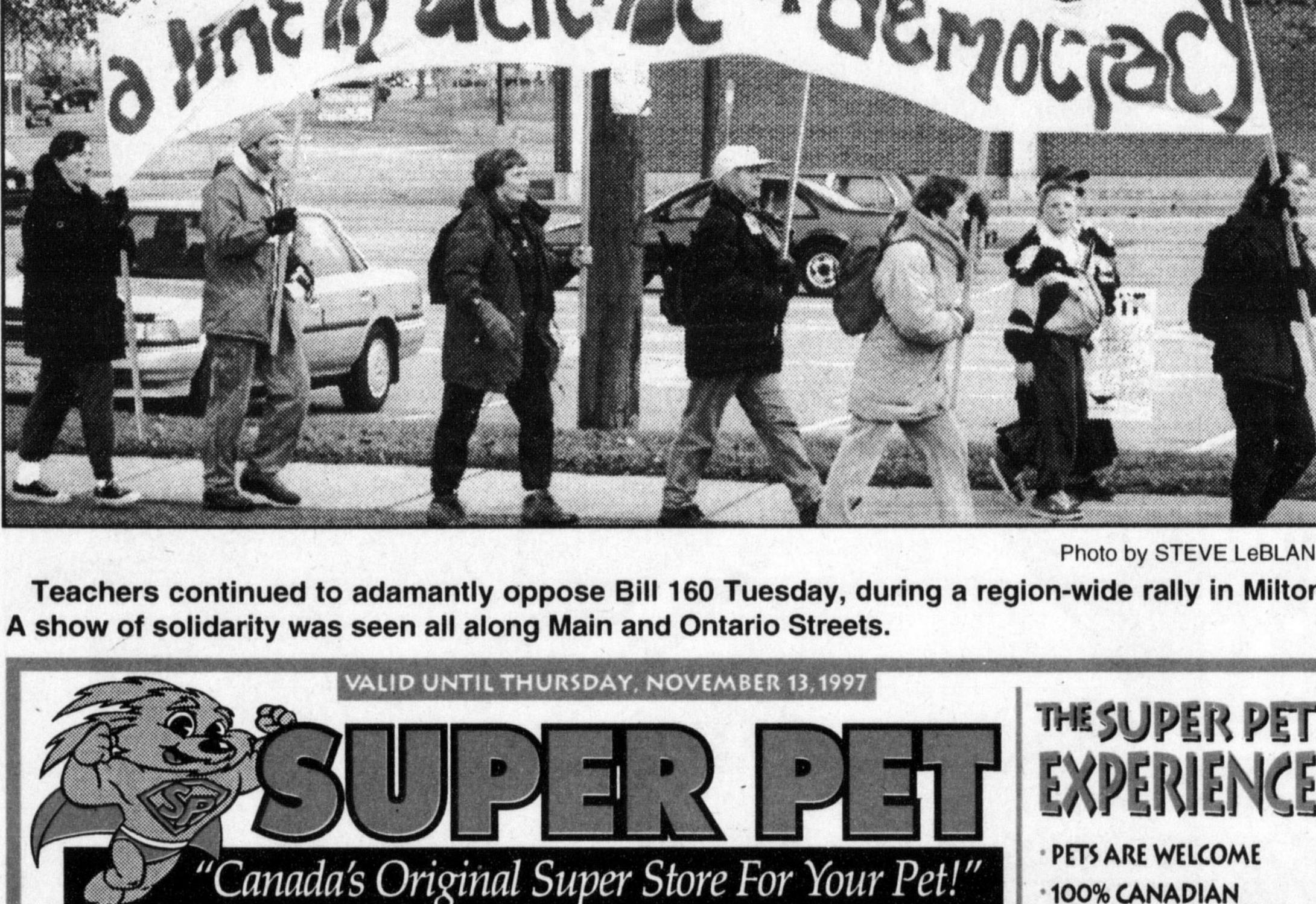
Chair of Halton board blasts Bill 160



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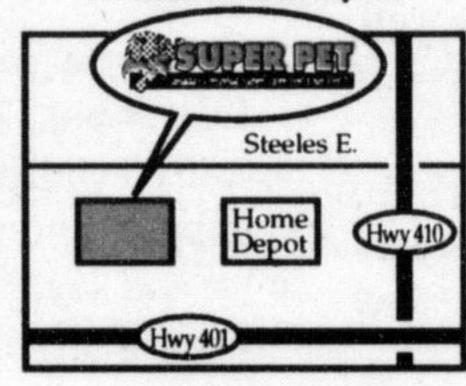
Teachers continued to adamantly oppose Bill 160 Tuesday, during a region-wide rally in Milton.



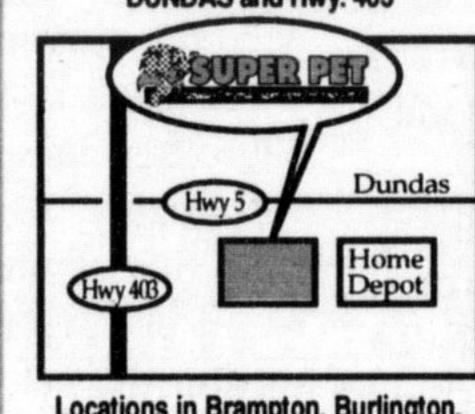
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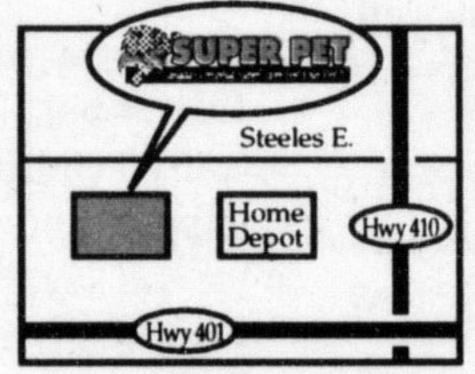


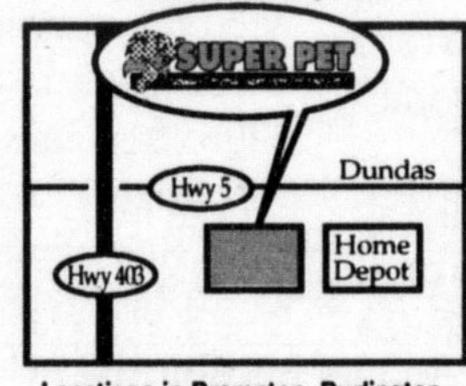
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Much like a ruthless king or power-hungry dictator, the Minister of Education could lord over Ontario's school system if Bill 160 is passed.

That's what Halton school board Chair Linda Glover fears. The overall implications of the Education Quality Improvement Act are what particularly frighten her.

"Bill 160 is about power and control at the provincial level," the veteran Burlington trustee wrote in a letter to Halton newspapers.

"Bill 160 gives all the power to a few people. Anything in education could be changed through Cabinet. It would not have to go to the Legislature. There would be no public hearings. You would not have any say."

According to Ms Glover, it is this assumption of "absolute power" that must be removed from Bill 160 — otherwise teachers and school boards will be handcuffed.

"We can work with some of the specific issues like class size and prep time if the government scraps the move to centralized power, but if not there's little we can do," she said.

In a losing effort at Tuesday's Halton school board meeting, Ms Glover voted against a motion that would see cooperative action by the Greater Toronto boards in returning teachers to the classroom.

She criticized provincial school boards for not supporting the teachers, whom she believes are "doing what every trustee and board in this province should be doing."

"They (school boards) haven't been doing enough," remarked Ms Glover, although adding, "I don't think there's much we can do to stop Bill 160 because the government just isn't listening. They have a one track mind with one purpose, and they're the ones holding children hostage."



Linda Glover

Contradicting statements made by Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh that ample consultation was done before Bill 160 was introduced, Ms. Glover said meetings were held to tell trustees and teachers of proposed changes but not to seek any real input.

Under impending education reform, she said, trustees could well become hired guns for the province and cease to effectively represent those who elect them.

She herself is stepping down after 12 years as a Burlington trustee. A number of her colleagues, including Tim Kingsbury and Flo Belford of Milton, have done like-

Ms Glover predicts that with the newly implemented Fewer School Boards Act which has slashed the number of trustees across the province and capped their salary at \$5,000 a year — the province will soon see a lack of qualified candidates seeking school board seats.

"However, that's already passed and we can live with it. What we can't live with is the absolute power clause in Bill 160. It's quite frightening to think what this could mean," said Ms Glover.



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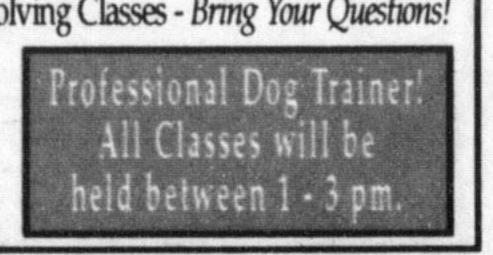
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