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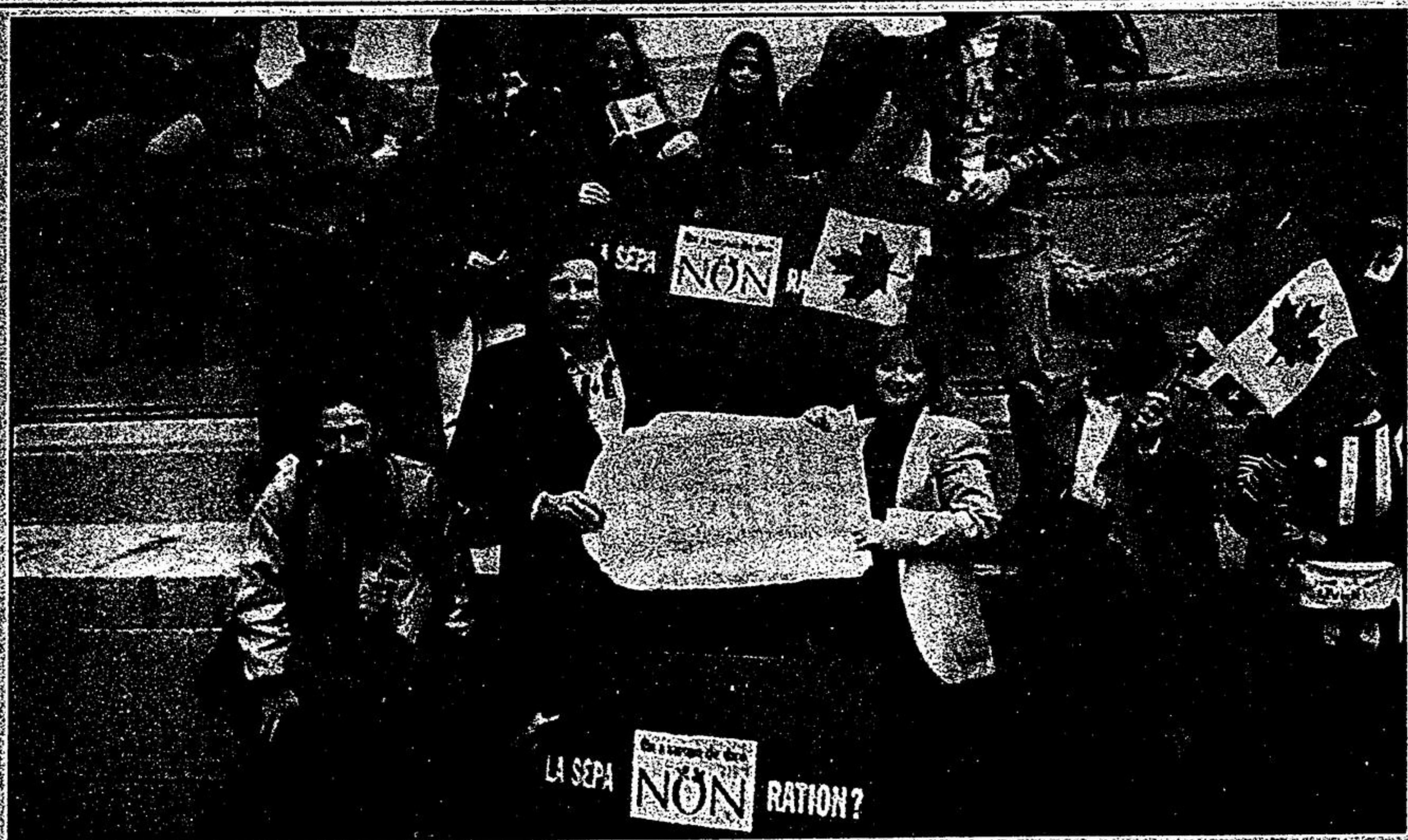
CANADA

NO! Relief locally as federal forces win narrow vote

It was a little too close for comfort for many Stouffville residents. The No forces eked out a narrow victory in Monday's Quebec referendum by a vote of 50.6 to 49.4 per cent. While Canada remains intact for the time

being, many unanswered questions remain. And while the future is uncertain, for the time being, Stouffville residents polled by *The Tribune* are both glad the referendum is over and that unity has prevailed. Many said they couldn't believe Quebec would even venture into the uncharted waters of separation and even more were exasperated that the Yes voting populace was so poorly informed of the consequences. It was estimated prior to Monday's call to the polls that fully 50 per cent of those who voted in favor of separation did not understand that their Yes would mean the break-up of Canada. On page 6, we have accumulated the thoughts of feelings of local residents on the issue.

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Vive le Canada

The Tribune's Joan Ransberry and area residents travelled to Montreal for the pro-unity rally Friday. At top, she poses with MP Alex Shepherd and a petition calling for the Quebec people to remain part of the country along with other Ontario residents. Above, the crowd was estimated at 150,000. At right, an enthusiastic pro-Canada supporter shows his colors.

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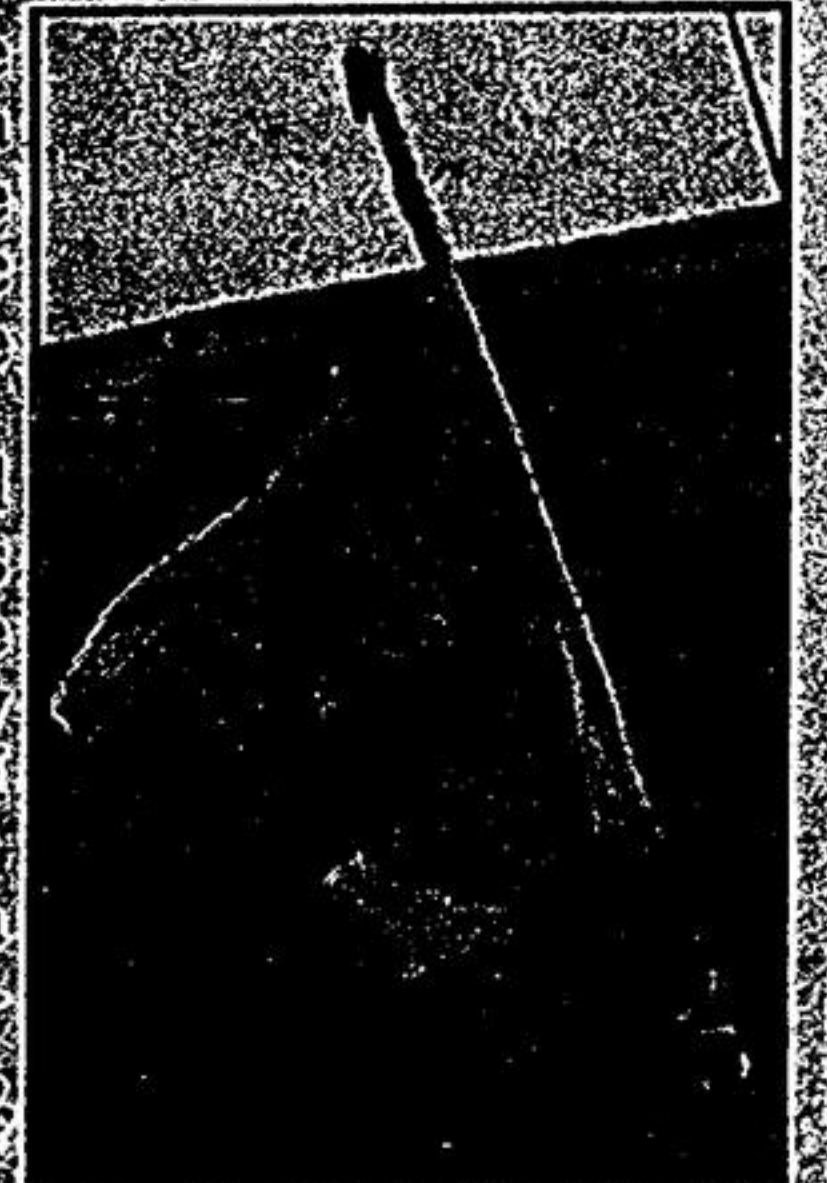
Mayor apologizes for tattered flag

The tattered state of the Canadian flag flying in a number of spots in Stouffville has prompted a public apology from Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

All torn flags were removed as soon as the situation was brought to the attention of the town, he said. "I am very sorry that this happened. I apologize."

While the fate of Canada was determined by five million Quebecers on Monday, James Ryan, a resident of Stouffville, was banging on the mayor's door. He didn't want to talk about how some Quebecers view Canada. He wanted to talk about how this tattered Canadian flag on Main Street angered a local resident Monday.

Whitchurch-Stouffville views Canada. At the town office, Ryan, a native of Ireland and a long-time resident of Stouffville, filed an official complaint regarding the state of the flag on town property. One particular flag on Main Street was so frayed it was difficult to tell that at one time it was Canada's flag, said Ryan. "The pathetic state of this flag reflects the lack of patriotism and pride of country," said Ryan. He said the town should have jumped on this as soon as a flag starts to fray. As soon as the complaint was received, the town's public works staff was ordered to take down the ratty flags and, where possible, replace them with new ones, said Emmerson.



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