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LETTERS

Young Offenders Act must be changed

Dear Sir,
Re.: Crime: A Problem Liberals Won't Address.

Over the last year, as PC Critic for the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I have been very concerned about the high levels of violent crime in Ontario and the devastating effects it has on the people of this province.

I have been particularly interested in issues such as the release of dangerous psychiatric patients on Lieutenant Governor's Warrants, the declining support for our police by the Liberal government, the disturbing presence of drug abuse and drug related crimes and the increased incidence of, and viciousness by, youth street gangs.

In each of these areas, I believe the government has failed to show the courage and leadership necessary in a contemporary, growing province. I have questioned the Solicitor General about these and other problems that the government has refused to address.

I am appalled by the odd attitude of the Solicitor General regarding law enforcement in Ontario. Consistently, she has failed to support police officers across this province for the effective job they do for us on a daily basis. On a number of occasions, police officers have been injured or wounded while on duty and it has been the Progressive Conservative party, rather than the Solicitor General or any member of the Liberal government, who has risen in the House to acknowledge and applaud these life-threatening efforts.

The recent prominence of vicious street gangs in Metro Toronto provides an illustrative example of the problems police face in the administration of justice in Ontario. While the number of murder convictions in Toronto declined from 58 to 51 between 1987 and 1988, other convictions, such as assault, robbery and weapons possession, increased dramatically.

In this environment, police clearly need increased support from the Ontario government. However, that support has been slow to arrive and, as a result, many people in Ontario - particularly Metro Toronto - needlessly live in fear, while the Solicitor General refuses to provide adequate moral or financial support for our police. While changes in the Young Offenders Act would certainly make violent young people more accountable for their actions, legal reforms are not enough. The Liberal government must regain the respect of the police after months of treating them like second class citizens.

In a civilized society, criminals must be punished and lawlessness and intimidation cannot be ignored. Police are doing their best to protect the law abiding citizens of Ontario. The time has come for the government to support them in these efforts, rather than leaving them, and the people of this province, in an intolerable state of insecurity and uncertainty.

Yours sincerely,
Bob Runciman, M.P.P.,
P.C. Critic for the Ministry of the Solicitor General

READER OPINION

Rotary club tops target

Dear Sir,
Throughout the month of March members of the Rotary Club of Georgetown have been working steadily to encourage support for our 1989 Easter Seal Campaign. Now that the final tally has been made, we are pleased to announce that our campaign target of \$9,500 was achieved as more than \$10,208.29 was raised to help children and families in need.

This outstanding result would not have been possible without the generous support from concerned individuals and businesses in our community. It also would not have

been possible without the backing of newspapers, radio, television and cable stations, which so willingly helped to spread the message of Easter Seals throughout the community.

Helping physically disabled children to progress in life is a goal which The Easter Seal Society has been firmly committed to since its inception in 1922. Our club is proud to be associated with this important work and we extend our thanks to all those who showed they cared about the futures of

these special children by backing them through Easter Seals.

Sincerely yours,
C.G. "Bud" Bishop,
The Rotary Club

MY GENERATION

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Thanks for newcomers dance

Dear Sir,
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Sincerely,
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- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1 egg
- 2/3 c. undiluted evaporated milk
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- fresh strawberries

Combine 1 cup icing sugar and flour. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Press dough evenly over bottom and side of 9" flan pan with removable bottom or 9" pie plate. Beat cream cheese until smooth. Beat in granulated sugar, 2 tbsp. flour and egg. Gradually beat in evaporated milk. Stir in lemon rind and juice. Pour into prepared shell. Bake in 350° oven 20 to 25 minutes. Cool. Top with strawberry slices.



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Dump would be a blunder

Dear Sir,
The public has tried to stop the (Acton) quarry as a dump. It seems as though big business won't let it be stopped.

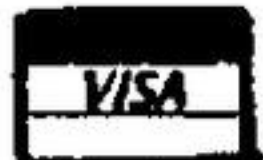
As God put streams of clear water running through rock, he knew man would pollute other streams and lakes.

It's time our health authorities should know what's going on. Pollution from the dump could find its way into the drinking water. Rock formation lets water seep

through many layers. Pollution and disease could fall into these layers of rock. Burial ground for garbage should be put on land of clay and subsoil. The quarry is on a mountain in Halton Hills, draining water underground to thousands of people. Health authorities should outlaw the quarry dump. It goes through, it will be another blunder by man.

Yours truly,
Albert Brooks,

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