

# AI urges Turkey to clean up its act

Dear editor,  
Older residents of Georgetown may remember The Georgetown Boys, the 110 Armenian orphans, who, having survived the massacre by the Turks following the First World War, were brought to Canada between 1923-27.



Their farm school was on the Cedarvale Park property and environs— a 210-acre farm where they received basic education and learned farming before being shifted to carefully selected farms in Ontario to work until age 18. The book in the Georgetown Public Library, The Georgetown Boys, by one of their group, J. Aprainian, gives a fascinating account of the youngsters and a brief history of each up to their reunion on their 50th anniversary in Canada. Some had been killed fighting for Canada in the Second World War.

It is a great success story and some Georgetown residents may still be in touch with one of the group. It would seem our NATO ally, the government of Turkey, is repeating history with genocide of its minorities. Amnesty International has documented their atrocious human rights record, including persecution and torture of children in particular, although Turkey has committed to the UN Declaration of Human Rights. Torture and death in custody are commonplace. A UN statement in 1995 named Turkey as the country with

the highest number of disappearances in 1994. The Georgetown Amnesty International group 196 has joined the worldwide campaign, No Security Without Human Rights, to pressure Turkey to clean up its act— to properly investigate disappearances and extrajudicial executions, release political prisoners, prosecute security personnel for human rights violations and educate judges on international law concerning human rights.

AI also urges the Canadian government to take responsible action in its relations with Turkey. What can you do to help? Join AI and write letters. They do help. AI president Carmel Euwens (877-6713) will be glad to hear from you.

Vivian Hunter,  
Terra Cotta

## Thanks for help with library program

Dear editor,  
On behalf of Halton Hills Public Library, I would like to thank Darren Campbell and Radio Shack for the loan of sound equipment and microphone for our Merry Christmas Storytime program.

This annual event was held on Dec. 18 and since its start eight years ago, has become a Christmas tradition for many Halton Hills families. The event draws so

many, that now we hold the program in the beautiful gallery adjacent to the library. With the large number of people, and the size of the room, the loan of the microphone and sound equipment greatly added to the enjoyment of the program.

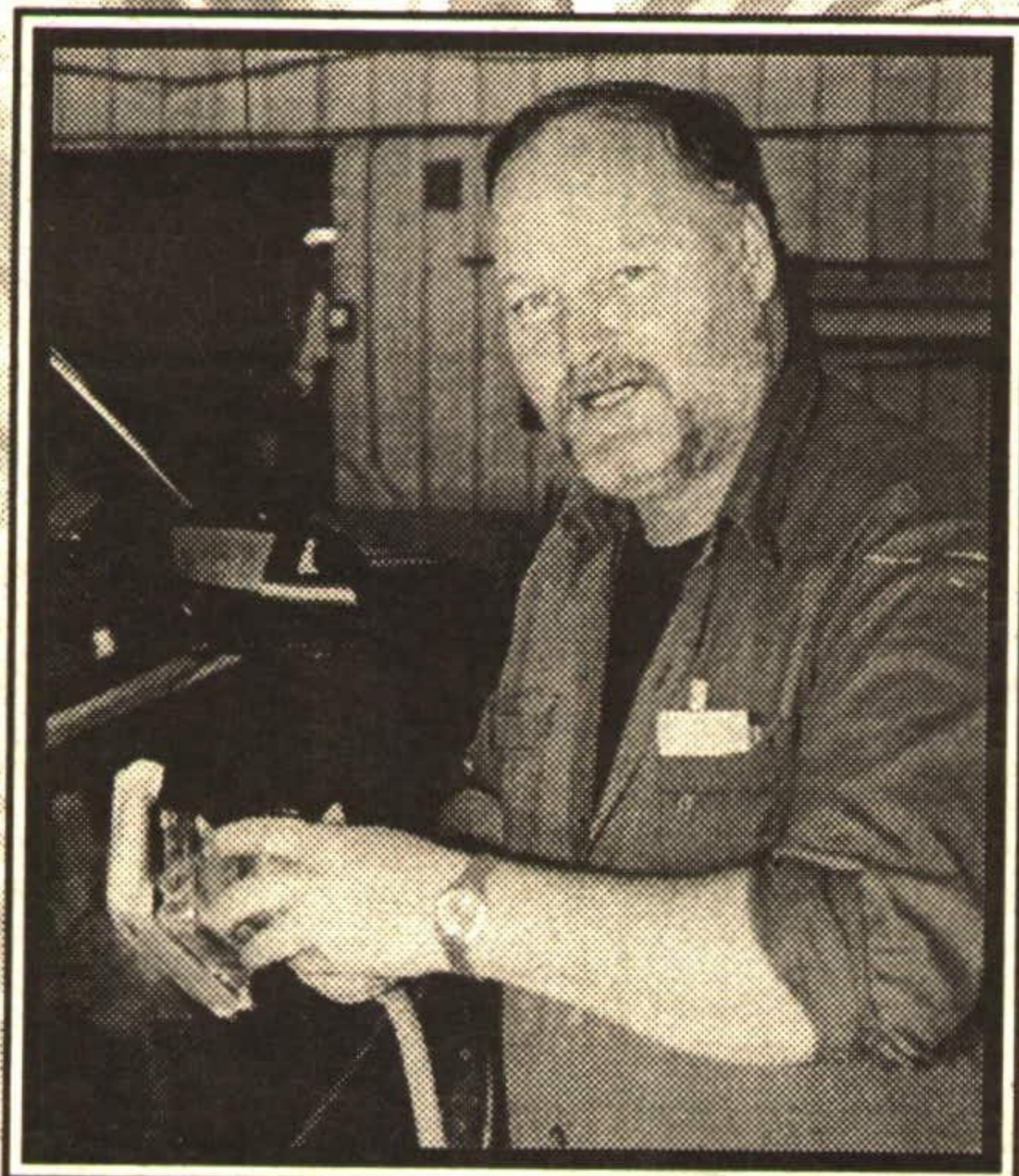
Again, thank you to Radio Shack, and to all the families who attended.

Cindy Cooper,  
public services librarian

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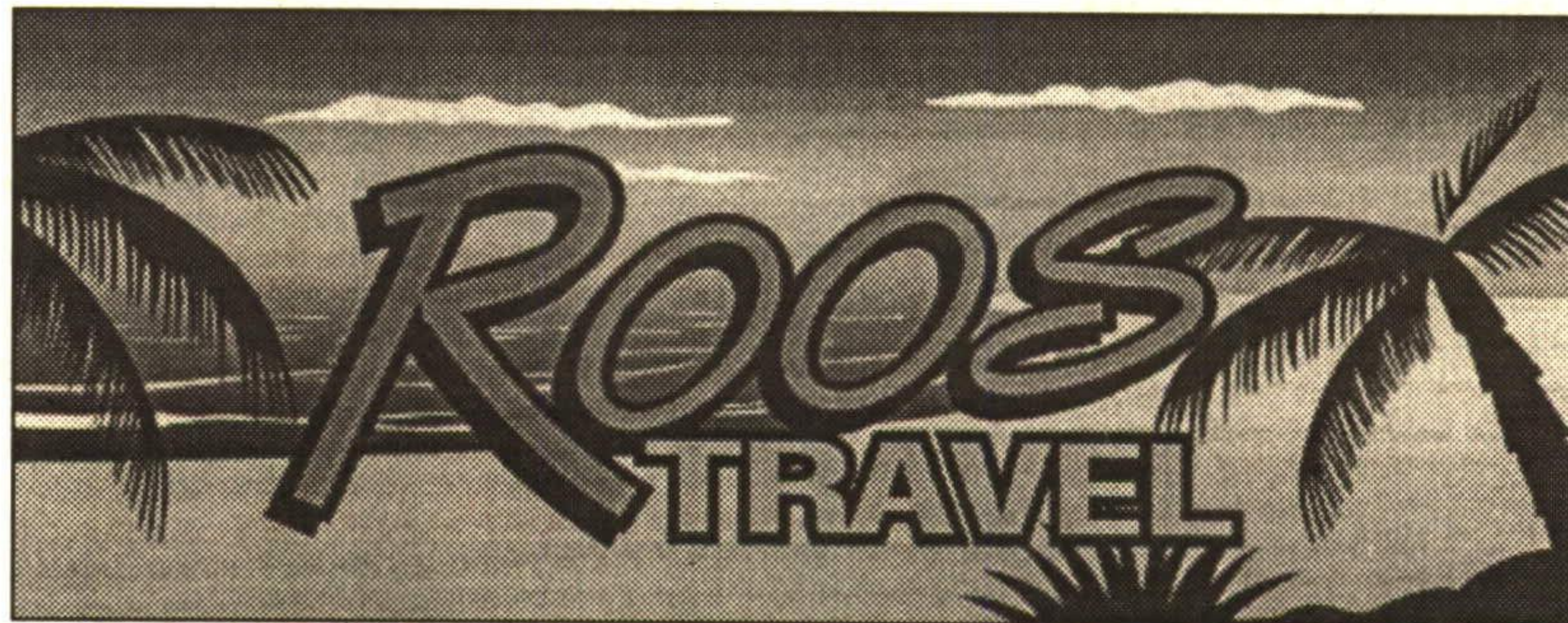


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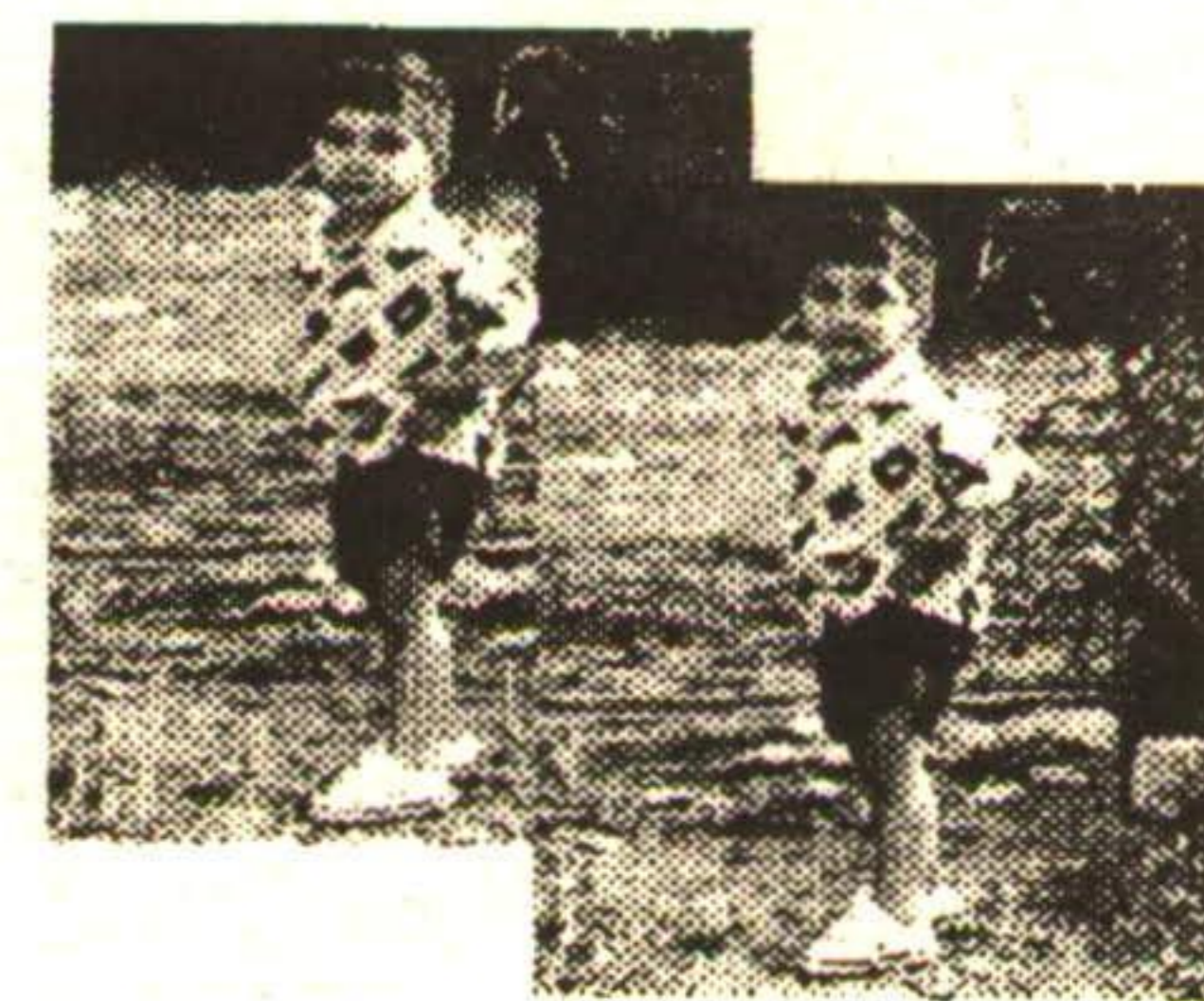
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