

Ontario's labour-law makers can learn by Quebec's example

By now, most Ontarians are aware of the heated battle going on over the NDP government's proposed changes to the Labour Relations Act (Bill 40). Labour and business have been at loggerheads since the day Bill 40 was unveiled. Through it all, the debate has been anything but friendly.

Business considers Bill 40 a grossly unfair shift in power to unions, potentially causing the exodus of millions of dollars in investment and the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. Labour groups argue the Bill would simply bring Ontario's labor laws into the 1990's ensuring unions are given the right to organize and grow within the economy.

While countless studies have been produced by the business community warning of severe consequences if the legislation is

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passed, the government has refused to perform any impact studies of its own. Regrettably, it's the citizens of Ontario who've been left in the middle, wondering who to trust. Will Bill 40 create an harmonious working environment and competitive economy in which Ontario and its people can compete or will it turn the province into a rust belt?

We can shed some light on that troublesome question by looking at the situa-

tion in Quebec, Ontario's largest trading partner within Canada. Quebec revised its own labor laws in 1978, following a period of horrible picket-line violence. Since the labor law was changed, here are the facts:

□ Quebec has lost nearly one million more work days because of labour strike than has Ontario;

□ Quebec has suffered 20 per cent more strikes than has Ontario;

□ In the last six years, Quebec has had more than double the number of workers involved in strikes than Ontario;

□ Investment in Quebec has suffered compared to Ontario — in 1991, Ontario received approximately 75 per cent more investment dollars than did Quebec;

□ Shortly after the law was passed,

bankruptcies in Quebec began to outpace Ontario bankruptcies and;

□ In the past five years, Quebec's unemployment rates have been significantly higher than Ontario's.

This has been the situation in Quebec despite its lower population (about two-thirds of Ontario's) and smaller workforce. Unlike Ontario's proposals, the Quebec labour law has counterbalancing provisions such as a required strike vote — a provision nowhere to be found in the Ontario government's package.

The NDP government of Ontario intends to pass the labour proposals into law later this fall. By ignoring the past lessons of Quebec's experience, the government is putting at risk the future of this province.

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PROCLAMATION CREDIT UNION DAY October 15, 1992

WHEREAS this community can benefit from credit unions;

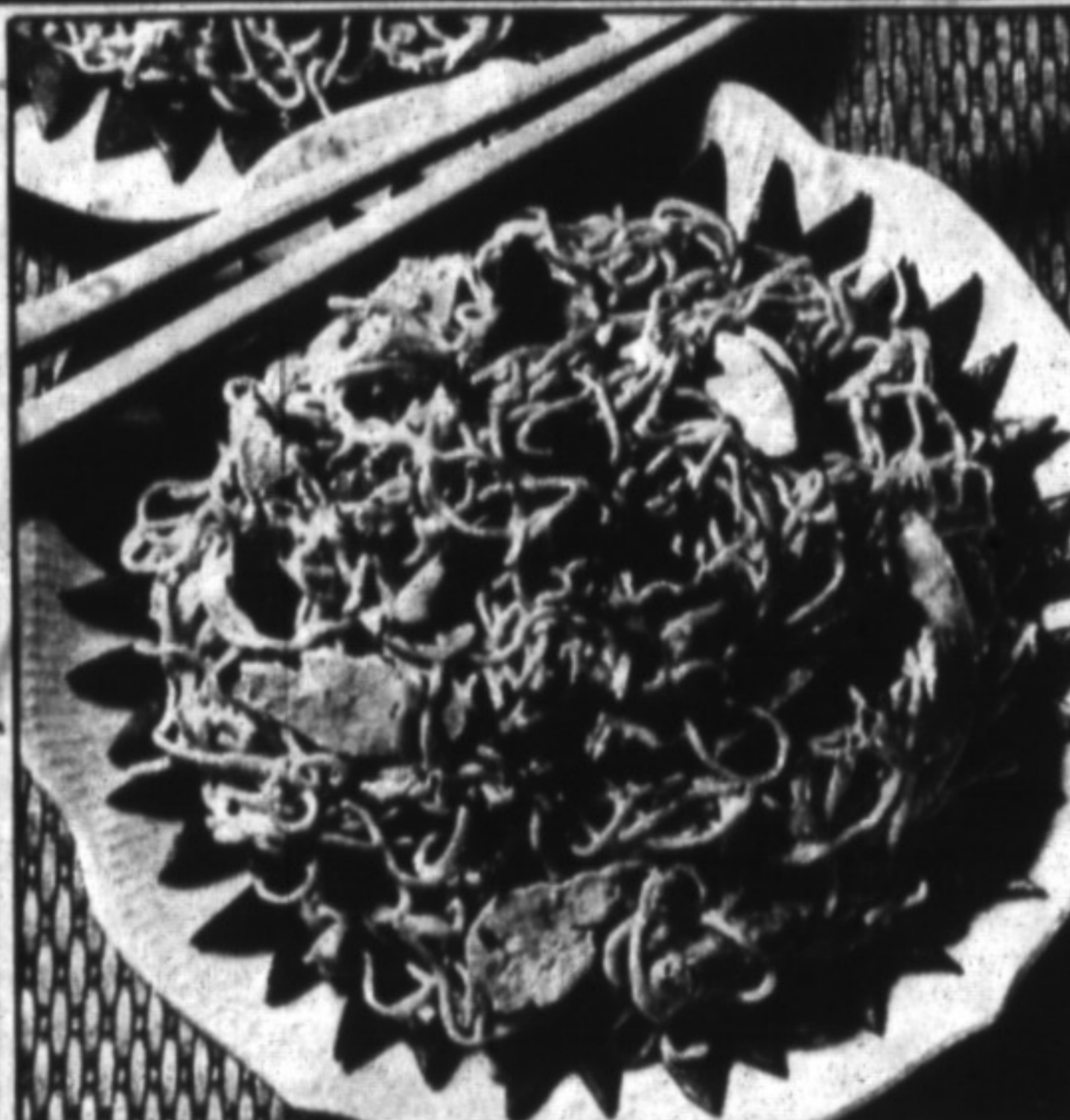
AND WHEREAS credit unions are community builders, because they help people to take pride in "minding their own business" and because they make people "masters of their own destiny";

AND WHEREAS this community benefits from dollars earned by co-operatives/credit unions because they remain in the community;

AND WHEREAS Halton Community Credit Union Limited is a group of people within our community working together to provide themselves with goods and services, thus building a better community in which to live;

NOW THEREFORE, we, Gordon A. Krantz, and members of Milton Council, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM civic support for CREDIT UNION DAY being observed on OCTOBER 15, 1992 and call on all citizens to lend their interest, support and co-operation in making this observance successful in every way.

Gordon A. Krantz, MAYOR TOWN OF MILTON



Chicken with a touch of the Orient will be a hit as a new dinner idea.

RECIPE FILE

Chicken salad moves up as dinner entree

Gone are the days when chicken salad meant a sandwich filling made from the tag ends of Sunday's roast chicken dinner. Chicken salad lo mein features poached chicken breasts in an attractive pasta salad entree, delicious served warm or cold. The rich and creamy dressing is made from Evaporated Milk accented by soy sauce and rice wine vinegar. Try it soon and give your next chicken salad a touch of the Orient.

CHICKEN SALAD LO MEIN

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) undiluted Evaporated Milk;
- 4 tsp. (20 ml) rice or white vinegar;
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) mayonnaise;
- 3 Tbsp. (45 ml) soy sauce;
- 1 small clove garlic, minced;
- 1/4 tsp. (1 ml) ground black pepper;
- 4 raw, boneless, skinless chicken breast halves;
- Water;
- 1 Tbsp. (15 ml) soy sauce;
- 225 g (1/4 of 900 g pkg) vermicelli/noodles or thinly cut pasta);
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) blanched, cut up snow peas;
- 1 medium red pepper, slivered;
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely-chopped parsley;

Directions: In small bowl, combine evaporated milk and vinegar. Stir until mixture is slightly thickened. Blend in mayonnaise, 3 Tbsp (45 ml) soy sauce, garlic and pepper. Cover and chill dressing at least 1 hour to blend flavours. Place chicken breasts in medium saucepan and cover with water. Stir in 1 Tbsp (15 ml) soy sauce. Bring water to boil. Cover and simmer chicken 15 min or until cooked. Drain chicken; cool. Slice chicken crosswise into strips. Cook pasta according to package directions: Drain and rinse under cold water. Place pasta in large bowl. Add snow peas, red pepper, parsley and chicken. Pour dressing over all and toss well. Serve immediately garnished with additional snow peas, if desired. Makes 6 cups (1.5 L).

Per 1 cup (250 ml), serving approx: 362 Calories, 27 g Protein, 10g Fat, 41 g Carbohydrate.

Preparation time: 35 min.
Chilling time: 1 hour.

Trace roots

Directions along the road to searching family roots will be given at Milton Public Library Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

"Tracing your family tree" will be presented by Beryl Simpson of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Ms Simpson stresses she is not a professional genealogist and that her only qualifications are 20 years of research on her own ancestors and a conviction that genealogy is an ideal hobby for everyone.

Bring pen and paper and your questions to the library October 20. Tickets are \$2 and registration is required. Call 875-2665 for information.

A CHANCE TO START AGAIN

Financial problems can become overwhelming, cause job losses, marriage difficulties, and even illness. The purpose of the Bankruptcy Act is to provide an honest debtor a chance to start again. Please call for a free information booklet or a no-charge consultation.



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October 16 - 17

ART AND CRAFT SHOW AND SALE

Over 35 artists will display approximately 400 paintings. See top quality crafts, Dresden dolls, china paintings, pottery and stained glass. See it all at the Maple Grove United Church in Oakville at 346 Maple Grove Drive. Fri. 2:00 - 9:30 p.m., Sat. 10:00 - 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Contact (416) 844-1074.

OCTOBER 16

SCARBOROUGH CHURCH OF GOD CHOIR

Everyone is welcome at Crossroads Communications Studios in Burlington! The choir will open with the Soul Seekers, a group singing contemporary praise music. This will be followed by the choir singing the traditional hymns of the church. Fri. 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Contact (416) 335-7100, ext. 2413.

October 17 - 18

HARVEST CRAFT FAIR

Enjoy craft show and sales at Springridge Farm in Milton. There are wagon rides, entertainment, marshmallow roast, pony rides, corn-husk doll making, pumpkin carving and the BOO barn. Sat. and Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. Contact (416) 878-3278.

October 25

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Bring the family to carve your own hand-picked pumpkin, at the Mountsberg Conservation Area in Milton. Pumpkins will be judged at 2:30 p.m. and prizes will be awarded to the best-carved Jack-O-Lantern. Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$2.50, Students \$2.00, Children & Seniors \$1.50. Contact (416) 854-2276.

October 19 - 31

HALLOWEEN SAFETY AT TIM HORTONS

Drop by a participating Tim Hortons in Burlington, Waterdown and Oakville and pick up a Halloween Safety Sticker for your child to wear out "trick or treating". Stickers available while supplies last.



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