



**Glider pilots all**

Gerry Ehmecke of Midland, chief flying instructor with Huronia Soaring Club (centre) is shown with daughter and father glider pilots Tracy (left) and

Earl Wark (right) of Barrie. Picture was taken Sunday at Barrie Aviation Centre where glider pilots train. -Photo by Doug Reed

**It's official**

***FLAC turns its back on Ontario's bicentennial***

Next year is not the bicentennial of the Province of Ontario, the area French Language Advisory Committee says.

Therefore the committee is not going to recognize the extensive celebrations planned for next year.

The resolution's mover, Basile Dorion, says that 1984 is in fact the bicentennial of a major arrival of United Empire Loyalists in Ontario.

Ontario's bicentennial is not until 1991, he says.

"I personally take it as an insult from the government of Ontario," Dorion says.

The suggestion by the provincial government that the first orderly development of what is now Ontario was started by the Loyalists is a slap in the face to the Indians, French, and to the English, who were here before the Loyalists, Dorion says.

Most of the franco-ontarien groups are objecting to the celebration being labeled as Ontario's 200th anniversary, he says. Dorion says he has no objection to the marking of an anniversary of the Loyalist's arrival.

The Ministry of Education has written to all of the province's school boards and schools inviting participation in the celebration. Any participation by the area's two French schools in bicentennial celebration will be contrary to the advisory committee's position, Dorion said.

The French Language Advisory Committee represents the interests of local French students and makes recommendations to the Simcoe County Board of Education.

**(The other Quebecers)**

**English speakers speak up  
Three-part series on Global**

They form a community larger than four Canadian provinces and two territories. Yet the health and future of Quebec's English-speaking community is rarely thought of outside Montreal.

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 15, the seventh anniversary of the election of the Parti-Quebecoise, Global News will examine, in a three-part series entitled "The Other Quebecers: The English Speakers Speak Up," the English minority in Quebec. The series will be telecast on Global's Six and 11 p.m. Reports Nov. 15, 16 and 17.

Returning to the city where he was a public affairs broadcaster for many years, Global's Andy Barrie investigates the many moods of English-speaking Montreal: The anger that's fueling the growing 'anglo-rights' movement; The

resignation that is faced by many older people over the departure of their children to other provinces; The optimism that wants to believe that the P.Q. has realized the harm their policies have done and can be talked into softening them; and even the humor, a lot of it grim, that keeps Montreal's minority groups going.

At Confederation, Montreal's English speakers made up 47 per cent of the population. Today, that figure's down to 25 per cent. An estimated 140,000 people have left in the last decade.

Barrie describes a community that's fighting the good fight, but wondering if it's the last stand.

"The Other Quebecers: The English Speakers Speak Up," begins Nov. 15 on Global News.

**CITIZEN BRIEFLY**

**Promotion of Huronia garnering results**

The promotional tour in France sponsored by Penetanguishene's French Centre is off to a good start. Serge Prud'homme, manager of Odyssee Huronie has reported by telephone that he already has four groups of 30 to 40 French tourists who plan to spend three or four days in the Penetanguishene area next summer. He reports that tour operators and

potential tourists are showing a lot of interest in Huronia.

He leaves Paris this week to visits in other areas in France, and perhaps Belgium if he has enough time. He is also receiving a lot of help and cooperation from the Ontario provincial agencies which have offices in France.

**Visitors from France will need billets**

Seventy local English speaking families are needed to billet 140 students from France for 15 days in late March and early April of next year. These students want to come to Canada in order to learn English.

This announcement was made from France last week by Serge Prud'homme, manager of

Penetanguishene's French Centre's tourism promotion project, Odyssee Huronie. He is in France to promote tourism for Penetanguishene and Huronia.

Anyone interested in billeting these youngsters, 14 to 18 years of age, is asked to phone Celine Leblanc at the Centre.

**Overspending on the arena not the case: mayor**  
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**Strike deadline looms UAW spokesman reveals**

Contract talks are expected to resume tomorrow and again Friday in an effort to hammer out a new collective agreement between 449 members of

UAW Local 1411 and Decor Metals in Midland.

To date, it is understood, both sides have sat down at the bargaining table nearly

a dozen times in an effort to come up with a new pact.

Joe Maloney, an international representative with the UAW, told this newspaper last

Friday, "The company has been advised that we have set a strike deadline (Friday, Nov. 11 at midnight) if we can't come to terms." Maloney added,

"Members of the local are to meet at the civic centre on Saturday (Nov. 12) to attend either a ratification meeting or a strike information session. It

really depends on what happens at our talks (this week).

The UAW representative indicated his displeasure with the company at

"refusing us to post strike deadline information in the plant. As a result we had to run off 500 copies to let the workers know what is happening."