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Without UN, Canada 'unlikely' to attack Iraq

Multilateral way best, McCallum tells teens

BY MIKE ADLER
Staff Writer

Unless the United Nations approves, Canada is "not likely" to join a U.S.-led attack on Iraq, Defence Minister John McCallum told teenage constituents in York Region this week.

Mr. McCallum said Canada "has a long history of favouring a multilateral approach" on international decisions and believes those decisions should be left to the UN.

"Actions against bad regimes such as Saddam Hussein's should be UN-authorized," the Liberal MP for Markham said to students at Brother Andre Catholic High School in Markham.

"The alternative is an approach based on power," he suggested, and with the powerful U.S. as Canada's neighbour, "guess who will win every time?"

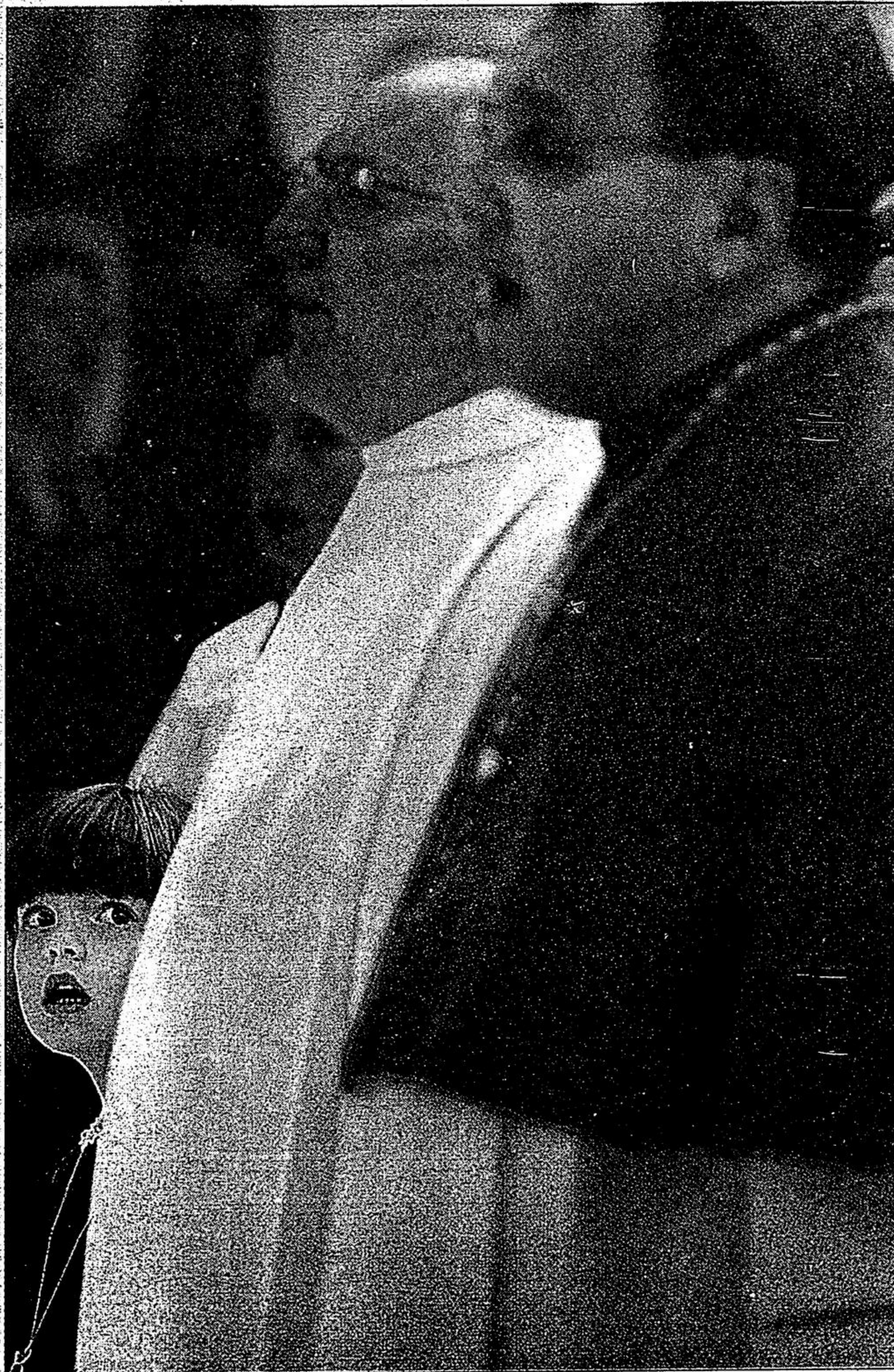
U.S. legislators have given President George W. Bush authority to attack Iraq, but Mr. McCallum said he thinks a UN Security Council resolution could persuade Iraq to accept weapon inspectors without restrictions.

"It is likely we won't be part of a group (of nations attacking Iraq) without UN approval, but we haven't got to that stage yet," he said.

"It's obvious that Saddam Hussein is a very bad person. The

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A moment of song



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Katie McCann watches intently as Father Tamas and Bishop Richard Grecco sing a hymn, part of the opening ceremonies at St. Brigid's Catholic School in Stouffville on Wednesday.

Transit plan gets thumbs up

But Collette vague about funding from Ottawa

BY JEFF MITCHELL
Staff Writer

York Region's \$150-million plan to relieve traffic gridlock received a noncommittal thumbs up from Ottawa this week.

Federal Transport Minister David Collette has given an encouraging nod to York Region's plan to raise \$150 million in infrastructure funds to kick-start its rapid transit strategy.

"I do think they're on the right track," said Mr. Collette, who was in Newmarket to announce funding for a seniors' apartment complex.

"The question is what kind of funding might be available."

The minister was responding to questions about a document adopted Tuesday by the region's rapid transit steering committee, which is overseeing a public-private partnership initiative to build a \$4-billion system.

Under the plan, the region would contribute \$50 million and seek \$50 million each from the federal and provincial governments.

Mr. Collette wouldn't estimate how long it might take to get an answer from Ottawa on funding, but agreed quick action on the region's growing traffic chaos is necessary.

"I think we need to make some definite decisions on transit expansion in the Greater Toronto Area in the next few months and

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