

## 300 march against Pickering airport



A funeral procession led the protest march down Main St. Monday as the death of Stouffville was being enacted. Here some hockey players, dressed as monks, carry a

casket signifying the death of the town make their way toward the municipal offices.



The signs carried by these young Stouffville residents pretty well speak for themselves as they joined their mother in the protest march Monday afternoon.

STOUFFVILLE — Normally placid Stouffville residents took to the street Monday afternoon to stage a protest March from O'Brien Ave. down Main St. to the municipal offices.

Around 300 people took part in the procession including women with babies and toddlers. Most of the children either carried signs or had them attached to their clothing. Some hockey players dressed as monks carried a coffin in the parade. The dramatic part of the demonstration took place outside the municipal buildings where Gordon Ness and Mayor Gordon Ratcliff spoke to the people.

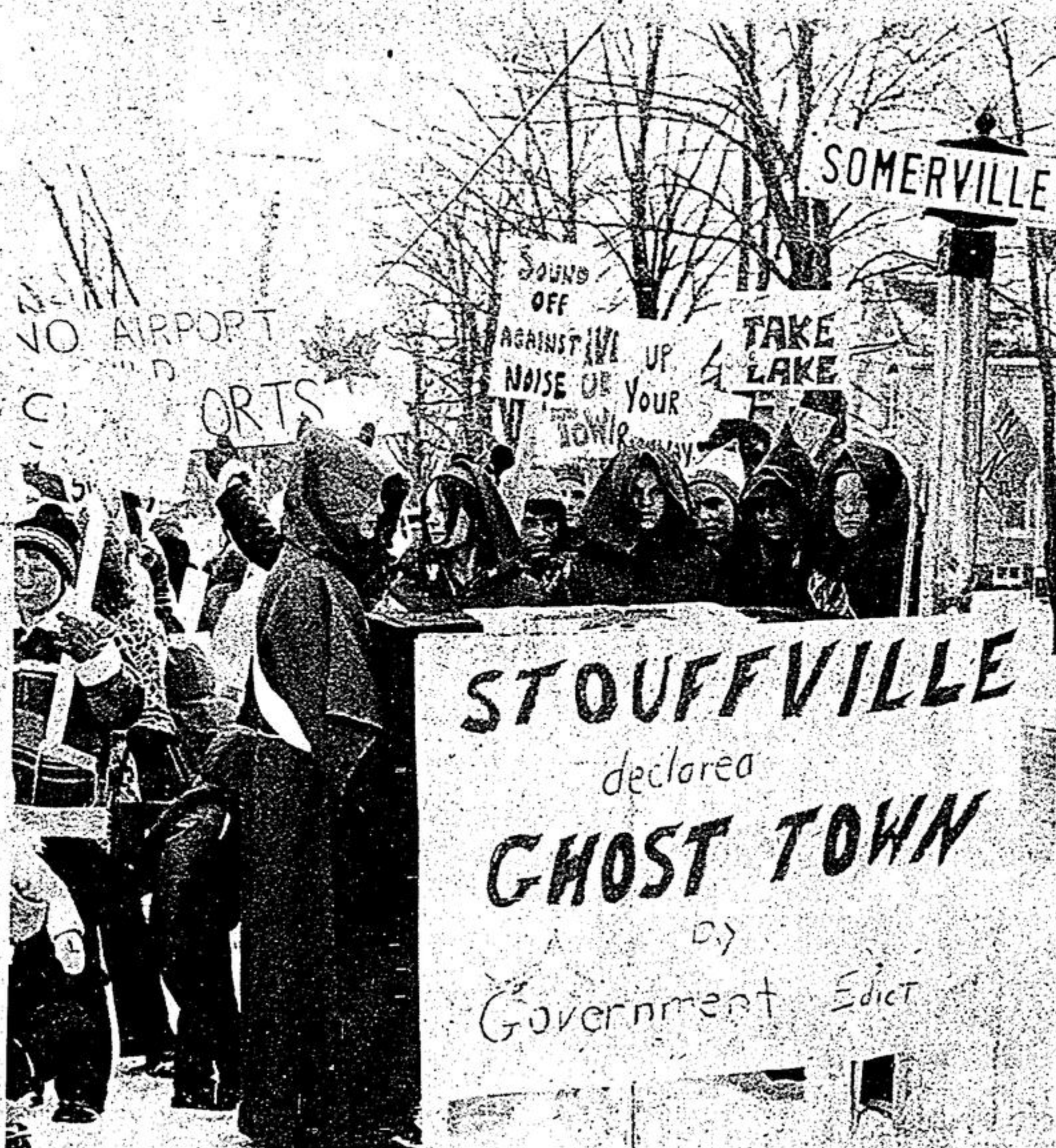
The mayor said the council would lead a motorcade to Ottawa to meet the cabinet, but later it was learned that the cabinet would not meet publicly to discuss a matter being dealt with at the cabinet level.

The demonstration achieved part of its purpose however as the daily newspapers and the broadcast media were well represented at the happening.

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Brenda Baggs (left) and Kim Myers brought their horses along to protest the airport. That shows that even the horsey set is concerned about the airport.



The 300 protesters that marched Monday afternoon formed up at the corner of Somerville St. and O'Brien Ave. before

starting the march to the town hall. Here, the profusion of signs and the varying ages of the participants are graphically illustrated.



These three young men are not monks, really, but formed part of the protest march Monday. They carried the coffin down Main St. and here they stand in front of the municipal building. The signs are self-explanatory.

## Anti-airport signs proliferate in Stouffville

By TED WILCOX

STOUFFVILLE — "STOUFFVILLE YESS!! NOISEVILLE NO!!" So reads one of scores of signs that have sprouted up in town, expressing disfavor with the proposed Pickering Airport.

The majority of signs appeared to be located along O'Brien Ave. and Church Street, which some have called the "hot-beds" of anti-airport sentiment.

Norma Card of O'Brien Avenue said her reason for placing signs outside her home was "to register a complaint because the government refused to accept facts presented three years ago that we were in a very high noise zone.... They deceived us."

One of Mrs. Card's signs reads, "5000 ignored by airport planners are still here."

Another creative sign painter on O'Brien put it this way: "Hell hath no fury like a Stouffville removed."

Jim and Madeleine Nevins of Church Street have put up a variety of signs, including a four-by-eight one saying "NOISE KILLS." Mrs. Nevins' comments on the airport was "I love the town.... This seems to be the last little pie wedge surrounding Toronto where there's peace and quiet and now they're going to take it away from us."

On Manitoba Avenue, John and Michelle Garbutt have erected a sign saying "Malton East? Not bloody likely!" "We moved to Stouffville because it is a rural community," said Mrs. Garbutt. She expressed belief that an airport is not necessary since shorter take-off aircraft or alternate ground transmission could be used instead.



Gord Ness, one of the organizers of the march, lines people up to begin the trek to the town hall.

