

Colombo Plan Men from Indonesia Study Local Government in Halton

Town, township and county levels of municipal government were thoroughly reviewed in Halton County this week for the benefit of two dark-skinned Indonesian central government officials.

The pair—Emir Noerachman, director of the training department and T. M. Ali, head of the general division—are officials of the Department of Home Affairs and Regional Autonomy from Indonesia's central government at Djakarta. Here in Canada under the Colombo plan for a year studying public administration at Ottawa's Carleton University, they had chosen Ontario's fastest-growing county for their field visit.

We Learn Too

And while they peppered the Warden, county councillors, department heads and other local officials about operations, they in turn were quizzed by Haltonians and reporters about the workings of their south-east Asian country.

Arriving in Milton shortly after 10 a.m. Monday, Mr. Noerachman and Mr. Ali were greeted by Warden F. A. Phillips and several county councillors, then were given a tour of the offices in the County court house and administration building in Milton. Here they met the assessor, clerk, roads superintendent, treasurer and their staffs, and studied the intricate system of county level of government. Later they visited the Registry Office where the registrar and his staff showed how land deeds and transfers are kept on file.

Following a luncheon at the Milton Inn, they toured the Halton Centennial Manor and expressed their amazement at the care given for older citizens.

Milton and Trafalgar

Wednesday, the pair spent the morning at Trafalgar Township offices, then filled in the afternoon visiting the county town government in Milton.

As well as their course at Ottawa, the visitors spent a month at Toronto and even went west to Regina to view Saskatchewan's socialist form of government. They may also visit the United States before going home.

"Ours is a young country, and we are now trying to build it up," explained Mr. Noerachman. "We want to see what system is best, and we will introduce the best of each system at home."

Indonesia, they explained, only won its independence after the Second World War and their prime aim is to introduce more production of finished materials in their own country. Now, they pointed out, their textile rubber and oil industries produce the raw material which is shipped out of the country, processed, and resold to Indonesia.

Halton residents were amazed to learn that the country is only 800,000 square miles in area, yet has a fantastic population of 86,000,000 people. Of these, 56,000,000 live on the island of Java and 3,500,000 alone live in the capital city of Djakarta.

While there are no definite class distinctions in Indonesia, the government is striving to raise the standards of living for the poorer sections. The guests also enlightened their hosts about their weather (average 65 to 95 degrees, mountain areas

a low of 50 degrees, and rain at least once a day from October to February), their favorite sports (soccer, tennis and badminton), and their famed island of Bali, where North American tourists go to see Europe's painters and Bali's dancing girls.



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INDONESIAN OFFICIALS who are in Canada studying forms of government were made welcome in Halton County this week when they visited Milton to see the way a county form of government is operated. Above the guests view records at the Registry Office. From the left are registry office employee, Mrs. Jean Martin, Emir Noerachman, assistant county clerk Jim Andrews, Miss Eva Houston of the Registry office, T. M. Ali, and Warden F. A. Phillips.



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VIEWING THE LAUNDRY facilities at Halton Centennial Manor are Mr. Noerachman and Mr. Ali of Indonesia's central government in Djakarta, who have been studying public administration at Ottawa for a year. With them are Manor Superintendent Stan Allen, and county councillors John Robertson of Nassagaweya and Jack Hargrave of Acton. They spent most of Monday touring the county's facilities in Milton and asking questions about our form of county government.

Six Milton Scouts Enjoy Hi-Jinx At 3rd Canadian Scout Jamboree

Plenty of hi-jinx went on at the third Canadian Scout Jamboree held at Ottawa during the past week. There was the scout who sat on a flag pole and could not get down until he collected 500 signatures from visiting girls, the formation of the society of black feet (signature writing with feet and printers' ink), and an enterprising group who put up a sign offering guided tours for girls from 15 to 19.

These were a few of the items revealed by Milton scouts Jim McKellar, John Trifoli, Ian Adams, Lindsay Moir, Brian Senicar and Ron Berube who made the trip to Ottawa. The boys joined different groups and set out on Wednesday night and Thursday morning by bus, descended on Ottawa with 2,500 jubilant scouters.

They were fed the first night on what was affectionately termed "B" rations, box lunches. After supper they were set to work setting up tents and their camping areas which included gateways, the flag pole, cooking gadgets and other necessities.

3,000 Scouts

The Milton scouts were particularly amazed at the efficiency of the operation. No major problems arose during the 10 day stay, despite the fact the total compliment of scouts at the camp amounted to about 3,000.

After lunch the first evening, the scouts set out to meet each

other. Scouts at the camp were from all across Canada, as far away as Pueblo California in the U.S. and representatives from Pakistan, England, Greece, Australia and France. One group caused the boys to look to their high school French. They were a group of scouts, cubs and Scouts from La Federation de Scouts Catholiques; only about half of the contingent spoke English and the remainder spoke only French.

Horse Trading

It was during the meeting that the most popular pastime of the 10 days in camp began, swapping crests, and articles of their uniforms. The Milton scouts wryly commented that plenty of horse trading went on during those exchanges, and then the boys gleefully displayed 10 to 15 badges apiece plus lanyards, garters, belts and other uniform articles.

During the week there was plenty to do. Different scouts were detailed each day to cooking, dishwashing, grounds cleanup and countless other jobs. The six scouts all agreed that the worst job was dishwashing.

For cooking, the scouts had brought along their own utensils, and staples and meat were issued at the camp. Steaks, pot roast and other delicacies were cooked over charcoal fires by the scouts.

Bucking Broncos

When they were not working or swapping articles, the boys toured the camp grounds and Ottawa. On the grounds there were various sections set aside for athletic activities, crafts, building projects and individual pastimes peculiar to the home areas of the scout troops. Three chuck wagons were brought down from Alberta, and bucking broncos consisting of ropes and oil drums were set up. The boys from B.C. dug a pit, filled it with water and encouraged other scouts to participate in their popular sport of log rolling, however rumors sprang up that the logs had been secretly greased.

For each activity in which the

scouts participated and for each area that they visited, they were awarded a number of points by the scout leader in charge. If they managed to amass enough points they were given the adventurer's award. Ian Adams and Jim McKellar of Milton were two of the boys who got the certificates.

Also included in these activities was the scout exchange. Scouts from one troop would be exchanged with scouts from another troop for dinner. The Milton group thought that the American scouts were the most friendly.

Plenty of Rain

The biggest problem during the jamboree was the rain and heat. It rained on the opening day, through the week, and on closing day. On opening day, it rained while the scouts were marching, but finally stopped as the colorful ceremonies got under way.

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Township Gives Bridge Contract

Esquering Township Council on Monday awarded a contract for a bridge on the Tenth Line, Concession 9 to Halton Paving Co. at \$2,218 plus extra excavating at \$2 a cubic yard plus extra concrete at \$30 a cubic yard.

Councillors held a discussion on erecting stop or yield signs at all concession crossroads in the township but no decision was given.

Road Damaged, Town Cost \$750

Milton Council will pay \$750 of a \$2041 bill for repairs on a portion of Ontario St. following winter damage to the pavement completed last year.

Engineer Roy F. Smith advised the town the depth of stone had been increased to meet original specifications and since the original contract was on a unit basis the town should pay for the added material.

An estimated six inches more of stone had been installed over about 300 feet of the road. The bad sections had been excavated and then asphalted the engineer reported.

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LADIES ONLY
Most ladies have heard the cynical male joke about the female driver, who replied when informed by a mechanic that her engine was "missing": "Well that's certainly strange. I'm sure it was there when I drove in a few minutes ago!"

For the benefit of gals who would like to bandy technical terms with the experts, here is a glossary of definitions that is bound to impress the most prejudiced mechanic, not to mention their own special male authority.

MOTOR MISSING: usually spark plugs too wide or fouled . . . weak coil or condenser . . . weak breaker points or springs. **HARD STARTING:** could be weak battery . . . moisture on spark plugs or in distributor . . . faulty battery cable or ground connection . . . weak coil or condenser . . . spark plugs worn out or dirty . . . carburetor needs cleaning or adjusting.

FOR POOR GAS MILEAGE check: defective carburetor . . . valves need grinding . . . spark plugs need cleaning, adjusting or replacing. **SHAKY STEERING** can be caused by faulty front wheel alignment or balance . . . loose connecting rods defective steering gear. If your car **RUNS HOT**, check for a defective water pump, cooling system, thermostat or fan belt . . . low radiator level . . . sparse fuel-air mixture. **MOTOR KNOCK** . . . low octane fuel . . . excessive combustion chamber deposits . . . overheated engine.

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County Council Briefs

- At Tuesday's July meeting, Halton County Council:
 - Presented Warden F. A. Phillips with a new gown of office. A chain of office is on order and should arrive soon.
 - Accepted with regret the resignation of assistant county assessor Harvey Tasker. After three years with the county assessing department, he is leaving in August to work in the assessment department of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Toronto.
 - Acknowledged receipt of permission to use the former Boyne School in Trafalgar Township as a juvenile and family court for one day a week, at a rental fee of \$20 per day.
 - Changed an earlier plan and agreed to provide restricted parking accommodation for three cars at the Mary St. side of the court house.
 - Agreed to secure display space at Acton, Georgetown and Milton fall fairs for the Emergency Measures Organization.
 - Delegated the assessor, warden and clerk to the Ontario Municipal Association Convention in Windsor in August.
 - Approved a Renfrew County resolution calling for a change in the procedure for electing a warden, from open voting to secret voting by ballot.
 - Passed \$76,577.21 in accounts.

Half Mill by '63

See County Taxes Going Up

Half mill by 63 see county taxes Halton County's taxpayers can expect to be paying at least an additional half mill toward county government in taxes in 1963, according to a report of County Council's finance committee submitted to the July meeting on Tuesday.

The committee had been airing a suggestion that the new \$1-250,000 court house and administration building could be financed through direct taxation over a five year period. After a meeting with the solicitor and auditor, committee members reported that the mill rate for general and road levies would go up about .35 mills in 1962 and a further .15 mills in 1963—making a 1963 levy of 6.75 mills compared to this year's 6.25 mills.

At Least \$104,000 If the cost of the new building is financed over five years with the first levy in 1962, the annual estimated levy would be \$275,000 or a little better than one extra mill. If debentures are issued over a five year period the annual payment will be \$292,721, but yearly payments would

be lower if the debentures were issued over a longer period of time. (Twenty year debentures would call for an annual payment of \$104,599).

The committee still hasn't made any recommendation about how the new building should be financed.

B. Cross Given Insurance Prize

Bryn J. Cross, Milton, a representative of the National Life Assurance Company of Canada recently received one of the Life Insurance industry's highest honors.

The National Quality Award has been presented to Mr. Cross in recognition of outstanding service to his clients in the conservation of their life insurance benefits. The award, presented annually, is sponsored by the Life Underwriters Association of Canada, the Life Insurance Agency Management Association and the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association.

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Capital Budget Of \$20,000,000

Burlington this week approved a \$20,000,000 capital budget covering a five year term, and listing major capital works projects for the years 1961 to 1965. New schools, bridges, side-walks, roads, sewers and P.U.C. requirements are among the items listed as necessary over the five year period. Town treasurer D. W. Farmer termed the budget "a realistic approach" to the problems of financing capital projects over the next five years. The corporation's share of the budget is \$13,000,000; owners will pay \$3,000,000 and others will pay \$4,000,000. About \$14,000,000 of the budget is to be debentured and over \$2,000,000 will be paid out of current funds, thus saving on debenture interest rates.

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