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## Premier Robarts And The Construction Industry

In a brief tabled before the Legislature's Standing Committee on Labor last week Professor John Crispo, director of the University of Toronto's Centre on Labor Relations, has accused the Robarts Government of running scared in the face of strong opposition to its proposed changes in its labor laws by militant factions in the trade union movement. Members of construction unions across the province have been pressuring the government to amend Bill 167 or face a massive anti-government vote in the next provincial election.

The industrial relations specialist, who is co-author of the \$1 million report by the federal Task Force on Labor Relations, also accused the Ontario Liberal Party and the New Democrats of failing to even recognize that a problem exists in the industry, let alone offer any possible solution. Both opposition parties have been highly critical of the suggested legislation and have joined the unions in presenting a united front against the government.

society's meeting of so many vital unmet needs such as public housing and pollution abatement.

"It is setting impossible wage precedents and unduly upsetting long-established wage and salary relationships. And in the process of all this, it is aggravating what are already difficult enough bargaining relationships in all sorts of other industries."

It has been estimated that recent one-year settlements in Ontario communities brought wage increases ranging from 29.6% to 40.9%. In his brief Mr. Crispo referred to recent settlements that gave 250 crane operators across the province wages of \$8.00 an hour and plumbers more than \$7.00 an hour and said he fears these wages will set the pattern in 1971 when about 80% of the construction workers enter bargaining.

Mr. Crispo maintained the province should compel multi-trade, area-wide bargaining in the construction industry in the hopes of getting as many people as possible into the act at once.

"The results of the collective bargaining process in the construction industry now are intolerable," he said.

"There are both protracted legal strikes or lockouts, and short but damaging illegal strikes over everything from recognition to jurisdictional disputes.

The government of Premier John Robarts is to be congratulated in its attempts to bring some semblance of stability into the construction industry. Even these timid attempts at reform have been met by mass rallies and the threat of political pressure by the organized might of the trade union movement. The unions with their active political support of the New Democratic Socialists (the recent Ontario New Democratic Leadership Convention was a good barometer of this support) are lost to the Conservatives in any case. The Robarts Government therefore should think twice before it buckles under to pressure from the unions.

The Nixon Liberals have made their usual negative response to this issue — they have simply followed the lead of Stephen Lewis and the New Democrats. It is becoming increasingly obvious that in the next provincial election the people of Ontario are going to have a clear choice between the Robarts Tories and the Lewis-led Socialists.



JOHN CRISPO

Mr. Crispo contends that construction unions have become so powerful and conditions in the industry so chaotic that smaller companies no longer attempt to hold the line on wages. Contract negotiations are a form of collusion by which labor and management agree to pass on wage increases in the form of higher building costs to a helpless public. Mr. Crispo said the results of bargaining in the industry are intolerable. The costs are incalculable, he said. "It is contributing to a rise in construction costs that precludes

## Ward System For Vaughan

During recent election campaigns (including the October 5 regional election) several members of Vaughan Township Council pledged themselves to see that a ward system is set up for future use in township elections.

We believe that they should introduce a bylaw to that effect at the earliest possible moment, so that their intent will not be forgotten and so that there will be plenty of time to do the necessary research and set up a fair and equitable division of population among the wards. Let these election promises become a reality.

This is the democratic way in which to hold elections — the federal government uses it, the provincial government uses it and many municipalities use it. This method ensures representation by population, the basis of our government.

In the past few years and in the coming two years, Vaughan has been fortunate in spreading its representation on council over the whole municipality, and most areas have had direct representation at the

council table. But as long as all council members are elected over the whole municipality, the danger is always alarmingly present that one area may dominate council. A concerted effort on behalf of a small section of a municipality and "plunkers" (ballots on which only one name is Xed, instead of five) can make this happen in any election.

As preparations for regional government roll into high gear in Richmond Hill, it is becoming quite evident that the three members of the 1971-72 council from the extended areas of the new town will make a great contribution. This contribution will be for the benefit of all people within the new municipality's limits as well as for those living within the added areas.

It is conceivable that if Richmond Hill had not used a ward system for this election, but had decided to elect councillors over the whole municipality that at least two of these men might well have been defeated, since they would not have been known by the great majority of the townspeople — and the whole community would have suffered.

## Driving To Drugs Covered In York County School Research Program

Driver education, archaeological field studies, non-medical use of drugs, the effects of biculturalism on Canadian unity are among numerous experimental and research programs undertaken by staff of York County Board of Education and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in York County since the county board took office in January 1969.

Reports of 17 of these projects have been collected and published in book form, "Growth Points 70" ready for distribution to teachers, trustees, and to those of the public that would like to study them.

Some of the papers, such as "Socio-Economic Background, Ability and Achievement Related to Book Borrowing Habits of Senior Public School Students" by

Teacher-Librarian Erna Fynbo of George Bailey Senior School in Maple, are aimed chiefly at the professionals.

Others, like "Recreation Night, An Evaluation" by Teacher James Albery of Roselawn Senior School, Richvale, and "Co-curricular 'Interest Group' Activities Conducted by Adult Volunteers and Staff" by Principal John Hincks of McConaghy School, is formerly at Pleasantville School, Richmond Hill, will be of considerable interest to parents.

The authors and researchers were introduced to trustees and press at a reception at Aurora Highlands Golf and Country Club, Aurora, on October 21.

The book, published by the board's division of planning and development, directed by Superintendent Stephen Bacsalmasi, and edited by

Research Officer, Brian Burnham, was officially launched at the reception.

"This yearbook provides a means whereby teachers and others who participated in research or development projects in York County schools in 1969 and early 1970 may make their efforts and findings known," said Mr. Burnham in the introduction to the publication.

"Growth Points 70" is organized around three major themes, (1) planning and building for change, (2) programs to develop new skills and attitudes, (3) using community resources."

Teacher Phillip Randall of Don Head Secondary in Richmond Hill describes the county's first in-school driver education program, and Teacher Marie Johnston of Bayview Secondary School, also in Richmond Hill, ex-



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Book Gift Tells About Kinsmen

The story of Kinsmen is contained in a beautifully bound book "The Cross of Square" presented to Richmond Hill Public Library October 21 by the Richmond Hill Kinettes. It is now on the shelf at the library and will prove of interest to readers. In the above photo Mrs. Isabelle Robinson (left) presents the Kinette gift to Chief Librarian Mrs. Patricia Hart.



## Don Deacon Reports

MLA York Centre

### Ohio Scientists Plan Single Plant To Handle Garbage And Sewage

Two years ago Metro fought an unsuccessful and costly battle to establish a huge garbage dump (more politely described as a land fill project) near Woodbridge in Vaughan Township. The mounting pressure of garbage disposal may result in a renewal of the battle in the not too distant future. But, for the next round, Metro has been armed by Queen's Park with a new piece of legislation which

will make it much easier for Metro to obtain approval to dump its tons of excess garbage on the lands of its neighbors.

Concurrently, the new Toronto-Centred Region, Design For Development, unveiled a few months ago, will require a scheme for the economic treatment of sewage in the Yonge Street corridor and the southern portion of the York Region without adding to the pollution of the Don and Humber Rivers as they pass through Metro.

### Children's Variety Show To Aid Charity

Several York County women are helping to organize the annual children's variety show to be presented by Naomi Chapter B'nai B'rith Women at Golden Doors of Encore, Yorkdale Plaza, on November 15.

Chapter president is Mrs. Elaine Cyna, 62 Shady Lane in North Thornhill, and carnival chairman is Mrs. Faye Novak, 65 Shady Lane. Mrs. Fran Cohen, 30 Silver Aspen Drive, and Mrs. Shirley Worth, 30 Blue Spruce Lane, are past presidents of the chapter. The variety show is headlined "Mr. Dressup", well known TV personality, and there will be clowns — "Mr. Peanut Man", "Mr. Balloon Man" — and fun for all with grab bags for the kiddies.

There will be three shows, at 10 am, 1 pm and 3:30 pm, with proceeds going to further the many services and philanthropies, both local and international, that are supported by the B'nai B'rith Women.

These include Meals on Wheels and Sunnybrook Hospital, and Mental Health Centre, and Prevention of Health Care for needy families at Christmas time and Chanukah.

The women also canvass for numerous community campaigns, as well as blood donor clinics, and sponsor planning programs for the Hebrew Club for the Blind and for the Vanier Reform Institute for Women.

For tickets for the show call Mrs. Evelyn Feldman, 223-8574 or Mrs. Sylvia Kishner, 635-6645.

Recent research indicates we may be able to solve both these garbage and sewage problems by combining their treatment in a single plant. Two Ohio scientists have announced U.S. federal financing of a pilot project based upon studies which indicate that a combined system can improve recycling possibilities of materials, eliminate air pollution, and produce a much more acceptable liquid effluent at a cost well below current costs of handling these wastes separately.

It is not enough for the provincial government to merely state to what extent pollution of our environment is permitted. We sorely need to ensure that substantial research funds are available from government and corporate sources for a crash, comprehensive approach in finding improved answers to the frightening ecological crisis of our times. Perhaps in that way we shall stop creating even more serious problems each time we find an apparent solution to some aspects of the pollution of our environment.

OSHA — The introduction of regional government will result in a "normal" increase tax rate for Oshawa residents predicts Mayor Bruce Mackey. At a recent meeting on regional government the mayor told Oshawa Chamber of Commerce regional government would cause a "normally expected" increase of taxes. He added, however, that the city can not count on either a great increase or reduction in its tax rate. "What we can expect is tax reform," said Mayor Mackey.

## In the Spotlight

By BONNIE SHEPPARD

### In The Tradition of RA

From the archeological discovery of the sarcophagus at the turn of the century, to the amusing Friday night fright show "Curse of the Mummy's Tomb" or "Tales of Hout Draacula"; man's imagination has been stirred. There is something about the preservation of things dead that fascinates us. Perhaps the association with horror movies is absurd, but this week's spotlight is on Taxidermy . . . and, after all, Halloween has just passed . . .

Steve Wright is an enterprising young man from Oak Ridges who has recently made taxidermy his career (not your every day career decision, you'll admit). As a man who appreciates the beauty of nature, he enjoys saving some of the grandeur she has created . . . the magnificent rack of a stag, the quiet grace of a pheasant and even the minute miracle called the humming bird. It is apparent from his mounts that he understands the animals he works with. Steve doesn't contort the faces or bodies into aggressive or unnatural poses, but arranges them as naturally as possible. The gentility of one display singularly impressed me. It was a pair of Woodcocks, one at the base of a grotesquely shaped piece of wood and its mate very beautifully, at the lowest point of its wing movement, returning to her. The display was very natural and showed to me the understanding and tenderness of the man.

Somehow, taxidermy has always repelled me, just a little. The killing of any animal simply for the sake of a handsome trophy is unspeakable. My mind sees a thoughtless idiot swooping down in a plane shooting wolves with a high powered weapon and calling it sport. Naturally then, I wondered about this man, Steve Wright who is in the business of creating trophies for these people. But he too, has a distaste for butchers of this type and has turned away clients if he thought they fell into this category.

As I stepped into his workshop, I was overcome by the odour of tanning solution and various other chemicals. A huge freezer stood in one corner, for obvious reasons, and stacks of reference books in another. Biological supplies crowded one workbench while still another bench was lined with the tools of the trade . . . knives, pliers, oil, paints and water colours. Near the centre of the room stood the partially finished form of a jaguar. Steve had built it himself from wire supports and excelsior to the polyfilla shaping, it was at once accurate and quite nicely done. It is Steve's project of nearly a year now and in his spare time he works on it, making sure each ripple of a muscle in the cat's stride is just so. It strikes me that putting the hide of the dead animal over this just isn't necessary.

From the time Steve Wright was thirteen, he

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## Favor Marxist Line

# Women's Lib Class War — Speaker

By MARGARET LADE

Contrary to public opinion, the Women's Liberation Movement does not look upon women as the only oppressed sector of society, as man as the enemy, declared representatives of Metro Women's Lib at a meeting of York County Women's University Club at Kingcraft on October 26.

The leader of the panel of three, Alma Marks, explained that society is geared for the comfortable, there are too many "losers" in the system, that she sees Women's Lib not as a conflict between sexes, but as a conflict between classes.

Her group, said Mrs. Marks, is Marxist oriented, representative of the Women's Working Collective and the Quebec Collective for the liberation of all women. They realize, however, that there are other oppressed groups, that the major conflict is not between sexes but between classes.

She spoke victoriously of the Jean Drapeau victory in Montreal's recent municipal elections and charge that not just women, but the majority of people in Quebec are oppressed.

Mrs. Marks told the audience she is 27, that she came from Florida with her draft-dogger husband three years ago, but is now separated and works at the University of Toronto Library. She described a day care center operating on the university campus staffed largely by volunteers and serving women of the university community. It was her work at the centre, she said, that brought her to Women's Lib.

There are too few day care centres, and government regulations regarding qualified supervision are so rigid that most working women cannot afford the centres now available.

If a woman wants to work, charged Mrs. Marks, she usually "ends up depending on another woman doing the menial task of looking after the children."

Questioned by members of the audience, she seemed unaware of the courses available for child care workers and early childhood education supervisors. Nor was she familiar with the type of financial assistance available from various levels of government and day care facilities in York County.

There was a murmur of protest from the audience when Mrs. Marks said children are better off with volunteers in a day care centre than with their parents.

Referring to the speaker's earlier comments about Marxism, a member of the audience asked if she would like to see a Russian-type of child supervision program, a society where women are expected to work away from home.

"If I have to work I am not liberated," declared the questioner.

Another commented, "I am a married woman, and I enjoy being in my kitchen."

A third agreed, "If you are going to liberate women, you have to free them to do what they want to do, to spend all their time in the kitchen if they want to."

The university women agreed that in some areas day care centres are essential for women who are forced to work. One in every ten families, declared Mrs. Marks, is headed by a woman.

Society as a whole does not recognize this, she charged. It is harder for a woman to find a job, and most jobs for women pay much less than jobs for men. The economy, she said, is based on the assumption that a woman lives through a man. "We want an equal chance for equal work . . . but the cards stacked against us."

Another speaker, Karen Shaw, 22, told the meeting that in her high school days it depressed her that she could not compete in dress and dates because she could not afford the things that daughters of doctors and lawyers had.

When she went to college, she said, she stopped worrying about dress.

Dressed in slacks and baggy sweater with a bandana hiding her hair, she said she owed \$1,200 in student loans. She left the college without completing her course. Now unemployed she shares an apartment with three other girls and only one of them has a job.

The women's collective with which she is associated, said Miss Shaw, is concerned about birth control and abortion. "Up to a year ago it was illegal to give out information on birth control."

Even though laws concerning abortion have been broadening, she continued, the procedure is so complex many women are forced to go to the United States for abortions.

"First you see a doctor, and from there you go to a psychiatrist. You have to prove you are crazy because of the bureaucracy," she said, the abortion

## Reincarnation Theme Of Kleinburg Film

Do people return to this earth for a second time, and a third, and more on the rocky road to eternal life?

This is a question that has challenged mankind since the dawn of recorded history, and Meridian Films Limited of Toronto is taking up the challenge with the filming of "The Reincarnate" which began this week at Studio City in Kleinburg.

Meridian President Nat Taylor reports that a full year of preparation and considerable research preceded the filming, which began Monday.

The story was written by Seeleg Lester, who is also its producer. It is being directed by Don Haldane, and the all-Canadian cast includes Jack Creley, Jay Reynolds, Hugh Webster, Colin Fox, Terry Tweed and Sue Petrie.

"Since there is world-wide interest in the subject of the occult, and particularly reincarnation, this film is one of great timeliness and should provoke both curiosity and controversy," predicts Mr. Taylor.

The drama concerns an aging death, must choose the man to reincarnate who, before his death, must choose the man to inherit and preserve his own mind and 8,000 years of memories.

is delayed so long that major surgery is required, "And doctors hate that."

Their aim, Miss Shaw continued, is to use political means to get abortion laws that are more realistic.

Asked about supporting women candidates for election, the third member of the panel, Caroline Coughy, a secretary, commented scornfully that most women in politics are "taken women", toeing the male line in all they do for women.

Reference was made to the importance of women in politics in Asia, but the panellists discounted Israeli President Golda Meir and Indian's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as women working for women, declaring, "You can be a traitor to your class." Mrs. Marks pointed out that Mrs. Meir's government has "kicked people out of Palestine who have lived there for years," adding, "Women in India are subservient to men."

The panellists charged that girls are conditioned from infancy to accept an inferior role, forced to wear dresses and frills.

"Do you think everyone should be neuter?" snapped a member of the audience.

Miss Coughy replied that she enjoyed being a girl, she had never wanted to be a boy, but she would like to be able to do the things that boys do, like taking shop in school instead of home economics. She would like to hitch-hike across the country, she said, but this would be too dangerous for a girl.

Girls, she continued, are tied to a family background that says they have to take care of children and the home, do housework and do it well. She had come to Women's Lib, she said, because of the attitude of men in student organizations.

One of the audience replied that she and her husband worked together as a team that she worked while he was a student and he did the housework. Now he works and she stays home.

"Women around here work because they want to," she told the panellists, adding, "I realize it is middle class."

"That is middle class," agreed Mrs. Marks.

Another of the university women suggested that education makes a big difference in the man-woman relationship.

"Many of the husbands I know treat us as equals and think of us as equals," she declared.

About the only support the speakers received came from one of the UCW who pointed out that very few women in the teaching profession are heads of departments or principals and asked, "Why is this if it is not for prejudice against women? They work just as hard."

Mrs. Marks blamed "the press" for misinterpreting the aims of the women's liberation movement, and at the conclusion of the meeting refused to talk to "the press", saying she preferred to talk to "people".

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