

THE YEAR IN REVIEW / Bitter battles in education chronicled from a cartoonist's perspective

# The teachers vs. the Tories

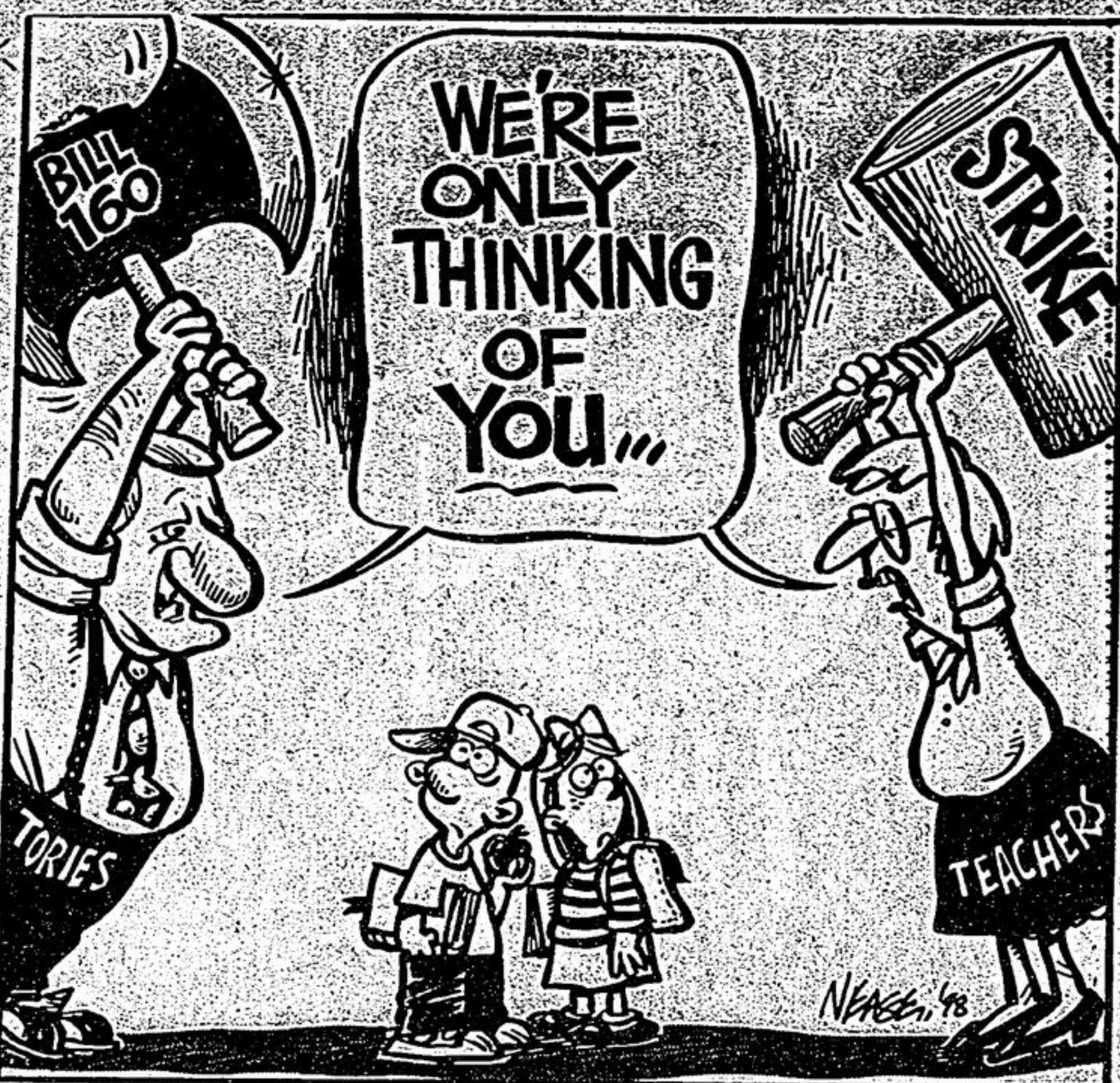


Economist & Sun/Stouffville Tribune political cartoonist Steve Nease (left) had plenty of fodder for his drawings about education in 1998, as the provincial government squared off with elementary and secondary school teachers during sometimes bitter negotiations and often volatile education reforms.

These are some of his assessments of the situation in education, 1998.



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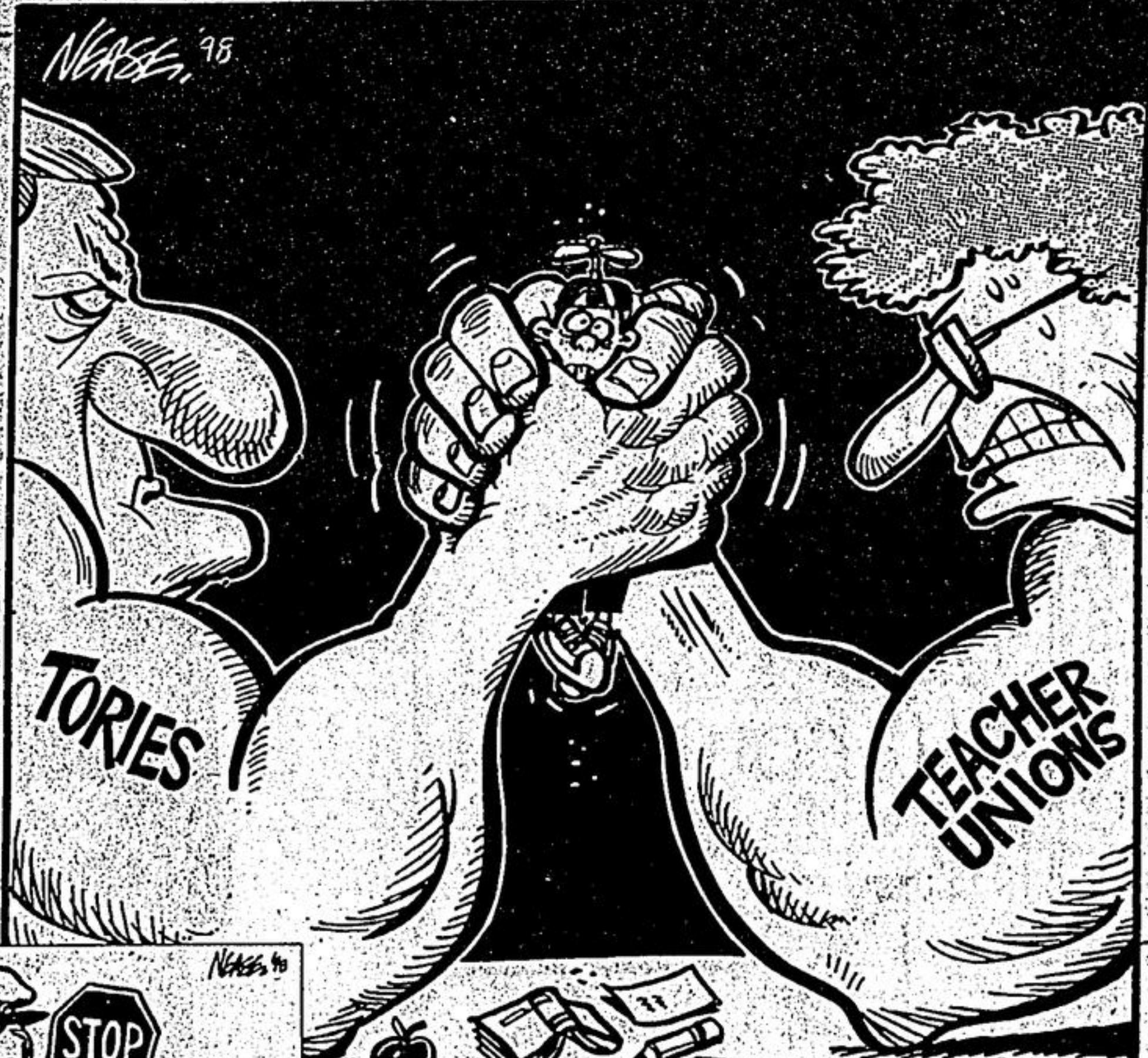
How Nease viewed the battle between the teachers and the Tories is clear in this cartoon (above) that shows who was really being affected by the bitter squabble — the students.

(Left) A summertime strike for secondary school teachers didn't escape Nease's pen.

(Far left) Nease saw the sometimes childish nature of the arguments presented by both parties in the elementary teachers/Tories fight. Which publicity campaign would win seemed to be more important than finding a resolution.



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