

## High School Trustees To Meet Education Minister Davis On Don Head Delay

"This matter is of sufficient importance to the board and to the people of this community for us to send a delegation to the Minister of Education," Trustee Morley Kinnee stated at the January 30 meeting of the York Central District High School. He was referring to the delay in approval for the Don Head Vocational School. A delegation composed of Board Chairman Allan Peck; Trustee Kinnee, chairman of the advisory vocational committee; Trustee Gordon Trussler, chairman of the property and planning committee; Trustee John Honsberger, former chairman and Superintendent Sam Chapman was appointed to seek a meeting with the minister.

The Don Head Vocational School has been planned for several years and will be designed for students who do not successfully complete grade 8. It will be similar to Yorkdale, Bendale, Parkview and other such schools in Metro.

The board had hoped to open this school to be located on a site to be purchased from Don Head Farms, between Richmond Hill town limits and York Central Hospital. However, the board had voluntarily set back the plans a year because they had set back construction of the school to be built at Thornlea. For a number of years the building costs of technical and vocational schools have been paid entirely by the federal and provincial governments in co-operation. However, at the last federal-provincial conference in November, the agreement was abrogated as of the end of March.

York Central's request for tentative approval of the Don Head School was on its way at that time. The request has been acknowledged by the Department of Education, but since then nothing has happened.

At a meeting in January, the board decided to put out feelers through its membership to local representatives of both federal and provincial governments. It had been hoped that this step would have produced some action.

The local board's argument is that this type of school is the only one which is preparing people for jobs, and should have priority over a normal composite school, since there is a great need for this type of training.

A school such as the one proposed for Don Head requires a certain population base — about 4,000 secondary school students. To date this type of school has been built only in the larger and richer communities such as Metro. Now, when the smaller places are showing an interest in the money runs out.

It is reported that Ontario has \$42,000,000 still to be allotted to vocational and technical schools. The Don Head School is estimated to cost \$3,000,000. It is rumored that applications on file from Metro alone would use up the entire amount.

Chairman Peck voiced the concern of the board about a rumor that the money will be allocated pro rata among all applications, when he said, "if it is allocated pro rata, who is going to pick up the difference?"



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Burn \$56,000 Mortgage At Brown's Corners

It was a very pleasant occasion for Brown's Corners United Church when a mortgage burning ceremony was held at the church's annual meeting last week. The congregation paid off a \$56,000 debt in six years. The total project of extension of the church building, including furniture, parking lot, etc., was \$61,132.36.

Participating in the ceremony were (left to right) Norman Reid, clerk of session; Malcolm MacKenzie, manager Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Unionville; Henry Coleman, chairman building committee; Dr. A. F. Binnington and Walter Craig, treasurer.

## Vaughan Council Comes Close But Garbage Trucks Still Roll

Vaughan Township nearly got its garbage trucks off Teston Sideroad Monday night, but a last minute change of heart means they'll be plying the lanes for awhile yet.

Urged on by a large group of ratepayers, led by Michael Plander, Downsview, who operates a tree nursery on Teston Sideroad, and Robert K. Baker, a resident of the controversial road, the members all but agreed to a suggestion by Councillor D. K. Fraser to delete clause three from the township's agreement with Disposal Services Ltd. which allows trucks dumping at the Teston Sideroad dump to travel back up Jane Street and east on the sideroad to avoid the centre of Maple.

However, after a brief debate on the issue, council retired to committee to consider it further and returned about 10 minutes later with a resolution that still left clause three intact, but open to negotiation.

The resolution, which was an amendment to the original agreement, further provides that all trucks using the land fill site, not park on any street within the confines of Maple.

Councillor Dalton McArthur had at first proposed an amendment to the existing agreement, which would require all vehicles doing business at the dump to

use Keele Street coming and going, but the later resolution, for the moment, anyway, still keeps the Teston route open.

The amendment arose out of an earlier protest to council by Messrs. Plander and Baker criticizing the use of secondary roads as truck routes.

Reeve Brian Bailey said he disagreed with the amendment, because it was "postponing the inevitable."

The agreement was renewed with Disposal Services, which is operated by former North York Reeve, Norman Goodhead, in November by last year's council.

In speaking to the issue, Mr. Plander said he had had "nothing but garbage for 12 months," and would not pay anything toward keeping up the roads for the trucks.

"If you don't count the penny, you never see the dollar," said Mr. Plander.

He said council had made a mistake in renewing the contract with Disposal Services and demanded that the garbage dump be closed.

Mr. Plander presented a petition with 250 names on it, protesting the re-routing of the trucks from Keele to Jane Street and along the Sideroad. He said he wanted to be sure the garbage trucks never travelled Teston Road again.

Mr. Baker, who earlier took his daughter out of school until she got assurance from council that she would receive some protection from the 400 trucks he alleged used the road daily, said that filling the holes left by the trucks didn't help, and wanted the trucks removed entirely.

Reeve Bailey said he had hoped the cold weather would hold, but unfortunately it had not and the road had started to disappear.

"You did get my girl back to school, though," said Mr. Baker, "and I thank you for that."

When asked by the reeve if council's resolution provided the answer he was looking for, Mr. Baker replied: "As long as the

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## Doctors' Cases Stolen From Lot

Vaughan Township Police reported the theft of two doctors' bags from their cars sometime Sunday evening, and the recovery of one bag. Both cars were parked on the York Central Hospital lot.

Dr. Peter Grainger, Maple Medical Centre, lost a bag and briefcase, valued at \$250, but both were found the following day north of Hope School on Keele Street.

Police said a quantity of demerol, a narcotic was missing.

A no-draft window was forced to gain entry to a car belonging to Dr. J. A. McPhee, King City, from which his bag, valued at \$225 was taken. Dr. McPhee is chief of staff at the hospital.

## Ask Examination Gary Genereaux

Gary Genereaux, 23, who is charged with the attempted murder of Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, Richmond Hill, was remanded until February 7 when he appeared in Magistrate's Court Tuesday.

Defence counsel S. J. Messenger, Toronto, asked that his client be allowed to undergo a mental examination before appearing again next week.

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## More Area Members Metro Planning Board

By FRED SIMPSON

A revamping of the Metro Planning Board set-up will add at least two more voices from the fringe municipalities — including Richmond Hill — surrounding its borders.

The move is a step in the right direction for the 13 fringe municipalities who don't want to be left in the shuffle when Metro bursts its inevitable bonds and starts gulping up territory outside its boundaries.

Metro Planning Commissioner Wojciech Wronski explained the proposed new set-up at a special meeting held in Richmond Hill last week attended by council heads, planning board representatives, and delegates from fringe municipalities now serving on the Metro Board.

A unanimous vote of approval was given to the revamping which will see the fringe representation increase from four to six members on the 27-member Metro Board.

The municipal representatives also suggested "delicately" that the Metro Board be asked to give consideration to allowing three fringe representatives on its nine-members-at-large body.

Under the new proposal — expected to go into effect within a few weeks — the municipalities bordering Metro will be split into four districts.

The north district will comprise Stouffville, Markham Village, Markham Township, Richmond Hill, Vaughan Township and Woodbridge.

These municipalities will be required to select two representatives for its district — one a political representative and the other a layman — to speak for it on planning matters affecting the fringe areas.

The old system saw Richmond Hill grouped with Markham Township, Markham Village, and Stouffville. Only one representative, former Mayor James Haggart of Richmond Hill, acted on their behalf on the Metro group.

Vaughan was linked with Toronto Gore Township and Woodbridge and appointed one representative, Robert Kirk a former deputy-reeve on Vaughan Council.

Mr. Wronski explained the move would benefit the fringe municipalities by establishing a "strong political connection to Metro by the municipalities to be more effective in any future expansion of Metro's borders. Along with the non-elected representative it will give you a greater communication with Metro."

The planning commissioner noted this was very important because "you're going to be bearing the brunt of growth very shortly and it's your people who will be under the gun. We want as close a liaison with you as possible when such matters are discussed."

"Now," he said, "you will have six bodies out of 27 instead of the four out of 24 which is the present case."

He wasn't sure about the three fringe representatives on the membership-at-large but said he would take the suggestion to the board. He indicated later that the fringe municipalities already had two persons representing them — although one was a former fringe representative now living in Metro — on the membership-at-large body.

Those present were unanimous in wanting increased representation on the Metro Board but were cautioned to "go easy" by Richmond Hill Mayor Thomas Broadhurst.

He felt a membership which was increased too much would tend to work against the fringe municipalities "because your power will increase and bring opposition against it and you still won't be powerful enough to swing any vote."

"With nine out of 27 you'd have to pull five other Metro members with you and this seems unlikely. You might be defeating your own purpose with too many people represented."

Mr. Kirk agreed stating "it is not quantity that counts but quality. We can't possibly swing anything with numbers because we'll just never get enough numbers."

He added that "it has been my experience that the Metro (Continued on Page 6)

## Panel To Discuss County Education

A panel discussion on the report of the York County Public School Consultative Committee, presented last November to county council, will be held at Pleasantville Public School February 2 at 8 pm.

The report called for the setting up of three regional boards of education in the county, all subject to a main county board. The three suggested boards are the Southern Six, which would replace public elementary and high school boards in Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Townships, and the Villages of Markham, Woodbridge and Stouffville; the Middle Five, replacing boards in King, Whitechurch and East Gwillimbury Townships and the Towns of Aurora and Newmarket; and the Northern Three, comprising the Townships of North Gwillimbury and Georgina and the Village of Sutton.

Participating in the panel discussion will be Public School Inspector Maynard Hallman and Trustee John MacKay of TSA 1 Markham, both of whom were members of the consultative committee for 1965 and 1966; Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, representing town council; Reeve Donald Plaxton, representing county council; Chairman W. R. Hutchinson, town public school board and Trustee John LeClaire, separate school board. Peter Ross will be the moderator. He is a former vice-principal in the local public school system. So far no representative of York Central District High School Board has been named.

Amongst these panelists are men who worked on preparing the report and others who have been quoted as being opposed to the proposed changes, so the discussion should cover all facets of the report and be well worth hearing.

## Planning Bd. Reverses Some Changes Made By Council In 'Official Plan'

Richmond Hill Planning Board is recommending town council reverse its stand on some of the changes it has made in the proposed official plan.

This was the upshot last week of yet another scrutiny of the plan which has been batted back and forth between council and the board for the past few months.

One of the reversals involves the controversial school walkways topic with the board deciding to ask that the clause regarding same be put back in.

Council had decided to delete the portion which read that "the provision of pedestrian walkways shall be encouraged and these shall be designed wherever possible to facilitate access to public and separate elementary schools."

Planning Consultant Max Bacon thought the walkways were a good idea.

"Numerous communities," he said, "have them and they cause no problems whatever." He stated he agreed with Chief Constable R. P. Robbins' view on walkways observing that "smacked bottoms" could cure any difficulties in Richmond Hill.

Councillor Lois Hancey agreed saying it "is unrealistic not to consider them in the official plan. We will be having them and they should be set out in the plan to assure they are properly constructed and maintained."

"The plan," she added, "is a guideline to see that these things are done properly."

The board decided to re-insert the clause and change the phrase "walkways shall be encouraged" to read "walkways shall be considered."

Parks entered into the discussion regarding another deleted section.

It deals with the levying annually of two mills on the general tax rate "for the acquisition and development of district parks and for the provision of open space."

Mr. Bacon said he had "very strong views on this matter. Parks expenditures are the first things to go in a municipality and I think the parks people have every right to know they are going to get some sort of contingency."

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## Apartment Proposal Is 'Revoltin'' Despite Its Conforming To Bylaw

A 28-suite apartment proposal was described as "absolutely revoltin'" last week at a planning board meeting even though it would conform to Richmond Hill's zoning regulations.

Placing the "revoltin'" tag was Planning Consultant Max Bacon.

The three storey apartment, to be located on the northeast corner of Elmwood Avenue and Colborne Street, as indicated on the site plan would contain little outside space for landscaping and its parking area would find cars plastered right up to the windows. Mr. Bacon also noted that there would be little room for grass with asphalt dominating the area.

"But it appears to meet our zoning bylaw requirements," observed Planning Board Chairman Harry Savers. He requires 31 parking spaces and he has mapped out 33."

He noted that similar buildings in the area showed a predominance of asphalt to grass landscaping.

Councillor Lois Hancey said the proposal might meet the present zoning regulations but "it doesn't meet our policy."

Board Member Howard Whilans said "we can express our opposition in principle but they might not do anything about it."

Mr. Bacon said there would be very little open space left for aesthetic purposes if the dimensions remain as proposed in the plan.

"I find this site plan a little vague," he said, "difficult to interpret."

## Keynote Speaker At West Indies Conference

## Thornhill Secondary Students Hear Marxist On Problems Of Caribbean And Africa

By MARGARET McLEAN

A group of almost a hundred students of Thornhill Secondary School met and heard a real live Marxist in the flesh, January 24 but found rather than an unwashed bearded bomb-carrier, a rather frail, elderly colored gentleman with a gentle West Indian accent and slender, expressive hands.

He was C. L. R. James, a native of Trinidad, author, teacher, journalist, literary critic and political theorist. Mr. James was keynote speaker at the West Indies Conference in Montreal recently and in Toronto on the first leg of a round-the-world lecture tour, had agreed to also address the students.

Mr. James' topic was "Marxism and its relation to the Caribbean and Africa." First defining his terms, he noted that most anti-Marxists think that Marxism means the taking over of society and government by the working class.

"As far as I understand it, this is not Marxism at all," he said. He then read from Marx's "Das Kapital" — published in 1867, the year of Canada's Confederation he noted — a quotation from the Communist Manifesto of 1848 to the effect that the bourgeoisie cannot exist without continually revolutionizing the instruments of production and that these changes produce changes in social relations.

It is these changes in society with which Marxism is concerned. Mr. James insisted and quoted Marx further that the constant revolution in means of production would cause "uninterrupted disturbance of social conditions."

Thus, he stressed, Marx foresaw such things as the present turmoil over automation and had stressed that, rather than the taking over of the state, Marxism should concern itself with "the greatest possible development of varied aptitudes on the part of the workers."

Members of the working class must be fully developed individuals, fit for a variety of work, ready to face changes in production.

The application of these principles was not easy however, and Mr. James noted that Lenin in an address to the Political Education Department in 1922, a year before his death, had said that in order to cope with the inability to nationalize the means of production the three things to be overcome were vanity, illiteracy and bribery.

These identical three needs are what has stalemated progress in the new African nations and in the Caribbean. Mr. James pointed out. In their vanity the new rulers feel they can solve problems merely by issuing decrees. "Africa is rotten with vanity," he said. It faces the task of building up its economy but to do this, a nationalization of the means of production would mean nothing, there would be no change until the mass of the population is involved. This was the same need Lenin had seen in 1923, when he advised that in order to reconstruct the apparatus of government and build up the economy it was necessary to conduct educational work among the peasants with the object of organizing them in co-operatives and getting them to take social responsibilities.

For lack of this involvement of the people, African states were toppling, one after another, Mr. James stated.

In relating Marxism to the Caribbean, he noted that the population there is highly literate. "We were slaves for 200 years and acquired a great mastery of the English and French languages," he said.

However, the West Indies are still dominated by imperialism. On entering Independence Square in Port of Spain, the capital of Trinidad, the visitor will see that it is ringed with such institutions as Barclays Bank, Chase Manhattan Bank and others. "It is surrounded by big banks of foreign countries who are doing the same things they were doing in 1867 and in 1767."

The people in the Caribbean however are jammed very close together and in Barbados, for instance, there is no difference between urban and rural districts the entire length of the island. This makes for a great integration of the population so that in spite of the greater domination of foreign powers there is an entirely different political situation and possibilities.

In answer to the question as to whether he felt there was a possibility that Marxism would get and keep a foothold in Africa or the Caribbean, Mr. James replied that in his opinion, ultimately Marxism would dominate the minds of all concerned with change, that Marxism would take hold but at different levels of understanding and approach but that changes only in the economy would not do this.

Quered as to what country he felt was closest to Marxism, Mr. James stated that none were really close to it. For instance, he said, the problems debated in Russia in 1921 at the 10th party congress were the problems which

are being faced in society today. In the United States, although the problem is not Marxism, and the American Negroes are not Marxists, their problems can only be solved by a Marxist analysis of what is involved. The problem varies in different places but the solutions being proposed today are closer to Marxism than they have ever been.

Mr. James proved a champion of political democracy and gave the capitalist society full credit for having introduced it. However, he insisted that "there is democracy in a genuinely socialistic state."

The freedom of the individual which capitalism had championed, he noted too, is so widely dispersed that no regime which destroyed it could hope to succeed. However, he cautioned that even parliamentary democracy might not last forever and although in 1914 it was respected all over the world as an ideal, this is not the case today and the majority of the world has abandoned it.

The struggle going on in China today, he stated, was simply that the government in power, having inherited an industrial capacity about equal to that of Belgium, was unable to make the "great leap forward" it had promised and instead had become solely concerned in maintaining itself in power. "India will explode in the same way very soon" he predicted.

Asked how society could rid itself of racial prejudice, Mr. James replied that he didn't see how it could as prejudice lives on economic problems. In the southern U.S. the racial problem is one of economic backwardness and prejudice would remain until this is eliminated. "You can't get rid of prejudice in the abstract," he stated.

Mr. James' talk was the second in this year's series of lectures under the general heading "Impact" and designed to broaden the students' awareness of the world about them.