



Employees of Halton Centennial Manor show their discontent with current contract arbitration by staging a demonstration march in front of that facility on Monday. The Canadian Union of Operating Engineers and General Workers, Local 101, have been without a contract since May of last year.

Stage protest march

Manor workers want pact

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

Spurred by a delay in arbitration talks, several workers of Halton Centennial Manor staged a protest march Monday to dramatize their lack of a contract.

The Canadian Union of Operating Engineers and General Workers Local 101 members have been without a contract since May 1981. A new contract was set for arbitration in February but the arbitrator was ill and a new date was scheduled for May 3.

Maggie Carrigan, chief union steward at the Manor, says she feels the union should have taken a stronger stand in setting the new date for an earlier time.

"We're asking for \$2 an hour more across the board," she said as she and about 40 other off-duty workers picketed along Ontario St. in front of the Manor.

Along with a list of benefit improvements, the approximately 250 union members are calling for better working conditions.

Mrs. Carrigan claims Manor administration has appointed people to stand by the time clock to ensure workers punch out at the appropriate time and trips to the washroom are being monitored.

Recently appointed Manor administrator Richard Kaufman admits he noticed staff standing around the punch clock waiting to punch out, an observation which prompted him to ask other supervisory staff to keep an eye on the situation. He denies, however, that staff has been appointed to such a duty.

Mrs. Carrigan complains Manor staff get no overtime even if they punch out later. On the other hand the administrator feels overtime will be paid when due but punching out on the time clock late could have to do with staff taking more time than is necessary to conclude duties.

The current average hourly wage of Manor employees under the Union of Operating Engineers and General Workers established last year stands at \$5.91 an hour—which would be raised by \$2 under

present contract demands.

"We would like to get the contract matter settled because its causing problems for both sides," the administrator said.

"As we start changing a little its likely to be threatening to some people," Kaufman said.

Crime stats

B & E's down

Halton's on-going plague of break and enter dropped by four per cent in December 1981 over the previous year, despite a general rise in the amount of major crime in the region.

In December 1980, 2,504 cases of break and enter were reported while only 2,405 were reported in the same month in 1981. Residents can gain some consolation in knowing police cleared 906 cases—or 4.5 per cent more than 1980.

"A significant impact was made," Chief James Harding told Halton Police Commissioners.

Robbery was the only other major crime listed which decreased during the month, from 91 in 1980 down to 71 in 1981.

The largest increase showed up in the fraud department. According to Chief Harding's report, 928 frauds were reported last year, up by 25.7 per cent over 1980. Despite the extra caseload, officers solved 1.5 per cent of the incidents.

Wilful damage to public property jumped by 13.6 per cent while incidents of theft over \$200 increased by 11.8 per cent.

Six offences were on the rise in the last month of last year by 12.6 per cent. A total of 89 cases were reported in 1981 up from 1980's tally of 79. Police investigations proved more fruitful, however, solving 74.2 per cent of all incidents.

All other major crimes contained in the report also increased: wounding/assaults (6.2 per cent), auto theft (4.5 per cent), theft under \$200 (six per cent) and wilful damage to private property (.5 per cent).

Major drug bust

Five local men join 22 arrested for trafficking

Five Milton men face drug trafficking charges following the arrest of 22 people Thursday in what police have described as a major undercover drug operation spanning the whole of Halton.

A total of 60 drug related charges have been laid and there are outstanding warrants for the arrests of eight other people.

The arrests followed a three-and-a-half month investigation by the Oakville Joint Forces section made up of Oakville RCMP and Halton Regional Police. It involved an estimated \$50,000 worth of narcotics and restricted drugs.

The arrests, which began at 5 a.m. Thursday at the accused' homes, include Daniel Charles Styles 18, Number 8 Sideroad, Kilbride, charged with two counts of trafficking in a narcotic (marijuana), two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking (cannabis resin); Timothy Darryle Brownhill 24, Martin St., Milton, charged with one count of traf-

ficking in a narcotic (cannabis resin); Lorenzo Joseph Belvedere 23, of Bell St., Milton, charged with one count of possession of a narcotic (cannabis resin) one count of possession of a narcotic (marijuana); Mark Anthony Whin Yates 21, of Walker's Line, Milton, charged with two counts of trafficking in a narcotic (cannabis resin); and Steven John Foster 23, Pine St., Milton, charged with two counts of trafficking in a narcotic (marijuana) and one count of trafficking in a restricted drug (LSD).

Corporal Les Polehoykie of the RCMP said police seized 5½ pounds of hashish oil, 3½ pounds of marijuana, 2 pounds of hashish and 36 LSD tablets.

The arrests, according to Corporal Polehoykie, will have a "major impact across the region."

Others charged included Acton, Georgetown, Oakville and Burlington residents.

Board salaries to jump 15 per cent?

By CAROL STEWART KIRKBY
Special to The Champion

Salaries and wages for employees of the Halton Board of Education will total \$97 million of the board's projected \$133 million budget for 1982, according to figures drawn up by superintendent of business and finance Barb Moore for the board's finance committee.

The salary and wage cost represents a 15.8 per cent increase over the 1981 budget of \$84 million. Instruction costs in the 1982 budget amount to \$44 million in secondary schools and \$44 million in elementary schools. The elementary instruction costs are up 16.9 per cent and

secondary costs are up 14.8 per cent.

According to trustee Bill Priestner, chairman of the finance committee, over 90 per cent of the salaries and wages paid by the Halton school board are negotiated in collective agreements.

"Sixty per cent of the year is already looked after," Mr. Priestner said. Halton teachers negotiate their contracts from September to August, making their 1981-82 contract part of the 1982 budget with no room for changes.

Forty per cent of the year, from September to December, is an unknown figure, explained Mr. Priestner.

Inquiry ruling?

A decision on a request for a Provincial inquiry into a Milton land sale will not be made before the beginning of next week.

That's the word from former Town councillor Gus Goutouski who started a petition demanding a Provincial investigation into Milton's purchase of the former Bill's Auto Body Shop on Main St.

"The final decision is up to the Minister and that is how I will leave it," Mr. Goutouski said.

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