

Uprisings, protests counter-productive

PICKERING — Of the three municipalities most heavily affected by the proposed new airport — Stouffville, Markham, and Pickering — only Markham apparently failed to have an observer at the public meeting held recently by MP Norm Cafik.

At least one member of Pickering council was present, while Stouffville was represented by Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and town solicitor Paul Mingay. Along with a crowd of 150-200 persons, they questioned the MP at length.

Cafik expressed his concern that a decision on the report by the Airport Inquiry Commission should be delayed in order that the government may consider the effect of new policies in such areas as transportation, energy conservation, and immigration. Applause greeted his statement that the government "is effectively doing nothing in respect of these questions."

The first questioner, Dr. Chas. Godfrey of People or Planes, expressed deep concern over the report's conclusion that the noise exposure had been underestimated in the original MOT study. Dr. Godfrey said he "was not surprised" that the new figures show adverse effects can be expected in Stouffville, Markham, and Clarendon; POP, he claimed, has been saying the same thing for three years.

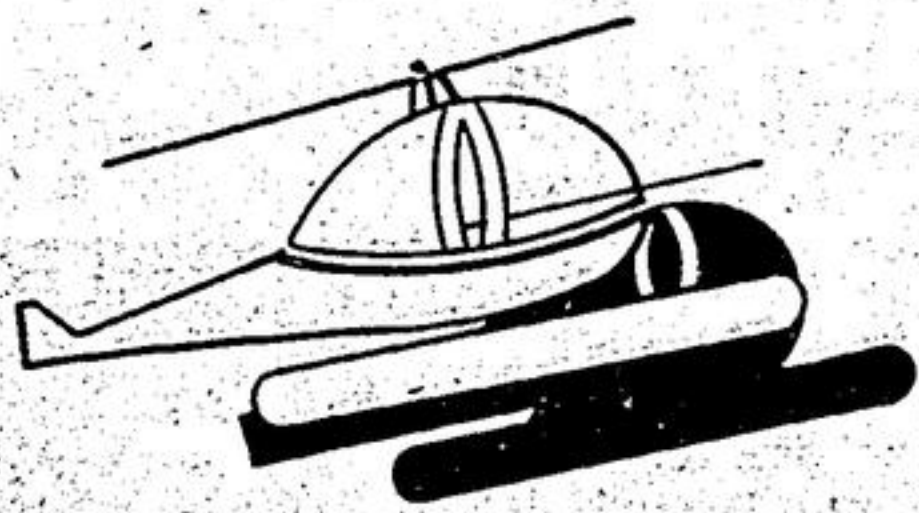
Cafik thanked Dr. Godfrey for an offer of help, but suggested the best thing to do might be to do nothing. "The worst thing that could happen now is to have great uprisings and protests," said Cafik.

"That would be counter-productive at this stage." The new noise zones drew a lot of harsh comments. Cafik agreed that "MOT is more likely to be wrong than right, and in this case they were wrong."

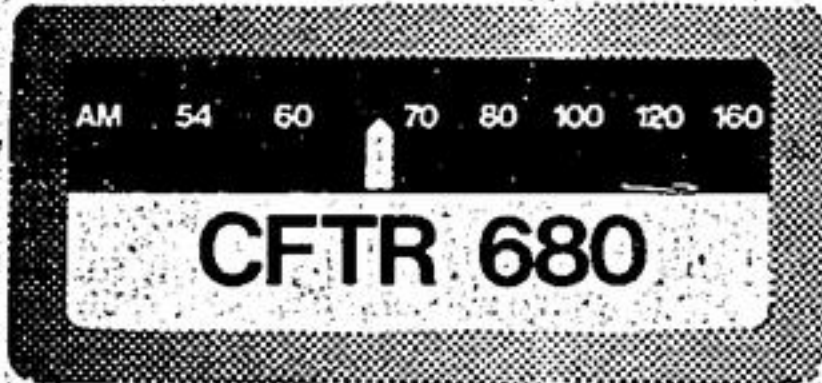


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Mr. Shirk was born in Pickering Township, the son of the late Mr. and

Mrs. Peter Shirk of Clarendon, he had one brother, Edgar who predeceased him.

Mr. Shirk was predeceased by two wives, Flora Graham and Myrtle David and was the father of Gordon of Hudson, Kathleen (Mrs. Leigh Machan) of Winnipeg, Viola (Mrs. Herman Berndt) of Napanee, Myrtle (Mrs. Norman Reaman) of Fordwich, Auldeen (Mrs. Ralph Reaman) of Stouffville, Earl of Locust Hill and Dorothy (Mrs. Bruce McCowan) of Oakwood.

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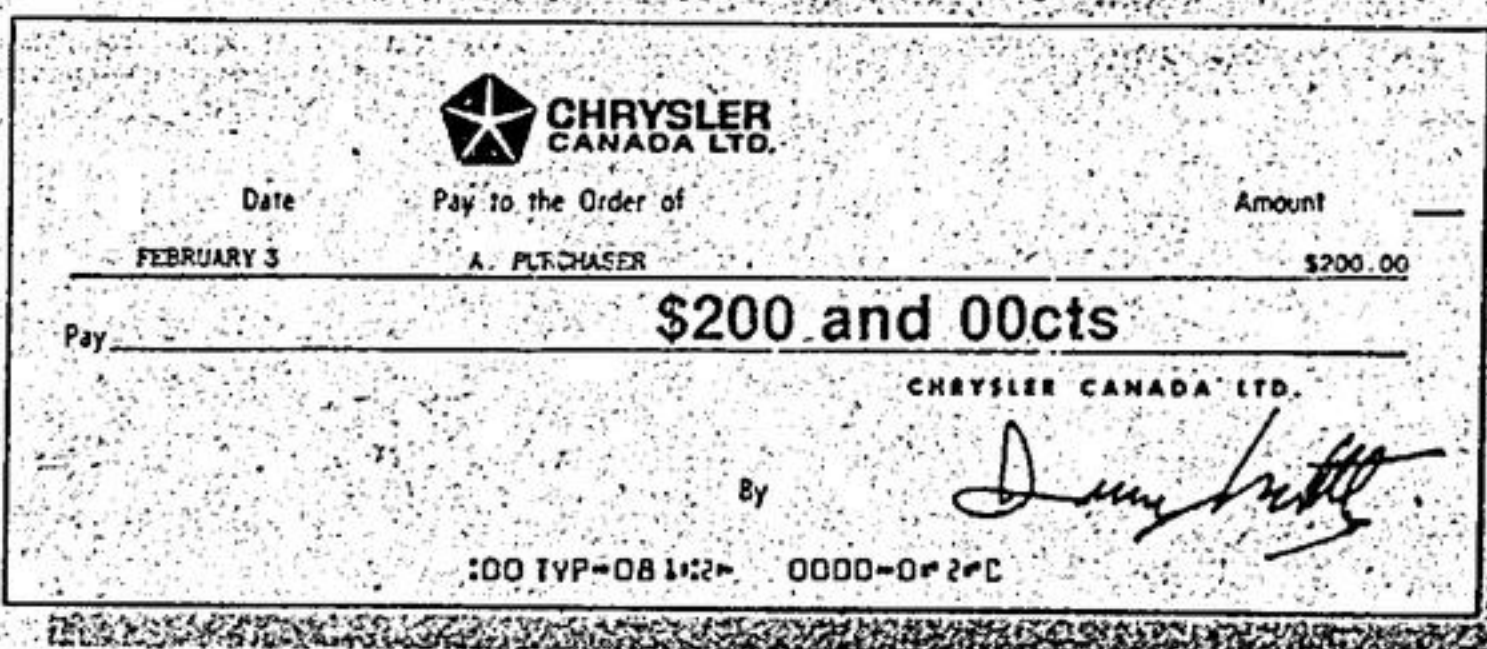
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