

Champion Editorial Page

A deeper pathos

Last week's history in the making—the first resignation of a United States president from office—was dramatic but the pathos was deeper than the tears, the farewell dinner for the Nixon family at the White House or the warm welcome to Richard Nixon on his return to California.

The pathos was in the drive for power that condoned break-ins, wire tapping, and the use of federal agencies for harassment. The final smothering blow was the revelation that deceit and lies had also been employed in seeking reelection to the most powerful position in the free world—the presidency of the United States.

News backgrounders have reminded us of the uphill battles Richard Nixon had in all his attainments. As far back as 1952 when he began his first campaign as vice-president, there was suggestion of impropriety in his receipt of funds. He was mobbed in Caracas in 1958. He was defeated in his first bid for the presidency and subsequently in his bid for the state governorship. He was called on to make difficult decisions during his presidency—Cambodia, campus disorders, recognition of China and finally in the midst of his Watergate difficulty the loss of his own vice-presidency for alleged kickbacks earlier in his political career.

The haggard view of the resigning president that crossed television screens by the millions, was

that of a man at the end of his credibility who had only the one option left—to resign. Thousands no doubt watched with the mixed emotions of sympathy and animosity. Sympathy in the ordeal and agony of making that final traumatic statement of resignation; animosity that trickery, and deceit had been practised under the polished exterior of sincerity and honesty.

No one likes to be made a fool of and no doubt countless Americans felt they had been hoodwinked much as the President's own lawyer had been, with crucial evidence having been withheld from the defending attorney.

We are convinced that Americans have not heard the last of Richard Nixon. His drive for power and influence is not easily discouraged as his biography will show. The revelations of the "tapes" have revealed a hard fighter who is not easily discouraged or dissuaded. Restoration of any significant power can only be possible if a great well of sympathy is capitalized on and used to blind supporters to the deceit and trickery which were evident through the agony of Watergate.

It should be remembered, no matter how emotional we may become, the president was driven from office not by some external force but by the weight of his own web spun in his drive to retain the most powerful position in the free world.

In defense of mayor

"Lower income" is a misunderstanding

Mayor Anne MacArthur is in hot water over a statement she made at the opening of the Valleyview Gardens development, which was reported last week by The Champion.

Valleyview homes are selling in the \$85-95,000 bracket and the mayor commented at the time that she was happy to see the larger homes and larger lot sizes being introduced in Milton. She suggested the more affluent people have been "discriminated against" with some of the recent housing developments which cater to a lower income people... and that's how The Champion reported her remarks.

But residents in Dorset Park area have jumped to conclusions and taken the mayor's statement as a personal affront to them. Several have registered their objections, via letters to the mayor and to this newspaper and by telephoning the mayor's office at town hall. All felt she was referring to Dorset Park.

Just for clarification, the mayor was NOT referring to Dorset Park when she talked of "lower income people." Her reference was intended to cite the difference in housing accommodations and prices between the recent condominium townhousing developments and Valleyview Gardens.

We talked with the mayor this week and she suggested some clarification seemed necessary. Mayor MacArthur said she was definitely not referring to Dorset Park subdivision when she made the remarks—she was talking about the newer townhouses and council's recent decision to co-operate with Ontario Housing Corporation in a venture designed to place more lower cost homes on the market in lands yet to be developed in Milton.

She said the Dorset Park residents have misinterpreted her statement and references to "slums" and "lower class homes" in their letters were completely uncalled for.

Mayor MacArthur said one of Milton's goals is to provide homes for everyone, regardless of income, and therefore she welcomed the subdivision of \$90,000 homes because they would appeal to those who are a little more affluent and want a larger home on a larger lot. Townhouses, now selling at \$40-50,000 are obviously for lower income people but that means their income is lower than those who can afford a \$90,000 home—it doesn't automatically mean a lower CLASS of people. In the Dorset Park area homes are priced somewhere between the townhouse and Valleyview range. Again, the income of the residents determines the type of housing they can afford—it is not fair to think the mayor referred to Dorset Park as a slum development.

Dorset Park residents should perhaps remember that the term "lower income" refers only to any higher income to which it is compared. The man making \$100,000 a year could be a "lower income" type if you compare him to a man making \$200,000 a year. But he's not necessarily the scum of the earth.

Below are some letters received on the subject, from Dorset Park residents. We don't feel the mayor owes anyone an apology—it has become a grossly exaggerated misunderstanding.

OBJECTS TO BEING CALLED LOWER INCOME FAMILY

Dear Sir,
I was very annoyed after reading the article in last Wednesday's Champion where Mayor MacArthur refers to the already existing recent housing developments as catering to a lower income families. You had better be sure of your facts lady. I don't consider my family to be a lower income family or my home to be a

lower income home. My husband is a business executive and as such earns a very good salary.

As a good per cent of your votes may or may not come from the recently built homes, you should be careful what you say or you are not going to make it next time around, Mayor MacArthur.

From one of the lower income families that helps pay your salary.

A Very Prestigious and Affluent Homeowner,
Mrs. P. Brown,
552 Woodward Ave., Milton

"LOWER INCOME PEOPLE" WANT TAXES REDUCED

To Anne MacArthur, Mayor.

Milton does not have many "recent housing developments". Dorset Park is the most recent one in which houses are occupied. Single family houses in Dorset Park are now selling from \$51,000 to \$70,000. Those prices do not indicate "lower income housing", and the salary requirements for buyers would not place them amongst "lower income people".

But, since you consider the "recent housing developments" cater to "lower income people", I would suggest the following: 1) an immediate reduction in taxes of 20 per cent because of the lower incomes, 2) an immediate reduction in hydro, water and gas rates by 20 per cent because of the low incomes, 3) no admission fee to recreational facilities because of the low incomes and, 4) the immediate completion of parks and recreational facilities, already under construction, but never completed by the Town of Milton. Institution of the above items would certainly ease the financial burden for the "lower income" residents.

In the recent election, which elevated you to the post of mayor, you canvassed for votes throughout the town. You also visited the "lower income housing areas." Many of your votes came from these areas. I would suggest that if your attitude to these areas and people continue, you may not win as many votes from these areas in the next election. A person holding this type of attitude does not deserve to be the mayor of a growing town.

A public apology to the residents of the "recent housing developments" is definitely and immediately in order.

D. L. Collins,
555 Woodward Ave., Milton

WE'RE WELL OFF WHY "LOWER INCOME"?

To Mayor MacArthur,

We have just returned from our lovely three bedroom summer home on Lake Muskoka and are dismayed to learn that in our absence we have become a "lower income people."

Did someone overnight strip us of our lovely home—or perhaps our Cessna aircraft—or my husband's company vice-presidency and accompanying generous salary? But no—we still have all of this! How then did we enter this lower income group?

Why, it seems that living in our home in Dorset Park valued at a mere \$70,000 has qualified us in a Mayor MacArthur's mind as a "lower income people". Tell me mayor, do we now qualify for lower taxes or hydro bills? Or perhaps you yourself would generously give up a portion of your own salary to aid those of us who are unfortunate enough to be living in the slums of Milton.

I think not!
Sincerely,
Marilyn Picard



STANDING FORLORNLY in a planted field is a burned out tree waging the war of time against the elements which will one day topple it.



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

Summer reflections: some good, some bad. First we'll give the good news, then the bad, as the current crud goes. If you don't know what crud means, ask your family doctor. Or somebody else's family doctor if you don't trust your own.

A family doctor is someone in the family. That means you try to get everything for free. So if he tells you that you have a little headache once in a while, take an aspirin, relax, you know you have a monumental brain tumour.

On the other hand, if you take somebody else's family doctor, beware. He'll probably tell you that you have a possible brain tumour, that you should relax, and take plenty of aspirin.

Well, I hope that takes care of that. I didn't really mean to get onto doctors. Grand chaps, actually.

But I have a lingering resentment against an R.A.F. doctor who insisted on giving me my annual anti-tetanus shot (a dirty great injection in your shoulder) the night of our passing-out party, from a training course on Spitfires.

I told him I had a bad back, a wrenched knee, a toothache, phlebitis, and pneumonia.

He said, "Jolly good", and sank an elephant needle into my shoulder.

I had the satisfaction of seeing him stumped by a coffee cup hurled from behind the piano. It was thrown by our C.O., who, despite the fact that he'd had his pants pulled off and beer poured liberally over his lower torso, was still very much alive.

And a moment later, I had the satisfaction of seeing the C.O. caught right between the eyes by a dinner-plate flung by

a New Zealander who said, "Whizzo" when he saw the Commanding Officer fall to his knees, trouserless.

This was in the good old days, when it was more or less expected you'd smash up the mess before you graduated.

It wasn't vandalism, in the modern sense. You had to pay for everything you broke, and you took full responsibility for what you'd done.

It was a wild, free, careening sense of destruction, perhaps based on the sense that you were destructible and were going to be destructed. Perhaps that is what makes young people tick today. If they tick. Some of them don't even seem to be wound up, let alone tick.

As usual, I've gone far from my theme. The good news and then the bad news. It's like a Newfie or Polish joke, both of which I despise.

Good news? It's not raining; the town engineer is not going to cut down 31 maple trees until he tries again next year. My grandbaby is a little devil. One of my students wants to come around and talk. My wife called me "Dear" today. My bursitis is not hurting too much. There's a rose bed in the backyard which hasn't produced a rose in three years, but this summer has a fine touch of green (three baby elms). I don't have a heart condition, though I'm not sure about me liver. The electric storm last night didn't hit my oaks. The plumber gave us a big bag of fresh beans out of his garden.

Bad news? My grandbaby is a devil. He and his mother are living in a dome (no lights, no water, no electricity, no toilet). I left an \$8.95 library book out on one of the lawn chairs yesterday and it rained all night. There's a nest of yellowjackets up in the roof and the roofer will quit, after he's taken half the shingles off. Two stings will do it. The boys who are going to do the painting will all have fallen off a ladder and broken their right arms by the time they're ready to go.

My mistress has the mumps. My doctor has a needle. My wife has a tongue. My cat is heterosexual. My daughter is cheerful. My son is cheerful. (This is bad news because it means they are both going to make a touch).

All in all, it's a pretty average summer, so far.

Our Readers Write

CONGRATULATES NEWSPAPERS AND BRIAN BEST

Dear Mr. Downs:
May I extend to The Canadian Champion my congratulations on your recent award as the best weekly paper. I am very proud, as is anyone who reads our town paper. Everyone connected with its success deserved credit for the award. May it continue to be the great paper it is today, for years to come.

Also, what a lovely addition to our Main St. is Brian Best's complex. It is indeed a credit to him and the flowers outside just set it off. Mr. Best has done such a lot for us in Milton and we should appreciate how he has made the Main St. more attractive with this building.

Good luck to The Champion, keep up the good work, we appreciate your efforts.

Yours truly,
Edith Sharpe,
429 Pearl St., Milton

Pages of the Past

From Champion Files

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, August 15, 1954

Started here 19 years ago and employing of the Model Knitting Mill will be moved from Milton to Harriston this month. Approximately 30 employees will be affected by the transfer of operations which is to curtail production and consolidate operations.

James Croll, Oakville, this week purchased their interest in the Milton Roxy Theatre from the National Theatre Services. The sale was completed effective Monday and Mr. and Mrs. Croll have been at the theatre this week operating with the present manager J.L. Bottom, who leaves at the end of this week to continue with the National Theatre Services.

Food prices advertised this week include butter at 58 cents a pound, bacon at 65 cents a pound and jam at 37 cents for a 24 ounce jar.

Behind the masterful two hit pitching of big "Shep" Doucette, the Milton Red Sox took the first game of their best of five series from Port Credit by the score of 4-1. The winners of this series will move along the Intermediate B play-off trail presumably against Bowmanville or Creemore.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, August 14, 1924

Sir Charles Parsons predicts that the world's population will centre around sources of hydro-electrical energy and that Toronto will become an empire metropolis.

The roadway of Martin Street, where it crosses the race to Martin's grist mill has been showing signs of sinking of late. Workmen are now engaged in putting a concrete top over the race and all truck traffic is barred from Martin Street, diverted to Bronte St.

Albert Palmer is here this week after an absence of about a year, in the employ of the Farrell brick works, Beamsville. He has been showing his friends a new style of brick of his own burning and made from a special blending of clay, light and dark brown, giving a marbled appearance. A wall of such bricks should look well.

The price of bread has been increased here by a cent a large loaf this week on account of higher priced flour.

On Monday about 20 Milton Boy Scouts left for Erin, to camp there for two weeks. They were in charge of Rev. Canon Naftel, Scout Master. He and Mrs. Naftel occupy a cottage close to the camp.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, August 17, 1899

At a meeting last week of the Milton board of school trustees, it was decided to engage Miss Florence Deacon, B.A. to teach classics and high school subjects at the Milton public school. This will be a great boon to parents who wish to give their children higher education and not wish to send them away from home.

The resignation by Mr. Holmes of his seat in the House of Commons is demanded because of corrupt practices by his agents in the by-election in which he was returned as member for Huron West. Mr. Holmes has been unfortunate in having his agents found out and under the circumstances perhaps he ought to resign. But if every member whose election was not free from unlawful acts by agents were similarly unfortunate and were to resign, there would not be a quorum left. Knowing this, Mr. Holmes may feel that he has as good a moral right to his seat as that of the average member, and may decide to keep it.

A well-dressed young man was put off the east-bound CPR train Tuesday evening for refusing to pay his fare, the conductor retaining his christie stiff hat. The hat came back on the next train going west, but the young man was far on his way towards Streetsville, bareheaded.

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