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was—'you guys do this and all it's worth is 50 bucks. There's no point.' Well, we feel that's part of our job. (E.B. Eddy, the company he's personally familiar with) should have got nailed, whether it was 50 bucks or not."

Other OPSEU members pointed out that various regions within the MNR have written enforcement procedures, stipulating that officials in local MNR offices have immediate permission to lay a charge against an individual. Charges against a large company or a FMA licence holder, however, must first be approved by a Regional Director and are routinely not pursued.

Dennis Wilson, an MNR biologist in Dryden, says it's simply a matter of different political lobbying strengths that seems to explain the double standard.

"The big company comes down and sits in the minister's office. The little guy might write a letter to his MPP, but we answer those letters. It's not a big deal. The companies create the great deal of headaches. That's what causes our District Managers grief when they get a call from the Minister's office or Ray Riley's (Assistant Deputy Minister of Operations, MNR) on the phone, boy—it's a big event."

OPSEU's brief goes on to complain: "Outside of the ethical issues surrounding such a double standard, vigorously pursuing charges against individual citizens while having a *laissez faire* attitude toward violations by major companies creates an undesirable image for our members on the front lines. The impression is

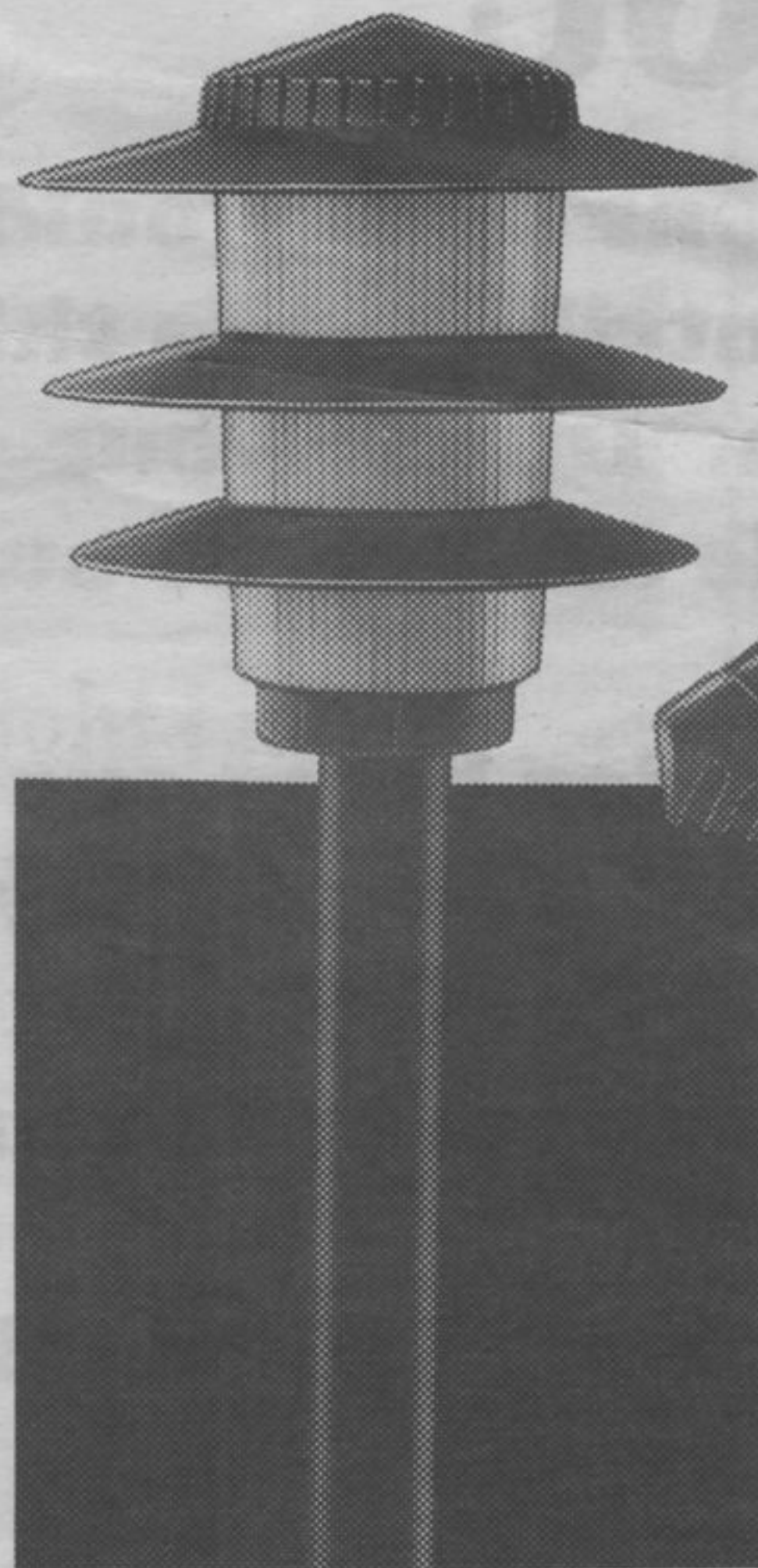
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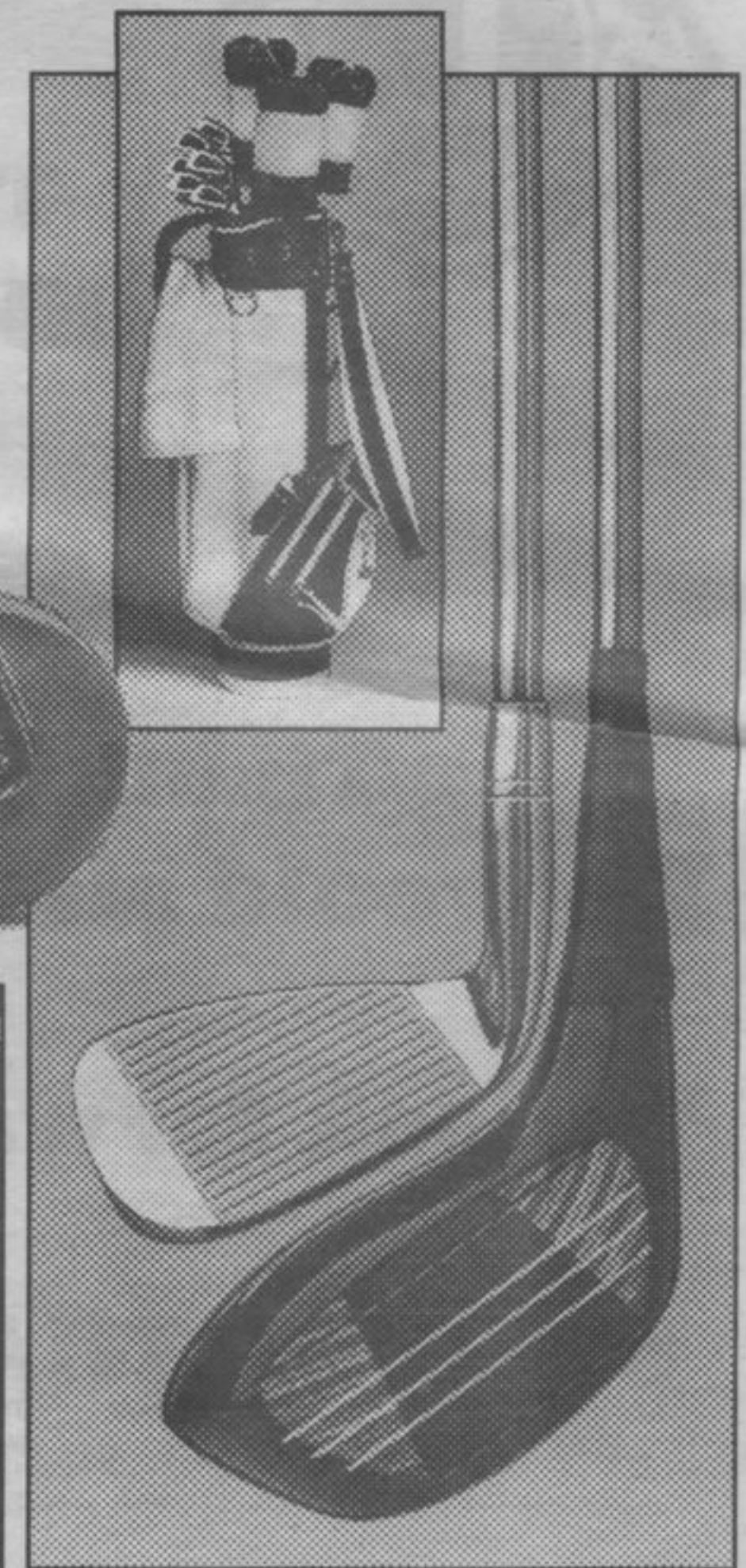
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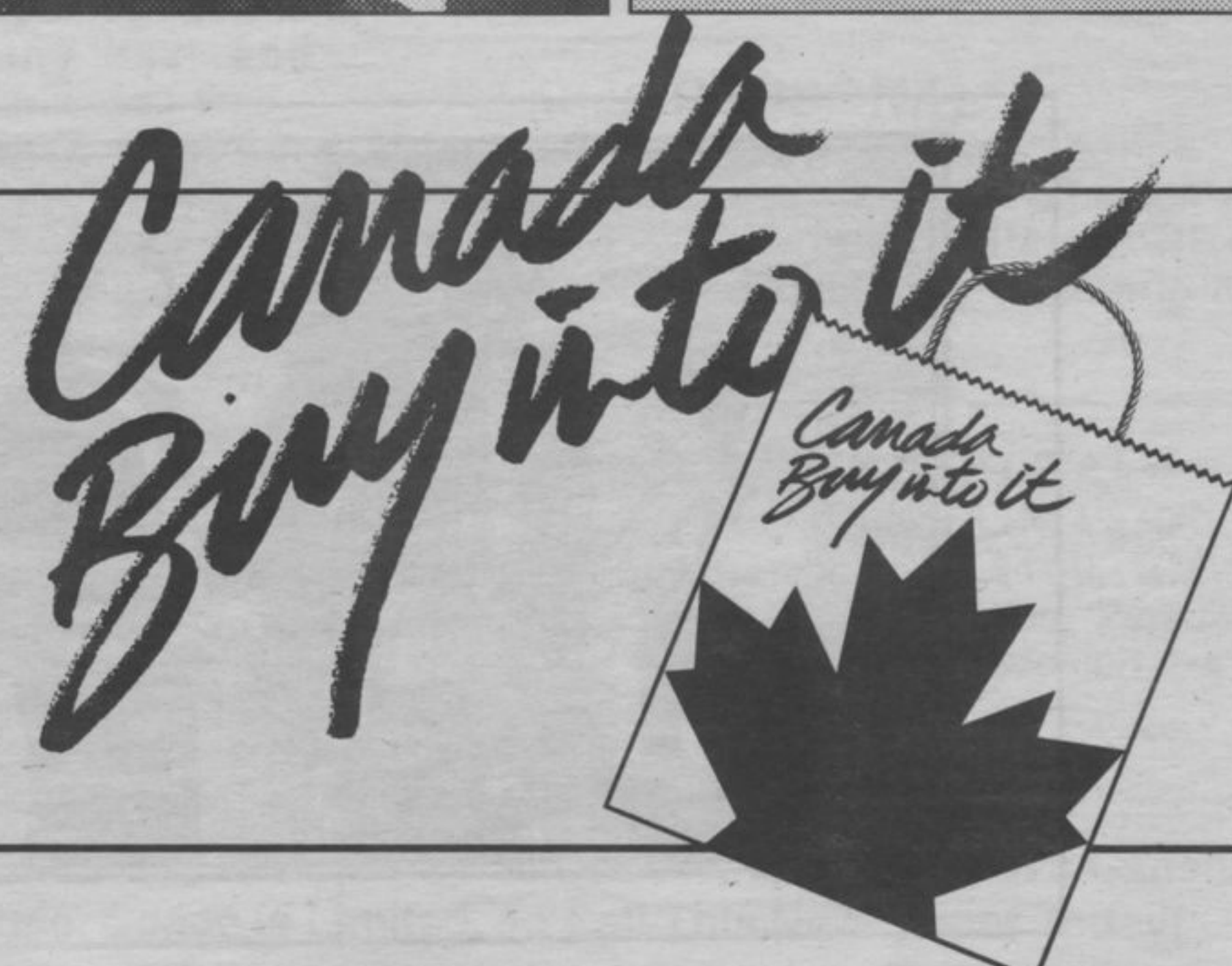
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