia Bell, Allen Wheeler, Danny Wagstaffe, Charles Gibbs, Gail Wheeler, Betty Wagstaffe and Catharine Hancock.

The annual election of officers for the Imperial section of Branch 120 was held with Bill Broughton elected president, James Murphy past president, Arthur Herbert vice president, Bob Muir secretary, Jack Wareing treasurer, and Alex Taylor entertainment.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO-Mrs. M. Tucko (Girl Guides), Mrs. M. Simpson (Red Cross), E. Sykes (Lions Club), G. Mielum (Chamber of Commerce), W. Anderson (Georgetown Baseball Ass'n) and P. Burroughs (YMCA) attended the fifth meeting of the Georgetown recreation committee to review a recreation survey questionnaire Georgetown residents had filled out.

Georgetown Raiders lost their advantage over Cheltenham Harvesters in Bramalea Tuesday night where they dropped a 9-8 decision. The result deadlocked the series at two games apiece.

Miles for Millions marchers will pass through Georgetown following Guelph Street right through town and entering Glen Williams via Wildwood.

TEN YEARS AGO-Georgetown Little Theatre president Derek Joyner was one of three nominated for best director at the Central Ontario Drama League's festival Saturday. The nomination was in recognition of his work in Plaza Suite by Neil Simon.

Georgetown Raiders were knocked out of the Eastern Canadian Intermediate A Championship by the Embrun Panthers. The three match series was played over the weekend. Saturday night, Junior Tibbitts, Doug Tate, Ray Evans and Al Sitt scored goals. Sunday, Tom Gilbert scored twice and Junior Tibbitts once.

FIVE YEARS AGO-Georgetown has another new lawyer in the person of Kathy Jarvis of Toronto. Miss Jarvis articulated with Nelson, Baines and Steele from May 1977 to August 1978 and has now joined the firm.

Martha Armstrong of Speyside Public School and Chris Lobsinger of McKenzie-Smith Middle School took the title of top girl and top boy in the Acton Optimists Club public speaking competition Friday evening.

Mrs. Percy Laidlaw of RR2 Norval celebrated her 90th birthday March 29 with an open house in Norval United Church Sunday. She was born and raised near Ashgrove and moved to her present home as a bride in 1917. She has four children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



By PAT WOODS
Herald Columnist

"You have no idea the difference it makes to my life," were the words Tove Lombro used as she enthusiastically demonstrated her elevator recently completed by Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Tove, a Georgetown resident and mother of three, has been confined to a wheelchair since a blood clot caused paralysis 17 years ago. Her world began closing in on her as it became more difficult for her husband to carry her about. For several years she was unable to join her family downstairs and relax in their recreation and family room. She was becoming segregated in her own home due to physical barriers.

All that changed in February when V.R.S. spent over \$12,000 to renovate her home making it possible for her to reach both levels and outside easily and independently.

As her position of homemaker is considered a vocation under the Act's guidelines, Tove qualified for the service. Her application was accepted in October 1983 and work started 2 days before Christmas. Both men and women may qualify as homemakers as long as they are looking after themselves and at least one other person, usually a spouse and a child.

Maria Fries is another Georgetown resident who has taken advantage of the services V.R.S. offers. They are presently redoing her kitchen to make it possible for her to avoid bending.

This is one part of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Act which is rarely advertised, but I'm sure that Tove and others would vouch that it's certainly worth knowing about. Grants under this act unlike CHIP grants are not taxable.

Provincial treasurer Larry Grossman's new policy on pension reform unveiled in February included the following: "severely disabled people who cannot work should have monthly pensions and income support increased to the same levels as Canadians who retire voluntarily at age 65. This would bring their income from such payments to \$857 a month, up from the current \$378". Mr. Grossman hopes to come to agreement with Ottawa within the next year.

POETS' CORNER

Without suspenders
He pants are pretenders
To hang in space.
Look on his face,
See how he's felt
After losing his belt.

—Robert D. Reusch, Acton