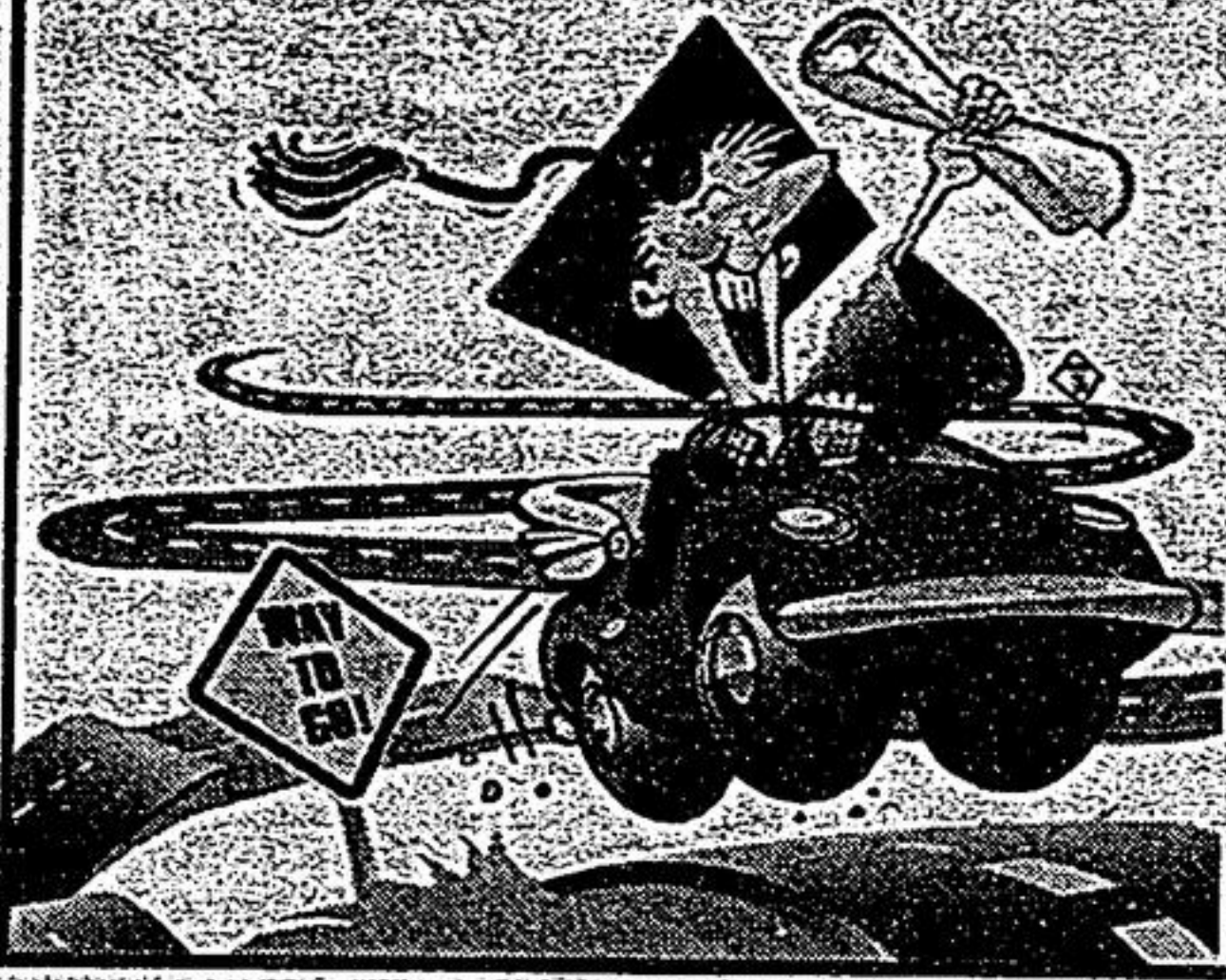


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# Mennonites need help in Iran

While the Mennonite Central Committee Ontario is calling for cash donations to help earthquake victims in Iran, the Care and Share Thrift Shop in Stouffville quietly continues to support the relief, development and service agency.

"We are always a collection point for blankets and relief kits," manager Annette Reesor said. Proceeds from the store support committee projects and disaster relief around the world.

About 40,000 people have been killed in the earthquake that hit the ancient city of Bam last month.

The Mennonite organization may assist in replenishing relief supplies for the Iranian Red Crescent Society, said Ed Martin, director of Central and South Asia programs.

"Our most substantial response will be in the reconstruction phase," he noted.

In the meantime, the organization is accepting monetary donations to the Iran Emergency Fund at 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener, Ont., N2G 3R1. For more information or to make a credit card donation, call 1-888-622-6337.

# Co-op shoppers stocking up

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becoming aware of Canadian products. We've got them. We've got products like Go Natural. It compares to its U.S. counterpart, Eagle."

Other Canadian dog food brands include Nutram and Canine Plus. Canadian pet foods are comparable to a number of popular U.S. products, including IAMS, Mr. Serrie added.

### CAT OWNERS WORRIED

Many cat owners are especially worried about the ban on U.S. food products. Since cats are "finicky," switching their food isn't an easy task, Mr. Serrie said.

"Getting some cats to change is almost impossible," he said.

The manager of Pet Value Discount on Yonge Street in Newmarket first

noticed an increase in customers Sunday.

"My customers are buying anything that their dogs will eat," store owner Yvonne Bell said.

"The customers are frightened that there will be a shortage. Head office tells us we still have a lot, but if customers start hoarding it, we will have to start rationing it."

There has been a marked increase in sales of pet food at the Stouffville Co-op, store manager Elaine Watson reported.

"People started stocking up when they heard about the border closure through the media," Mrs. Watson said. "I just hope people will remember that there is an expiry date on the products."

Pets will not be left to starve, Mrs. Watson pointed out.

"There are alternatives to U.S. products," she said.

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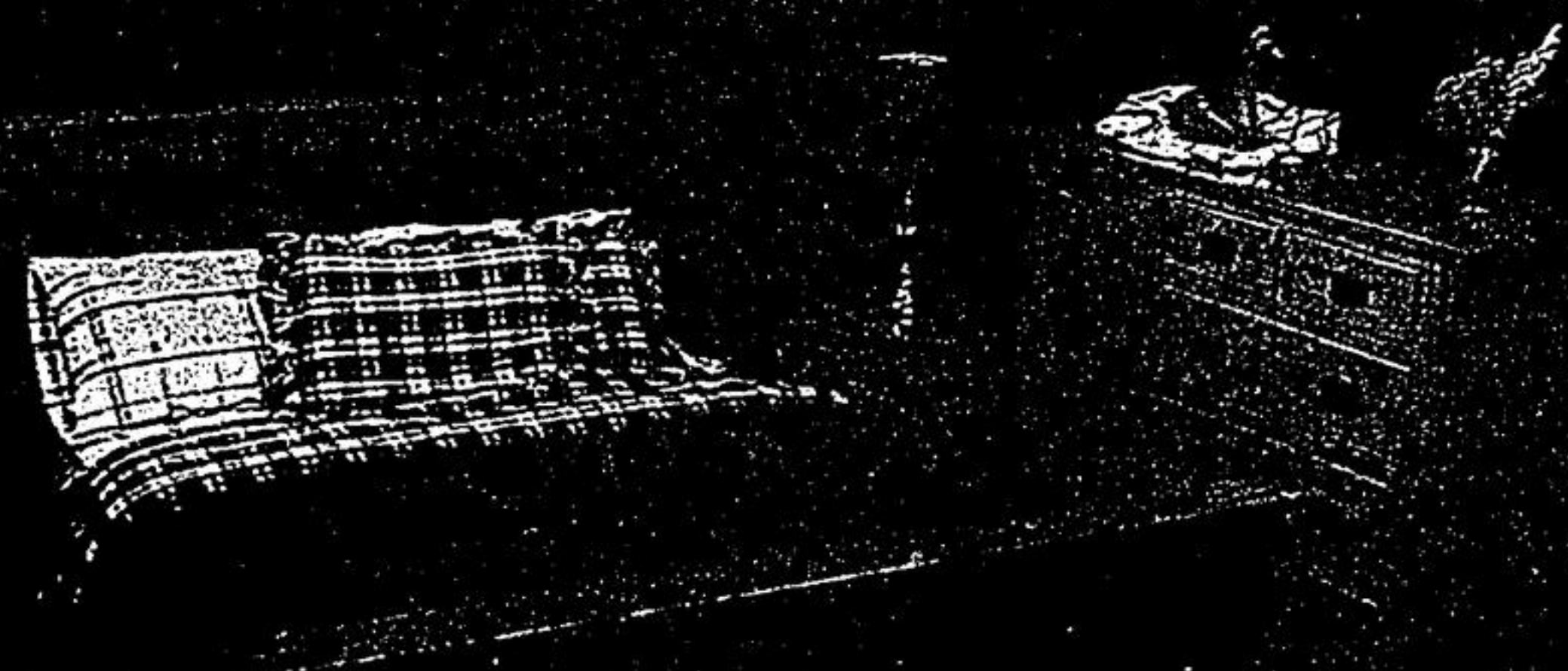
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