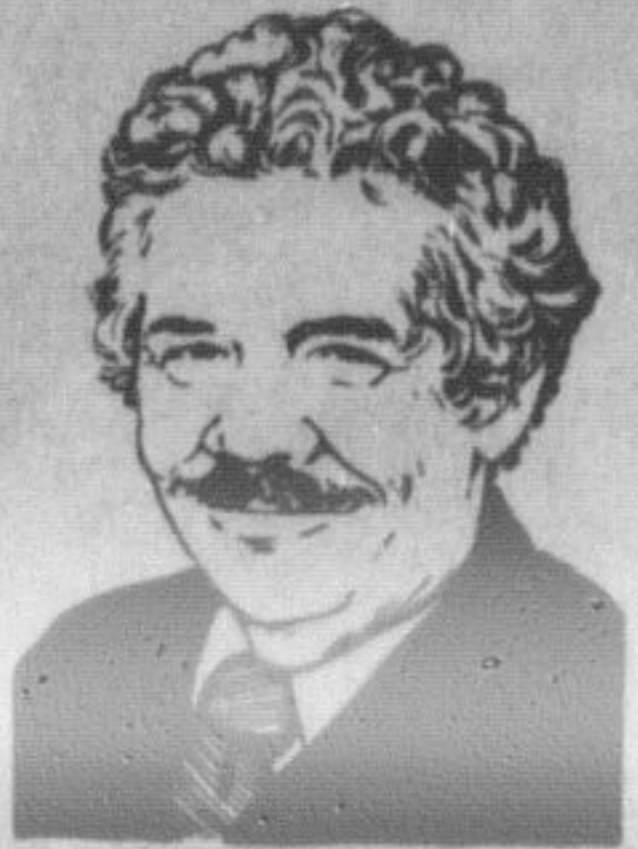


Between the Willows



Some dumb dolls

By DON BYERS
Champion Resident Columnist
If I had the necessary capital, I'd set up shop and manufacture Allan MacEachen dolls.

I know they'd go over big.
Think of the market: the elderly, farmers, small business people, mortgage payers, the working poor, the unemployed—just about all of us common folk.

The MacEachen kit I had in mind would contain the doll stuffed with shredded red tape and an assortment of long, sharp pins.

This may seem to you rather bizarre therapy for financial impotence. But no one has suggested anything more productive to me.

Alas, because of the finance minister and the rest of the federal Cabinet rascals, my brainchild will remain a figment of my imagination, a sparkle in its father's eye, so to speak.

While discussing this lost business venture with a reader the other day, he stopped me in mid-sentence.

"Where have you been, Don? There's already a MacEachen doll on the market."
"There is?" I replied, feeling a little let down.

"Sure. You wind him up and he stands there and mumbles at you. Just like the real thing."
"You're putting me on."
"No, I'm not. They're made in Taiwan, I think. And they're damned near indestructible."
"That figures."

This short conversation sent me back to the drawing board. Despite my setback with the MacEachen doll I was still in an inventive mood. After all, I had rebounded from the failure of my electric car, when I discovered you can't get a ten-and-a-half mile long extension cord.

That was too bad. You see, the way I had figured it out, driving my electric car, you'd never get lost. If you found you didn't know where you were, all you had to do was to follow the cord back home.

I've always figured the oil companies were behind the demise of my invention. Of course, I can't prove it.

But, time marches on and to dwell in the past is to ignore the opportunities of the future. So. Let's get on with it.

Let's see. How about a Trudeau doll?
The complexities involved stagger the imagination. You can wind up a MacEachen facsimile without worrying about assimilating physical mannerisms.

Trudeau is something else.
He is a master at body-English and body-French. How could a doll duplicate the famous shrug or the beguiling smile? Or the devastating sneer? And how in the world could it say "fuddle-duddle" with such conviction? No. I'm not ready for that challenge yet.

A Joe Clark doll may be the answer. But, by the time we manufacture and go to market, his party may have made our product obsolete.

I doubt we could sell enough Broadbent dolls to pay for production, let alone make a profit. He appeals often to common-sense which has seldom been popular with Canadians.

Damn! Allan M. was so right for my project. That's the third time he's let me down.

Finders-keepers even proposition

About half the people who turn in lost items to police eventually get to keep them.

Big finders-keepers after reporting to police include a man who got \$650 and a little girl who eventually got to keep a \$400 bracelet, said Alf Davis of Halton Regional Police.

Ninety days and a week after an item has been turned in to police, the finder is eligible to claim it, said Mr. Davis.

If the finder doesn't want it, the item goes to auction with proceeds being remitted to the Regional coffers.

Somebody brings in a cash find an average of once a month. Amounts normally range from \$5 to \$20. With cash only, the finder usually is able to reclaim it, he said.

Our Readers Write

Victims of violence

Dear Editor:
I am the father of a young girl, Pamela Patricia Sullivan, who was murdered in the town of Ajax, on Oct. 23, 1980. She was killed by a parolee from Collins Bay Penitentiary, who had been on mandatory supervision for 13 days. His release was not reported to the local police as required by both Parole Board and mandatory supervision regulations. I have repeatedly written to Ottawa trying to find out why this was not done. I have been ignored by Ottawa and have not even received a form letter in reply from the prime minister, the justice dept. the solicitor-general or the National Parole Board. The more that I dug into the workings of these depts the more concerned I became. I finally co-found our group, Victims of Violence. We are from all political parties, religions and ethnic origins.

We would like to hear from other Canadians that feel as we do, so we are requesting you print the following letter from us.

Thank you very much and God bless you

Donald Sullivan
Victims of Violence
Concerned Canadians:

We are a group that have had enough of the violence in our country.

It's unilateral disarmament

Dear Editor:
With reference to your lead story regarding nuclear disarmament in last week's paper, I wish to draw your attention to a small error in remarks attributed to me.

The last line of the story indicates that I felt that "disarmament was a threat to world peace."

My belief is rather that unilateral

Our founders are parents and loved ones of murdered children. We want action on the following proposals and want to hear from you if you share our beliefs and would like to join us in our struggle.

1. A National referendum on capital punishment for all first degree murder.

2. Abolishment of the mandatory supervision programme and of Sec-672 of the Criminal Code that allows first degree murderers parole after 15 years.

3. Overhauling the justice system with more emphasis being placed on the victims and their needs and less on the criminals and their needs.

4. Remodelling of the NPB and CSC with representation of the average citizen on all local and national boards.

5. Responsible Government officials both elected and appointed, who will answer we citizens questions and help us with our problems eg. PM Trudeau, Mr. Chretien, Mr. Kaplan and the NPB and the justice dept. If you would like to know more about us please write to:

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
P. O. Box 86
Ajax, Ontario
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disarmament is a threat to world peace—if the United States were to put down their arms without requiring Russia to do the same, then the very weakness of the United States might tempt a totalitarian regime to take military advantage.

Yours very truly,
Richard B. Day
Councillor, Ward 1, Milton

Rotary thanks Milton

Dear Editor:
The Rotary Club of Milton are indebted to the many people in this area who supported our annual Rotarama Car Draw, July 1st. The lucky winners were Stuart King (1061) who won the Ford Escort car, and Edna Burra (3461) who won the Broilmaster gas barbecue. Both persons are from the Milton area.

The Club is also grateful to several places of business in town (and Campbellville), that permitted the

sale of tickets on their premises, and to the Printing Shop for the donation of tickets. Appreciation is also extended to those who patronized the chicken barbeque and refreshment tent at Rotary Park, July 1st, and to the press and Town staff for their help in promoting these events.

Profits, of about \$10,000.00, will enable our Club to continue with extensive crippled children's and other local projects. Yours in community service,
D.E. Kennedy, Acting Secretary

Manor says thanks

Dear Editor:
Thank you to all the volunteer organizations and volunteers in the community who assisted with the activities and programming to make the Manor's 30th Anniversary Party a

success and happy day for our residents.

Sincerely,
R. A. Kaufman,
Administrator.

About Rhetoric of war

Dear Editor:
Re: Rhetoric of War By D. Suthers
While I agree it would be great to stop wars, many questions can be debated and values questioned. I would like to make the following points.

A. Just as there never has been world peace. . . There probably never will be. Why? Simply, it's just not human nature. Just as little children fight for leadership, and adults fight their way to the top in their jobs, and politicians strive for higher positions, country leaders don't stop at the head of their country, they next desire more power, and when does it end?

B. How can there be peace? When humanity can not stand non conformity. Do religious leaders preach live and let live? No! They preach go forth and spread the word. We are right the others are wrong. . . ours in the true God, theirs will end you in eternal Hell. Just as the D. Suthers try to convince the G. Jacksons the error of their thinking and the D. Whites take exception, and the D. Suthers take exception to the exception and so on, and so on. . . Why does one race discriminate against another? How greater non-conformity can there be than a race of another colour, eye slant or what ever—how positively antagonizing—something that can not be changed.

C. What can be done. Throwing down our arms and demanding others to follow suit, is like demanding others to follow suit is like demanding the cessation of winter.

It's a known fact the communist dedication is to the spread of their way throughout the world.

Just suppose there was total disarmament. What if Communist China decided to take over Canada? Our 23 million populace against their nearly 900 million, or what if India decided they wanted our resources, with their 600 million people? Could we call for our big tough USA brother to help with all of their 200 million people? Obviously not. What about the Falkland incident? How would that have been corrected without military might. For every argument and idealistic suggestion for world peace there is a counter argument. The only generation proven and tried method is strength, power, and intimidation. Fights seldom start where there is danger of losing.

I say thank the stars for Uncle Sam next door. To scream "Stop the madness" when we stand unarmed against the inevitable attack of who ever our enemy may be would not stop the end of our way of life, or even our lives.

I might also say thanks to those that fought for what they believed in, so that I might be able to write what I believe without fear of big brother and what he might do.

To D. Suthers and the rest of the poor foolish doves who wish to roost on a make believe perch. . . in a make believe world. I say this. . . if you read my letter and felt no anger, no desire to alter my opinions or my face. . . then my utmost apologies. If you felt anger than I rest my case. Please think about what you are trying to do.

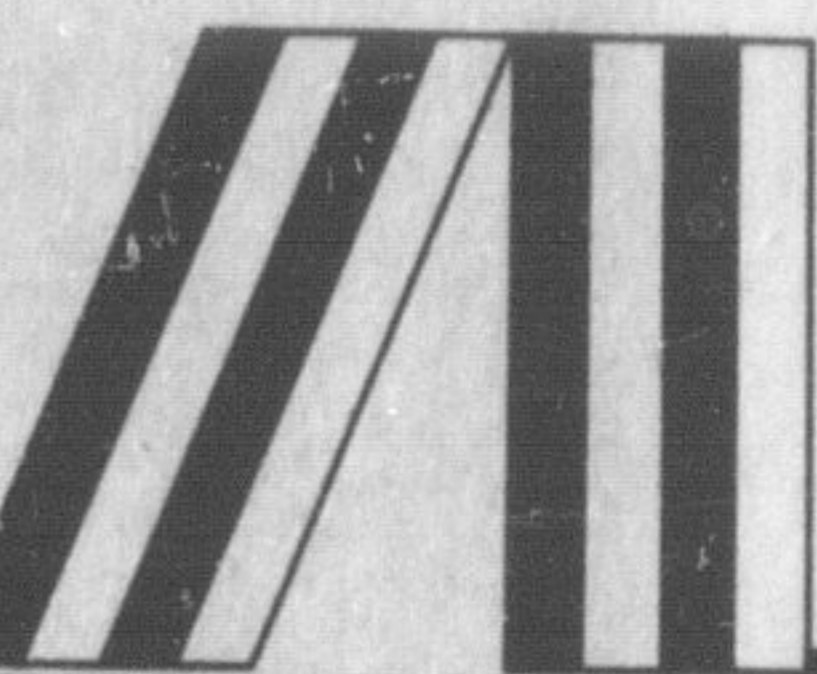
Thank you for reading this letter

Sincerely
Dan White

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