

Board of Economics Chairman Robert Andras defense budget expenditures. Vice-president get "Heat Treated" royally. They took a tour and general manager Jim Claire (right) exlast week of Heat Treaters, Richmond Hill, to plains the process. (Liberal photo by Steve inspect the armor plating being prepared for Pearlstein)

Danson, Andras tour Hill plant inspecting treated armor plate

By STEVE PEARLSTEIN Liberal Staff Reporter

Federal Defense Minister Barney Danson and Chairman of the Board of Economic Ministers. Robert Andras paid a visit to a Richmond Hill plant Friday and while it was the company's 16th birthday, they were there for quite a different

The two federal politicians took a tour of Heat Treaters Inc. on Newkirk Road because it has a contract to produce specially treated armor plate for about 420 Swiss-designed, General Motors-built armored vehicles for the Armed Forces.

The vehicles are called Moags (after the Swiss designer, who gets a royalty) and the Richmond Hill company is the only firm in the country that can produce the quality treated steel needed for

Assistant general manager Robin Brock didn't have exact figures on hand but said the original contract was for 750 of the machines at a cost of \$160 to \$200 million.

Mr. Danson claimed it isn't likely he'll be able to find enough money in his budget for the extra 350 vehicles.

The armor plate Heat Treaters produce is classified as restricted goods and any export of it is regulated by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Commerce through the Export Control Board. That could explain Mr. Andras' presence on the tour.

The company had a contract with Israel for between \$3 million and 4 million. However, it had to be rescinded on orders of the Export Control Board, whose apparent policy is not to sell these kinds of products to countries where political unrest could result in conflict.

"It's hardly what I would call the External Affairs classification of 'hot goods'," said Mr.

Brock. "Israel is heavily funded out of the U.S. so it is under pressure to buy American products. The Israelis can buy similar plate there, but not from us even though our product is better."

"It's true we're selling ourselves short — the Americans do have the product," said Mr. Danson. "But we have to be careful who we're selling this kind of material to and what their purposes are . . . we don't want to get into the arms business."

He went on to say it's all a matter of how you categorize the sales and the countries involved. As an example, he said the Export Board approved the sale last week of Buffalo Aircraft to

Asked if there are possibilities of changes in the Board's policies and External Affairs outlook, Mr. Danson said yes, though it could take some time.

Mr. Andras' reasons for accompanying him were not given, but with the likelihood of an election around the corner, his presence made sense to reporters and the staff of Heat Treaters, who are in Mr. Danson's constituency

The Moag vehicles, being assembled in London, Ontario, include an armored fighter (name not given), the Husky - an armored troop carrier and the Grizzly - an armored recovery vehicle.

Mr. Brock said he couldn't fault the military since the tie-up seems to be at External Affairs. He also said the contract with Israel is not the only one being held up - the department considers Argentina another "hot spot".

He claimed the company wouldn't try to wholesale the armor plate to the U.S., which could then sell it to "restricted countries"

"That's not the way we do business here," said

Though no date has contract. I guess they Bellon.

been set for the two sides figured they could make The board's next

to meet, one of the whatever else up through management committee board's negotiators, King the salary grid and in- meeting is March 6 and

only speculate on the Mr. Bellon said the anything transpires

nature of the teachers' board didn't think the between the two teams by

initial proposals and we The other areas open with the school board to

eventually accepted it - for discussion are cost of talk about the teachers'

"There's no way I can went along with what the considered in committee.

\$40,000 would suffice but then, it would likely be

Teachers ask board to re-open talks

York Region Separate negotiating team, have their two-year pact that upgrading and the discussion on upgrading

dissatisfaction.

Trustee Elio Bellon, could crements."

Region chops \$45,000 from police, then approves \$20.5 million budget

York Regional council posed it. before approving a \$20.5 budget at \$9,861,600 million net regional compared with last year's budget for 1979.

million in provincial be started this year.

out at 4 per cent.

Richmond Hill.

Regional councillor servation Authority. Ron Moran estimated the taxpayers at about \$6.

the move to trim the an additional \$45,000.

He noted that the York Regional Police had a with the principle of surplus of \$167,000 last year and a \$100,000 surplus "has been fairly common every year that I have been there (at regional council.)"

Because there is a natural attrition on staff, he said there is nearly always a surplus in the payroll account because had been received only by of vacancies. Last year it telephone on Thursday. was \$50,000.

police appeared to have budgeted better than in said it was based on 225 to previous years.

Wainwright, a police commissioner said that the budget had been gone 1979 over carefully and pared following: general by the police commission government, \$1,775,900; and that the \$45,000, if implemented, would have reforestation, \$637,600; to come out of courts and engineering, \$4,588,000; overtime.

But Aurora Mayor George Timpson said it would be "foolish to take it out of one account"

Schiller, Timpson, Carole Bell, Michael McDonald, Ron Moran, Angus Morton and Tom Taylor voted for the budget cut while Wainwright, Tony Roman, Gordon Rowe, Joe Dales and Ray Twinney op-

Mr. Bellon said if

budget of \$9,212,200.

The regional levy will Council also cut the be up 8.7 per cent to \$12.9 police commission's million, with the rest of request for \$550,000 for a the money coming from police station in Georgina last year's \$681,000 to \$250,000 on the unsurplus and more than \$6 derstanding that it would

New projects which The impact on the have been launched by taxpayers is softened by a way of last week's budget 4.7 per cent increase in are an emergency dental assessment across the program for children region which means the whose parents cannot area afford to send them to the municipalities averages dentist, which is

estimated to cost \$26,000. The impact is greatest Regional council also on the municipality with allotted \$32,000 to buy a the greatest growth rate, beach on Lake Simcoe Markham, 6.5 per cent, which will likely be but only 2.6 per cent in operated under the South Lake Simcoe Con-

Adjoining forest lands impact on Markham may be acquired later, but Georgina Mayor Joe Richmond Hill mayor Dales argued that the David Schiller initiated opportunity to purchase the Holme's Point Beach regional police budget by for public use might not come up again.

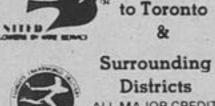
Mayor Schiller agreed acquiring lakefront property but not on the way the costs were being allocated. The levy could still

change a little because of final changes in assessment and because the final figures from the Children's Aid Society

Treasurer John Hlynski He did say that the said the Society wanted an additional \$32,000. He 228 children in care while Regional councillor Lou the original budget was based on 190.

The actual budget for includes the planning and

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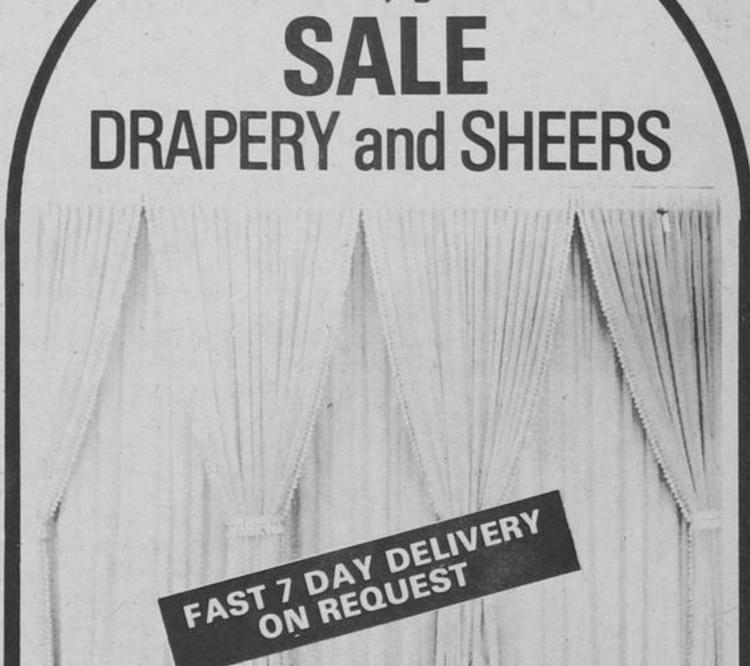


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grants to hospitals, \$1,030,800; welfare division \$144,200; police, took one final chop at the That left the police \$1,238,700; health and \$550,700; conservation \$9,861,000; police police budget Thursday department's share of the social services, grants, \$491,900; land building, \$250,000.



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School Teachers, on the formally asked the board was effective last Sep-teachers felt \$40,000 was a and changes in position is advice of their to re-open discussion on tember. fair figure to have in the possible, according to Mr. Left turn lanes

sportation and Com- must function up to the munications (MTC) construction of Highway Planning Staff have 407 as well as serve High-Rockwell Road area system. needs left turn lanes but when and how wide won't than people think," he be decided until March 8. said.

representative for MTC Hill approached the MTC said meetings have been early in October after held with senior planning receiving delegations of staff and the decision now residents who convinced is where and how wide the town staff this was a should the necessary left dangerous area without turn lanes be. March 8 the planning

choice for location and technical data will be sent to MTC Program, Priority and Development staff to decide funding and scheduling "It could be any time

from next month to 1986," guessed Mr. Goldsmith. Plans for Highway 7 must be studied to some

needed, when? Ministry of Tran- smith, as the highway

Neil Goldsmith, The town of Richmond it had to do with category living allowances and contract.

detail, said Mr. Gold-

say for sure what's teachers wanted. He One of teacher bothering them but there thinks it's possible the negotiators, John Stokes a couple of teachers made a mistake who is also principal of St. decided the Doncrest- way 7 as a local support possibilities. During and could try to improve. Joseph's in Aurora, would contract talks they made their position if they feel only acknowledge a a change in one of our they've lost anything. meeting is being set up

"There is more to it

proper turning lanes.

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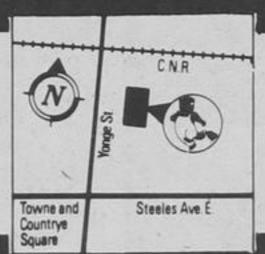
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