

STEVENS QUILTS MINISTRY

YORK-PEEL — Continued controversy has followed in the wake of Sinclair Stevens' resignation Monday as federal industry minister.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney quickly ordered an "impartial" non-parliamentary inquiry into the conflict of interest allegations that caused the York-Peel MP to vacate his cabinet post.

But dissatisfied Liberal and NDP Members of Parliament are pressing for more answers.

Fielding a barrage of inquiries soon after Mr. Stevens' announcement, Deputy Prime Minister Erik Nielsen admitted the exact nature of the investigation is yet to be determined.

Opposition MPs accused the

government of using the resignation as a political strategy to further stonewall them on the widely-publicized allegations against Mr. Stevens.

The 59-year-old former minister has maintained throughout the two-week controversy that he complied fully with conflict of interest guidelines by putting his business interests in a blind trust.

"Nonetheless, there seemed to remain sufficient confusion as to fact to warrant an impartial investigation...I believe it is in keeping with our parliamentary traditions and practices that I tender my resignation...effective immediately," he said in the House of Commons Monday.

In 1974, Mr. Stevens earned national recognition as a rookie MP when he lashed out at ministers for allegedly breaking the then-Liberal government's new conflict of interest rules.

Twelve years later, the same man quit after a relentless opposition attack focusing on a \$2.6 million interest-free loan made to his wife, Noreen Stevens.

The funds came from Anton Czapka, co-founder and minority shareholder of Magna International Inc., a firm with several manufacturing plants in Mr. Stevens' home riding.

However, the industry minister denied knowledge of any transaction between his wife and the company, which has received millions of dollars in grants from the industry ministry.

Reading from a prepared statement in Seoul, South Korea, Mr. Mulroney predicted Monday that

the York-Peel representative will be completely vindicated and eventually return to cabinet.

Many riding constituents, including both PC faithful and political opponents, have urged Mr.

Stevens to provide a full explanation of the loan affair.

Mr. Stevens is the fifth Progressive Conservative minister to resign during the last 21 months after allegations of wrong-doing.



SINCLAIR STEVENS



Victoria Wood home development officially opened

The 39-home development by Victoria Wood, south of Sunset Boulevard in Stouffville, was officially opened May 7 by Town Mayor Fran Sainsbury and Builder Gerry Armstrong. Two weeks after plans were made public, nineteen houses had been sold.

—Jim Thomas

New staff system prompts debate

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council has approved the development of a new department head/coordinator system, but not before a councillor voiced serious doubts about the proposal.

Ward 6's Jim Sanders, who prefers the present CAO system as originally recommended by consultant Woods Gordon, launched a verbal attack when the matter came before Council May 6 as part of a personnel committee report.

"You (Mayor Sainsbury) have gone on record as opposing a centralized system with overall authority vested in one person and that person responsible to Council," he said to conclude his list of

six major concerns. "It is my firm belief that your reluctance to understand and accept good and proper management techniques will cost the taxpayers both in hard dollars and in frustrations at not being able to get the job done. Your unbiased leadership is desperately needed by this Council."

But Mayor Sainsbury said she fully supports the development of such a system, claiming it's time "to learn how to fly on our own."

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Ed Lundman, under contract to the Town until October, said in an interview he'll now help develop and implement the new approach.

Bygone days revived

STOUFFVILLE — Don Beanie Lehman of 352 Boyer Street, wiped the perspiration from his forehead, stood back and smiled.

It was Saturday afternoon, the sun was shining brightly and seven muscular young men, some stripped down to their shorts, were busy building a garage/workshop next to the Lehman house.

"I thought those days were gone!" said Beanie, "but they're not."

His reference was to volunteer work bees common 40 years ago.

When completed, the frame structure will replace the building destroyed by fire Jan. 20. In it, Beanie repaired dozens of bicycles. The majority he gave away.

The work crew, headed by Steve Schell, arrived early Saturday morning. Other volunteers in-

cluded—Steve Spang, Bob Hughes, Mark Fockler, Peter Waterman, Bruce Thornhill and Tom Lehman, Beanie's son.

"They're a great bunch of boys. It makes me proud," Beanie said.

Following the fire, Beanie was about ready to give up on his bike repair business. "They won't let me," he said, "it's wonderful."

Mark Fockler, describing him-

From out of ashes

Back in January, 1985, a disastrous fire destroyed the historic home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller, R.R. 2, Claremont.

Many irreplaceable heirlooms were lost.

But the community spirit of many people was kindled by the blaze. They gave of both time and resources in re-building the residence.

On Sat., June 7, the Miller family are holding an "Open House" on location from 2 to 4 p.m. It's being called an "Up From The Ashes" party.

All interested persons are invited, Mr. Miller told The Tribune. "We don't want anyone left out."

"Thistle Ha", as the property is called, is located on the 7th Conc. of Pickering, a half-mile east of the Brock Road.

Request 75% approval of school dress code

STOUFFVILLE — A uniform dress code will be implemented at Stouffville Christian School this September if 75 per cent of all parents are in favor, PTFA member Jeff Wood told a meeting, Thursday.

"Unless a large majority of you want the dress code, we won't go with it," Wood said. "It's not something on which we want to divide our school."

The fate of the proposed uniform will be decided by a private ballot. Each family will have one vote.

After placing the apparel on display, Wood explained the PTFA's reasons for wanting it. "It will make life easier for parents," he noted. "Definitely in the long run it will be much cheaper."

"Also, from the students' perspective, it will relieve peer pressure. Kids have more important things to think about than what they're going to wear," he added. "It will also give them a sense of unity."

Wood said the problem with the school's present optional dress code is that it's not understandable, parents can't control it, and the uniforms are expensive and in short supply.

"The new uniforms, unlike the old ones, can be bought almost anywhere," said Wood. "Only the girls'

jumpers and kilts must be purchased at Halpern's."

When Wood opened the meeting for discussion, parents appeared anxious to voice opinions. From comments expressed, they seemed equally divided.

"The basic philosophy of a Christian school is to look at the child as an individual," protested one father. "I think this sort of thing leads to conformity."

"I'd rather have my kids conform to a uniform than sweatshirts and blue jeans," another replied. One

woman was concerned that the school would be hurting its present goal of attracting more children by adopting a dress code.

"Many kids won't come," she said, "they use clothes as a means of expressing themselves." Many parents were also concerned that uniforms could hamper children's ability to express creativity.

One man's concern was with the image the uniforms could project to the community. "We don't want to give the impression of elitism," he said.

Show crowd disappointing

MARKHAM — Poor attendance at the 1st annual Today's Woman & Better Living Show at Markham Fairgrounds on the weekend, had some vendors seething.

Several concessionaires said crowds up to 35,000 had been promised but fewer than a thousand showed up.

"They complained the event was poorly publicized and that hand-out leaflets contained no times

and improper directions.

One lady called it "outrageous". Booth rentals, she said, ranged from \$500 to \$1,000.

"I haven't made a cent," she stated.

Another vendor said a lack of heat in the buildings made it uncomfortable for both exhibitors and customers. Her loss, she said, was doubly expensive because she'd shut down her own store in order to attend.

Styler Promotions' Barbara Bowers disputed statements that the show was poorly publicized and said an extensive advertising program had been underway since March, including radio, television and newspaper ads.

"With the amount of advertising we did we should have had the numbers (at the show)," said Mrs. Bowers. "When it gets down to it, people should have pulled together. This time they didn't."

Tony Arkell, the Fair Board's secretary-manager, said the rental arrangement of the grounds had been approved at a directors' meeting.

U.S. stock in auction

UXBRIDGE — A herd of bred and open Holstein heifers and calves, 193 in number, has a new lease on life.

Due to surplus milk south of the border, the United States government has given cattlemen a choice of either slaughtering their animals or shipping them out of the country.

Pleasant View Farms Inc., of Somers, Connecticut, is transporting all its young stock to the Wilson Sales Arena, Uxbridge.

The auction is this Saturday, (May 17), beginning at 11 a.m. An open house is planned for Friday night.

Auctioneers are Neil Bacon of Uxbridge and Hugh Fawcett of Winchester.

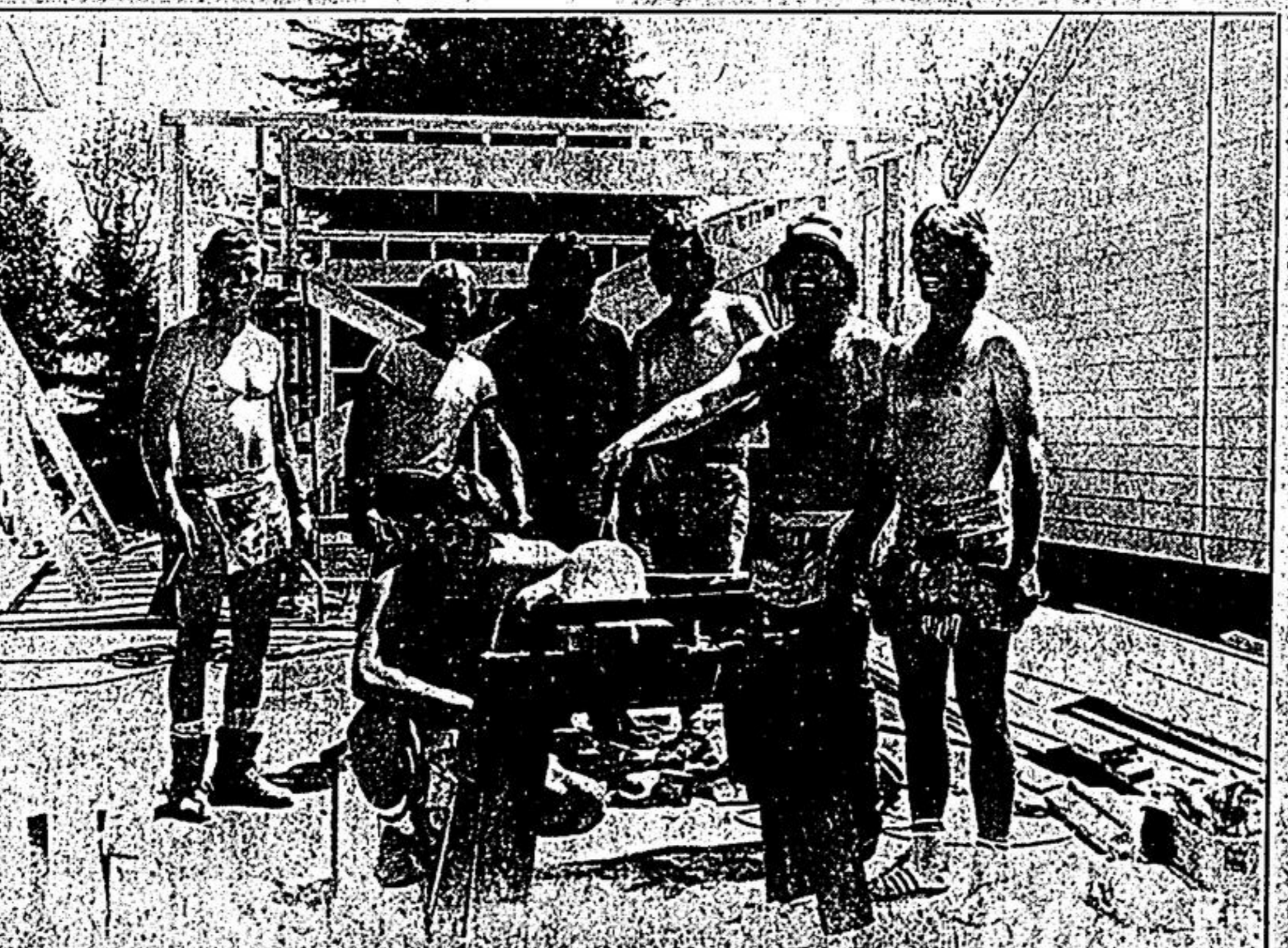
"Surplus milk in the United States is out of control," Jim Huffman of the Wilson sales staff told The Tribune, "the government there is paying the farmer, not to produce."

Because of mileage restrictions imposed by Canadian authorities, prices are expected to be very reasonable, Mr. Huffman said.

The animals will be brought as far as Niagara Falls by a U.S. transport company, then reloaded onto Canadian trucks for the remaining distance.

It's magic
STOUFFVILLE — The magic show 'Fascination' will take to the Stouffville District Secondary School stage for two performances tomorrow (May 15) and 16. Illusionist Jeff Evason and juggler Wes Zaharnk will head up a 3:30 and 8 p.m. performance sponsored by the Kinmer Club of Stouffville. Advance tickets at \$5 are available from club members until Thursday morning. Admission at the door is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. For more information call 640-5090.

'Citizen' nominees
The Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville will honor its 1986 Citizen of the Year, June 26. The ceremony sponsored by The Tribune will be held at Stouffville District Secondary School in conjunction with the Miss Whitechurch-Stouffville Pageant sponsored by The Sun. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Wed., June 11. Names with accompanying reasons can be mailed to Box 40, The Tribune or left at The Tribune Office, 54-56 Main Street, West.
Previous recipients of Citizen of the Year honors are Jim Rehill (1980), Wayne Feasby (1981), Fran Sainsbury (1982), Dr. John Butt (1983), Joyce Rowley (1984) and Gladys Clarkson (1985).



Volunteers re-build Beanie's workshop

A fire last January, destroyed Don Beanie Lehman's bicycle-repair workshop on Boyer Street, Stouffville. On Saturday, several young men met at the site and by late afternoon, the project was almost complete. Shown here are Mark Fockler, (foreground); and (left to right) Steve Schell, (foreman); Steve Spang; Bruce Thornhill; Peter Waterman; Tom Lehman and Bob Hughes. —Jim Thomas