

Third manufacturing plant is proposed

A 45,740 square-foot manufacturing plant, proposed for 1.8 acres of land on Edward Avenue north of Elgin Mills Road, has received tentative approval from the Town of Richmond Hill.

The automotive moulding and stamping plant will employ between 120 and 140 people.

It will be the third such plant in Richmond Hill. Two other plants cover

total of 67,000 square feet and employ nearly 200 people.

All are part of Herman J. Koob Enterprises.

The new site is located about 830 feet north of Elgin Mills, and is behind the Consumers Gas Company.

Construction of the building was approved, subject to the applicant entering into a site plan agreement.

Post Office to open in Thornhill Jan. 1

A new Thornhill post office with the dark red brick appearance of the old village's homes is to be built for a Jan. 1 opening.

It will be on Yonge Street just south of the existing post office. The old building will be torn down to make way for an extension of Centre Street to Eliza Street.

Markham council opened the way for the project last week, although some details remained to be settled.

Council had its way with builder T.H. McNally in having the design changed from modern commercial style to pseudo "georgian".

Municipal staff advisors, however, favored a building of a more contemporary feeling, respecting the scale proportion, height and character of the old village, built of natural traditional material. They failed to get that.

Architect Napier Simpson Jr. told council he'd prepared the design change to pseudo "georgian" with the agreement and advice of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill.

The new post office will be one-storey with about 10,000 square feet of floor space and in excess of 37 car parking spaces. The building will be leased.

Larry Morris of 3 Eliza St. asked council to reconsider the proposed temporary post office access from Eliza. This access would be used during construction of a widened Yonge St.

But Morris said a temporary access to Yonge would be better. Eliza Street was only 16 feet wide and had nine children aged six and under, living along the very short length.

He said there already was a horrendous traffic problem on Eliza, which constituted a safety hazard. Post office truck traffic shouldn't be added, he said.

Mayor Anthony Roman noted a public meeting was held Jan. 27 at which all possible plans and alternatives were considered. The Morris submission would be added to those considered.

"Hopefully we can appease everybody," said the mayor.

When street construction is finished, council requires construction of a fence and landscaping along Eliza Street

behind the new post office. Other landscaping is also required.

The parking lot will have a right of way created to give access to the rear of stores to the south for parking there, allowing for a future over-all comprehensive "block development" concept.

A&W building could get new life and design

The former A & W Drive-In on Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, is an eyesore, according to the man who wants to have it remodeled.

John Griffin, president of Elgin Mills Investments Ltd., told Richmond Hill council Monday night that two firms have been at the location since A & W closed down, and both went bankrupt.

He has another client ready to move in, but renovations must be done, and time is running out, he said.

Renovations include enclosing the canopy.

Mr. Griffin said he believed a simple building permit was all that was necessary, but later found out he had to enter into a site plan agreement with the planning department.

"We applied for a building permit two weeks ago, and we were told a site plan was not necessary," he said. "About five days later, we were told the plan was necessary."

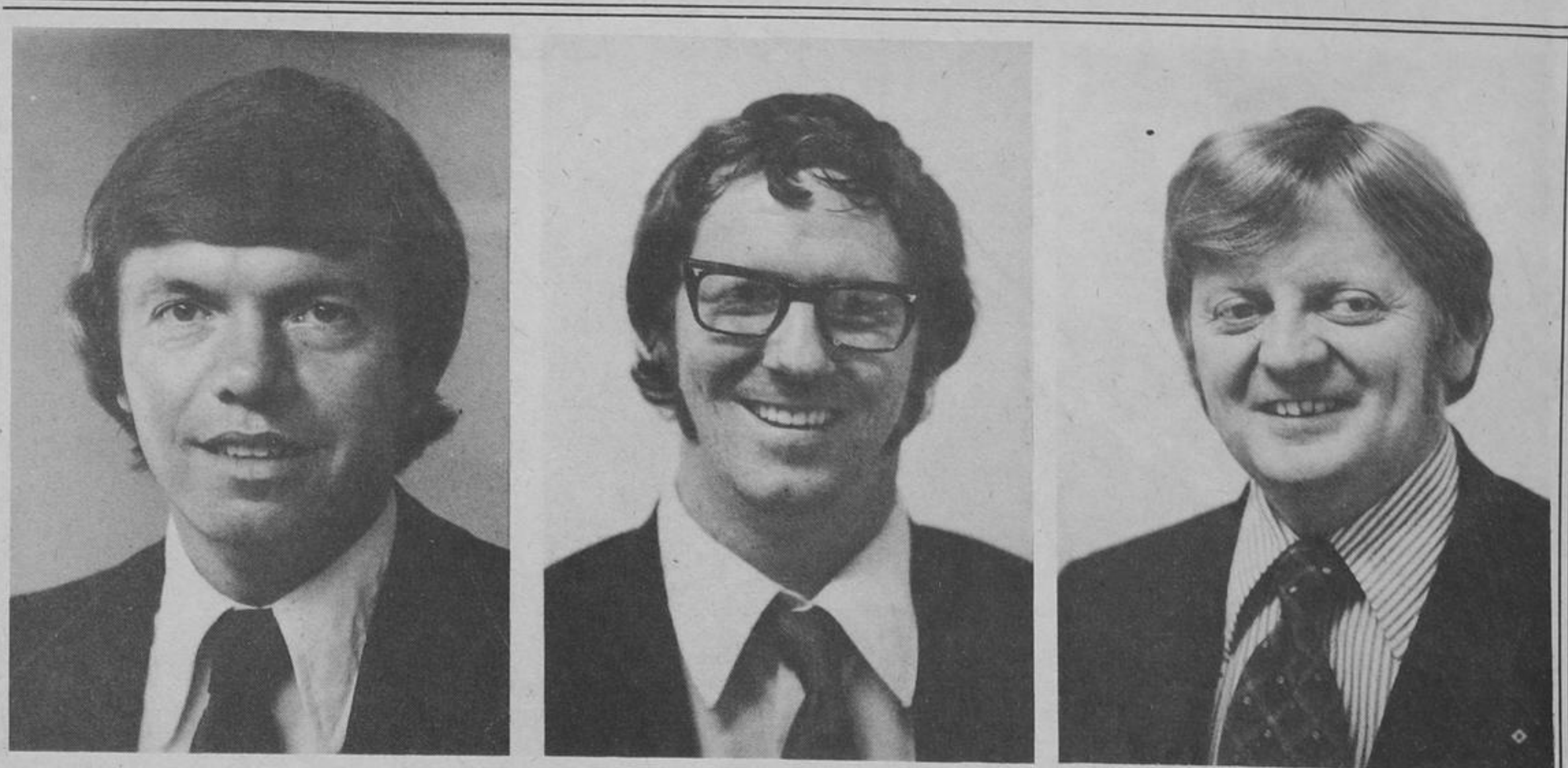
Planning Director Bill Power told The Liberal he recommended Mr. Griffin apply for a site plan.

"I could have had a bylaw ready tonight," he said.

Council agreed that Mr. Griffin should apply for a site plan, and if agreement is reached with the planning department, the mayor and clerk would be authorized to sign a building permit.

A formal bylaw would then come before council at its next meeting, October 17.

Mr. Griffin would not say who the new tenant would be, although there is some speculation it may be an automotive firm.



Staff appointments

Robert C. Maxwell, publisher of The Liberal in Richmond Hill, and general manager of Metrospan Community Newspapers Ltd., North Division, announces the appointments of Graham Henrikson, left, as circulation

manager, Ron Wallace, centre, as editor, and John Fergus, right, as advertising director at The Liberal. The appointments took effect October 1.

Man violated rights code, inquiry finds

Montford Johnstone of Gormley has been found guilty of violating the Ontario Human Rights Code because he evicted a tenant for entertaining a black man in her home.

Openings available

Openings are still available in three courses organized by the Richmond Hill Community Schools group.

At Crosby Heights Senior Public School, a course on creating Christmas decorations gets underway October 19 at 7 p.m. and continues on a weekly basis. Fee is \$5.

A weekly sewing clinic began Monday at the Walter Scott Public School. That fee is also \$5.

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Ontario Human Rights Commission, Johnstone was ordered to pay Brigitte Jahn, 26, of Toronto, his former tenant, \$200 in damages, as a result of his action.

He was also ordered to send letters of apology to Miss Jahn and her guest, as well as pay special damages for her moving expenses, and the difference between her current and former rents, which are to be negotiated.

Johnstone will also have to inform the commission of any future rentals of his property for two years.

The action brought by Miss Jahn against Johnstone was the first test of a rights code provision, because of the race, color and place of origin, not of the tenant, but of "any person or class of persons."

The inquiry was told that Miss Jahn had invited a landed immigrant to her rented house, next door to Johnstone's, a

year ago in August. Johnstone phoned Miss Jahn when he saw the man entering the house and ordered her to get him off the property immediately, testimony revealed.

He later ordered her to move out of the house.

The decision by the hearing stated that: "House-holders who extend the warmth of family ties, or of hospitality to people of different origins should not be deterred from

doing so by the intervention of those whom they look for security of tenure."

Mary Eberts, a University of Toronto law professor, headed the inquiry.

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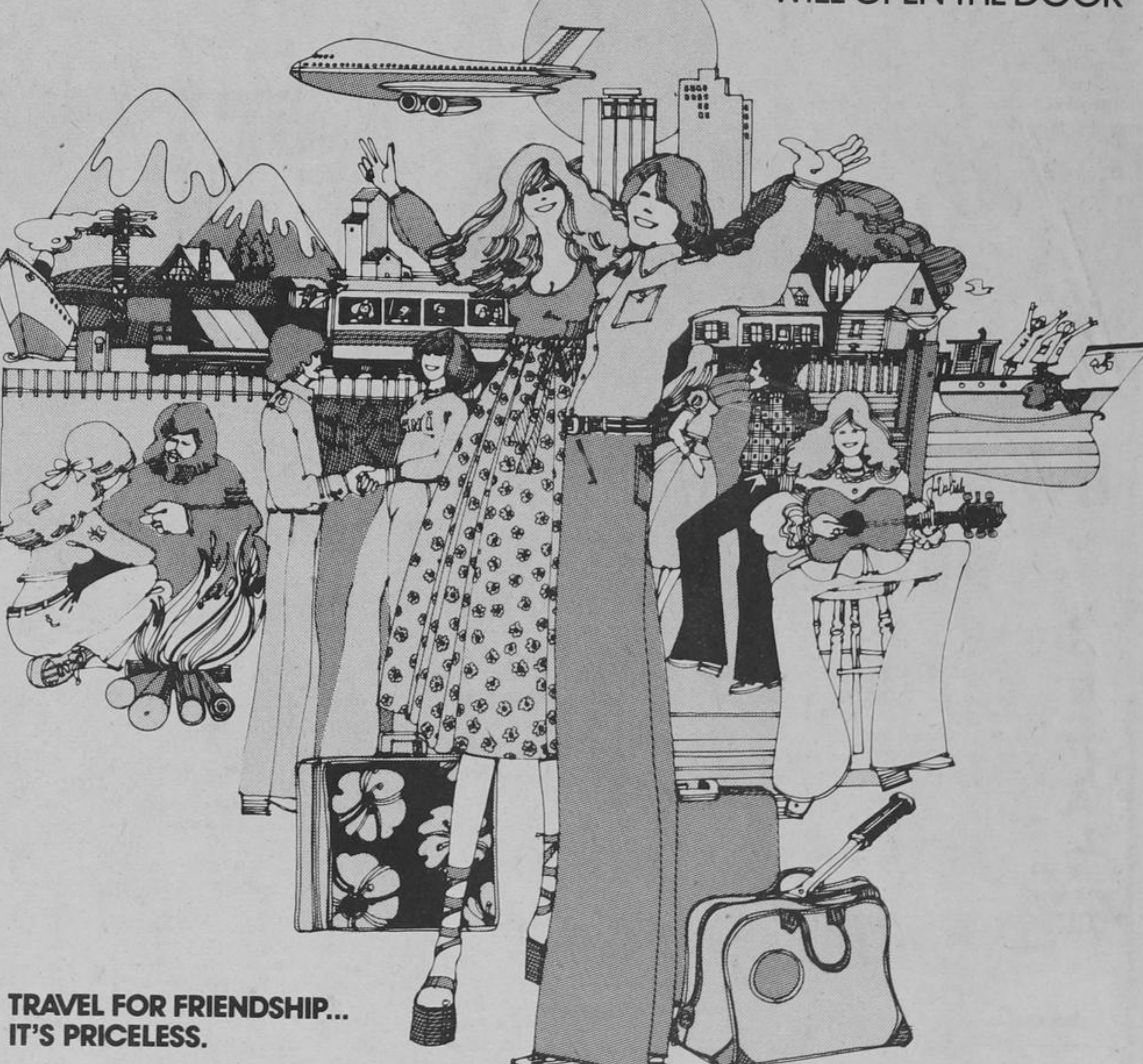
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