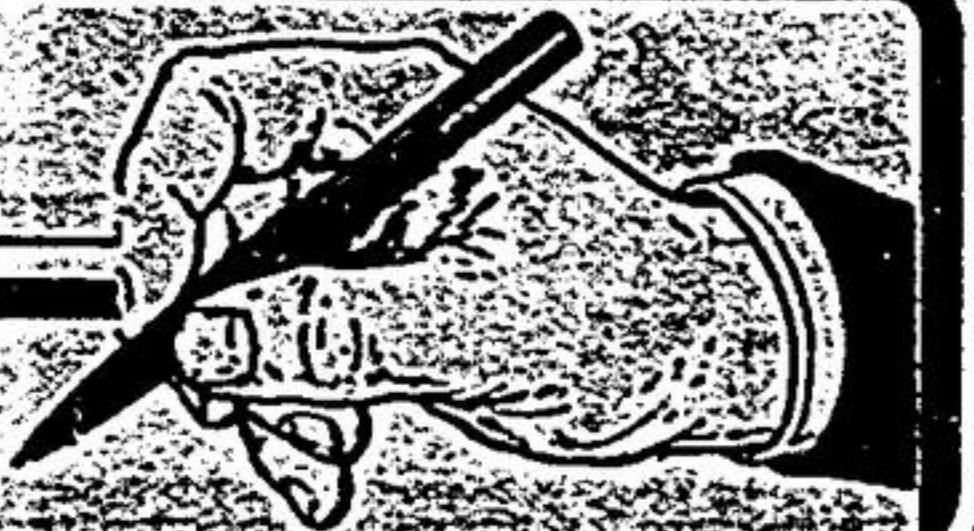


# Editor's Mail



## Opinion on Russia not a pastor's job

Dear Editor:

The glory of a free press is that any citizen may express public opinions as long as they aren't libelous.

That said, I was surprised to read Reverend Dave Petrescue's March 4 column, "World control is their objective."

The charge that the chief goal of communism is world domination bears about as much relation to reality as the belief that Americans have a Manifest Destiny.

While both dogmas have their defenders, most informed observers would laugh at the notion that either the Soviet or American empire is capable of world control.

Rev. Petrescue's citation of Marx, Chernenko, and Gorbachev is essentially similar to a socialist quoting Adam Smith, Hoover, and Reagan. The quotes are accurate but meaningless.

It's similar to Harold Ballard saying the Leafs intend to win the Stanley Cup this year. Of course they do, but does anyone else in the real world believe them?

Naturally, communists want their system to prevail — so do Americans. Why else would each contend with the other in every trouble spot around the world?

However, for a Christian pastor to single out communism seems at odds with the Bible's teaching that Jesus Christ stands in judgment over every system.

Rev. Petrescue lives in a favored community. He may be unaware that other Canadians are not so blessed as his is.

When Canada's regions have double digit unemployment, when 20 per cent or more of Ontario's farmers face bankruptcy with

tacit acceptance by governments, when Markham can find \$40 million to spend on self indulgences, then it behooves all confessing Christians to penetrate beyond cliches like "world dominion."

Because Rev. Petrescue and I claim allegiance to the same Jesus Christ, I want to be charitable to him.

But I really think Christian pastors would better serve their communities by recognizing injustices in their midst than by distracting us with Russian bogeymen.

I'm inclined to think there's plenty of evil to fight in Canadian society. Let's save our worries about the Soviets for the rink!

Lawrence Burkholder

## Reverend 'realistic'

Dear Sir,  
Re: Mar 4 "World control is their objective" by Dave Petrescue.

How refreshing to see a Minister of the church who can see reality instead of the permissive illusions of the peacenicks.

Many hundreds of thousands of Canadians from Eastern Europe can testify by experience to the words of Dave Petrescue's article. They learned the hard way.

Let's hope the rest of us don't also have to learn it the hard way.  
Peter Jackson,  
Unionville

## Reader still backs day care subsidies

Dear Sir:

In Sally Shearman's reply (March 14) to my letter (Feb. 28) regarding subsidized day care, she seems to be proposing a new philosophy: if you pay for what you get (i.e. day care) you're being penalized.

Yes, I would have the day care users pay for the start up cost of their centre just as any private day care centre would have to incur an initial cost.

We could drop the taxpayers' money from an airplane, and to paraphrase Mrs. Shearman, "the statistical likelihood," that some of those who pick it up "would be single parents is very likely."

We know, on the other hand, that any money channeled through the child tax credit system will be received by lower income families with young children regardless of whether one or two parents have incomes — an alternative on which she failed to make any comment.

Surely any "social stigma" which is attached to the single parent staying at home and collecting welfare should more appropriately be applied to the relatively well-off who collect this type of "welfare."

Marilyn Carswell  
Unionville

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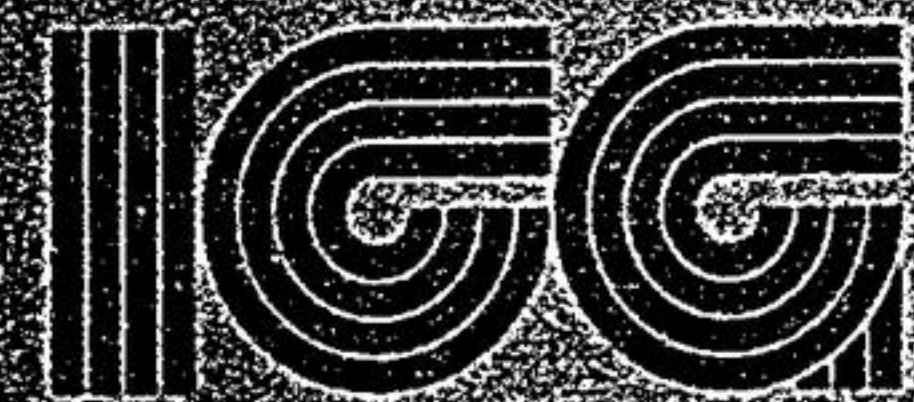
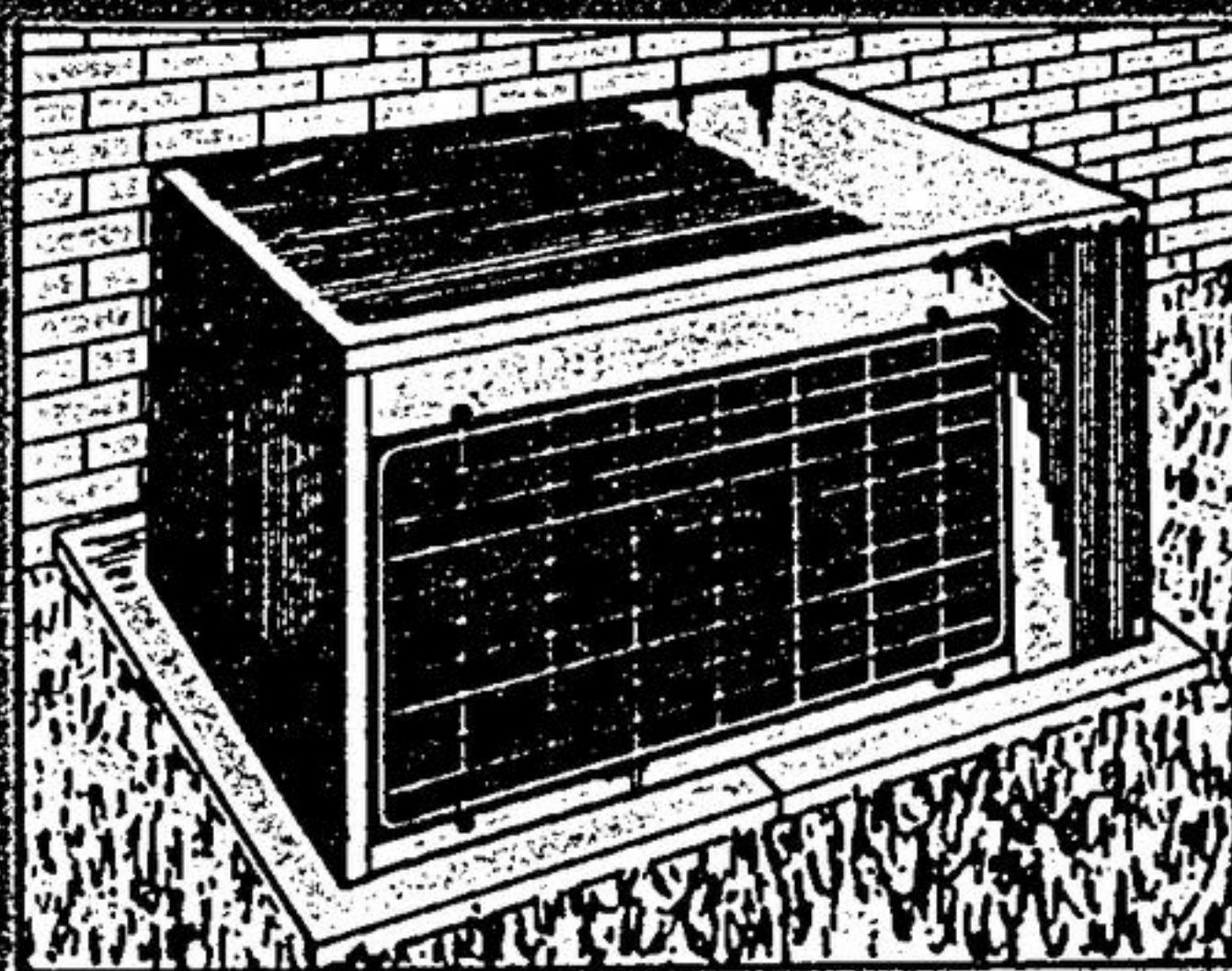
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