

Council Opposes Tax Exemptions

Exemption from city taxation for the Basilea Recreation Centre was opposed at a special meeting of City Council last night.

Council was informed a change in an existing act, considered by the Provincial Legislature would grant the new Centre tax exemption formerly given to the old League of the Cross.

The opposition came in the form of a resolution by Coun. H.E. Hyndman, seconded by Frank Zakem and passed unanimously.

"Resolved that the legislature be requested to suspend action on a bill to amend an Act regarding the League of the Cross premises and to provide for retroactive adjustment accordingly."

Finance committee chairman Coun. Hyndman stated that there was \$15,000,000 worth of property in the city which was tax exempt. This is one fifth of the city's total assessment.

The objection of the Council seemed to lie in the fact that the newly erected centre operates some business in direct competition with taxpaying businesses.

IN COMPETITION City Recorder K.M. Martin noted that the YMCA was tax exempt, and it operated in direct competition with some local businesses, and on this subject Mayor A. Walton Gaudet remarked, "I don't feel that either the YMCA or the Basilea Recreation Centre should be tax exempt."

Coun. MacNeil said that as far as he could see the only answer would be to tax the Recreation Centre on the bowling alley and restaurant, and that if the Recreation Centre were so taxed, the YMCA should be tax exempt.

As far as the tax-free operation of the services available at the premises, the committee in favour of the Centre was of the opinion that it was government property and that it could be done about it.

'Be Centennial Blood Donor' Is Slogan Suggested For '64

"Be a Centennial Blood Donor," suggested by F.A.S. Jones, provincial Red Cross blood donor chairman, was enthusiastically accepted as the slogan for 1964 by members of the Charlottetown committee who met as guests of the RCAP Association at its club rooms Tuesday evening for the presentation of the blood donor trophies won at last October's clinics in the city.

Presenting committee chairman Coun. Hyndman stated that the date of the next series of "Centennial Blood Donor Clinics" in Charlottetown were announced as April 22 and 29, with an overall objective of 1,065 donors. The P.E.I. Red Cross is a member of the Canadian Red Cross and the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. John A. Macdonald, president of the ladies' auxiliary of the Red Cross Association, presented the trophies to the recipients. Mr. Whyte emphasized the importance of the blood donor service in the long service award.

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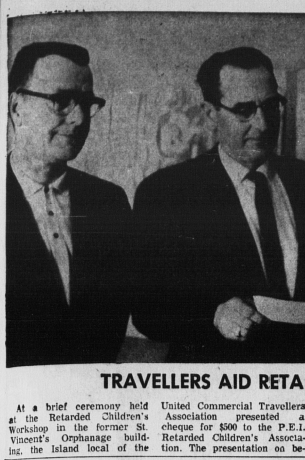
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