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From The Police Blotter

Armed Robbery At Milk Store

Two long-haired men, believed to be between 20 and 21, are the subject of a search by York Regional Police, following an armed robbery in Mac's Milk Store, 454 Markham Road, in Richmond Hill, January 13. Peter Kern, a part-time employee at the store, told police he was closing up at 11 pm when a man came in and told him he wanted some cigarettes. When told the store was closed, he produced a knife and demanded some money. He was given a bank deposit bag, containing \$500 to \$600, and then he fled to a waiting car, where another man is to have said: "Come on, Billy, let's get out of here."

A third man was also in the car and the trio drove off southerly on Bayview Avenue. Police said the first man seemed high on drugs or liquor. He was described as five feet, nine, medium build, and was wearing a green plaid jacket and blue jeans. The second man was described as six feet, slim, blonde, wavy hair, clean shaven, wearing horned-rimmed glasses. There was no description of his clothing. There was no description of the third man. The car was a 1968 Chevrolet, two-door hardtop, white on red or maroon. Another knife wielder was

less successful when he visited Harvey's Drive-Inn, Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill, March 15. Police said the man entered the restaurant by the back door and picked up a butcher knife, which he immediately held to the stomach of Frank Lecce, who was working in the back. He then tried to get the other three employees of the store into the same room, but they refused. Police said he went after them and kicked one of the employees, Joseph Pinheiro. He then fled from the restaurant and was picked up shortly afterwards on Yonge Street, with the knife on the back seat of his car. Facing charges of theft under mischief, possession of a dangerous weapon and assault occasioning bodily harm, is Douglas Higgins, 23, of 112 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill.



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Unemployment Insurance Payments Out Of Control

Payments from our unemployment insurance fund have been out of control for two years. They now represent more than 10% of our total national budget. Similar disbursements in the U.S.A. are less than 2% of their federal budget. This lavish Canadian program resulted in the average Canadian recipient receiving \$2,328 in the fiscal year 1973 while his U.S. counterpart was paid \$768, about one third the amount - notwithstanding that America's wages are about 20% higher than Canadian. Unemployment in Canada is only 11% of the American figure, yet in 1973 our UIC payments totalled 50% of the aggregate amount paid in the U.S. Our claimants received \$2.1 billion in that year while the American recipients were paid \$4.1 billion. In 1970 the ratios in the two countries were comparable. The average amount paid per week in both countries after taxation is similar but the Americans appear to get their claimants back to work faster than in Canada. In the U.S.A. the typical unemployment insurance recipient receives payments for only 14 weeks while in Canada it was 37 weeks.

The new unemployment insurance plan contributes to unemployment itself. Reviewing 1972, he suggests that two percentage points of the official 6.3% unemployment rate was due to the existence of our liberal insurance scheme. Expressed another way that means some 200,000 people were classed as unemployed and drew UIC benefits in that year, yet they could have found work if they had so inclined. If this is true, the nation lost doubly. We lost the productive capability of 200,000 workers who became a drain on the economy to the extent of some \$700 million in unwarranted UIC payments. Manpower Minister, Robert Andras, appears to concede that there was indeed a rip-off. "We're in a hell of a lot better shape now", he states. But are we? Already the government admits that fiscal year 1974 will have still higher UIC payouts. It is little wonder that Canadians ask, "When will the government stop the unemployment insurance fund ripoffs?" The 1971 amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act were experimental. They have cost the nation heavily. Not only have total benefit payments quadrupled but employment in the Unemployment Insurance Commission has doubled in two years from 6,000 to 12,000 civil servants. Unemployment insurance, a good thing in itself, is being so blackened through lax legislation and maladministration that it may lose credibility as a necessary part of Canada's social legislation.

In 1971 our federal government completely revised the system of unemployment insurance, providing benefits more directly related to income, shortened waiting periods and added 1.2 million employees as UIC contributors. In January, 1971, the maximum weekly benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Act was raised from \$42. to \$46. and in August of that year it was raised again to \$100. Now the maximum benefit is \$113. per week. As a result, total benefit payments have jumped from \$1.2 billion in 1970 to \$2.1 billion in 1973, yet unemployment has remained relatively static in the period.

British Columbia Economist Herbert Grubel states

ROCK TALK
By PAUL JONES
MacLean And MacLean

MacLean and MacLean have got to be one of the wittiest comedy teams to ever come along in Canadian entertainment. What makes them unique is that although they are comedians, they are also musicians. While Gary plays the banjo and occasionally the congas, Blair plays the 12-string guitar. This combination of talent enables the brothers, Gary and Blair MacLean, the flexibility desperately needed and so often lacking in comedy teams today. MacLean and MacLean are originally from Glace Bay, a mining town in Nova Scotia. But for the past nine years they have been living in Winnipeg. It was there that they started out as a folk act and later became involved in a five man rock band. Don McDougall originally was with this band but left in 1971 to become a member of the Guess Who. M and M also worked with Burt Cummings, the lead singer of Guess Who. Even now when they are in Winnipeg they occasionally work with Cummings. In fact a comedy album featuring M and M and Cummings is presently in the planning stage for production this year. Although they have been touring as a duet since 1971, it was this year that they gained wider recognition. Due to the overwhelming success they had in the competition among 40 bands at the Canadian Entertainment Concert, M and M have been booked to play on a national wide tour. They have played at all the major universities across Canada and undoubtedly will eventually hit the U.S. market with the same impact they have achieved here. After they finish playing at the El Mocambo this week (March 25-30) they will be heading out to Vancouver

and then back to Calgary. The musical style of MacLean and MacLean is similar to that of the Smothers Brothers and Homer and Jethro, while their comedy monologues, though thoroughly original, resemble the wit of George Carlin. One could also say that they are sort of a mild folk version of the Mothers Of Invention.

One of the stunts of M and M is to do a take-off on the lyrics of certain popular songs. In their version of Daniel Boone, the lyrics are completely changed to give it humorous and satirical overtones. This slamponing is also done incredibly well in the song, Honey, by Bobby Goldsboro. In their version of Twelve Days Of Christmas they not only take a sarcastic view of Christmas, but also a satirical view of drugs and Cheech and Chong. After every few songs, M and M weave in small bits of humorous monologue dealing with such subjects as sports, drugs and sex. To give you any further information about the acts of MacLean and MacLean would only take away from the (effect, of the element of satirical surprise, that they use on their, by now side-splitting, audience. I suppose another way of partially describing M and M is to say, that listening to M and M is like listening to a version of "Alice's Restaurant" which is several times as funny as the original version.

MacLean and MacLean will only be playing for three more days (March 28-30) in Toronto before they leave for Vancouver. So, if you have the chance you should definitely go out and see them. They are at the El Mocambo, on Spadina at College, until March 30.

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