

Response to quotation from Chairman Mallette

CONFRONTATION AT CITY HALL

Mayor Dennison's office "occupied"



For the first time in its history, Mayor William Dennison's office in City Hall was "occupied" by demonstrators, as 150 people, mostly welfare recipients, from across Canada used the tactic to force a showdown with the Metro Social Services and Housing Committee on Thursday, June 18.

The invasion of the Mayor's office happened coincidentally in what had been planned as a march to the Social Services and Housing Committee meeting to lodge grievances against its chairman, Karl Mallette, and against recently announced cutbacks in the funds available for dentures and drugs, among other things.

The 150, drawn from across the country by the Canadian Welfare Council had, according to their mandate read before the committee, gathered to respond to what they felt had become larger than just a Toronto issue. They demanded Mallette's removal as chairman of the committee because of his "blatantly inhumane" statement to the press two weeks before, to the effect that "It may become necessary to consider compulsory sterilization" of chronic welfare cases.

In addition to Mallette's removal from the chair, the demonstrators demanded that at least 50 per cent of the Social Services and Welfare Committee be composed of welfare recipients.

POLICE "COOL"

During the march across Nathan Phillips Square, into the City Hall building, up the stairs and to the second floor committee room, Metro Police kept a cool watch on the parade's progress. Three officers met the vanguard of the march at the front door and requested that the placards the people were carrying be left outside.

The parade marshal tightened up the lines as the marchers walked through the lobby, looking, as they passed the slick "beautiful people" outfitted at the Young Toronto Shop and Simpson's fourth floor, like pilgrims in the palace of the Wizard of Oz.

SIT ON THE FLOOR

When the parade reached the committee room, the leaders were informed by the police that only five persons would be permitted inside because of a lack of seating.

Dave Maxwell, one of the leaders, who works out of the Just

Society Movement's Welfare Rights office at 392 George St., conveyed this information to the people behind him and suggested that they might want to sit down, because "We don't know how long we'll have to wait."

With five delegates selected to go into the hearing, the rest of the marchers opened a meeting of their own on the floor outside, while four policemen and a half-dozen newsmen looked on.

Mrs. Doris Powers was asked to read the mandate that had been prepared for presentation to the committee.

MARCHER'S MANDATE

"You see before you not only people from Metro Toronto, but people from all across Canada. We are here because we are concerned. We are concerned about the blatantly inhumane sentiments which have been expressed by certain members of this committee, and by the translation of many of these sentiments into enforced policy by this committee."

"At a time of growing economic difficulty, with rising unemployment, this committee opts for finding ways of cutting back on what it gives to people. It does not look for new ways to help people."

"This committee is more concerned with saving money than with saving people."

"We well know that this has been and is the way this welfare system operates. Your actions serve to perpetuate this inhumane system."

"They play bookkeeper with people's lives instead of being courageous enough to do their duty to the people who elected them by fighting against this inhumanity."

"This committee is just another example of how The System protects itself at the expense of the poor people."

"This System must change."

CRUEL ACTION

"On top of this very cruel action, the chairman of this committee heaps further indignity upon us. He recommends over the airwaves of this nation that there be compulsory sterilization for people on welfare. These statements have incensed people across this country. Some of these

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For recreation: the old run - around

Barbara Apts. residents learn what YMCA "public" spirit means

Two red brick buildings on Ontario Street look more like factories than apartments especially surrounded as they are by the tall white buildings of St. Jamestown. They have no balconies, no pools, no saunas. Between them they have one basement recreation room, put in reluctantly by Meridian two years ago. Plaster falls from the ceiling and takes months to get repaired. It takes more months to get painted over with the flat beige paint that decorates all the suites. The kitchen is along one end of the living room. The exterminators are always busy the year round keeping the cockroaches on the move.

One of the problems is the lack of adequate recreation facilities and programmes. The people went to the YMCA office in St. Jamestown to ask if they could join. They were willing to pay the same fees as any other St. Jamestown tenant pays for YMCA programmes.

It seems unjust that a community agency, supported through United Appeal funds, should exclude them. But St. Jamestown YMCA is not like other YMCA's. In St. Jamestown, Mr. Julie Hanson decides who can

join the YMCA.

Ontario Housing Corporation is building a new Olympic size swimming pool in St. Jamestown, with public money. The Ontario Street people feel it is unjust that they should be excluded from that facility as well. In St. Jamestown, O.H.C. can't make decisions independently from Mr. Hanson either.

Things are improving slowly.

The Barbara Apartments at 700 and 730 Ontario Street are home to over five hundred families, and perhaps six hundred children. They live in the midst of St. Jamestown but they are not, according to Mr. Jules Hanson, President of Meridian Property Management, part of St. Jamestown.

In January, the Barbara tenants, fed up with substandard living conditions, formed themselves into the Ontario Street Tenants' Association. They confronted Meridian with conditions in the building.

On May 27, the executive of the Ontario Street Association met with Mr. Hanson, Mr. Henry Labatte of the Metro YMCA and Mr. Ken Wallace, a senior official of the O.H.C. Mr. Hanson gave them a flat "No" on the question

of the right to swim in the public pool.

Today, the families in 700 and 730 Ontario Street are wondering what "community" means. They have read, as we all have, the YMCA's public relation blurbs about working with "enlightened" developers to build "community" in St. Jamestown. They can see some hope in the resolution passed by the Toronto Building Association in support of their desire to be considered part of, and to participate in the life of the community.

But the landlord told them he "doesn't have to take a community responsibility towards them". Will the "community of St. Jamestown" let it rest there, they wonder.

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people are here today."

"This is no longer a Toronto issue."

DEMAND REMOVAL

"We demand Mallette's removal from this body. We now publicly present this demand to the Metro Chairman, the Metro Council, and to this committee."

"This committee may not be empowered to remove Mr. Mallette, but neither can its members be forced to sit with him as he attempts to conduct 'business' concerning human welfare."

REFORM COMMITTEE

"In addition to Mallette's removal, we demand that this committee take all the necessary steps to recompose itself, so that at least half of its membership be welfare recipients."

"This committee has yet to demonstrate by its actions that it is concerned with what happens to us. It has, in fact, demonstrated the opposite."

"Our statement asks them to respond so that the poor people of Toronto and the poor people of Canada can have clear evidence of their willingness to respond to the needs of the poor people and to the needs of the community."

COMMITTEE HEARS OHC

After the reading, one of the five delegates from inside the committee room came out to report that an Ontario Housing Corporation deputation was being heard.

"If we'd come as individuals," one marcher said, "we'd all have gotten in, but since we came as a group, we have to sit in the hall."

"It makes me sick," a woman from Ottawa put it.

"GET IN THERE!"

Dave Maxwell had just begun to read a letter from a representative of the Toronto Typographer's Union, outlining its grievances against Karl Mallette when another delegate from the committee room burst out to say that Ward Seven Alderman Karl Jaffary had made a motion to move the hearing to a larger room so that all 150 marchers could be heard.

The proposal was defeated, she said, by "nay" votes from all the members except Alderman Jaffary.

True Davidson, the Mayor of East York and a member of the Social Services and Housing Committee, who has already been

singled out in a Welfare Rights newsletter as a person who must also be removed from the committee, was said to have told the committee that she had a 1:30 appointment and that she didn't want to be late.

"It would take too much time to move to another room," the representative told the marchers.

"They decided that for just one person?" someone asked.

"That was the only excuse given."

A round of applause was given for Alderman Jaffary's effort.

It was suggested that the delegation of marchers request the committee to reconvene in the hall long enough to hear the marchers' demands. Someone shouted "Let's go in and tell them to come out!"

A brief stir arose in the crowd and the police responded by pulling together to block the committee room door.

The representative who'd made the report about the motion inside had just volunteered to personally request that the committee move outside when a middle-aged woman in a blue dress pushed clear of the crowd.

"You know what's going on in there?" she shouted, as several people including Dave Maxwell, tried to stop her.

"I've been in there right now! They're talking and having tea and coffee. And June Marks is there, and True Davidson!"

"You people took a long time organizing. Get in there, even if it means jail. And I'm not saying you should go to jail, but I'm saying to you this: If you sit here and wallow out there, then you're nothing but - what?"

"You know, I sympathize with the Just Society, I'm not a member, but I sympathize. But you have to dramatize the situation. You have to go in there, if it means arresting. I'm not saying for you to go in and do anything that's against the law. If you've got something to say - go in there and disrupt it."

Two people shouted "Shut up!" And the woman retreated.

"One thing different between what's here and what's just happened," Dave Maxwell said, "is that we do our things democratically, and not one person dictates what's going on."

ENTER TRUE DAVIDSON

At that very moment, True Davidson came out of the committee room alone to speak to the marchers.

"I understand some of you people are upset about not being heard, but I can see why, since there are so many of you. Now we can't take you in there, because there's so little room."

"Right now we're having another meeting on housing, which is just as important as your meeting. Now, my name was mentioned, and I don't think I know too much about housing, and I'm certainly in favor of whatever Ontario Housing Corporation will do in regard to housing, so I thought I could come out and hear what you people have to say."

When the people demanded to know why they couldn't go inside and confront the committee, Miss Davidson answered, "No, we have to go with this housing thing, but I'm one of the two people you don't like, so I felt that if I came out and if you told me what you have against me, maybe I could explain."

Dave Maxwell pointed out that "This thing has degenerated to a kind of 'representative game,' first they ask for five of us, then they send out one of them -"

"They didn't send me out," Miss Davidson declared. "I'm representing myself."

A SHOUTING ARGUMENT

While Miss Davidson was talking with the marchers, a burst of shouts commenced from the committee room. A number of newsmen crowded through the partially - opened door, but when the SEVEN NEWS reporter got to the threshold, the guard told him, "No sir! Don't think you'd better go in. We got a rhubarb going on inside and we don't need anymore 'gentlemen from the press.'"

Through the crack in the door, though, Karl Mallette could be heard shouting, "You may not be too keen on background, but you certainly make up for it in foreground," evidently directed at Doris Powers, who is very obviously pregnant.

NO CONNECTION

Outside, True Davidson was saying, "I don't know anything about sterilization. I'm not married and I haven't any children, legitimate or illegitimate, and I haven't had any experience with the need for sterilization."

"Mr. Mallette's remarks are the remarks of one man, and when a man makes a statement to a member of the working press, he certainly doesn't intend to speak for his committee as a group. He's speaking for himself."

CRITICIZES NEWSLETTER

As Miss Davidson was going back into the committee room, Alderman Karl Jaffary stepped out.

He said that he felt the housing issue at stake with OHC affected the welfare recipients as much as the money issue, and he wanted to see that business finished first. "You've called for Mr. (please turn to pg. 3)

Nobody's perfect dept.

The organization games: planning summer activities

By Bob Barraclough

Twenty-five people met on Tuesday, June 16, called together by workers at the Christian Resource Centre, 297 Carlton St., but due to confusion, seemingly among the organizers, over what was to be the topic of discussion, the group was split from beginning to end.

About ten people, including the SEVEN NEWS reporter, understood that the meeting was to cover planning for a community theatre. The rest of the "non-organizers" who attended understood that the subject was to be summer activities for area residents and kids, viz a viz overnight outings, sports, etc.

The confusion didn't arise, however, among the residents who attended, or in any one organizer's mind, but apparently the three CRC people involved, two of whom were of one mind and the third of another.

Pat Packard, an area woman who runs an art class for children at the CRC, chaired the meeting, but Don Bailey, a CRC community worker, actually ran the meeting from his place on the floor. Also in attendance from the beginning was Ted Plantos, another CRC worker.

The discussion began with a talk from the Toronto Park and Recreation director for the "central area", which includes Ward 7. After passing out brochures from the department outlining activities scheduled for this summer in Toronto's parks, the director told the people that events and programmes would range from rock festivals, wading and swimming to square dances and sports.

Afterward the director said that a fulltime staff will be employed at the Winchester School project until Sept. 7.

All sorts of activities will be featured, including track and field, volleyball, baseball, hikes and picnics for the boys, and penny carnivals, dress-up parades and the like for girls.

Dances have been held now and then at the school, he said, and attendance has been very encouraging.

The park director also told the group that the P & R Department wants to establish another programme at St. Martins' for the summer. The winter programme there, he noted, had been "very successful."

A swimming programme is planned for the Lord Dufferin School at nights.

Don Bailey asked the director whether people from the community would be permitted to build fires in public parks for weiner roasts and campfires.

The director said that although there is an ordinance prohibiting open fires, requests for permission could be put forward, although he wouldn't say what chances there were of getting approval.

Don Bailey then asked "Can people use the public parks for overnight camping or community events?"

The director answered that parks had to be signed out if groups of people wanted to use any part of them. "It doesn't take long to get requests processed, but it's a first-come, first-served arrangement."

One woman in the group suggested the Toronto Islands as a likely place for overnight outings by Ward 7 kids.

Several Metro park areas, accessible by public transit or short car rides, were also mentioned by people from the floor. Among these were Woodbridge, Grand Valley and the Provincial campsite at Bruce's Mills.

Don then asked Ted Plantos to describe some of the activities that are available through the Creative Resource Centre. Ted listed the art workshop for kids under 12, the Theatre Arts Workshop conducted at the Regent Park United Church, and the poetry workshop run by Don Bailey, which is restricted (Don added) to people interested in expression through literature.

Then Don tried to change the direction of the discussion so far. "We've heard and talked about what the kids want; what do the adults want to do this summer?"

There was a moment of stunned silence. A few nervous laughs.

Then Sean O'Huigen a community worker from the "Inner City Angels" project at the Duke of York School, apologized for possibly changing the subject and went on to describe the programmes offered there for children and adults. These include woodworking, art, writing and cooking.

He said that an old streetcar, set up in the schoolyard was at their disposal, as well as the school auditorium. Perhaps, he mentioned, a sprinkler will be provided for people who want to cool off during the hot summer to come.

Don waited for somebody else to say something, then tried to get things going again.

"You people aren't saying what YOU want!"

There was another hesitation, then somebody went back to the subject of camping, mentioning the various conservation areas that are available and relatively close by.

Another activity that seemed a priority was swimming, preferable somewhere out of the crowded city area.

The problem of transportation came up and, after a while, Don suggested that Gord Cressy, the Ward School Trustee, be contacted regarding an old bus that he has.

"It's busted," Don said, "but I'm sure we could fix it if we have a mind to. I know one mechanic, anyway."

In a second, there were two other "mechanics" who'd said they were willing to help fix up the bus if it could be put at the group's disposal.

A committee on transportation was suggested by Don; John Casey, Bert Manduck, G.S. Cromwell and John Maly volunteered. Their first assignment is to ask Gord Cressy about his bus.

During this first half of the meeting, about half the people in the room had sat looking rather bewildered. Finally, one person raised his hand.

"We are from the Grape Boycott organization here in Ward 7." He indicated that he had come

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March

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Mallette's removal from this committee — which I support — and you've called for representation by welfare recipients on this committee — which I also support — but I cannot in any way abide with the totally irresponsible things you have said regarding John Anderson." (Ed. note: John Anderson is the director of the Metro welfare programmes).

When asked to explain, Mr. Jaffary said that he was referring to a story on the front of the Welfare Rights Newsletter of June 14, which had been circulated in

the committee room. The story reads, in part:

"If some people in power in this country did what they'd really like to, and set up gas chambers as a final solution to this poverty problem, they'd find 'social workers' like you (referring to Mr. Anderson) to run them under a nice title like, let's say, 'Total Rehabilitation Centres.'"

Dave Maxwell assured Karl Jaffary that the article, which was signed "mac," represented the opinion of the writer only, and should not be construed to be the opinion of the entire group.

Dave said that the part they'd intended to be read as a "call to arms" was on the back, a large article which announced a "March on City Hall."

Mr. Jaffary said then that if this was the case, he would try everything in his power to get the marchers into the committee room.

WE SHALL OVERCOME

While waiting for further word from Karl Jaffary, the group listened to Doris Powers talk about why there is a need for confrontations of this sort.

"In Canada 45 per cent of the people own 80 per cent of the goods. That means that 55 per cent of us are left with next to nothing. We have to stand up against this; we have to demand

our basic human rights."

The people then sang inspirational songs such as "Solidarity Forever" and the theme of the great civil rights movement in the U.S. in the early 60's, "We Shall Overcome."

Then Doris Powers spotted an open door along the hallway. "I'm going in here to rest. If any of the other mothers are tired, why don't you come in and sit down, too?"

At first four people went into the room and sat around a little circular table.

THE TAKEOVER

It was about this time that somebody noticed that there was a "back" door to the committee room.

"Say, while we're sitting here waiting for them, they could all sneak out the back," he said. "Let's split up and cover both doors."

So half of the crowd went ten yards down the hall to watch the second entrance.

In the meantime a few more people had wandered in to join Doris Powers. One man from Vancouver, as he was walking in, read the sign on the door out loud as he went past. "Office of the Mayor — William Dennison. Hot Damn!"

The SEVEN NEWS reporter went down the hall to get pictures of the crowd blocking the rear door. Suddenly there were angry voices and sounds of people running back at the Mayor's office.

"They locked them in!" Somebody was shouting.

"What's going on!"

"The cops took them in that

back room and locked the door."

"Are they arresting them?" Soembody said in a frightened voice.

"What do YOU think!" A man shouted angrily.

WAITED FOR 10 MINUTES

"All right," the same man said, signalling people to take notice. "Let's all go in there and sit on the floor and show the cops we're all together!"

Within five minutes there were 75 people sitting on the floor of the waiting room in Mayor Dennison's office. Over the counter, in the adjoining room, the people could see the first group, including Dave Maxwell and Doris Powers, standing and sitting, with several Metro police standing over them.

"What are the cops doing?" A woman asked at the door.

"Just being Pigs," somebody on the waiting room floor replied.

A few of the marchers were unwilling to go in with their fellows. One woman stood in the doorway, arguing with her friend who was sitting inside.

"It isn't right. Come out of there."

"What do you mean. Come in here."

"No, it isn't right. You'll get arrested."

"So who's afraid of arrest?"

Suddenly the inner door opened and "the captives" walked out.

"They said they were calling the wagon," one of them reported, "but then they changed their minds. I don't understand why."

INTO THE COMMITTEE ROOM

For a few minutes, after three long hours of waiting, people stood in the hallway outside the committee room, talking about breaking in if necessary. Suddenly, someone opened the door.

"Hey! We're going in."

"Jaffary's tried to throw Mallette out!"

Karl Jaffary received another round of applause. The people were crowding into the committee room. Some of them at the back of the crowd weren't aware that the door had been opened from within, and were talking about storming the hearing.

"Now we'll all get arrested."

"Now we'll get in to see the crooks."

All 150 marchers plus a score of newsmen crowded into the gallery area of the room; the younger people stood or sat on the floor, while the older ones sat in the few empty chairs.

Karl Mallette, sitting at the head of the committee table, informed the people that they were being allowed 10 minutes to present their case, after which five minutes would be allowed to the committee for discussion.

Doris Powers was asked once again to act as spokesman, and read the declaration; however, she refused to be questioned by the committee members as spokesman.

"We're here together," she insisted.

BACKS COMMITTEE

Metro Controller Ab Campbell, speaking first after Mrs. Powers read the statement, said that earlier the committee had given a vote of confidence to Chairman Mallette.

Mr. Campbell, speaking in a low voice so that people at the back of the room had to strain to hear, assured the marchers that "This committee has never considered the issue of sterilization — not with any intention of implementation.

"I'm sure you understand," he continued, "that Mr. Mallette was speaking for himself and not for the committee. And what a man says for himself is his own business."

"But you haven't said you disagree with him," a woman near the table shouted.

Karl Jaffary said, "I think we'd better tell the people what the procedure is here that we're following. I wouldn't want to see them force you to have the room cleared, Mr. Chairman, through any misunderstanding. We should have made it clear to them that

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with the two girls seated near him. "We're working with the Farmworkers' Theatre, a community theatre. We understood that this meeting tonight was supposed to be about starting a community theatre in Ward 7."

"We were asked to come down and tell you people about it," one of the girls put in. "Did we come to the right meeting?"

"Well - " Don Bailey started to say.

"Yes you did," Ted Plantos said.

So the subject of drama was breached. The representatives of the California Farm Workers explained how the little guerilla theatre the workers had set up was used as a vehicle for dramatizing their situation, their complaints and their problems. The little "plays" were put on by just a few people - usually six - a small admission was charged, which went back into buying things for the theatre group.

Just before the theatre people had spoken up, Ann Walshaw, the third CRC worker present that evening, entered the room and stood near the back of the circle of people. When the people from the Grape Boycott organization stopped talking, she said "I don't think people are interested in the theatre; they want to play baseball or hold dances."

Ann then began to ask for discussion on these topics.

"Wait a minute," one of the people who had attended to discuss drama put in. "We just started on drama. Let's hear more about it before we put it down."

Gail Ashby then stated that she thinks a theatre group would be good for Ward 7, and that she is willing to help organize a drama thing.

Several other people said they were willing to help.

Discussion of the possibilities for a street theatre went on for about 15 minutes. Several of the parents present couldn't see their children interested in drama. Sports, yes, but not drama.

In the brief time the subject was under discussion, most of the people who had come to talk about swimming and camping didn't have a chance to get a clear idea of what guerilla theatre is all about. One man kept trying to draw analogies to his own school experience when he was involved in productions of popular Broadway-type shows like "South Pacific."

It became evident that there were, in effect, two meetings going on in the same room, so discussion ceased on the theatre issue, which appeared to interest a slight minority of those present.

Just as the meeting closed, someone volunteered to drive a bunch of kids up to see the

Community Centre asks for \$6000 grant from City

A grant of \$6000.00 was proposed by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the Don Vale Community Centre Committee to set up a community and child-day-care centre in the old St. Enoch's United Church.

The City was asked by the CHMC to put its stamp of approval on the grant. The City was not being asked to put up any money.

The Urban Renewal Committee deferred decision until a subcommittee of five, consisting of Aldermen Picket, Jaffary, Chisholm, Piccininni and Crombie, had an opportunity to meet with the four Don Vale Associations.

The meeting was arranged (at the Aldermen's request) for June 23, in St. Enoch's Church.

The Don Vale Property Owners, the Don Vale Homeowners and Residents, the

Ward 7 Business Men's Association and the Tenants Association turned out for the meeting.

Alderman Karl Jaffary and Alderman Archie Chisholm were the only two members of the subcommittee to make an appearance.

The meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. It is understood that Alderman Crombie was unable to be present because of illness in the family.

Aldermen Piccininni and Alderman Pickett were attending a Firemen's Dinner, according to reports. If this is so, it too, is understandable; a party is much more enjoyable than a confrontation with groups of serious-minded citizens whose only intent is to better their community.

The big question still is, will the City O.K. the grant?

An invitation...

The Metro Toronto checkers champion, who is a resident of Ward 7, invites anybody who lives in this ward to a day of fun and enjoyment, playing checkers under shady trees.

A silver cup will be awarded to the winner, with most points for the day. You don't have to be an expert to play.

Play starts at 2 p.m. and ends at 6, at which time refreshments and light lunches will be served, including sandwiches, pies, ice-cream, soft drinks, tea, coffee, etc. This is all free.

The event will take place at 213 Roslin Ave., Toronto, Saturday, July 11. Please come a little early in order that we can all start at the same time.

For those who have cars, there is free parking in the area. Those who use transportation should take the Yonge St. subway to Eglinton station and then take the Northtown bus from platform number four, get off at Roslin Ave. and walk two short blocks to house number 213.

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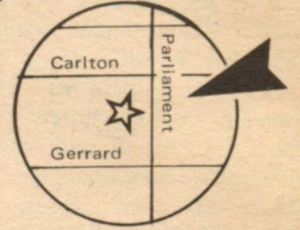
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RESIDENTS OF THE EAST SIDE of the Ward, representing the member groups of the Riverdale Community Organization, met on Monday, June 22, at the Broadview "Y" to confront Mayor William Dennison and Alderman Fred Beavis concerning remarks made by them in a Toronto Telegram story charging that the City's \$14,000 grant to the RCO had been misused.

Mayor Dennison did not appear at the meeting because, according to his office, he was out of town. Alderman Beavis appeared and told the assembled residents that his complaint was that projects had been undertaken without his knowledge. "I don't like to be kept in the dark," he said.

When pressed as to whether he will support the RCO's request for a similar grant this year, the alderman replied that he wasn't going to "be a rubber stamp" for whatever the RCO wasn't to do. "I want to be kept informed," he stated.

Aldermen Tom Kilborne and John Sewell, also present, said that they supported community action whether the aldermen were kept informed or not. Karl Jaffary said that he felt left out, but that he was not opposed to community action independent of elected officials.

In the top photo above, Dennis Colby, unsuccessful candidate for school trustee, challenges the RCO for not involving the people in the "real issues;" in the bottom photo, RCO Chairman Connie Leslie, flanked by Secretary Welda Cyr and Treasurer William Fenn, shouts back that "We're involved the way the people want us to be involved!"

An invitation to Mayor Dennison was sent again, proposing a later meeting. SEVEN NEWS Photos (by Barraclough).

Moss Park residents form "SCAMPA"

The initials SCAMPA form the code name of the recently organized group: Senior Citizens Association of Moss Park Apartments.

A meeting of the organizing committee was held with representatives of the Ontario Housing Corporation who manage Moss Park Apartments. Included in the items discussed were improved lighting of the property grounds; the installation in each of the three buildings of security guards with buzzer alarm systems; availability of the wash-room keys

in the laundries; better locker-room security with improved locking facilities; the setting up in each building of a recreation room for the social convenience of the tenants.

The Senior Citizens committee has set up and operates a telephone and door-knocking contact chain to keep in daily touch with lone and very elderly citizens.

The Association is pleased with the co-operation that the Corporation officials are giving in helping correct some of the current problems.

The organising committee includes W.H. Hammond, chairman, Mr. John Pyle, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Evelyn Wilson secretary-treasurer.

Giles Endicott NDP candidate for St. David

Giles Endicott was nominated NDP candidate for the provincial riding of St. David at a public meeting of about 75 people at the Broadview "Y" on June 8.

The nomination was moved by Gus Dixon, prominent member of the Trefann Court and other citizens' groups.

He said that Giles Endicott was well known by residents of Trefann and Don Mount as "the only politician to come around" to work with the people in the early days of the struggle.

St. David Riding, whose southern half includes most of Ward 7, was won by PC candidate Price in 1967 in a tight 3-way contest. Giles Endicott said that all the signs pointed to an NDP victory this time, citing a Globe and Mail story, Karl Jaffary's election and a general anti-government feeling throughout the province.

In his acceptance speech, the candidate attacked the Liberal federal policy of creating unemployment to fight inflation, while angrily berating the Ontario Conservative government for its criminally low minimum wage guidelines and the lack of a preventive dentistry program for children in the area.

"As long as those who believe first in the market and secondly in human beings continue to do so," he said, "we in the NDP will come to solutions which are radically different from their solutions."

Ward 7 alderman, Karl Jaffary, pledged his support for the campaign, saying that Endicott has presented the kind of program that St. David riding really needs.

Book Review

by Lloyd Norton

The guest reviewer presented in this column is Alan J. Deacon, an English teacher at Danforth Technical School.

Science Fiction Hall Of Fame edited by Robert Silverberg Doubleday Publishers \$9.50

As a science fiction fan of long standing, I was fascinated at the prospects, the opportunities, held out for the present day reader in this collection of the best s-f stories ever written. Each and every story arrived here by the choice of the Science Fiction Writers of America's majority vote. This book, Volume I, is the first of a series of anthologies which will cover all phases of s-f writing and create a Science Fiction Hall Of Fame similar in nature to a Sports Hall of Fame.

Volume I deals with short stories and novelettes of less than 15,000 words. Most, if not all, have appeared in other collections, but never have I seen such a treasure of s-f wealth. Each story is a jewel in the crown of science fiction writing. Some have even become movies. The most famous of these at least at present is that gem of psychology entitled *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes. This film not only achieved public acclaim but was among the Academy Award winners. The film version was called *Charly*.

Films aside, it is a shock to realize that the age of these

way back to 1934. Yet, in reading them you find yourself suspended in both space and time. Each story is so incredibly logical, so possible that you feel yourself caught up and becoming part of the "happening". And a "happening" it is, there is simply no other way to describe this book. Each story deals with some probability that we can look at and say, well, I can see that coming. The possibilities in *Helen O'Loy*, by Lester del Rey, are coming over nearer to probabilities. Ask any computer technician. After all, electronic brains now are found to suffer mental fatigue and other human failings. Why could not a highly sophisticated one fall in love? With all our current knowledge, it is possible, both electronically and medically, to produce a "robot" that looks human.

It is impossible in this space to do justice to each story and author. It is enough to say that the names are bywords for quality s-f writing. While this book becomes a collectors' must, if only because it reproduces many no longer obtainable tales, it is also a magnificent place to start from for any reader who is new to the mind expanding wonders of science fiction. At a price of \$9.50 it is surely a bargain. If anyone had picked up the stories as they originally appeared, it would have cost between \$15.00 and \$25.00 to buy all the individual magazines. Good reading, to all.

OHC applicants consider plans

Representatives of the Committee for Public Housing Applicants met on May 15 to discuss possible alterations to the existing Ontario Housing Corporation application forms. They also discussed how announcements of future meetings can be made public.

It was suggested that a question be included on the O.H.C. form indicating the amount of ventilation in an applicant's present accommodation; also, whether recreational facilities are nearby; the state of health of the applicants (the worse the better, as far as a person's chances for getting public housing are concerned); the structural condition of the applicant's present abode.

News that Mrs. Meredith, the person in charge of processing applications for O.H.C. in the area, has promised to hold a

monthly meeting with applicants was brought to the committee's attention.

By way of explanation for the current shortage of home visitors to make personal evaluations of applicants' circumstances, Mrs. Meredith said, it was reported, that the number of home visitors has been cut back as part of the Liberal government's civil service austerity programme.

It was also reported that Mrs. Meredith said that at present the demand for housing far exceeds the supply of ready units.

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QUESTIONS is a new column which we hope will bring together people with problems and people with answers. "Action Probe" we're not, but we'll try to answer any questions you have concerning Ward 7 or of interest to people in Ward 7. If no one else will be bothered, we will. Send letters to: QUESTIONS, Seven News, Parliament St. Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E., Toronto 2.

The opinions expressed in 'Questions' are not necessarily those of the editor, publisher or any member of Seven News.

It is the policy of QUESTIONS to send a copy of the letter and the reply to the relevant associations and people. Please indicate if you do not wish your address sent.

Dear Sir,

In the June 12 issue of SEVEN NEWS, you reported on the election of officers of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents to the remarks of its newly-elected president who said that "he hoped that representatives of the three groups could work together and agree on a basis of common understanding." You noted as well that he felt that the groups in the area should not be fighting amongst themselves — even though they should remain independent."

As a relatively new resident of Ward 7, I have heard certain rumblings about the "three associations" but unfortunately have not been able to get any clear idea of which group stands for what or why nor of what the

areas of conflict, if any, are. I am sure that there are many others in the same category as I am and I therefore thought that it might be interesting if SEVEN NEWS ran a feature article of the three groups outlining their objectives, programmes and activities and their opinions of the other groups. It would be interesting to know what candidates they supported in the last municipal elections.

Local community groups such as these can be an important force in the community and the city — as, in some cases at present, they are and as they should be. Wide participation in their activities is important to their success. However, one has to be able to decide which groups to join — and that's where SEVEN NEWS could be helpful.

Yours sincerely,
Robert C. White.
Amelia St.

Mr. White,

The three Don Vale groups referred to in the June 12 issue of SEVEN NEWS are (in alphabetical order) Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents (President: Michael Doran; 921-4340), Don Vale Property Owners Association (President Norm Macdonald; 923-1264) and Don Vale Tenant Association (President: Jerry Hudson).

A feature article on these three associations (and feature articles on all associations in the Ward) is a great idea. However, SEVEN NEWS is extremely understaffed at the moment. Perhaps you might find the time to write such an article. As a relatively new resident of Ward 7 you might be able to give us a more objective description of the associations than most people I know.

If you are unable to find the time to write a feature article could you let us know? The next best solution I have is to ask each association to give us several paragraphs of biased self-description.

Copy to:

Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents.
Don Vale Property Owners Association
Don Vale Tenant Association.

Dear Madam or Sir: —

Two small problems.

First, how can we get a traffic light and a four way pedestrian walk on the corner of Winchester & Parliament Sts.? Besides drunks staggering out from one side of a hotel, we have drunks staggering out of the other side at the wine or liquor store. Kids charge across at random, etc. etc. In other words, a real mess. That corner has got to be one of the busiest in the city. Please, can you push for a traffic light there?

Secondly, the owner or tenants at 464 Parliament St. use the back in the lane as a junk yard. I understand that a 'privacy' fence is necessary for this kind of thing. Take a look yourself, it is a disgrace. Do they allow junkyard licences in that part of the city?

Thanking you in advance. Also, congratulations for the beginning of an excellent idea. I will subscribe just as soon as I can afford it.

Yours truly
J.M. Boyle

Mr. Boyle,

I wholeheartedly agree with you that the corner of Winchester and Parliament needs a traffic light. The pedestrian traffic at this corner is very heavy not only because of the liquor and wine stores but also because of the public school at Winchester and Ontario. Many children from the Don Vale area must cross Parliament at least four times a day to and from Winchester School. Before school, at lunch time and after school there is a crossing guard at the corner to help the children. Of course school's over now and the kids still cross the street. From South of Saint Jamestown they cross Parliament to visit the zoo, attend free rock concerts in Hillcrest Park, swim at Riverdale, join the folk singing on Wednesday evenings or participate in the 'Supervised Junior Playgrounds' at St. Martins.

From Don Vale they cross Parliament to hand out, to participate in the 'Supervised Senior Playgrounds' at Winchester School or to play in the new parks Meridian want to build on Aberdeen and Bleeker. And there is no crossing guard at Parliament and Winchester in the summer. Nor in the evening in the winter.

My suggestion for a solution is that you contact the community associations in both South St. Jamestown and in Don Vale, and the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association. The South of St. Jamestown Residents Association President is Bill Huculak 927-9059 Next meeting: — (The Don Vale groups are listed above.) The President of the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association is Michael Mitchel.

The five groups, I'm sure, will be interested in joining together to make this corner more safe for the children of the area.

The junk behind 464 Parliament (and behind any other building in Ward 7) should be cleaned up. It is not only ugly but dangerous.

Opinions From Our Readers

Dear Editor, Sir:

Congratulations and Best Wishes with Seven News. I did enjoy the first 2 issues.

First let me say, I too miss the old Action Report, which was written, printed and voluntarily distributed by The Don Vale Association of Homeowners & Residents.

Let us hope, and so far it seems to be so, that Seven News will keep us all well and properly informed of what goes.

I am a bit perturbed too, that so few in the Don Vale area seem to take an active interest and part in what is and does happen in their own community. Why in heaven's name can we not spare an hour or two of our leisure time, for our own benefit, to take an interest in and find out what does go on in our community, learn the facts, become involved. We seem to be content to sit back and let JOE do it. We listen to gossip & hearsay, which in most cases is misleading, misinforming and very often prejudiced. It keeps you alive when you become involved in the community and its people personally, and you get to meet all sorts of nice and interesting persons as well.

Make a promise to yourself right now, to become involved in something constructive that interests you in the community.

I suggest that you take your complaint to the newly-formed South of Carlton Community Action Committee (c/o Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Sherbourne; 925-4363) SOCCA has begun action on traffic and safety in the Carlton to Gerrard area (see SEVEN NEWS May 29, "New Group tackles first problem"), and I am sure they would be interested in action concerning dangerous junk yards.

Since this column was born two hours before the Friday deadline I was unable to find out any information concerning licences, or departments concerned with junk piles. However, I will try to do this for future issues. If you find out this information before I do, I would appreciate it if you would send it to QUESTIONS.

Though a subscription is \$5.00 membership in SEVEN NEWS is open to all residents of Ward Seven for any contribution. The next general meeting is Sunday July 5 at 2:30 in the Parliament St. Library House (Gerrard at Berkeley). Membership will be available at this meeting. Come and help decide the future of SEVEN NEWS.

Questions Copy to: Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents Don Vale Property Owners Association Don Vale Tenants Association Central Neighbourhood House South of St. Jamestown Residents Association Ward Seven Businessmen's Association

QUESTIONS is a new column and it needs a better name. So, we're going to have a contest. Five dollars goes to the person who gives us the best name. The decision of the judge is final. Send suggestions to QUESTIONS c/o Seven News, Parliament St. Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E. Toronto 2, by July 20.

Dear Sir:

With the postal strikes on and off, and the postal work deteriorating by the day, it is not far fetched to say that carrier pigeons might well be in use again, as they would sure do a better job. The situation is getting worse and worse every year. The postmen asked for a raise, and as soon as they get it, or part of it, the price of stamps and other postal services rise too. It's a vicious circle.

Now take my case for instance. I have worked with the Post Office as temporary Christmas helper, but last year after I finished my Christmas stint, I did not get paid. And you know something? I am still waiting for my cheque. A real "nice" and "fast" service we get from the post office. I phone many times; I wrote them; I went down to the main station; I had a few church ministers trying to help me get it; I also had a couple of lawyers working on my behalf and they wrote Allan Lawrence, M.P., who in turn wrote the Postmaster-General; and of course I also had John Sewell working on it. All in vain. The person in charge of the cheques told John Sewell that "there has been some mix up in that your time card has been misplaced." and that I would have to wait "at least two weeks." The letter was dated May 7, 1970. Now (three weeks ago) they called me to go down to the Front Street Post Office. So I sighed with relief and went down, only to be told to sign a few sheets of paper after I waited for the supervisor for half an hour. After I finished signing they gave me a big fat assurance that I would get my cheque in a couple of weeks. Now, three weeks later, I am still waiting. If they delay any longer I am going to demand interest on the amount (\$108 for 15 days work out in the cold). Now all this trouble could have been prevented if the "nice, kindly postman" I worked with could have simply let me know by ringing my door bell whether my cheque came or not. But when I asked him to ring my door bell so that I could pick it up. Right away he replied that if he was to do that for me then he would have to do it for others as well. Now I worked with this man the Christmas before and he dropped off the cheque for the previous year in that manner. And yet, so suddenly, and without any reason he refused to ring my door bell this year. This shows the eccentric behaviour of some people. He even added insult to injury by adding that his job was delivering mail and not ringing doorbells.

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The SSSOCCC is now a structured organization. This was deemed necessary in preparation for a long fight. A steering committee has been set up which will be holding meetings at the office, Wednesday evenings, for the purpose of planning the strategy. Members are welcome.

An appointment was arranged with Municipal Affairs Minister, Darcy McKeough, for a delegation

of 10 people to meet with him to discuss his intent in regard to the petition of over 700 signatures of citizens requesting an independent review of the Expressway; This petition had been given to Mr. McKeough a couple of weeks previously.

The day before the appointment, Mr. McKeough cancelled by reason that the house was in session. Another appointment has been arranged for July 2, 1970. The House adjourns June 26.

The SSSOCCC, in preparing for the long seige, is seeking to build up its membership. Judging from the group of dedicated workers it already has in its organization, there is going to be plenty of activity.

Anyone wishing to become a member can do so by filling out the application form.

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A trip with a little more to it

By Victor Guerin

Early in June the Young People of Riverside Church planned a weekend camping trip.

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Saturday morning, after an

open air breakfast, everyone did what he wanted. Some went down to the beach to see what the water was like; others started soaking up the much-needed sun.

The best part of Saturday was at night. That was when we had our skits around the campfire and our guitar singing, along with a good talk about the great times we had at our Friday Night Club.

Saturday night went fast and Sunday morning crept in. After a hearty breakfast we sent some of our teens out to other campsites to invite the campers to our Sunday Morning Service.

We had at least 25 people out

Ward 7 roundup of sports

BY JOE GANNY

This section of the Ward 7 Community Newspaper will bring you the results of all sporting events that are happening in your area. If you will call Joe Ganny at 363-6894 any evening after 10.30 p.m., or any weekend, Seven News will do its utmost to publish the results.

As space is limited, please make your results brief and as short as possible.

In the Regent Park area there are softball teams for boys and girls, young and old. A simple phone call to Mr. Sid Doyle at Regent Park Gym (363-2955) will put your boy or girl in action.

Last night, Monday, June 22, in the Men's Senior League, Latimers Brokers defeated Dexters Shell Station 5 to 0, with Abe Deasley tossing a one-hitter.

Tom Lamb was also a big gun for Latimers, with two hits to drive in tow runs for the winners.

In the competitive hardball at Riverdale Park, Regent Park Midgets defeated Adam Beck 12 to zip with "Curve Ball" Ricky McCormick tossing a one-hitter.

In the Bantam series at Gerrard and Main Park: East Riverdale 14, Regent Park 4.

On Tuesday, June 23 at Regent, it was a pitchers' duel all the way until Gord McDonal of Shoppers Drug Mart hit a home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Shoppers Drug the win over Langs Auto, 6 to 4.

In the PeeWee Hardball at Greenwood Park: Regent 13, Page 2.

On Tuesday, June 24, at Regent Park, after three completed innings, Ward 2 no score - Active Construction no score. This game was rained out.

Next week I hope to cover the Ladies' Softball League on Tuesday, and Thursday nights, and also the Tiny Tyke Hardball League. (In the Tiny Tyke is where you find the future Mickey Mantels.)

See you at the next Sports Roundup.

and they enjoyed the singing, testimonies and talks that we provided. When this was over, we all headed down to the beach to have one last swim and group sing.

March

(from pg. 3)

expulsion of every member of their group."

"DO YOU KNOW THE LAW?"

When the room had quieted down, Chairman Mallette recognized Alderman June Marks, who asked Mrs. Powers if she understood the laws of Metropolitan Toronto.

"I'm sure you must have done your homework thoroughly before you came."

Mrs. Marks then asked Mrs. Powers if she were aware that it is not within the power of the committee, or of Metro, to reconstitute the Social Services and Housing Committee.

"You should take your suggestions to the provincial level," Mrs. Marks instructed.

"But if you wanted," Mrs. Powers answered, "you could support us in our demands. Do you?"

"No I don't," Mrs. Marks replied. "You elected us and entrusted us, as public officials, to



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program evolves from weiner roast

The CRC, 297 Carlton Street was the host recently when 40 Don Vale residents met to discuss recreation programs for the summer months. Besides the 40 adults present there were 20 odd children.

The meeting was centred around finding out from these people what they would like to do and have as far as recreation is concerned.

Here is a list of the ideas that were discussed and programs: transportation outings, guerilla theatre, street dance, hobbycraft classes and a wide range of sports

be your representatives. As such, we know best how to carry on the business of government."

"No!" Mrs. Powers shouted back. "The power belongs to the people! When are you going to learn that basic truth?"

The people began shouting at Mrs. Marks, and Chairman Mallette had to call for order.

WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED

It was near the end of the confrontation; everyone could sense that the moment of passion had passed. A few people went out into the hall.

The SEVEN NEWS reporter collared a visitor from Vancouver, B.C., to ask what he felt his presence had accomplished.

activities.

Following the meeting everyone joined together for a weiner roast which was held in the backyard at the CRC.

Results have transpired since the meeting as follows: Bruce Belanger is actively spearheading the organization of the sports program. Bruce reports that he is well on his way to having both a men's and women's fastball team, but he still needs a couple of players. He hopes to have tennis, volleyball and swimming started in the near future.

"I think we shook Mallette up. He accused us of threatening his life, which is a crock of bull shit. He's the one who threatened OUR lives!"

Did he think any major policy changes would come about as a result of the march?

"That's hard to say. If anything, the people who go along with Mallette will probably back him up louder than ever. It's incredible that he could get to be chairman of a welfare committee. But then, he's only a watchdog for the rich. They know he won't give anything away."

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