

Editorials

Information-honestly, openly and freely shared-
is the hallmark of democracy

Free publicity?

ONE OF THE MOST MADDENING aspects of so-called hate propaganda trials we've seen in Canada over the last several months is getting the feeling that the accused are deriving considerable satisfaction from all the free publicity they get.

Ernst Zundel and, more recently, James Keegstra have both been found guilty of the respective criminal charges concerning dissemination of hate propaganda brought against them, and both appeared unrepentant after their trials were over.

Zundel said several months ago something to the effect that for a million dollars he couldn't have bought the publicity he received through press coverage of his trial.

Keegstra launched an immediate appeal after the jury found him guilty Saturday of promoting hatred and is quoted as saying he does not feel guilty in his own mind.

One can't help but to agree with the Alberta lawyer who said it is doubtful charges should have been laid, in the Keegstra case at least, since doing so only provides a springboard for those who would preach hate propaganda. Better, he said, to let them wallow in the obscurity they deserve.

Inside looking out

THE NEW LANDLORDS at Queen's Park are slowly finding out what it's like to be on the inside looking out, instead of on the outside looking longingly in.

Environment Minister Jim Bradley's executive was in the area Saturday morning and said that while the Liberals are delighted to be finally in power at Queen's Park, holding power has made members of the new team aware of how sobering the responsibility is. He said that while it was easy to talk a lot in Opposition about the problems, it is quite another thing to do something about them once the Opposition has a chance to put ideas into effect.

At first, some of Mr. Gallon's remarks seemed naive but they were frank, really.

The Gary Gallons will probably learn in time to become cagey, but in the meantime those like him have to be credited with being frank, even at the risk of sounding a bit green.

An important word

STRIKE IS A very important word in the vocabulary of the newspaper reader.

Strike as a verb signals violence. Strike modified by an adjective can have a number of different but equally unpleasant meanings. Air strike. Nuclear strike. Hunger strike. On strike.

The most common strike in the news is the labour strike. A group of people wants more money than their employer can be persuaded to give.

The major league baseball players have announced they will stop work early next month if agreement on a contract is not reached. Since the average salary in the major league baseball player ranks is \$350,000, baseball fans and others have little, if any, sympathy for the players.

A death during a strike always gets a big play in the media. Last week the Associated Press wire service distributed a picture of a Brazilian mother and her dead baby. A hospital attendant allegedly refused to treat the baby.

Closer to home, Mitsubishi workers refused to work for two days. A second vote on the same contract resulted in acceptance of the company's offer. Mitsubishi workers blocked a public road and interfered with innocent members of the public on their way to Sainte-Marie Park and a ride on a tourist attraction, the Sainte-Marie I.

The past tense of strike, struck, comes to mind, as in struck dumb with amazement.

Must strike and public relations always be antithetical?

MHC staff boost tornado relief fund

Staff at the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene have raised \$1,567.10 for the Ontario tornado relief fund.

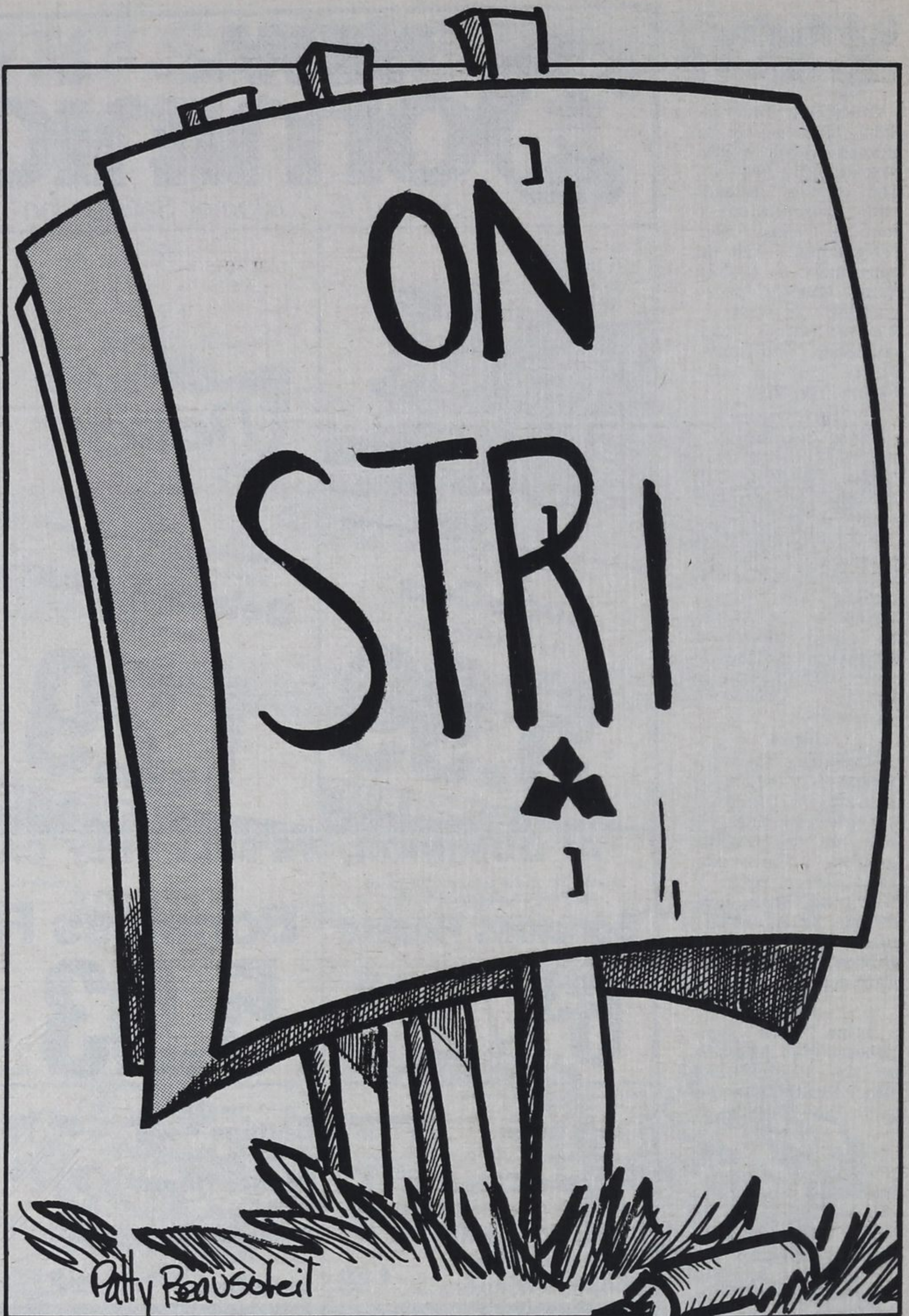
The three-to-one matching formula instituted by the provincial government boosts the fund raising

by M.H.C. staff to \$6,268.40. Money to raise relief funds for victims of tornadoes that swept central Ontario are still trickling in, M.H.C. information officer Jim Park said Friday.

Appeals for funds were issued by Maurice

Brunelle, Local 329 O.P.S.E.U. president, and by Local 307 O.P.S.E.U. president Garry Lenehan, who heads the local representing Oak Ridge attendants.

Oak Ridge patients are also collecting donations for tornado victims.



Expresses appreciation

Dear Editor:

I would like to express our appreciation to your newspaper and the many volunteers that made the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre events on Shonecti weekend (July 13, 14) such a success.

Specifically, volunteers in our gift shop, Bill Wilson, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources for his excellent wild animal display, Debra and Rolf

Kraiker, Barrie for their practical canoe demonstrations and student staff members for their nature exhibits.

Despite the humid weather, all visitors, staff and volunteers enjoyed the events.

Sincerely,

-Bob Whittam

Executive Director

Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre

Creative peacemaking

Dear Editor:

Your community is invited to participate in a Creative Peacemaking Contest. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate people to think about and express their interest, their ideas and their concerns about peace.

Virtually no one opposes the cause; the differences between people are basically how to achieve the peaceful settlement of disputes. Some believe a strong military force will prevent war; others believe disarmament and a reduction of military power is the method needed.

The creative peacemaking contest provides everyone with the opportunity to express their views, to contribute to a peaceful world.

There are nine categories in the contest: Music...Essays and Short Stories...Art and Crafts...Video...Poetry...Photography One Act Plays...Children's Literature.

Entries are welcome from all people and will be divided into three divisions: elementary school, high school, and adult.

Your community can contribute in any one of the following ways: 1) Enter the contest yourself and encourage your friends and neighbours to do likewise. 2) Promote the contest within your own community - in newsletters, etc. 3) Sponsor advertisements for the contest in the media. 4) Contribute prizes for award winning entries.

(Awards for various categories will be made in the name of the donor.) 5) Business, industry, service clubs, professional associations can contribute funds to help us in administering the contest.

Completed works will be accepted from Sept. 2 to Oct. 31, 1985 and winners will be announced at Creative Peacemaking Festival, Nov. 9 and 10 at St. Lawrence College Saint-Laurent, Kingston.

Finally sir, in the event of war, all of us would make major personal and financial sacrifices to the war effort. Efforts to promote peace are immeasurably less expensive and far more rational.

Please assist us.

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-Rocco Cerisano

Letters

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