Outlook on Halton Hills

Arms race slipping on list of priorities

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Does the arms race worry you right now? It seems to have slipped in our mental priorities. Perhaps we are fulled by last December's freaty to remove 2000 nuclear missiles from Europe (a tiny portion of the world arsenal). Perhaps we're charmed by Mr. Gorbachev, or by his removal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. Perhaps we are pausing until we know the Canadian and American election results.

It was six years ago that the reality of the arms race landed on the world agenda, thanks to heavy media attention and a president who condemned "the evil empire." In Halton Hills, as in towns and cities across North America, 7t per cent voted "Yes" for global disarmament in a referendum held along with local elections. We heard a lot that year about overkill, nuclear winter, and a frightening new weapon called the Cruise Missile. At public meetings, the most-asked question was a wary "How can we trust the Russians?" Millions turned out for peace walks in Toronto, New York, Bonn, London, Tokyo, and Moscow.

Gradually, peace activism became less public. Awareness was raised at meetings in church basements and schoolrooms. A steady stream of letters flowed to politicians and newspapers, and peace groups representing various professions lobbied their own members. It was a delegation of physicians who quietly visited

Garage sale aids relief

A Halton Hills resident will be donating 50 per cent of the funds raised through a garage sale to the Jamaican relief fund.

William Cook will be holding a giant garage sale at his home on Winston Churchill Boulevard north of Norval and south of Terra Cotta today (Saturday).

Motorists will see a large sign outside Mr Cook's house identifying the garage sale

Moscow to encourage the Reykjavik summit.

For a long time there appeared to be few victories: the arms race con-

tinued unabated, and world military spending has almost doubled since 1982, to about one trillion dollars per уеаг. But hopeful signs have emerged

the Intermediate Range Missile treaty, cease-fires in Nicaragua and Angola, more cordial relations between the US and the USSR, and offers to reduce the long-range ICBMs by half People in general seem to understand the costly madness of the arms race, and the maxim that nuclear war cannot be won, and must not be fought. We can't wish the arms race away, however. There are still over 50,000 nuclear weapons waiting in silos, ships, and sub-

The environment seems to be an issue at the forefront for many right now. Just as we are beginning to understand that what we do to our own air, water and land affects people far distant from us, so we are beginning to understand the concept of "common security," the idea that we are only truly secure from war if ALL nations feel secure. Perhaps this is the beginning of a "world consciousness," seeing ourselves as world citizens, and seeing the earth as our common home.

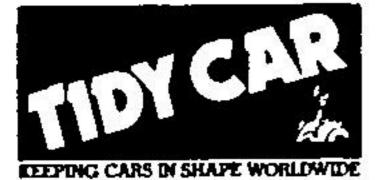
Let us hope for the day when everyone recognizes that disagreement is inevitable, but war is unacceptable. May the spirit that pervades the Olympic closing ceremonies continue in the months



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Water problem not 'black and white'

Halton Region voted Wednesday to pull the plug on a Georgetown resident's water supply.

Alex and Beverly McKee of 60 Wildwood Raed were provided with a temporary hook-up to replace their failing well system back in June. The couple has since requested a permanent hook-up to municipal water supplies. Such a hook-up would cost an estimated \$10,000, according to Mr. McKee.

"I'm not prepared to support a resolution that says the Region pays for one cent of the McKees' water," said Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy He added that the matter was not "black and white."

A subdivision agreement signed June 7 gave Meagan Developments Ltd constructors of the Meagan Meadows subdivision near the McKee home, responsibility for area well shortages during construction. In a Region report, Meagan Developments said Terra Probe, the hydrogeologists investigating the McKee well July 26, found that preliminary construction "would not affect the water level measure."

But Beverly McKee said the scraping of topsoil near her

residence resulted in both quality and quantity reduction in well water supply.

"Nothing changed in the last three years until that (construction) equipment came in," Mrs. McKee told the Regional Public Works Committee.

And Coun. Pam Sheldon, who said she remembers the construction day "very well," said the McKees "had water until the construction equipment moved on the property,"

The McKees, who could be given 30 days written notice that their water connection through the Region could be cut, according to Region Engineer Bob Austin, say they are "appealing" to the Region for help.

"We've had all the assurance from the Region that we were to be protected," said Mr. McKee.

Mr McKee showed Regional Public Works Committee members photographs and measurements from his well

But Chairman Pomeroy was not "totally convinced" that the McKee water shortage is a Regional (ssue.

"We've dealt fairly with the McKees, (but this) is not a Regional

responsibility," he told Regional Committee.

Halton Region voted to bring the four parties involved with the subdivision contract and the construction - namely the McKees, the Region, the Town of Halton Hills and Meagan Developments - into discussion to determine responsibility for the water shortage.

"There's a way to involve all four parties," said Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson. Halton Hills' Mayor Russ Miller agreed, saying "we should be sitting down all at one level and discuss this."

Coun Walter Mulkewich suggested the Town of Halton Hills approach the developer to pay for the water hook-up costs, but Coun. Bill Johnson disagreed.

"These people shouldn't have to negotiate with the Town (of Halton Hills), the Region has a responsibility," he said

Coun. Liz Behrens added "there is a moral responsibility in this to be shared with the developer and with the Town of Halton Hills.

