



Pickers at Reynolds Extrusion get encouragement from United Steelworkers of America staff representative, "lucky" Fortunato Rao, (left), provincial New Democratic Party leader Michael Cassidy, (centre) and

President of the striking local, 84-12, Dennis Smith, (next to Mr. Cassidy). These workers have been on strike since January 22 asking for higher wages, special dental benefits, four weeks of holidays and statutory holidays.

## Cassidy bolsters strikers

New Democratic Party Leader Michael Cassidy popped in for a brief pep talk visit with picketers at Reynolds Extrusion Limited, last Tuesday. Mr. Cassidy listened closely to the claims of United Steelworkers of

America representative, "Lucky" Fortunato Rao, when he described the plight of the workers as well as the position taken by the company. "We shall overcome," said Mr. Rao, "It's just a question of time."

Mr. Rao described recent negotiations between the union and the company, February 22, as "a waste of time". He said other aluminum extrusion plants were paying higher wages and benefits and he

felt local 84-12 in Richmond Hill was left way behind. In previous negotiations, the staff representative said, Reynolds had denied workers even the amount permitted by the Anti Inflation Board.

Mr. Cassidy expressed sympathy for the workers for having to picket in the worst weather in the province for 70 or 80 years.

The party leader said he was concerned about the "shenanigans" with Reynolds and the union, and said as leader of the NDP party, he hoped the union received a desirable settlement.

Mr. Cassidy took time to make a political pitch saying he felt the labor laws of the country needed to be changed to make collective bargaining "a reality". "The NDP party is committed to decent labor laws", said Mr. Cassidy, "we're a party that speaks for labor."

# Catholics could pay \$14.20 extra

Though the final draft of the Separate School budget won't be approved until March 20, it looks like Catholic ratepayers will have an increase of .71 mills on their tax levy or an additional \$14.20 on a house assessed at \$20,000.

However, the school board does not set the annual mill rate and Superintendent of Business Ed Joyce said by the time the funds receive all their towns, an average 5.5 per cent increase over last year's taxes can be expected.

"I think that's pretty good — one way of looking at it is 27 cents per week or a quarter-pack of cigarettes," he said. In the third budget draft, the board was working with a \$17.3 million figure. On total expenditures, that's up about 19 per cent from last year but Mr. Joyce claims you can't look at it that way since enrollments, assessments and overall costs have also jumped.

The board's residential assessment is up to nearly \$235 million and commercial assessment is just under \$22 million. It expects to raise about \$3.5 million from local taxes and get another \$13.4 from the Ministry of

Education in grants. There are several other revenue sources which account for another \$425,000.

Like any school board budget, the biggest single chunk of expense (\$10 million, goes for salaries. However, since the system is in an increasing (as opposed to decreasing) enrollment period and also plans to open a new Catholic high school at Newmarket in September, 16 additional teachers are needed.

Professionals, like a language consultant and a junior psychologist for special education are also required.

There were 9,179 pupils in the system as of December 31, 120 more

than on September 30 of last year.

The budget is based on a revised enrollment of 9,221 students but Director of Education John Zupancic expects the total number of students to increase to 9,389 by the end of next September.

For purpose of calculating grants, kindergarten pupils only count as half students.

Therefore, the budget is based on an average daily enrollment (ADE) of 8,525 kids.

The board also receives a weighting factor of 12.5 per cent for its Grades 9 and 10 students, who are technically in high school, but aren't recognized that way by the province.

## CAG ready for annual meeting

The Citizens' Advisory Group (CAG) will be fulfilling its mandate at a meeting to be held tomorrow night.

CAG was established to provide a vehicle for interested citizens or citizen groups to participate effectively in the planning and policy planning functions of the town of Richmond Hill.

March 8 in the Blue Flame Room of Consumers' Gas on Elgin Mills Road, the CAG have arranged for Joseph Bogden, architect to present plans for the proposed civic centre; and Dave Hamilton, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation to talk about the Master Parks Plan for our community.

## Reynolds, workers back to the table

President of local 84-12 of the United Steelworkers of America, Dennis Smith, may have saved the day for striking workers at Reynolds Extrusion Company Limited in Richmond Hill.

sent a wire to the Vice President and General Manager of Reynolds Extrusion in St. Therese, Quebec, laying out the union position and objecting to statements in a letter from Al Potter, Personnel Manager at Reynolds.

Potter and Mr. Wendorf, the plant manager, both called him early this week to question the union's position and agreed to meet yesterday to put the company's offer

Last week Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith said Mr.

## Helpmate picks new directors

Helpmate Information and Referral Services held its election of directors Monday night as part of the organization's 7th annual meeting.

An election wasn't necessary, as the membership accepted the slate of directors.

Included are David Burns, Bob Henderson, Jean Routledge, Virginia Bregg, Irene Hough, Bruce Venn, Edith

Clement, Betty Blaney, Gordon Durnan and Dr. Bunny Lacombe. At the first meeting, April 2, the board will select executive positions from its list of directors.

Monday's annual meeting was attended by about 35 people, who heard a panel of five women discuss the history, and future of information centres.

Included on the panel were Virginia Bregg, vice

chairman of Helpmate's Board of Directors; King Township Mayor Margaret Britnell; Former co-ordinator of the Community Information Centre of Metropolitan Toronto Mollie Christie; United Way representative Sandra Beatie; and Helpmate's Volunteer Bureau co-ordinator, Sharen Smith. Editor of The Liberal Ron Wallace was moderator.



## PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1979, 8:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, BUTTOWVILLE, ONTARIO

The Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Committee of the Council of the Town of Markham to consider an Official Plan Amendment for the part of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 3, and an amendment to the Secondary Plan (PD 13-1) for the Brown's Corners Planning District.

The subject lands of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and of the amendment of the Secondary Plan are as shown on the map below. The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to redesignate the subject lands from TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES to INDUSTRIAL.

The purpose of the amendment to the Secondary Plan is to designate the subject lands as Industrial-Commercial in accordance with the designations established in the adopted Secondary Plan.

You are invited to attend the Hearing and to state your support of or objection to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and amendment to the Secondary Plan. Should you be unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the Hearing. The proposed Official Plan Amendment, Secondary Plan and the Official Plan and existing land use maps may be examined at the office of the Planning Department.

DATED February 22, 1979  
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