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THEORY OF THE PLAINTIFF'S CASE:

The plaintiff, Arnold Minors asserts that the defendants defamed him repeatedly in a campaign of articles that were published in the Toronto Sun in October and November, 1994.

In total, Minors alleges 27 separate defamations during the "campaign", however, they can roughly be divided up into three major categories: (1) failure to assist police officer; (2) stating that the holocaust was not a racist act; and, (3) calling the police an occupying army. Some are headlines and cutlines but they are technically separate from the related stories because they have different writers. In this brief, we comment on some, but not all, of the defamations in the Statement of Claim. (See Appendix "A" for copies of all articles sued upon in the Statement of Claim.)

DEFAMATION LAW IN A NUTSHELL

- * The plaintiff has the onus of proving the defamatory innuendo asserted in the statement of claim. The test is: would the ordinary reasonable person understand the words in the meaning which the plaintiff seeks to ascribe to them?
- * The defendant can defend the defamation action on the basis that the words and the defamatory innuendo are true in substance.
- * The defendant can also defend the action on the basis of a fair comment defence. An opinion, although defamatory, is justified as fair comment if the facts upon which the opinion was based are true. It must appear that they are opinions stated by the writer about facts, which are at the same time present to, or are in fact present to, the minds of the readers or listeners, as things distinct from the opinions, so that it can be seen whether the opinions are such that they can be fairly formed upon the facts. In the case where the facts are set out in the alleged libel, each fact must be proven true and if the defendant fails to justify one, even if it be comparatively unimportant, they fail in their defence.
- * Actual malice and recklessness can defeat a fair comment defence.

THE DEFAMATIONS AGAINST MINORS

(1) **Failure to Assist Police Officer**

(a) **The Defamations**

On October 15, 1994, the defendant Benzie wrote and the defendant Sun published the following words:

MINORS SLAMMED OVER INACTION IN SHOOTING

BAD EXAMPLE

...

As revealed first in the Sun Minors didn't help an officer in distress on Sept. 29 - the evening his neighbour, Albert Moses was shot after attacking a constable with a hammer.

...

Minors, who lives next door to the scene of the George Street shooting, went inside his house and didn't call 911 - even though he saw a plainclothes officer radioing for back-up.

...

Police services board member Norm Gardner said his colleague's behaviour "makes you wonder."

"I don't want to bad-mouth him, but if you're interested in humanity, you don't run away from the situation," Gardner said.

"If all citizens acted like Minors did, we'd never give out any awards for bravery or anything like that," he said.

"We have an example to set to the community - that's part of our responsibility."

Gardner said he was driving home the night of the shooting when he heard a radio report and headed to the police station to see if the beaten officer was all right.

"Knowing what the situation is now, I'd have hoped (Minors) would have expressed more interest in terms of the officer's safety."

...
Paul Walter, incoming president of the Metro Toronto Police Association, said if it's true Minors refused to aid the officer, then the board should "issue a vote of non-confidence" in him.

"If there's that lack of support from a police services board member, how can officers have confidence in the policies of the board."

(see paragraph 33 of the statement of claim)

The story first about Mr. Minors' alleged failure to help the police officer appeared in the Sun in an article written by the defendant Blatchford on October 14, 1995 in which she wrote:

"Metro Police Services Board Member Arnold Minors didn't help a plainclothes police officer who was first to arrive on the scene after a fatal shooting at a downtown rooming house last month.

Despite realizing the officer was calling for backup and in some distress, Minors, the Sun has learned, turned on his heels and went into the house where he lives and works."

Although the above article was not sued upon, Minors intends to rely on it as evidence of malice in terms of defeating the defendants' fair comment defence as well supporting his claim to punitive and aggravated damages.

The allegation of failing to assist the police officer was again repeated in an article written by the defendant Blatchford on October 20, 1994 where she states:

"He [Minors] walks by a plainclothes officer who, by his own admission he recognizes is a) a cop and b) in some distress - calling for help on his radio in a voice Minors tells police, later, is shaky. He does nothing to help."

(see paragraph 48 of the statement of claim)

(b) The Innuendo

These stories clearly suggest that Minors is cowardly and hostile and uncooperative toward police.

(c) The Defendants' Evidence

The defendants have attempted to justify the remarks that Minors "walked by" or "turned on his heels" when he came across the police officer in distress. The defendants rely on a telephone conversation which the defendant Blatchford had with a police officer informant who was leaking her information about the incident that was apparently contained in a confidential police investigation report. Blatchford's cryptic notes of the telephone call do not reveal the name of the informant nor does she remember his name.

(d) Minors' Evidence

Minors' evidence is that he was inside his house when he heard someone's voice outside of his window. He looked out the foyer window and noticed a police officer on the step of the house next door. Minors could hear the police officer calling for CIB or a supervisor on a handheld phone. Minors observed that the officer had things under control and did not intervene. He later saw another police officer standing outside the gate of his house at approximately 11:30 p.m. apparently investigating the incident that had occurred next door. Minors told the officer all that he had observed.

The use of the words "in some distress", "turned on his heels", "walked by", "Bad Example", "Minors Left Cop on Own" and "If you're interested in humanity, you don't run away" imply that Minors fled the scene of an officer in need of imminent assistance. As the facts show, this simply was not the case. There is no evidence that the officer was in need of assistance, not did Blatchford even hear from her informant that this was the case.

(e) Argument

The defendant Blatchford admits that the words "turned on his heels" is her own interpretation of what she was told by the informant. Her evidence is that it was her logical conclusion - based on what was supposedly contained in the incident report (which was read to her by the informant) - that Minors must have walked by the police officer and into his house. The defendants will not be able to justify the facts which have been asserted based on the evidence.

(f) Damages

The above defamations are particularly damaging in that they portray Minors, a member of the Police Services Board, as a coward and unwilling to help police officers. Further, the defendant Benzie invited other Board members to comment on Minors' alleged inaction. His credibility as a Board member as well as his reputation in his professional community was severely undermined.

(2) Stating that the Holocaust was not a racist act

(a) The Defamations

On October 7, 1994, the defendant Harder wrote and the defendant Sun published the following words:

'QUESTIONABLE THEORIES ON JEWS'

Jews are just plain different Arnold Minors said yesterday.

Minors, a Metro Police Services Board member accused of anti-Semitic teachings by a group of his Crown attorney pupils, defended his government-sponsored lectures.

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Liberal MPP Elinor Caplan wanted to know how Minors, an acquaintance of Rae is landing government contracts "to teach and preach questionable theories."

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"This is sick he said." "It's bizarre in the first order."

Minors has a \$108,500 contract with the attorney general to give two-day anti-racism workshops to Crown lawyers. Sun Columnist Christie Blatchford revealed yesterday that Minors is telling his pupils that there is no Jewish race, only a Jewish religion.

(see paragraph 14 of the statement of claim)

On October 11, 1994, the Sun published a caricature of Arnold Minors standing on a podium on which the words "Arnold Minors Doctor of Discrimination" were written. There is a reporter standing beside the podium who states "These Cults tend to take root where there is a breakdown in traditional government".

(see paragraph 26 of the statement of claim)

On October 29, 1994, the defendant Benzie wrote and the Sun published the following:

REVISING THE HOLOCAUST

He was disputing claims made by 12 Crown attorneys who said that they heard him say the Holocaust wasn't a racist act during an anti-racism lecture he gave earlier this month.

(see paragraph 110 of the statement of claim)

MINORS ON DEFENSIVE

... testimony from a Crown attorney who heard him denigrate the meaning of the Holocaust, Minors maintained he's been misquoted and mistreated by the media.

(see paragraph 114 of the statement of claim)

On November 2, 1994, the defendant Wallace wrote and the Sun published:

Tory Bob Runciman said Minors shouldn't be allowed to vote for the next Metro police chief because of his anti-semitic teachings to Crown attorneys.

(see paragraph 119 of the statement of claim)

(b) The Innuendo

The above defamations and those contained in paragraphs 10, 14, 18, 40, 66, 72, 80, 119 and 123 imply that Minors is anti-semitic.

(c) The Defendants' Evidence

The defendant Blatchford's evidence is that one Crown Attorney who attended the session in question contacted her and advised that Minors allegedly stated that "the Holocaust was not a racist act". Blatchford asserts she then contacted three or more other Crowns to confirm that Minors had made this statement. She believes that Source 1 and Source 2 were at the session in question and the other sources were at another session where Minors allegedly made similar statements. Blatchford cannot recall whether there are other sources. She kept no notes of her telephone conversations with these sources. These sources advised her that Minors' said the holocaust was not a racist act. She does not remember what the "similar" statements were or even who sources 2 - 5 were. The defendant Wallace apparently has his own Crown sources who have advised him that Minors did say the holocaust was not a racist act. We are waiting for disclosure as to whether they are the same or different than Blatchford's sources. Benzie reports that 12 Crown attorneys heard him say that the Holocaust was not a racist act. We are awaiting a list of his sources.

(d) Minors' Evidence

Minors denies that he made the statement that "the holocaust was not a racist act". Minors takes the position that he could not have made the statement that "the holocaust is not a racist act" as it is completely inconsistent with his definition of racism. Minors teaches and

leads seminars on these topics regularly. The session at which the statement was allegedly made was a session held with Crown attorneys to deal with race issues in the context of Crown discretion to prosecute. Minors' view is that racism is a particular form of discrimination. It is discrimination against a group defined by those in power based on perceived racial characteristics and reinforced by the power of the dominant group and/or power of the state. An aryan definition of jews is one example. Slavery and discrimination against people of colour in North America is another example.

Minors' evidence is that just before the half-way "break" in the session, one of the Crowns asked Mr. Minors whether what Hitler or Germany did between '32 and '45 was racist. Minors responded that the session was concerned about racism and Canada and to his recollection did not answer the question further. During the break, Minors was then advised by Avvy Go (his teaching associate) that the Crown who asked the question was visibly upset with Minors' refusal to respond to his question. As such, after the break, Minors stated that the session was concerned about racism in a Canadian context but went on to address the Crown's question about the Germans and Jewish people in WWII. He stated that the Nazis had societal power and they assigned Jews and Gypsies as inferiors and it logically followed that - using the definition of racism as a particular form of discrimination sustained by power - the Nazis treatment of the Jewish people was racist. Avvy Go, a lawyer, backs Minors version of the events.

(e) **Argument**

i. The defendants have asserted that the innuendo of the articles is solely that Minors has "bizarre" theories about race. The former Premier, the current Attorney General and the current Solicitor General are all quoted in the Sun taking the anti-semitic innuendo. The Sun's headlines "Questionable Theories on Jews" and "Revising the Holocaust" and Benzie's stating that he "denigrated the meaning of the Holocaust" illustrate the defamatory innuendo of anti-semitism.

ii. Minors asserts that he did not say that the holocaust was not a racist act. However, even if the defendants are able to show on a balance of probabilities he did say it, they will not be able to prove justification or fair comment of the defamatory innuendo of anti-semitism which flows from the context in which the alleged statements were reported.

iii. The defence of fair comment for the corporate defendant should be determined in the context of the series of articles. The violent language, the failure to report Minors' denials and illustrate malice and the repetition make those parts of the articles which the defendants assert as comment, fact.

(f) Damages

Minors makes his living as a consultant on issues of race and a mediator. The innuendo that he is anti-semitic is extremely damaging to his professional reputation. His reputation is fundamental to attracting clientele. His credibility as an expert in racial issues has been undermined and as such, it will be more difficult and often impossible for Minors to effectively carry out his work as a race consultant and mediator because he will not be trusted by those persons whom he meets. His ability to obtain mediation and consulting contracts has been severely damaged and thus his ability to earn an income has been harmed.

Minors asserts that the defamatory innuendo is particularly odious, especially in light of his professional and personal commitment to understanding and reconciling racial tensions and eliminating racism. These defamatory words have particular effect on a black leader smeared as being hostile to Jews. It goes further, Minors is cartooned a Cult leader. We are waiting for answers to undertakings to find out what is the supposed factual basis of this story. Nothing in the text of the prior Sun stories about Minors even hints at this. Nothing could be more devastating to Minors' work in the area of race relations.

(3) Calling the police an occupying army

(a) The Defamations

On October 20, 1994, the Sun ran the following headline on the front page:

NOW MINORS IN MAJOR TROUBLE

Board Member calls Metro cops "occupying armies"

(see paragraph 44 of the statement of claim)

In the same edition, the defendant Blatchford writes:

"ARNIE'S ARMY"

"There is a long, long, thousand-year history of people not speaking to occupying armies"

- Arnold Minors on why young blacks aren't co-operating with police in the shooting near Tae's Restaurant

...

Tae's is, as its owner Everard Green says, a "Caribbean club", its clients almost exclusively black. And so it was, on Tuesday that the Star's Moira Welsh, approached some leaders of the city's black community for their views on this see-no-evil behaviour.

One was Arnold Minors, the only black member of the Metro Police Services Board . When she asked for his reaction to the police frustration, the silence of the community, Minors responded with the quote that began this column. He also told her, Welsh said yesterday after reviewing her tape of their conversation, " I do know that when police officers talk about 'Those people won't speak to us', it is precisely the same thing occupying armies talk about."

(see paragraph 48 of the statement of claim)

MAJOR TROUBLE

... Police Services Board member is under fire from all sides for comments he made comparing Metro's police force to an occupying army when dealing with blacks.

(see paragraph 53 of the statement of claim)

The defendant Nesdoly wrote the following which was published on October 27, 1994:

Christopherson instead announced a further 60 day review of Minors' comments referring to Metro police as an "occupying army".

Other defamations relating to the "occupying army" issue are contained at paragraphs 58, 63, 66, 71, 75, 80, 84, 89, 94, 97, 100, 114 and 123 of the statement of claim.

(b) The Defendants' Evidence

The defendant Blatchford wrote the article which appeared in the October 20, 1994 Sun based on a telephone conversation with Moira Welsh of the Toronto Star. Blatchford claims that Welsh relayed to her - either by playing Welsh's taped interview or reading the interview verbatim - to statements attributed to Minors.

(c) Minors' Evidence

Minors does not deny the fact that he said the words "occupying army" but denies that he called the Metro police an occupying army, or referred to them as, or compared them to, an occupying army. He asserts that his words were taken out of context by the Sun. Minors states that the Toronto Star reporter Welsh approached him to discuss the subject of the failure of witnesses to come forward in a particular investigation. He response to

a question asking whether there is anything that the community in general could do to make a difference, Minors responded at length about the difficulties of policy and the virtues of the community policy approach so that trust between the police and the citizenry is developed. To explain the difficulty of policing without the community approach he did say that "there is a long, long, thousand, thousand, year history of people not speaking to occupying armies." Minors states that he was not comparing the Metro police to an occupying army but was using the example of a community not speaking to an occupying army as an illustration of communities not talking to strangers. Minors compared police officers to strangers, not to an occupying army; the occupying army was an example of strangers to a community.

(see Appendix "B"; pages of transcript of the interview)

(d) **Argument**

i. Minors asserts that the headline on the front page "Board member calls Metro cops 'occupying armies'" is defamatory and indefensible. It is clear that Minors did not "call" the police an occupying army. The emphasis which this remark was given by virtue of appearing on the front page of the Sun caused an imbalance, distracting the ordinary reader and causing her to get a very different impression from the statements contained the articles that Minors compared the Metro police to an occupying army. The Sun's seed of "truth" would have been planted in the minds of the readers by the front page headline before the stories were read; the distinction between "calling" and "comparing" would have been obfuscated or completely lost. The Sun must prove that he called the Metro police an occupying army, not simply that he compared them to one to escape liability for the page one headline defamation.

ii. The reporting of the comment out of context and in light of the series of articles directed at Minors as referred to in the statement of claim can hardly be said to constitute fair comment.

iii. The other stories buried in the paper use the word "compares" Metro police to an occupying army. A fair comment defence on these articles is plausible for the individual writers but not for the corporate defendant. Minors will argue that the whole set of articles, their vitriolic language, the prior articles as set out in the statement of claim (which are equally vituperative in attacking him) constitutes malice which defeats the fair comment defence as far as the corporate defendant is concerned. The Sun's campaign against Minors was malicious and therefore not fair comment even if the individual writers might save themselves based on fair comment.

(e) Damages

The above defamations have seriously undermined Minors' credibility as a member of the Police Services Board. Further, his professional reputation has been damaged as people no longer trust him as a viable mediator or consultant. In the business of mediation and consulting, your professional reputation and credibility is the most important and negotiable attribute. Like a lawyer, once a consultant's or mediator's credibility and/or professional reputation is undermined or lost, so is their ability to make a living in that vocation.

THE AGGRAVATED DAMAGES

Minors has claimed aggravated damages for each of the defamations in that the general damages claimed will not adequately compensate him for the destruction of his livelihood and professional reputation and business and the mental distress which he has suffered and continues to suffer. Minors has devoted considerable personal, professional and political efforts to social equality and race issues. The impairment of his effectiveness in this area as a result of the publications complained of causes Minors great personal frustration, anguish and frustration. Minors points to the continued reporting by the Sun of its allegations that Minors stated that the holocaust was not a racist act even after it was aware that Minors denied that he had said it. Minors also relies on the campaign of gratuitously insulting language used throughout the articles. (See Appendix "C")

THE PUNITIVE DAMAGES

The Sun has cynically set up a moderate black leader as an anti-semitic in order to drive him off the Police Services Board, so in the pending vote for the new police chief their candidate could win.

Minors claims punitive damages as a result of the Sun's wanton and reckless disregard in the campaign of articles for the ill-effect of its statements on the tension in Toronto between black and Jewish people. It is Minors' assertion that the unfair way in which the Sun has portrayed him will negatively impact on people of colour's decision as to whether they should subject themselves to "the slings and arrows" of public life. The high-handed manner and violent language should increase the court's award of punitive damages.

PLEADINGS AND RELEVANT MATTERS:

1. Are the pleadings in order or do they require amendments? Amendments.
2. Are there any contemplated or outstanding motions? Motion to amend.
3. Are productions complete? No.
4. Are all transcripts available? No.
5. Other matters.

MOTIONS:

1. Will there be any motions at trial? None contemplated.
2. If so, what are they?

ADMISSIONS:

No Admissions at this time.

REPORTS:

1. Have reports been exchanged and has notice been given under the Evidence Act? No.

EXPERT WITNESSES:

1. Will any be called? Perhaps an expert in media issues will be called.

TRIAL DATE:

1. Are the parties ready for trial? No, but they will be ready to proceed in April or May, 1996.

2. Are there any times the case cannot proceed because of witnesses or other matters?
Counsel has scheduling constraints, depending upon what trial date is contemplated.
3. How long will the trial last? 1 week.

SETTLEMENT:

1. Have any Offers to Settle been made? No.
2. What are the prospects? Unknown.

DAMAGES:

If so, what are the particulars? See Plaintiff's Pre-trial.

Is this a case where it may be advisable to direct a reference? No.

What pre-trial orders are requested? None

NOTE TO COUNSEL:

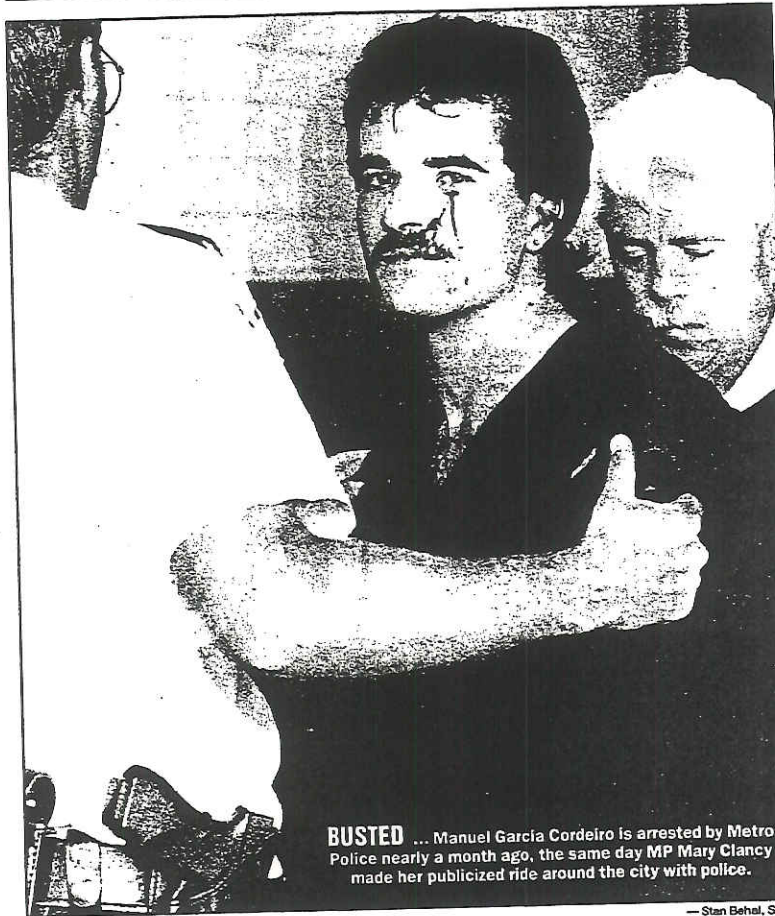
This conference is being held pursuant to Rule 50. Counsel who are charged with taking the trial are expected to attend on the conference and are expected to be prepared and have their files in order.

Counsel are requested to complete the above memorandum and to forward the memorandum and any reports of any experts or other relevant documentation to the attention of the Registrar at Toronto.

It is also suggested that counsel exchange a copy of the completed memorandum and reports of experts prior to pre-trial.

Should the action be settled, you are requested to advise immediately by telephone so that the time allotted for this pre-trial may be given to another case.

APPENDIX "A"



BUSTED ... Manuel Garcia Cordeiro is arrested by Metro Police nearly a month ago, the same day MP Mary Clancy made her publicized ride around the city with police.

— Stan Behal, SUN

Gunpoint bustout

■ *Armed men overpower guards to free prisoner*

By **ROB LAMBERTI**
Toronto Sun

Two men armed with a handgun overpowered a jail guard and a van driver at the Queen St. Mental Health Hospital to free a potentially suicidal and violent prisoner yesterday.

A handcuffed and shackled Manuel Garcia Cordeiro, 26, facing 19 charges including robbery and firearm offences, was freed in the daring escape in the parking lot of the hospital at 1:30 p.m.

With a third man waiting in a car, the group slipped through an extensive Metro-wide dragnet.

Police consider Cordeiro extremely dangerous and believe he'll violently challenge police officers. Detectives are still unsure of the identities of the other three men. They all fled in an early 1980s blue Chevy Malibu or Pontiac 6000 with a partial plate bearing the letters V and S.

Det. Kim Carr said Cordeiro was being escorted to a van for the return trip to Metro West Detention Centre after a day of undergoing assessments at MetForce, the hospital's forensic psychiatric unit.

Two men approached from behind and one pulled a cocked .38-calibre revolver to

the head of the unarmed guard and ordered him and the driver to lay on the ground, Carr said.

The other man then guided Cordeiro to the awaiting car, and they fled the scene.

Cordeiro gained notoriety when he was arrested Sept. 9, the same day MP Mary Clancy made a much-publicized ride-around with a Metro sergeant in north Etobicoke.

Last March, Cordeiro was denied parole, but on Sept. 6 he was granted a two-day unescorted pass.

Two days later, an arrest warrant was issued because he failed to report, but he also is alleged to have committed four armed robberies.

A source said Cordeiro allegedly pulled the heists because he was angry he wasn't granted full parole.

Cordeiro was also one of 28 prisoners released by Judge James Murphy when a Crown attorney failed to show for a weekend bail hearing last month.

But Cordeiro was immediately rearrested on an outstanding warrant for parole violations.

Cordeiro is described as white, 5-foot-8, 160 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair. He was wearing prison blues.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 324-1404 or Crime Stoppers at 222-8477.

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Minors' spiel a minus

■ The Holocaust, in which an estimated six million Jews were murdered, was "not a racist act".

■ The Hutu-Tutsi civil war in Rwanda — in which, conservatively, 500,000 people have been massacred since April solely because of their ethnicity — is not racism, either, but "an intercultural conflict between people of color."

■ The only people of color who have racist tendencies are those who have "been co-opted by the privileged group".

■ And the only racism in Canada is that which is directed at visible minorities and aboriginals.

The man who made these outrageous statements — and who is getting paid, with your tax dollars, to do it — is none other than Arnold Minors, consultant, member of the Metro Police Services Board and possible successor to board chair Susan Eng.

The 48-year-old Minors is now in the midst of conducting a series of two-day anti-racism seminars for provincial Crown attorneys.

The course is absolutely mandatory, and must be taken by every Crown in Ontario.

But Minors' remarks, dogmatic definition of racism and refusal to even discuss the possibility that discrimination may also constitute racism have left many of the Crowns reeling in disbelief.

His remark, for instance, that the Holocaust, however horrible, wasn't also racism left one Jewish Crown attorney so obviously upset that, after the class took a break, Minors offered the man a further explanation.

He told the group that the notion of a "Jewish race" was a theoretical concept conceived by the Nazis and that there was no Jewish race, merely a Jewish religion. The explanation, say sources in local Crown attorneys' offices, appeared to somewhat mollify the man.

But other Crowns who have taken the course remain troubled, especially over Minors' definition of racism as discrimination "that is aimed at the target group and the target group is people of color and aboriginals".

"He was not prepared to acknowledge that other discrimination is also racism," one source told the Sun. "He

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BLATCHFORD

was not prepared to modify it (his definition). He was not prepared to discuss any other form of discrimination."

At one of the most recent two-day seminars, Minors was specifically asked if this definition was simply a "working hypothesis" for the purposes of the course. The answer came back quickly, Sun sources say: "He said no, it wasn't just a working hypothesis. That (his definition) was racism in the Canadian context."

However disturbed by Minors' comments many Crowns were, most are simply "scared to death" to criticize him openly because of his apparent clout within the Bob Rae government and for fear of their careers.

Minors has had other lucrative Ontario government contracts — he was one of the consultants hired last year to teach race relations to Ontario police officers — and obtained his seat on the police board as the premier's nominee. The course he taught police officers, as well as the one he is running now, had their origins in the Stephen Lewis report written after the Yonge St. riots. Clearly, he is a golden boy.

The astonishing question, I should think, is how he continues to win government contracts and maintain the position of trust he apparently has at Queen's Park when what he preaches, when all is said and done, is that whites have a patent on racism.

The Crown attorneys, who are in the courtrooms of Ontario every day, don't believe that. Most of us don't believe it. The two women who were pushed around at the Kennedy subway station don't believe it. So why are we all paying someone to teach this unmitigated —

■ *Christie Blatchford writes frequently for the Sun.*



ARNOLD MINORS
Teaching race relations to Crowns

'QUESTIONABLE THEORIES' ON JEWS MPPs: Fire Minors

By JEFF HARDER
Queen's Park Bureau

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"The experience of the Jewish people is different from the people of color," Minors told the Sun.

"We didn't talk about anti-Semitism or

about gay people or about any other form of discrimination. I talked about the experience in Germany with the Aryan race declaring the Jewish race to be inferior and the Holocaust that occurred as a result."

Opposition MPPs demanded that Premier Bob Rae fire Minors for claiming the Holocaust was not a racist act.

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Rae, whose wife is Jewish, said he didn't know anything about Minors' teachings.

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ARNOLDESE

Saying the Holocaust was "not a racist act" isn't the first time Arnold Minors has shown symptoms of foot-in-mouth disease. Try these Arnold-isms on for size:

■ "You have no choice but to hand over your notes." (Response to Sun reporter Sharon Lem after her notebook was demanded by participants at a Metro Housing ethnic employees' meeting, Nov. 16, 1993.)

■ "I am perfectly happy and comfortable in myself that I did nothing wrong." (Responding to criticism of his refusal to help Lem, Sun, Nov. 19, 1993)

■ Not quoting white employees in a 1993 report on racism at the Ontario Human Rights Commission doesn't "damage notions of due process."

Any "expression of racism" by Ontario Human Rights Commission staff should be "sufficient grounds for immediate dismissal," (recommendation made in same report)

■ "We have to make sure that if any officer commits any racial harassment, his ass is grass." (Toronto Star, Sept. 26, 1993)

■ Focusing on race, in the aftermath of the Vim Leimons shooting in which the suspects were black, is "irrelevant and harmful" because it reinforces stereotypes. (Globe and Mail, April 8, 1994)

UNDER FIRE ... Metro Police Board member Arnold Minors is being investigated over his remarks on the Holocaust.

Holocaust talk probed

Rae orders investigation into Minors' comment

By JEFF HARDER
Queen's Park Bureau

Premier Bob Rae has ordered an investigation into Arnold Minors' remark that the Holocaust wasn't a racist act.

The controversial Metro Police Services Board member, nominated to that post by

Rae himself, made the remark while giving anti-racism lectures to Crown lawyers, Sun columnist Christie Blatchford revealed this week.

Rae said he ordered the probe after reading Blatchford's column.

"My office has asked the solicitor general for a full report," Rae told reporters yesterday.

"Any objective observer would say the Holocaust was one of the great racist tragedies of the last two millenniums."

The NDP government handed Minors a \$100,000 government contract to teach the classes in the aftermath of riots on Yonge St. two years ago.

anything that smacks of anti-Semitism.

"I'm not just a supporter of the Jewish community, I'm married into the Jewish community, I'm part of the Jewish community. My children are being raised in the Jewish religion."

"So, you can imagine how strongly I feel about the need for us to demonstrate not just

sensitivity, but understanding what's at stake here," Rae said. "That's why I've asked for a full report."

Minors told the Sun Thursday that his pupils weren't supposed to discuss his lectures outside the classroom. "Things that people say within

the program ... should stay there unless those people want to make it public."

MPP Elinor Caplan, who is Jewish, described the teachings as "questionable" and wanted to know why taxpayers are being billed for the course.

Tory MPP Charles Harnick said Minors should be removed from the police services

Things that people say within the program ... should stay there unless those people want to make it public

— Arnold Minors

Politics can be a pain

There was an empty seat in the front row of the opening ceremonies of the Living in Leather conference last night.

It was meant for mayoral wannabe Barbara Hall.

In fact, up until the last minute, organizers of the sadomasochism conference were so convinced the politician was coming, they introduced her and waited for her to come to the podium.

Instead, Ward 6 Councillor Kyle Rae bounced to the stage to make Hall's apologies, claiming his colleague was getting emergency dental work.

"I never get Novocaine when I get my teeth done," Rae giggled to a roar of approval from the hundreds of leather-clad dominants and submissives who routinely navigate the murky lines between pleasure and pain.

But since Barbara Hall wasn't there, however, she missed all the fun.

She missed the sight of wall-to-wall black bondage implements, manacles and whips. She missed the man in the rubber French maid's costume teetering on high heels.

She missed the parading of the leather association's colors as the stereo system blasted Beethoven's Ode to Joy.

She missed the androgynous Master Tam and his/her Doberman pinscher.

She missed the two leather-clad women canoodling in a sea of south-south polarity outside the hotel as one mindlessly crowned *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* a cappella.

She missed the large leather-clad woman offering to teach a wayward journalist a lesson in manners. (It was declined.)

In fact, Barbara Hall probably missed pulling one of the biggest political boners of all time.

When the underground's literary went out earlier this

Heather BIRD

week, it raised a few eyebrows when it listed the leather convention as a campaign whistle-stop. Especially when about 90% of the attendees were from out of the country.

There were only a few possible explanations for why she'd include a whips-and-chains event smack in the middle of an election campaign.

It could be — while she's running 22% behind in the polls and virtually unknown — that she's desperate for media coverage, however bad.

It could be a desperate attempt to curry favor in the gay community — a vote she badly needs if she has any chance of pulling off an up-the-middle victory.

Or if Gerry Meinzer pulls enough of the right-wing vote from incumbent June Rowlands.

Or it simply could be that her handlers had their brains fall out just before they agreed to it.

That might be the case, judging by media guru Jennifer Rae's demeanor on the phone when she confirmed in the early evening that Hall would be attending — but only for a few minutes. And only after her dental work.

Barbara Hall and her husband didn't answer their home phone last night. Nor did they return the Sun's calls.

That tooth could be the luckiest break she's had.

Heather Bird writes Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

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Hey, it's our money

Arnold Minors is Arnold Minors.

To us, he's an idiot who sees the world solely through the prism of race. What's worse, an idiot who has been a destructive force on the Metro police services board. But we can live with that.

What we can't abide is our socialist provincial government paying this clown public money to spout his vile piffle as if he was some sort of credible expert on race relations.

C'mon - a guy who tells Crown attorneys that the Holocaust was "not a racist act"?

Who claims that black people can't have racist tendencies unless they have "been co-opted by the privileged group" and that the only racism that exists in Canada is that aimed at visible minorities and aboriginals?

Oh, come on. For this sort of politically correct propaganda, Minors, who is also, incredibly enough, an NDP appointee to the Metro police services board, is being paid \$108,500 of tax money by the ministry of the attorney general?

What possible use are Minors' nutty theories to Crown attorneys anyway?

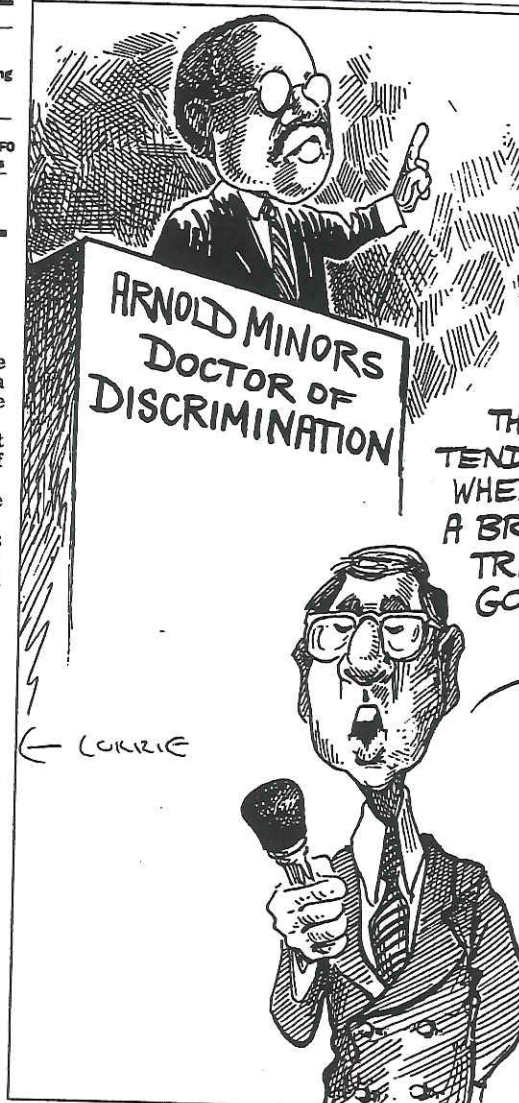
Still, we shouldn't be surprised that the same government at Queen's Park that apparently takes this sort of nonsense seriously also paid out \$35,000 last year to the Black Action Defence Committee, who of course would be the kind of people who would applaud such nonsense from Minors.

What we want to know is what, exactly, does Premier Bob Rae think he's doing? Does he really believe that people like Minors and the Black Action Defence Committee speak for most people of Ontario?

Because let us remember it is the premier and his government who give people like Minors and the BADC their credibility and influence.

Now Rae has ordered the solicitor-general's ministry to probe Minors' remarks about the Holocaust. Big deal.

For our money, Minors is entitled to his stupid opinions. We just wish this government would stop giving him both the money and the platform to spout them.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I AM truly amazed at the misdirected scorn that is being heaped upon Andy Donato for his cartoon of May 4. I am even more amazed at all the people who are trying to fool everybody into thinking this is a freedom of speech issue. Donato, in our free society, has every right to ridicule or praise the comments or opinions of our elected officials. What Donato does not have the right to do, is launch a personal attack against Marion

Boyd by literally calling her ugly. Boyd's attractiveness has absolutely nothing to do with her official comments be they right or wrong and for that Donato should apologize to her. If I were Donato, I would have drawn a cartoon of Boyd attending the type of school that she describes, perhaps on another planet, to indicate she is out of touch with reality. To call someone ugly because you don't like what they say is a few degrees removed from killing the messenger because you don't like the message.

Charles Kennedy
Port Colborne

(Cartoons, by nature, are exaggerations. You don't have to like them)

I AM concerned about the merger or buy out involving the Canadian National Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway. This will only hasten the demise of Canada's rail network, when what Canada needs is a massive model shift back to the environmentally, economically and socially sustainable rail mode. It seems to me that the Canadian National Railway belongs to the

Tellier or even to the Honorable Doug Young, to be traded or sold to the kid down the street, or put back in the box and put out for Goodwill or the garbage. The evidence is clear from around the world that the low rolling resistance steel on steel, preferably electrified, makes rail the mode of the present and the foreseeable future for both freight and passenger traffic.

Ross Snotsinger
Toronto

(We need forward-thinking people at the throttle)

HERE WE go again. The present-day "inquisitors" are setting fire to the figurative faggots stacked under the real-life "faggots" in our society. Devout Roman Catholic Roseanne Skoke, rising like an avenging fury in Parliament to lead the righteous against bad guys Jean Chretien, Allan Rock and Svend Robinson, warns of the gay threat to the "sanctity of family." Hey Rosie, gays are family! Says the Sun, homosexuality is regarded as just an "alternative lifestyle" that one might decide to follow or not like a "career." Not! Everybody should know by

You behave as you must. And how in God's creation can you attack homosexuals without attacking homosexuals? Is attacking dictatorship not the same as attacking dictators? Let's get on with the legislation and shove the barbarous tactics of the Inquisition back to where it belongs - in the 13th century.

J.E. Humphries
Scarboro

(Let's try to restore decency to the 20th century)

I HAVE recently read an article that compared Rottweilers and Pitbulls to Sabertooth tigers! I was offended and appalled. This writer obviously has a tenuous grasp on reality at best. I have a Rottweiler who is nearly three years old and is lovable and friendly. Approach him normally and treat him like a regular dog and he will react like a regular dog. All too often people panic and react badly, because of recent propaganda in the media, and my dog has no idea as to why people are reacting this way to him. Whenever I take him for a walk I tell people "he is friendly, and you can approach him." Although I have had problems

where dogs equally as large mine are allowed. I feel my has been discriminated against.

N. Ann
Kitch

(Dangerous dogs should be fined)

WITH REGARD to your article Sept. 22 "Gun freaks on Hill." I am a gun owner was on the hill that Thursday do not consider myself a free W. Glan/Scar!

(We're sure you're not)

BASEBALL AND hock fans, don't despair. Life does revolve around baseball hockey alone. Visit your nearest library and read a few books to the museum and see all wonders of all. Take your far on a country drive, visit the Ontario Place and the Gallery. Go see a play and have a late dinner in one of the restaurants in our city. Let millionaire owners and play fight it out. No matter who you and I will be losers. You they make their money from the fans.

John Bor.

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A SHORTAGE OF WHACKOS
TO APPEAR ON OPRAH, DONAHUE
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THAT IS SCARY...



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SUN flashes

Pact reached by teachers

It looks like a strike by 900 substitute teachers employed by the Toronto board of education has been averted.

Negotiators for the board and the teacher's union reached a tentative agreement last night. The pact will go to the union membership for ratification tomorrow. Details of the pact weren't available last night.

Havergal College marks 100 years

Havergal College marks its 100th birthday this weekend in a star-studded celebration.

Among the weekend events at the Avenue Rd. private girls' school are a midway and a bazaar for the United Way.

Tomorrow, the college inducts 62 alumni into its Hall of Distinction, including actress Margot Kidder and Dr. Jane Poulson.

Tutu welcomes peace prize trio

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in Toronto yesterday on a book tour, said he welcomes PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to the fraternity of Nobel peace laureates.

"One hopes it will make them even more deeply committed to the process of peace," said Tutu, who won the prize in 1984 for his fight against apartheid.

What's doin'

WOOD CARVING SHOW:

The International Wood Carving Show, Sale and Competition runs today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and tomorrow 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Malvern Community Recreation Centre on Sewells Rd., west of Neilson Rd., in Scarborough. Admission \$3. Free parking. 755-5683 or 886-2089.

CURATOR'S TOURS: On Saturday afternoons, the Toronto Historical Board presents a special curator's tour of Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings — Historic Fort York. Tours start at 2 p.m. Information: 392-6907.

MINORS SLAMMED OVER INACTION IN SHOOTING

Bad example

By ROBERT BENZIE
Toronto Sun

Arnold Minors' conduct the night of a fatal shooting downtown came under fire yesterday from a fellow member of the Metro Police Services Board.

As revealed first in the Sun, Minors didn't help an officer in distress on Sept. 29 — the evening his neighbor, Albert Moses, was shot after attacking a constable with a hammer.

Moses, 41, later died from his wounds. The province's Special Investigations Unit is probing the incident.

Minors, who lives next door to the scene of the George St. shooting, went inside his house and didn't call 911 — even though he saw a plainclothes officer radioing for backup.

Police services board member Norm Gardner said his colleague's behavior "makes you wonder."

◀ If you're interested in humanity, you don't run away ▶

— Norm Gardner, police services board

"I don't want to bad-mouth him, but if you're interested in humanity, you don't run away from a situation," Gardner said.

"If all citizens had acted like Minors did, we'd never give out any awards for bravery or anything like that," he said.

"We have an example to set to the community — that's part of our responsibility."

Gardner said he was driving home the night of the shooting when he heard a radio report and headed to the police station to see if the beaten officer was all right.

"Knowing what the situation is now, I'd have hoped (Minors) would have expressed more interest in terms of the officer's safety."

Laura Rowe, also a board member, said she called the duty desk at police headquarters for an update on the officer's condition as soon as she heard of the incident.

But Rowe stopped short of blasting Minors for not phoning 911 for help that night.

She stressed he's in no way obligated to get



ARNOLD MINORS
"Gun shy"

involved in such matters.

"If there are expectations that board members should do police work, then I would like them spelled out."

Asked about Minors' actions, Rowe said he may not have wanted to get involved after all the flak he's taken on policing issues in the past.

"I would guess that Arnold's a little gun-shy about interfering with a police investigation in any way. When you come under a lot of criticism, you tend not to want to take risks."

Paul Walter, incoming president of the Metro Toronto Police Association, said if it's true Minors refused to aid the officer, then the board should "issue a vote of non-confidence" in him.

"If there's that lack of support from a police services board member, how can officers have confidence in the policies of the board?" Minors didn't return calls from the Sun.

Victim's family alleges coverup

■ Says cops hiding truth in shooting

Albert Moses' family yesterday accused Metro Police of a "coverup" in the fatal shooting of the Toronto man.

"There are questions to be answered," said Emmanuel Moses, who flew from England after his brother was shot two weeks ago.

"It's a coverup, it's a big blunder," he told a Queen's Park news conference.

"I feel very hurt about the whole situation and I really need to get to the bottom of this and find out what happened."

Moses was shot Sept. 29 by Metro Police Const. Jeffrey Vance after he attacked the officer brandishing a hammer.

The unemployed baker, 41, who apparently suffered from schizophrenia, died in hospital last Tuesday.

Robert Rotenberg, a Moses family lawyer, said police have not been co-operating with the province's Special Investigations Unit probe of the shooting.

"SIU investigators have still not been able to interview the officers involved that night," he said.

Rotenberg slammed the police for "foot-dragging" on the case,



— Craig Robertson, SUN

QUESTIONS ... Albert Moses was shot by an officer two weeks ago and died Tuesday. Yesterday, his brother Emmanuel, left, and son Craig aired their concerns at a press conference.

saying the SIU was only recently given transcripts of Metro homicide squad interviews with the officers involved.

"The SIU shouldn't be at the back of the bus, they should be the driver in this case," he said.

SIU spokesman Barbara Theobalds confirmed there's been a lack of police cooperation "but we're going to keep at it."

Metro Police Det.-Sgt. Brian Raybould said nothing can be

said about the case "because it's under SIU investigation."

Lawyer Julian Falconer, a lawyer for the Urban Alliances on Race Relations who was a key player in the Lester Donaldson inquiry, said the recent shooting evokes that controversial case.

Donaldson, 44, was the paranoid schizophrenic with a history of violence against police who was shot dead after pulling a knife on an officer.

The subsequent inquest recommended sweeping changes in how police deal with the mentally ill and those from different cultures.

"The officers (in the Moses incident) have shown a scandalous disregard for the recommendations," Falconer said.

Meanwhile, Moses is to be buried today. His son, Craig, said the family is still struggling to cope with their loss.

— Robert Benzie

AG's probe of Minors goes slow

By JAMES WALLACE
Queen's Park Bureau

Provincial officials probing allegations of racism against Arnold Minors haven't interviewed key witnesses against the Metro police board member, the Sun has learned. Premier Bob Rae ordered a review of Minors' teachings 11 days ago after the Sun reported Minors said the Holocaust, which saw six million Jews murdered, wasn't a racist act during anti-racism lectures to Crown attorneys.



MINORS
Holocaust

But none of the Crowns contacted by the Sun yesterday — including key complainants who attended the two-day anti-racism seminars Minors was paid \$108,500 by the government to deliver — said they had been asked about Minors' teachings.

A spokesman for the attorney general's office confirmed a "review" is under way but couldn't say who was conducting it or what had been done.

Minors has also suggested that only whites are capable of racism and said the only people of color with racist tendencies are those who have "been co-opted by the privileged group."

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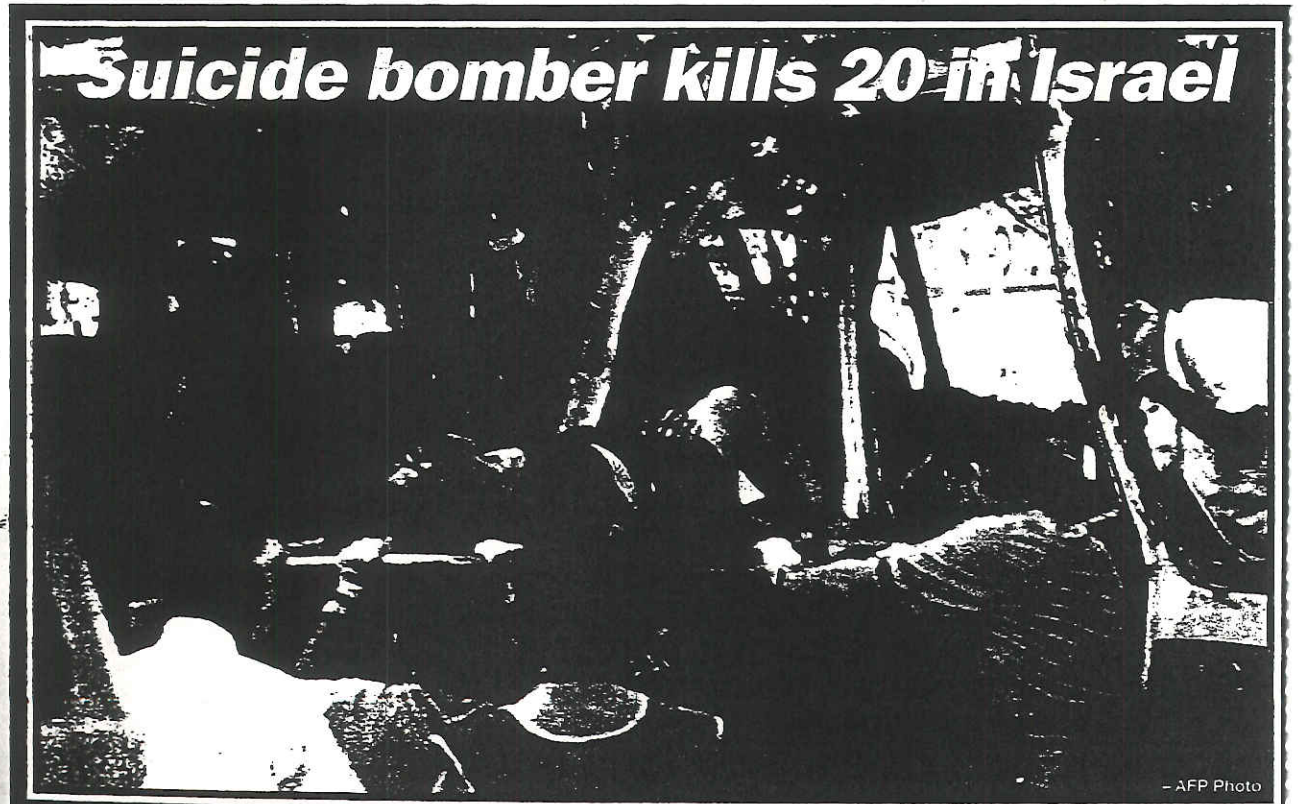
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NOW MINORS IN MAJOR TROUBLE

Board member calls Metro cops 'occupying armies'; Eng stunned: Blatchford, P. 5



BUS CARNAGE ... Rescue workers pull injured passenger from bombed-out city bus in Tel Aviv yesterday. See Page 4.

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— Michael Leshner

ARNIE'S ARMY

"There is a long, long, thousand-year history of people not speaking to occupying armies."

— Arnold Minors on why young blacks aren't co-operating with police in the shooting near Tae's Restaurant

This quote appeared in yesterday's Toronto Star in an otherwise innocuous page 6 story about the outrageous silence which has greeted Metro Police in their investigation of the shooting outside Tae's early last Monday morning.

One young black man, Steven Braithwaite, was killed, two others seriously injured, and in the days since, homicide detectives have received not one — not one — phone call from anyone admitting to having been in the club, and even CrimeStoppers, which accepts anonymous tips, has all but come up empty. Given that the potential witness pool in this case is about 250 — the size of the crowd which was in the process of dispersing when the shooting took place — the silence is simply staggering.

Tae's is, as its owner Everard Green says, a "Caribbean club", its clients almost exclusively black. And so it was on Tuesday that the Star's Moira Welsh, approached some leaders of the city's black community for their views on this see-no-evil behavior.

One was Arnold Minors, the only black member of the Metro Police Services Board. When she asked for his reaction to the police frustration, the silence of the community, Minors responded with the quote that began this column. He also told her, Welsh said yesterday after reviewing her tape of their conversation, "I do know that when police officers talk about 'Those people won't speak to us', it is precisely the same thing occupying armies talk about."

The published remark set off alarm bells in many of those who read it, among them Michael Leshner, an Ontario Crown attorney with 18 years under his belt, and police board chair Susan Eng.

Anti-racism training

As a Crown, Leshner is one of those scheduled to receive anti-racism training from Minors — one of 15 two-day seminars he is conducting for the attorney-general with \$108,000 of public money. Some Crowns who have already had their training had complained about some of what Minors had told them, including his statement that the Holocaust, while a tragedy, was "not a racist act."

Those complaints, as published in the Sun, led Premier Bob Rae to call for an investigation, but in the two weeks since, the investigation has turned into a "review", not one Crown has been formally contacted, and Minors continues to conduct his seminars, though he has

Christie BLATCHFORD



been asked for an interim report. His remark about the "occupying army" is now also part of the review.

Upon reading the Star story yesterday, Leshner was furious. After checking with the reporter, he unleashed his wrath as only Leshner, who once fought a lengthy and brave battle to win same-sex benefits for his partner and who is quite unafraid of controversy as a result, can.

He complained about Minors to his immediate boss, Paul Culver, his regional director, the Crowns' association and to Michael Code, the assistant deputy attorney-general.

'Expressed my concerns'

"By implication," Leshner was snarling yesterday to all who would listen, "Crown attorneys are doing the dirty work of the dirty cops."

"I've expressed my concerns to the police on gay issues before, but by no stretch of the imagination, let alone fact, can the police be compared to an occupying army. There are no racist laws on the books in this province. What criteria is he (Minors) using...?"

"What is also relevant is how he has it every which way. He makes money by being on the police services board, and then makes money teaching that the police are an occupying army? He can't come out of this with his ethical or moral conduct unscathed."

Leshner is 46, and by his own description, hardly on the "small-C conservative end", but he thinks Minors "is the wrong person to be advising Crown attorneys on anti-racism".

Susan Eng, meanwhile, read the remark in the Star and was left stunned. "I find it outrageous," she said yesterday. "It's the kind of thing we hear at demonstrations. It has no business coming from a person who holds the office he does." Further-

more, she said, at a time when "we should be encouraging people to come forward" in the Tae's shooting, it was unhelpful for such a remark to come from a black role model. She expects Minors to "account to the board" for what he said.

The still-emerging portrait of Minors is of a man so arrogant he regards himself as invincible or, and this is the theory to which I subscribe, one bent on martyrdom. 'Minors run off police board'; I can practically see the headlines in SHARE magazine.

He compares the Metro police force to an occupying army. He walks by a plainclothes officer who, by his own admission he recognizes as a) a cop and b) in some distress —

calling for help on his radio in a voice Minors tells police, later, is shaky. He does nothing to help. In his world, the only racism that matters is that directed at blacks, and, his sop to Canadian history, aboriginal people. He stands idly by while Sun

reporter Sharon Lem has her notebook taken from her and torn by a group of Metro Toronto Housing employees-turned-thugs, and does nothing to help Lem.

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Task force in works for club shootings / P. 18

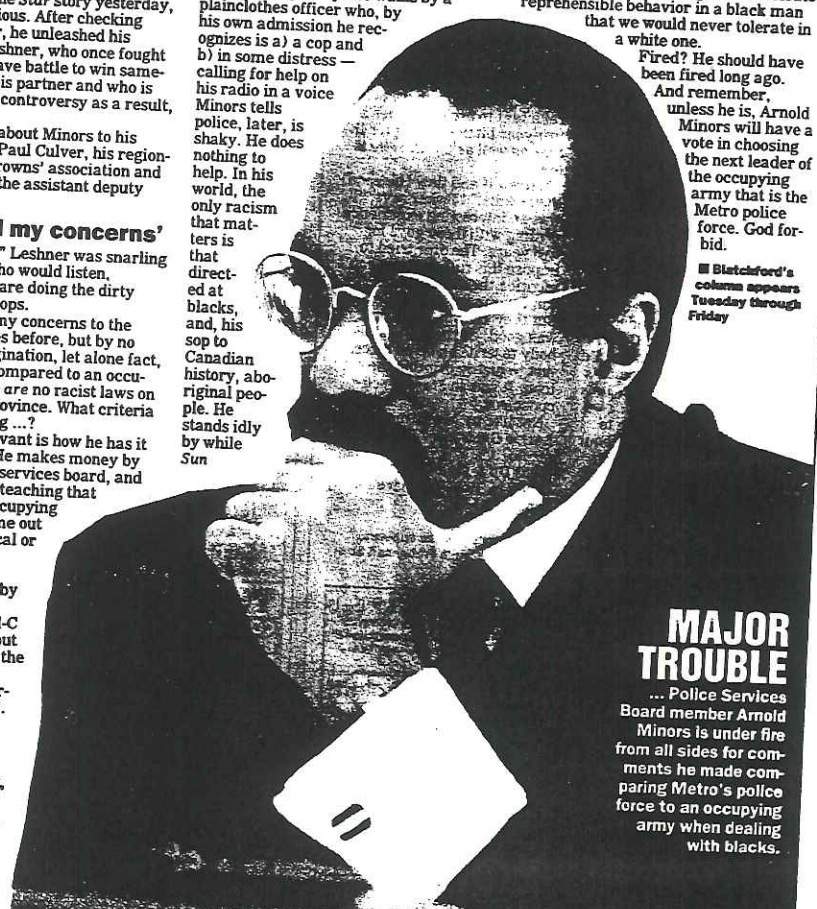
It's not the fall of this man which is so fascinating, but that he was ever elevated to such a position of power — a police board member, a recognized "expert" in anti-racism — and that he held onto it for so long.

It speaks volumes about the Bob Rae government, the current state of our province, and our willingness to tolerate reprehensible behavior in a black man that we would never tolerate in a white one.

Fired? He should have been fired long ago.

And remember, unless he is, Arnold Minors will have a vote in choosing the next leader of the occupying army that is the Metro police force. God forbid.

Blatchford's column appears Tuesday through Friday



MAJOR TROUBLE

... Police Services Board member Arnold Minors is under fire from all sides for comments he made comparing Metro's police force to an occupying army when dealing with blacks.



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Enough is enough

We told you this would happen.

Now Arnold Minors has finally said something so outrageous that just about everyone has had enough.

His remarks comparing Metro police to an occupying army are so beyond the realm of fair comment in his capacity as a member of the police services board that even his most ardent supporters are backing away from him.

But the cries from some former Minors' fans that now he's finally done it and has to go are too little too late.

Minors has not only been an accident waiting to happen, he is an accident that has kept on happening ever since Premier Bob Rae appointed him to the police board while politically correct voices in our community kept on stubbornly ignoring his many gaffes.

Despite being a police commissioner, he walks by a plain-clothes officer he admits he knew was in distress without offering to help.

He tells Crown attorneys on a \$108,500 government contract to teach them about racism that the Holocaust, while tragic, is not racism.

He refuses to help our own reporter, Sharon Lem, when she was surrounded by an intimidating crowd demanding her notes, and his report on hiring and management practices following allegations of racism at Northwestern General Hospital was typical of someone who seems to see everything through the prism of race.

We do hope Minors has so discredited himself now that not even Rae would have the chutzpah to make him chairman of the board before his government is tossed.

Amid this latest controversy it would be wise to remember three things. First, that Minors doesn't speak for anyone but himself and embarrasses no one but himself.

Second, that any potential witnesses to the Tae's Restaurant shooting should be encouraged to come forward by all responsible voices in our community.

And third, that whatever tensions do exist between the police force and some members of some racial minority groups, surely we can all agree that helping the police find and convict murderers is part of their job, and ours.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE TORONTO Sun Oct. 5 front page story on subway violence was long overdue. During my four-year term as a TTC bus driver I witnessed and reported numerous assaults against passengers, and not once was I asked to provide additional information about these occurrences. It seemed as if keeping such assaults from reaching the media was the most important part of the TTC operation. On three separate occasions my bus

was hit by bullets during late-night trips, once blowing out the front windows. The speed with which the Toronto police and TTC supervisors cleaned up the scene during these shootings made it obvious to me that they wanted to hide what had happened from the media. I would say that only about 25% of assaults against drivers and passengers ever reach the newspapers. As a result of how dangerous things were getting I resigned from my job in 1988.

John Newton
Hamilton

(The situation is a reflection of conditions throughout a society in danger of collapse)

I WOULD be remiss if I were to send panic complaint letters to you about the strange leanings I felt I was perceiving coming from your paper in articles by people like Lyn Cockburn, Liz Braun etc. I was honestly starting to wonder whether we had lost the only true media voice of balance and fairness that we have "left" in Toronto. (I'm nervous using the word left in a sentence nowadays.) But right there

recent morning and read the articles by Lorrie Goldstein, Gordon Chong, Bob MacDonald and a few others and had my confidence fully renewed. How refreshing! Do you suppose we could enter them as a slate of candidates in the next provincial election? Please, please don't turn into what the other papers have. We're only asking for our view to get published as well.

Larry N. Willard
Scarboro

(Good heavens, we would never become the Star or the Mop and Mail. We have too much opinion for that)

ARE CRIME statistics up or down? Surely one robbery, one rape, or one murder is one too many? Society has adopted a policy of zero tolerance toward smoking in some areas. When do we begin to dispense serious punishment for serious crime?

William E. Rae
Scarboro

(It's about time)

WHY ARE insurance premiums higher for male drivers, when the majority of accidents

are too aggressive and therefore cause accidents through dangerous and careless driving, it is just common knowledge that women can't drive. Whenever you're in a hurry to get to work and there is an idiot in front of you doing 15 kilometres under the speed limit, you can be sure that it is a woman driver. Just because women drive over-cautiously it doesn't mean that accidents are not caused by them just as much as male drivers. I'm not saying to charge women higher premiums than men, but at least charge them the same as male drivers.

J. Travaglini
Etobicoke

(You haven't been paying attention — the liberated women of today drive every bit as fast and as badly as males. Progress)

RE THE Redwood shelter: When there is a legitimate need for shelters or crisis centres in Ontario, charitable donations should provide funding. Not taxes. It is revealing that tax-funded shelters and crisis centres are available only for those who exit the malchuching anti-

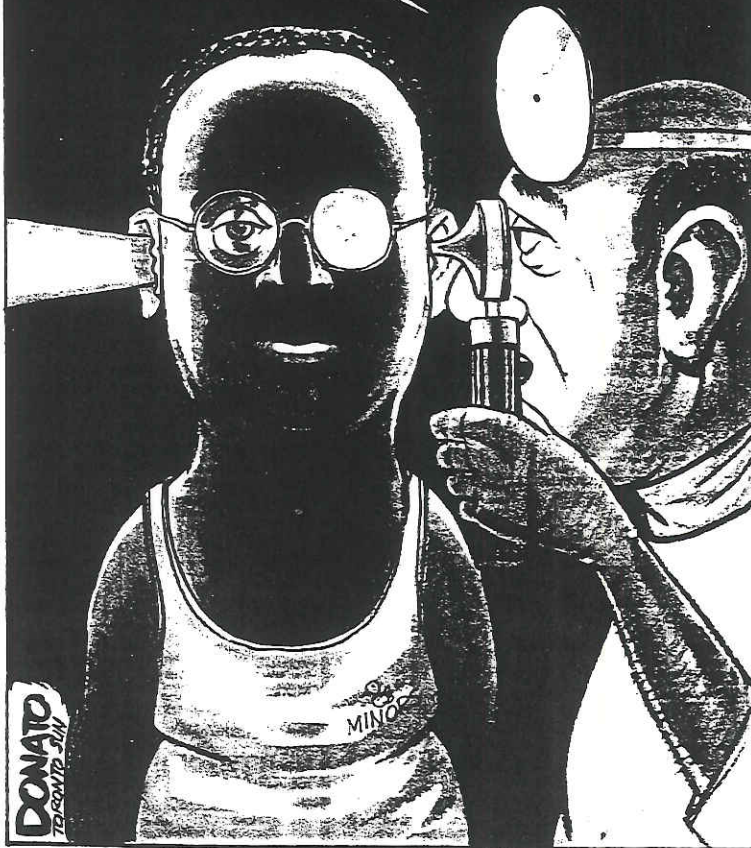
ed shelters/crisis centres for male victims of spousal abuse, for families whose homes are gutted by fire, for victims of non-sexual assault or the families of murder victims? They don't exist. About two years ago Christie Blatchford did an excellent piece on the Hamilton sexual assault centre. Tax-funded to the tune of over \$350,000 annually, the centre was found to be engaged in pro-lesbian "counselling" and hate-mongering against males and even police. The sordid affair was quickly hushed up and the tax dollars continue to flow. Obvious question: Is such hate-mongering common to most feminist controlled shelters/crisis centres? Do they simply provide tax-funded employment for feminist propagandists?

Hal Brown
Toronto

(We hope not)

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WELL, ARNOLD, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AN ARMY OF INTELLIGENCE OCCUPYING YOUR HEAD!



HMPH... HERE'S LUCIEN BOUCHARD PRATTTLING ON ABOUT SEPARATION AGAIN... THANK GOODNESS FOR THE MUTE BUTTON...





ARNOLD MINORS
"Heaping insult on injury"

Minors' lectures a costly exercise

By JAMES WALLACE
Queen's Park Bureau

Crown attorneys are being flown to Toronto and booked into hotels to attend Arnold Minors' controversial anti-racism seminars, the Sun has learned.

And the NDP government will have to pay \$400 to \$500 a day to replace at least some of the province's 350 Crowns with temporary staff while they're at Minors' two-day lectures, senior ministry officials said yesterday.

Minors earned himself a place in Premier Bob Rae's doghouse after the Sun revealed he suggested in his seminars that the Holocaust was "not a racist act" and that only whites were capable of racism.

He also publicly stated this week that he believes the police failure to find witnesses to a murder at a black after-hours club is the result of "a long, long, thousand-year history of people not speaking to occupying armies."

'Appalling'

Opposition MPP Charles Harnick said "it's appalling to think the taxpayers are paying Arnold Minors for the kind of expertise he's delivering."

"To think, we're incurring expenses on top of that is heaping insult on injury," Harnick said.

Rae, who nominated Minors to serve on Metro's police board, has launched a review into Minors' inflammatory remarks.

Minors' contract to deliver 16 anti-racism seminars for the NDP is worth \$108,500.

He got the contract even though the attorney general ministry has an anti-racism unit that employs four full-time civil servants.

Meanwhile, the embattled police services board member blamed the Sun for his troubles last week during one of the 15 seminars he's being paid \$108,500 to deliver.

"He said the Sun was out to get him," a Crown who attended the lecture said. Minors failed to return telephone calls from the Sun.

Resign!

■ *Police board member has lost his credibility: Cohort*

By TRACY NESDOLY
Toronto Sun

Arnold Minors should "do the honorable thing and resign" from the police services board for comparing Metro Police to an "occupying army," a fellow board member says.

Minors, who was kept from yesterday's board meeting by a previous commitment, was chastised for his "occupying army" comments in an interview with the *Star* earlier this week.

That story focused on the silence encountered by detectives investigating Monday's early-morning shootout at a North York after-hours club that left one man dead and two others seriously injured.

Investigation

The province is investigating Minors' comments to determine whether action should be taken.

At yesterday's meeting, the board dissociated itself from Minors' comments.

Metro councillor Brian Ashton, who called for Minors' resignation, also accused him of

possibly hindering a murder investigation.

"I am very concerned I can no longer take his counsel or advice on matters of importance, particularly in regards to the black community, because of the comments he's made," said Ashton.

"I don't believe he represents a serious perspective in the black community."

Board chairman Susan Eng said Minors' comments "does harm" to relations between the black community and the police, and he "should be asked to account to us for it, to identify whether or not he understands the anger this has generated, and the disappointment."

Eng also struck out at the police, saying it is "not helpful for police officers to suggest that any community doesn't value human life and ... to suggest that's why they are not coming forward."

She was apparently referring to comments made at a press conference by homicide Det.-Sgt. Bob Clarke, who said, "People can shoot someone down in the presence of hundreds of others. They have that confidence because they're right: no one's talking."

Board member Laura Rowe said while Minors' remarks are divisive, "we don't have a set of rules about how many times you're allowed to put your foot in your mouth."

She suggested that Minors may have run into trouble because he's accustomed to a teaching role, "where he has an hour to explain what he means. It doesn't work that



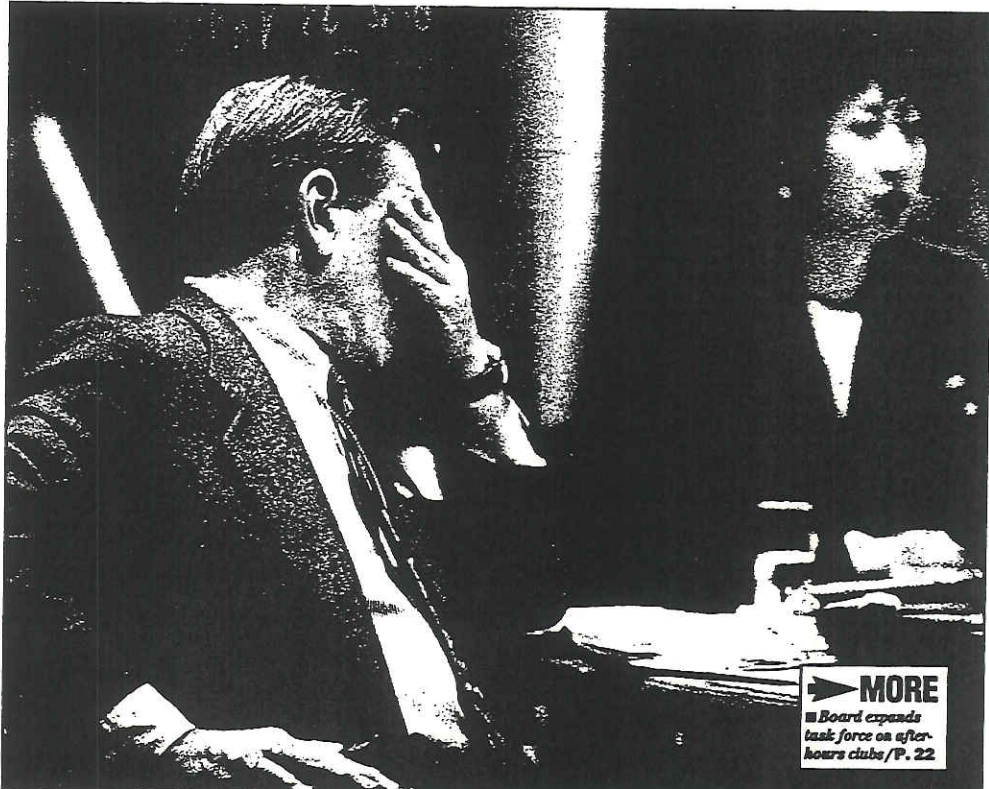
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— police services board member Brian Ashton

way in the media."

Minors gives anti-racism training for the attorney general, to the tune of \$108,000. He drew the ire of some assistant Crown attorneys for suggesting the Jewish Holocaust was a tragedy but "not a racist act."

The Metro Police Association, the force's union, is also asking Premier Bob Rae to call for Minors' resignation.



A HANDFUL ... Norm Gardner ponders a sticky situation while Susan Eng has her say at the police services board meeting.

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Board expands
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— Ken Kerr, SUN

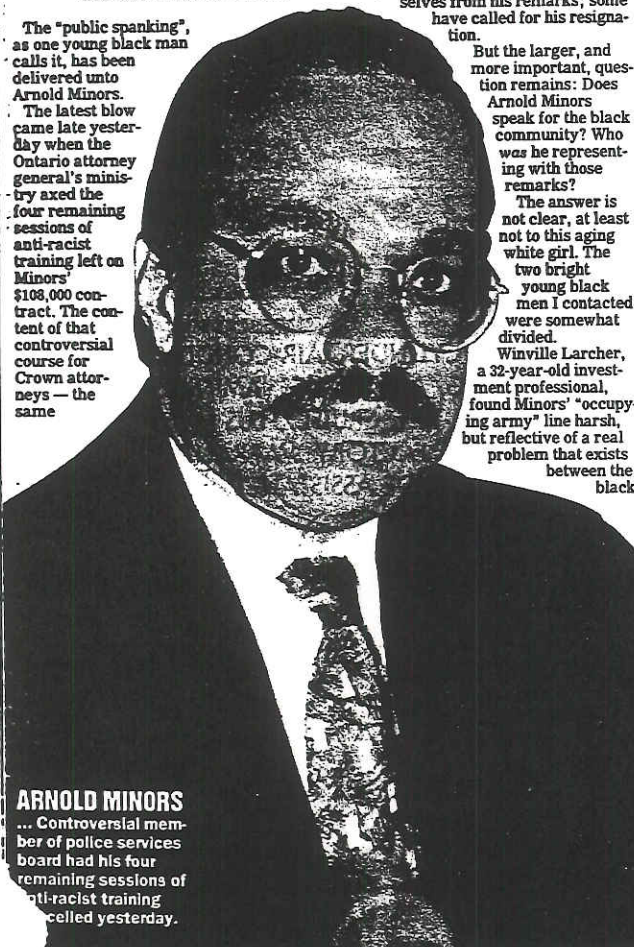
WHO DOES ARNOLD MINORS REPRESENT?

NOT ONE VOICE

"Given the breach between black leadership and its putative constituency, we shouldn't be surprised at the motley company seeking to fill it."

— Henry Louis Gates, Jr., on The Black Leadership Myth in the Oct. 24 New Yorker

The "public spanking," as one young black man calls it, has been delivered unto Arnold Minors. The latest blow came late yesterday when the Ontario attorney general's ministry axed the four remaining sessions of anti-racist training left on Minors' \$108,000 contract. The content of that controversial course for Crown attorneys — the same



ARNOLD MINORS

... Controversial member of police services board had his four remaining sessions of anti-racist training cancelled yesterday.

course which enraged as many as a dozen of Ontario's front-line law officers with its narrow focus on black-directed racism and Minors' refusal to deem the Holocaust a racist act — is under review. On another front, at the Metro Police Services Board where Minors sits as an appointed member, he has been called on the carpet for comparing the Metro force to an "occupying army". His colleagues have disassociated themselves from his remarks; some have called for his resignation.

But the larger, and more important, question remains: Does Arnold Minors speak for the black community? Who was he representing with those remarks?

The answer is not clear, at least not to this aging white girl. The two bright young black men I contacted were somewhat divided.

Winville Larcher, a 32-year-old investment professional, found Minors' "occupying army" line harsh, but reflective of a real problem that exists between the black



community and the police. Like many blacks, I suspect, Larcher says, "I think most people know what he (Minors) meant to say." Larcher wonders if Minors isn't paying the price for speaking the politically incorrect truth.

McLean Greaves, a 28-year-old writer for The Metro Word, a black arts newspaper, says in his opinion Minors wasn't speaking for "the black middle class, the black urban professional crowd." But he, too, says, "What he wanted to say and what he said are two different things." Neither believes he should resign from the board, and there seems little danger of that happening.

The importance Larcher and Greaves attach to language captures what I see as the widespread perception in the black community that Minors was somehow misunderstood by the mainstream, predominantly white media. This, in my opinion, ignores the reality of Minors himself, which is that he is a cautious speaker, careful to the point of being ponderous, not to mention someone who earns his primary living as a communicator.

His recent denials/clarifications notwithstanding, there is evidence he said precisely what he is accused of saying.

Paul Culver, the senior Toronto Crown attorney, last week sent off a letter to Michael Code, the assistant deputy attorney general, passing along the concerns, some "quite emotional," of about a dozen Crowns who have spoken to Culver about the content of Minors' seminars. Their complaints, Culver says, echo those of the Crowns I quoted anonymously in my column who heard Minors say the Holocaust wasn't "a racist act."

As for the "occupying army" line, it was first reported in the Toronto Star in a tape-recorded interview which makes it clear Minors was quoted accurately and in context.

Yet, there persists this sense that somehow, Minors was misinterpreted, perhaps deliberately, and is now being run out of town. There is also within the black community, near as I can tell from the people I've talked to and those I've heard on the call-in shows, a further sense that blacks should stand up for him, what Henry Gates calls a need for "racial unanimity."

The truth, it seems to me, is that the black community is every bit as diverse and fractured as the white community; "more so," Gates writes in the New Yorker. And yet the only voices which represent this great, heterogeneous mix, at least in the mainstream press, are the likes of Dudley Laws and Charlie Roach. They tend to speak for the tiny group of black youth who find themselves in confrontation with the police, who feel disenfranchised, and yet, because they're the only ones talking, others are reluctant to criticize them.

His now-suspended contract with Queen's Park aside, where does this leave Arnold Minors?

The answer is — still on the police board, which, next Wednesday, will be choosing the next police chief.

The solution to this problem is quite simple, it seems to me: Everyone who sits on this board should be a Metro councillor, elected first by the public and then by his or her colleagues to the board.

Election, I think, would give Minors the credibility he does not now have. Ditto Lennox Farrell, who echoed Minors' remarks last week and who is now running against Mel Lastman for the North York mayor's job. Should Farrell win, should he then be named by Metro Council as a police board member, he would have all the legitimacy the elected are entitled to claim, and we would all have to weigh his opinions in that context.



FARRELL
Running for office

Until then, Lennox Farrell is just another kooky candidate who can claim to speak for anyone he likes without ever being called to task for it. The same holds true for Arnold Minors, who was appointed to the board by Premier Bob Rae, and who, presumably, remains there at the premier's pleasure.

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Minors setback: Seminars axed

By JAMES WALLACE
Queen's Park Bureau

The NDP has suspended Metro Police Services Board member Arnold Minors' controversial anti-racism seminars for Crown attorneys.

Premier Bob Rae ordered a review of Minors' teachings Oct. 7 after Crown attorneys complained he suggested the

Holocaust "was not a racist act."

Minors later said he believed the failure of Metro Police to find witnesses to a murder at a black after-hours club was the result of "a long, long thousand-year history of people not speaking to occupying armies."

Rae, who nominated Minors to serve on the police board, refused to comment on Minors' controversial remarks this week.

But Attorney General Marion Boyd's office issued a statement yesterday saying "in light of recent events" the ministry is "suspending all currently scheduled anti-racism training sessions for Crown attorneys pending an evaluation of program delivery."

Minors' company, Arnold Minors and Associates, won the contract worth \$108,500 to deliver 16 anti-racism seminars for the NDP. He has delivered 12 of those sessions so far.

Liberal MPP Elmer Caplan said Minors should also be "fired" from the police board. The teachings were inappropriate in the extreme, he said. I did because I

Minors did not return phone calls from the Star yesterday.



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Misdirection polka

Here a probe, there a probe, everywhere a probe probe. No, not a version of *Old MacDonald's Farm* or a proctologist on a busy day but the premier and his ministers responding to yet another mess with yet another probe.

The cabinet did nothing yesterday regarding police commissioner Arnold Minors despite erroneous media reports elsewhere that he was about to be fired.

Lest we forget, the New Democrats had already ordered a probe into Minors' nutty remarks about the Holocaust (a tragedy, not a racist act) and has now ordered yet another probe on his nutty remarks comparing the Metro police to an occupying army.

In fairness, the first probe didn't really seem to be taken on with all that much enthusiasm by the government and as of a few days ago hadn't done much, although Minors' remaining anti-racism seminars with Crown attorneys have been suspended pending that investigation.

So at least the fact this new probe will be taken on by the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services with a 60-day time limit indicates that it will presumably, at least, come to some sort of conclusion.

Those whose short-term memory remains intact through this sorry affair will recall that it was the same body that Chief Bill McCormack wanted to probe both the Metro police services board's conduct and his own.

Ironically, it's loaded with NDP appointees so we suspect Christopherson's effort is really aimed at making this issue go away while tempers cool.

Meanwhile, Minors continues to sit on the police board and can participate in all of its decisions, including selecting the next chief. Incredible!

We'd have preferred him bounced now but the important point is that after Minors' latest fiasco (which wasn't even his worst gaffe, just the last straw) we don't think Bob Rae would dare to make him the next head of the board as once appeared to be the plan.

Of course, that raises the key question of just who Rae is planning to place in the chair's job, just as he placed Susan Eng there at the start of his term.

Now that's something to really worry about.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LYOYD AXWORTHY will not reduce the costs of our social program without reducing the quality of these services. Axworthy's office stated that school boards that conspire with their employees to receive UI are using "loopholes" in the system. School boards and their employees know there is no real unemployment, yet they will lie to the system to receive benefits. Axworthy says this is a loophole, I say it is fraud. This says to the people in

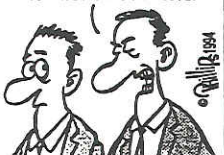
Canada that there is no need to be accountable for your actions, you may abuse the social system and nothing will be done to punish or deter you. This abuse by the school board proves how ingrained, pervasive and accepted fraud is in Canada.

S. Cavanagh
North York

(We think your description is better than Axworthy's)

SUNtoon by PHILLIPS

BY THE TIME THE GRITS FINISH
DISCUSSING WHETHER OR NOT
TO CUT SIX BILLION, THE DEFICIT
WILL HAVE RISEN BY TWELVE!



JAMES NG of Markham wrote to you on Oct. 18 lamenting that his parents might apply for welfare because he can't claim them as dependents anymore. Ng states his parents are now over 70, which means they were over 66 when he sponsored them to come to this country four years ago. How much income tax or other funds did they pay to Canada? They had access to our generous medical plan and other social handouts without any contribution on their part. Now Ng wants me to support his parents because he can't anymore? Revenue Canada cancelled those deductions because of this type of abuse. Ng should get a dictionary and find that the word "immigrant"

another person. My parents came here when they were younger. They paid their share and more. And now I am caring for them and not complaining that I have not been given one cent to help me.

R.J. Summers
Georgetown

(Some people are unclear on the concept)

I AM due to receive my old-age pension next year. I thought it only fair that this year I invest the last of my life savings in Canada and purchase Canada Savings Bonds. Then comes the announcement that our government will pay \$34 million to Quebec re the Charlottetown accord. Of course, the money is coming from the pockets of the rest of Canada. At a time when our deficit is still soaring, how can they even consider such a move? Now, Jean Chretien, I wish to inform you that as long as the government of Canada is subsidizing traitors such as Lucien Bouchard and his gang of cut-throats, and they continue to milk Canada of every cent they can think to ask for while they

beloved country, I will never again invest one cent in Canada Savings Bonds. When our House of Parliament is peopled by Canadians, who support and intend to work for Canada, my family and I will once again be happy to buy bonds. I urge all Canadians to do likewise.

Elizabeth Flaro
Ingleside

(Your plan is understandable, but misguided)

IN THE matter of public safety in Metro Toronto, it is the best of times, it is the worst of times. We have been blessed with a wonderful police force headed by a chief who exudes dignity, integrity and duty. We have been cursed with a police services board which is a disgrace. Neither is felt for the chair of the police services board. The course of common sense is so obvious - If something must go in January, let it be the police services board and its chair. The chief stays.

David J. Moll
Trustee, Ward 10
Toronto Board of Ed

(Agreed)

Our hobby is horse-and-carriage driving and we are the proud owners of two harness horses. We were keen to visit Mennonite country featured on the in-flight video and so visited the St Jacobs area. Unfortunately the romantic notion of man at one with nature that had been portrayed was rudely shattered. We were appalled to witness the poor condition of the horses tied to the hitching rail at the farmer's market there. One had visible harness sores, another a bleeding mouth from being fastened up by a too tightly fitting bit, yet other with feet in a disgraceful and pitiful condition - overgrown, deformed, split and unshoe hooves. As visitors we are reluctant to criticize, but regret the seeming absence of any animal-welfare standards in a community which we had come to admire from afar has left us with an unpleasant memory of the part of our trip.

Philip and Margaret Anderson
Mississauga

(We hope that what you saw were exceptions and we further hope that the appropriate animal-welfare authorities in-



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■ Arnold Minors talks to reporters outside his downtown Toronto house yesterday.

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NDP INQUIRY HAS NO TEETH

A MINORS' VICTORY

Mau-mauing the flak catchers, Tom Wolfe called it — his wondrous phrase for the way, in the late '60s, smart black folks were able to manipulate white liberal guilt to their own ends.

Well, we've always been a little behind in Canada. So it is that three decades later, in the Arnold Minors imbroglio, we are blessed with another splendid example of this curious phenomenon.

For all the stern-sounding noise out of Queen's Park and Metro Police headquarters yesterday from, respectively, Solicitor General David Christopherson and police board chair Susan Eng, one thing remains abundantly clear: Minors has won.

The inquiry Christopherson announced — it will be conducted by the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services and will last 45 to 60 days — has no power to either suspend or remove Minors from the police board, as Murray Chitra, the commission's acting chair, explained yesterday.

That can happen only if, and when, the seven members of the commission, on hearing the results of the first investigation, recommend a second, full public hearing presided over by two or three commission members, and if and when, at its conclu-

sion some weeks or months later after the expenditure of some considerable sum of taxpayer money, those members then decide Minors has somehow breached his statutory duty on the police board and isn't fit to carry on.

Such a public hearing would surely get bogged down in the larger "context" issue — the importance of Minors' skin color and his experience as a black man in then-colonial Bermuda in leading him to compare, as he so clearly did in a taped interview with the *Toronto Star* (the paper should put the tape on its StarPhone service, so all of us can hear it), the Metro Police force to an "occupying army".

This is the dog's breakfast that second inquiry would likely become, a veritable circus of testimony from experts in pan-African pain and its relevance to African-Canadians; what other issue would there be left for a public hearing to explore after the first inquiry? We are not, after all, dealing with a complicated murder probe here, but literally a simple case of he said-she said. And, if the public inquiry were to be called, you can be confident that when all was said and done, Minors would be forgiven.

Far more likely, I think, is

Christie
BLATCHFORD

UNDER PRESSURE
Metro Police Services Board member Arnold Minors closes his door to his home yesterday after letting in a new front from the media.

that the commission's investigators will take two months to interview the two key players in this (Minors and the *Star* reporter who has the "occupying army" quote, in the only context that should matter, i.e., as his response to a simple question about why Metro cops probing a recent triple shooting outside a black club are being met with a wall of silence) and will conclude that, while troublesome, his remark doesn't warrant further action, and that

will be that.

At the police board, meanwhile, they are powerless — quite without legal authority — to do anything but exert "moral suasion", as one reporter reminded Susan Eng yesterday. There is, alas, some doubt about whether there is even the will to do that much.

The board, you see, is about to choose a new police chief. Next week, the hired-gun consultants will present the members with a short list — likely with five or six names on it — and do the final, in-depth interviews of these candidates, arriving at a decision by Thursday or Friday.

The choosing of the new chief is also Eng's last hurrah — her term is up next May — and so the exercise has in some measure taken on added meaning, especially given the recent struggle for influence between her and Chief Bill McCormack.

It is known that Eng's choice is deputy chief Robert Kerr and that both Minors and Laura Rowe are in the Kerr camp, too. Councillor Norm Gardner and Metro Chairman Alan Tonks are said to be torn between London Chief Julian Fantino and deputy Jim Clark,

with Councillor Brian Ashton apparently favoring deputy Dave Boothby. Where Rev. Massey Lombardi will go is still anyone's guess.

How the votes will all shake down in the end is up in the air, but it means, at the starting gate, Eng already has three of the necessary four votes; a loss of even one (Minors) could do critical damage to her chances and Kerr's. Though she seemed yesterday genuinely aggrieved at the way Christopherson has chosen to handle the Minors' problem, it also seemed she would have been satisfied to have him merely explain his remark to the board. Certainly, it's reasonable to wonder how much pressure she would exert on Minors to resign, when the loss of his vote comes at such a price.

The last anyone saw of David Christopherson yesterday was him being chased out of the Queen's Park media studio, down the west stairs and into his car by Vuyiswa Keyi, in her fine African headdress, shouting at him about the railroading of Arnold Minors.

Mau-mauers 1, flak catchers 0.
Christie Blatchford appears Tuesday through Friday.

He'll still help pick new chief

By TRACY NESDOLY
Toronto Sun

Cloud over his head or not, Metro Police Services Board member Arnold Minors will be part of the team making a decision on hiring the next police chief.

And other board members say Solicitor General David Christopherson should have removed that cloud by making a firm decision about Minors' fate yesterday.

Christopherson instead announced a further 60-day review of Minors's comments referring to Metro Police as an "occupying army".

Police board chairman Susan Eng feels the government overreacted.

"I think this ... is an elephant gun used to step on

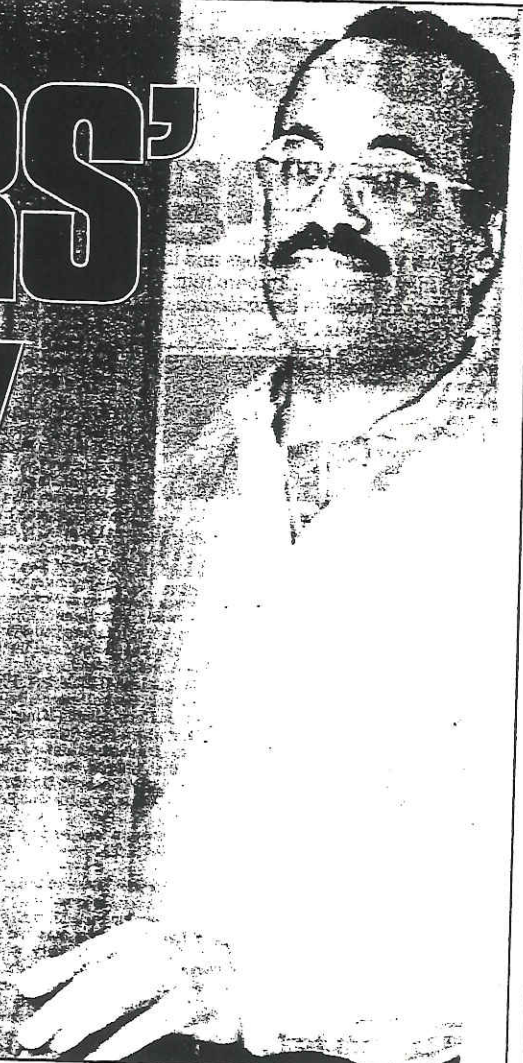
a mosquito ... it would have been more than adequate to have Arnold give a full accounting, a full public accounting ... to the board," Eng said.

Metro chairman and board member Alan Tonks says he's "befuddled" as to why the solicitor general needs a further investigation.

"I think this places an unfortunate cloud over the next phase ... which is to select a new chief," Tonks said.

The police board, including Minors, is expected to meet next week to interview candidates for the top cop job and is expected to announce the new chief Thursday or Friday.

Metro councillor and board member Brian Ashton said he stands by his earlier statement that Minors should resign, and agreed Christopherson should have made a decision yesterday.



— Fred Thornhill, SUN

MINORS EQUATES BRITS WITH NAZIS FOR VIEWS OF IRISH REVISING THE HOLOCAUST

By ROBERT BENZIE
Toronto Sun

The British view of Irish Catholics at the turn of the century is "exactly comparable" to how Nazis viewed Jews, Arnold Minors said yesterday.

The police services board member made the startling comparison near the end of

an interview on CFRB radio yesterday while defending himself against allegations of anti-Semitism.

He was disputing claims made by 12 Crown attorneys, who said they heard him say the Holocaust wasn't a racist act during an anti-racism lecture he gave earlier this month.

"I said, in Germany at that time, the definition of race in connection with the Jewish people was based on a social

group, ethnic group and religious group, among other things," Minors said.

"I went on to describe what happened in the turn of the century in Great Britain, where the Anglo-Saxon Protestants defined themselves to be the superior race and the Irish Catholics ... to be an inferior race," he said.

"As a matter of public policy, we can see the words that were written around the turn of the century in many books

and I said, furthermore, you could transfer Germans to Anglo-Saxon Protestants and Jewish people to Irish Catholics in those writings.

"They were exactly comparable. And the actions against the Irish Catholics — there, too, it was a racist act."

Six million European Jews were deliberately exterminated in Nazi concentration camps before and during World War II.

They were exactly comparable. And the actions against the Irish Catholics — there, too, it was a racist act.

— Arnold Minors

UNDER FIRE ... Arnold Minors, pictured here earlier this week, was under the gun yesterday in a radio interview over his controversial comments on racism.

— Fred Thornhill, SUN



Minors on defensive

■ *Flip-flops around comments on racism*

By ROBERT BENZIE
Toronto Sun

Embattled police services board member Arnold Minors yesterday denied referring to Metro officers as an "occupying army" or claiming the Jewish Holocaust wasn't a racist act.

In an unedited 30-minute interview with CFRB Radio's Jane Hawtin, Minors backtracked, flip-flopped and danced around the controversial comments he's made recently on race and policing issues.

Despite being presented with evidence he likened police to an occupying force — including a taped interview with the Toronto Star — and testimony from a Crown attorney who heard him denigrate the meaning of the Holocaust, Minors maintained he's been misquoted and mistreated by the media.

He also stressed he will "absolutely not" resign from the police services board amid the maelstrom surrounding his statements.

"There's no reason for my resigning. I have said nor done anything that should cause my resignation," said Minors, adding he'd be "very surprised" if he were fired by Premier Bob Rae after a probe into his actions.

Out of context

Solicitor General David Christopherson is currently investigating Minors, after an Oct. 19 story in the Star, where he said: "There is a long, long, thousand, thousand-year history of people not speaking to occupying armies."

Reporter Moira Welsh had asked him why he thought no one had come forward to assist a police probe into a fatal shooting at a predominantly black after-hours club.

Even though Hawtin played the tape for him, Minors insisted it was taken out of context.

"There's a piece of that tape that's missing with me talking about the issue of talking about people dealing with strangers," he shot back.

"That is the context. Even when people come in as a liberators ... the stories are that people

"The issue is not that the police are the same as the forces — the issue is that people don't talk to strangers. We have gotten away from police officers ... working in communities talking with people as people, so that they get to know them as regular people in their daily lives."

"I said explicitly to the people at the Star I am not talking about the police; that I was not making an analogy between the police and occupying armies."

But Minors admitted he's had dealings with Metro Police in 19 years here that "remind me of my experiences of being a black person in Bermuda with police officers."

Anti-racism lecture

"I know of many other black people who talk about experiences with police that concern them about the way they have had things happen with them," he said.

Hawtin confronted Minors about comments he made about the Nazi genocide of millions of Jews in an anti-racism lecture given to Ontario Crown attorneys.

"The Holocaust is a racist act. It was an expression of racism," he said.

Minors said it was "stupefying" that some Crown attorneys complained that he'd made statements to the contrary.

But Metro senior assistant Crown attorney Uriel Priwes, who took Minors' course on Oct. 3 and 4, said racism was defined in the lecture as something aimed at "either people of color or aboriginal people here in Canada."

"He said that all other actions against identifiable groups are not racism, so I then asked him ... whether what Hitler did between 1932 and 1945 was not racism according to his definition and he said: 'No, it is not,'" said Priwes.

Priwes said Minors said the Holocaust "is not racism because he regards Jewish people as members of a religion, not of a race."

"The entire tenor of his comments were that racism was something evil that was done generally by white people to people of color."

Minors said he was "astounded at that description of what happened."

He also said he'd be willing to testify in court to prove he didn't say what Priwes — and 11 other Crown attorneys at the seminar — said he did.

The courses, which earned Minors \$108,500 a year, have been suspended while he's being in-

Ziemba rips anti-cop funding

By JEFF HARDER
Queen's Park Bureau

The Black Action Defence Committee shouldn't be using public funds to bash Metro cops, Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba says.

She also hinted her ministry had indirectly helped bankroll the Coalition to Stop

Show Boat, a group of activists that tried to derail the musical at North York's Performing Arts Centre.

Ziemba's ministry has given BADC operating grants totalling \$52,500 over the past two years.

BADC demonstrations have featured placards reading "Drop your gun, Pig" and its leaders have described police head-

quarters as a "human slaughterhouse."

"I don't think any funding should be given to anybody to be used for anything that promotes any form of racism or hatred or intolerance to any group of people," Ziemba told reporters yesterday. "I presume I would not appreciate those signs."

Ziemba also broke her silence over her alleged funding of the Coalition to Stop

Show Boat, for which she is being sued by

Garth Drabinsky's Live Entertainment. "What they (her bureaucrats) have funded are organizations who might have been involved in that coalition, but not the coalition itself," said Ziemba.

Tory MPP Chris Stockwell said BADC's controversial activities shouldn't be financed by taxpayers.



MINORS
Voting for cop chief?

Minors' debate turns ugly

By JAMES WALLACE
Queen's Park Bureau

MPPs debating what to do about Arnold Minors stooped to name-calling yesterday.

Tory Bob Runciman said Minors shouldn't be allowed to vote for the next Metro police chief because of his anti-Semitic teachings to Crown attorneys.

Minors told the Crowns the Holocaust was "not a racist act" during anti-racism seminars for which he was paid \$108,500 by the province.

Runciman said Minors has "little credibility."

"Over the years the current governing party and its leader have consistently talked a good fight about the evils of racism, but in this situation, dealing with one of your own political appointees with serious allegations hanging over his head, you refuse to act," Runciman said.

As catcalls rang out, Tory MPP Chris Stockwell shouted "If it was a cop, you would have hung him."

NDP MPP Tony Perruzza shouted: "You going to let that yo-yo say that and stay in here. He's a jerk."

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Metro Police expect to lay Municipal Elections Act charges in a bribery probe of Toronto council candidate Alexander Chumak and his former campaign manager, Walter Melnyk.

"The investigation is at the preliminary stages," Metro Det. Steve Clarke told the Sun yesterday. He said the probe "will continue forward, and appropriate charges will be laid in consultation with the Crown attorney."

Going into Monday's election, Chumak, a longtime Toronto board of education trustee in west-end Ward 1, is considered the leading contender to win the council seat for the same ward.

Close race

But, with five other candidates vying for the lone council spot, the race has become a dogfight, and hot on Chumak's heels are Nick Trainos, a former assistant of retiring councillor Bill Boytchuk, David Hutcheon, executive assistant of Etobicoke Mayor Bruce Sinclair, and Myron Tymochko, a manager with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario who got off to an early start with his "Back To Basics" campaign.

It is Tymochko who allegedly was offered unspecified "appointments" at City Hall if he withdrew from the race, the Sun has learned.

The offer was allegedly made at an evening meeting, held in early October at an Etobicoke Swiss Chalet, between Chumak



TROUBLED CAMPAIGN ...
Toronto council Ward 1 candidate Alexander Chumak, right, and his former campaign manager Walter Melnyk are subject of a police investigation.

and Melnyk and Tymochko and one of his campaign workers.

Chumak, clearly shaken to learn of the police investigation, told the Sun in a telephone interview yesterday afternoon that the meeting had been arranged by Melnyk and blamed him for making "some general statements or promises to one of my opponents". He was "not aware of all the full details" before going to the meeting, he said, and was taken aback when "Mr. Melnyk did mention to my opponent if he withdraws, certain things would happen."

At this point in the interview, Chumak declined to continue, saying he would like "time to col-

lect my thoughts". When he phoned back about 15 minutes later, he said, "I think the prudent thing for me is not to say anything", and would make no further comment except to say that Melnyk was no longer his campaign manager.

Other sources, including the Tymochko worker who was at

the October meeting, say that though Melnyk was persistent in arranging the meeting, calling Tymochko's campaign office "five or six times", it was Chumak who allegedly made the offer

the act, and is liable to a fine or a prison sentence of up to six months, or both, and is prohibited from voting in any election for the next four years.

The tape, apparently made by Tymochko or his worker, who were suspicious of the reason for the meeting, first surfaced several weeks ago when it was turned over to Metro's Project 80, the so-called "governmental affairs" squad which specializes in political corruption.

Metro Police Acting Insp. Vaughan O'Toole, who heads the squad, yesterday confirmed his investigators have also listened to the tape. "They made an assessment it did not fall into our criminal mandate," O'Toole said, and turned it over to 11 Division detectives. "My officers felt the matter should be investigated as a violation of the Municipal Elections Act."

Det. Clarke said his investigators will be conferring soon with a Crown at 720 Bay St., where the criminal law division of the attorney general's office is located.

Confirmation of the probe by police brings to an end weeks of rumors and speculation about both the meeting and the tape.

Insiders say Tymochko was furious about the incident, but was unsure of what, if anything, he could do about it once the tape was in police hands.

Tymochko refused comment last night.

This worker says Chumak suggested since Tymochko "was going to lose anyway", he should drop out of the running now, and that when the worker asked, "Why would we do that?", the offer was made.

Melnik, a former trustee with the Metro separate school board, couldn't be reached by the Sun yesterday or last night. Several messages left on his home answering machine went unreturned.

On tape

The discussion among the four at the Swiss Chalet was tape-recorded, Det. Clarke said yesterday. Police at 11 Division have the tape now, and have listened to it, and are of the view that Section 119 of the Municipal Elections Act may have been breached.

This is the section which deals with bribery, described in the act as anyone who "directly or indirectly, himself or by any other person on his behalf, gives, lends or agrees to give or lend or offers or promises any money or valuable consideration" in exchange for either a vote or "the return of any candidate". Anyone convicted of such an

Minors has 'hunch'

By CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD
Toronto Sun

Arnold Minors has "a hunch" he'll be allowed to finish teaching his controversial anti-racism courses to provincial Crown attorneys.

"My hunch is we will make sure my contract continues and that my work continues with the Crown attorneys," Minors told Denise Burnett, host of Caffeine Free on the University of Toronto's CIUT radio, yesterday. "My hunch is Arnold Minors and Associates (his consulting firm) will be fine on this."

Minors' \$100,000 government contract to teach the Crowns about racism was abruptly suspended last month, with three of 12 seminars uncompleted, after complaints he had described the Holocaust as not a racist act.

Officials with the attorney general's office, which had received complaints from a number of sources, are now reviewing the content of the course.

This controversy, and a later one over remarks he made to the Toronto Star comparing Metro-

Police to "an occupying army" and which has prompted a probe by the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services, have made the past few weeks "enormously stressful", Minors said.

But he said he has received "over 400 calls, most of them positive", and that the show of support is "gratifying". He also thanked all those who have written letters of support to the government, among them, "white people who are comfortable being identified that way, people in the Jewish community, senior people in the NDP and other parties."

Minors pledged to continue to "speak the truth as I understand it" and said he found it "interesting" that "there are people who seem to want to drink me out of business" and off the Metro police board.

Brendan Crowley, spokesman for the attorney general, said yesterday the ministry's probe of Minors' course continues.



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Awaits ruling

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APPENDIX "B"

INTERVIEW WITH MR. ARNOLD MINORS

COURT REPORTER'S NOTE:

THE FIRST SHORT SECTION OF THE TAPE IS
INAUDIBLE.

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MR. MINORS: Um, I am intrigued when police officers take a particular community and say, here's where this kind of crime is happening....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:and why doesn't that community get together and do something about it.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Not that that is necessarily a bad thing but I wish they would be consistent in that so that if, for example, there are, um, things among the lawyer community, like, um, fraud and trust cases....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: I wish they would say, you know, I wish lawyers would get together and do something about that.

REPORTER: Uh huh.

MR. MINORS: Right. So, that's one issue for me, just about consistency, and the reason that I talk about

that is that when, um, police officers do this kind of thing....

REPORTER: Um hm.

5 MR. MINORS:not that they're necessarily misguided, but I think that they may not think through the impact....

REPORTER: Uh huh.

10 MR. MINORS:of, um, of those kinds of statements on the particular community.

REPORTER: Um hm.

15 MR. MINORS: If one doesn't hear similar messages about other communities because it then points up, um, the criminal behaviour in one and, by the silence, people aren't reminded about any others. So that's one piece....

20 REPORTER: Okay.

MR. MINORS: that is a part of my reaction.

REPORTER: Uh huh?

25 MR. MINORS: The second piece, um, in...in the African community, as in others, people do...do various things, um, there are a number of community organizations....

30 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:that, and individuals, who work to try and

prevent these kinds of events from happening.

REPORTER: Um hm?

MR. MINORS: And, you know, to the extent that that makes a
5 difference, I think that that's fine.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Um the third response is about community
policing.

10 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: I think that the divide between police officers
and almost any community, I mean people don't
talk about police being their friends....

15 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:right? And police describe um, people as
civilians in...in ways that, um, emphasize the
difference.

20 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: And my belief about community policing is that,
um, the community should be on top. That is,
25 any given community defines what policing is
for them.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: What security is for them, I'm sorry, and what
30 the police need to do to help make that happen.

REPORTER: Um hm.

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MR. MINORS: So the community's on top and police are on top. And that it is a partnership, um, but a peculiar kind of partnership, with the community on top, police on top, but it is a partnership with people working together to jointly problem solve and the police contribute their expertise where they can. Now, what that means is that they must be in various communities so that people see them as part of the community and are willing to talk with them about what's going on and, um, people help each other.

REPORTER: Um hm.

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MR. MINORS: And, um, things that don't contribute to that mean that this divide will continue. So that's one of the reasons that I'm very, very strong about, um, community policing.

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REPORTER: Okay. In a case like this, do you see the need for that? Do you think that that could help stop some of these shootings that are, you know, in the area of these after club bars, after hours bars, or like, I'm...I am just trying to get your response to this...this particular issue. Do you think that there

needs to be a greater link between the police and the community themselves in...that there is a police crisis, that, um....

5 MR. MINORS: I think that there needs to be a link between police and a community in any place.

REPORTER: Um hm.

10 MR. MINORS: And, um, it is not a common act for people to shoot and kill each other.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: And that the thing that prevents that is partly fear....

15 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:but also police in the connection between people, in that it...it's really a kind of moral value issue.

20 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: And the extent to which people see each other as, um, my sister, my brother.

25 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Um, that is a very important and powerful bond, the extent to which people see each other as strangers....

30 REPORTER: Um hm?

MR. MINORS:means that, you know, whatever you figure

is okay to do with strangers.

REPORTER: Um hm.

5 MR. MINORS: You know, that issue about anonymity and
separation and distance and all those kinds of
things.

REPORTER: Right.

10 MR. MINORS: ...um, allows that to happen. And so that's
what I mean about partnership. I think that
police officers bring a particular kind of
expertise....

15 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: ...that can be helpful to people in
communities....

REPORTER: Um hm.

20 MR. MINORS:that, um, is as has happened in...in some
communities in the United States....

REPORTER: Um hm.

25 MR. MINORS:where, in, say, in the housing projects,
where police and...and communities have come
together, or as a result of concerted and
consistent action....

REPORTER: Okay.

30 MR. MINORS:um, people have been willing to come
forward and say, hey, look, this the kind of

things that you guys can do and you figure out a way to get at those folk and here's who those folk are....

5 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:right? Um we can't do it because we're terrified and we're going to get...be killed.

REPORTER: Right.

10 MR. MINORS: Um, and so that has happened and it has made a big difference and I think we need to figure out ways to make some more things happen here.

15 REPORTER: Okay. All right, and just in response to their statements that nobody called in, no witnesses call in, nobody calls in with any information and they...they feel that [INAUDIBLE] they want more leadership from the community or to find some way of dealing with the fact that they don't get any help even though there were people in the area who would have seen and usually don't get any help in these similar types of incidents. Is there anything that the community in general can do to make a difference in that respect?

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30 MR. MINORS: Um, there is a long, long, thousand, thousand year history....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:of people not speaking to occupying armies.

REPORTER: Um hm.

5 MR. MINORS: Um, and this goes back to my comment at the
beginning....

REPORTER: Um hm.

10 MR. MINORS:about the divide between police officers
and community citizens....

REPORTER: Um hm.

15 MR. MINORS: and um, as I said to Rosalee (sp.) I'm damned
if I have any clear understanding of what the
solutions are.

REPORTER: Um hm.

20 MR. MINORS: But I do know that when police officers talk
about these people won't speak to us....

REPORTER: Um hm.

25 MR. MINORS:it is precisely the same thing that
occupying armies talk about.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: These people won't speak to us.

REPORTER: Um hm.

30 MR. MINORS: And, um, I take that as a measure of the
quality of a relationship and the effectiveness
of the relationship. And we need to do

something about that too.

REPORTER: Okay. [INAUDIBLE]

MR. MINORS: But I see that as symptomatic of a larger
5 problem, I guess is what I'm saying.

REPORTER: Right.

MR. MINORS: And so I'm not...I'm not intending to bounce
around your question.

10 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Um, I'm saying that, um, in general, it is not,
given our system, um, the responsibility for
communities to find criminals and to do
15 something with them because if we were to set
that kind of system up....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:as happens, for example, in the
20 aboriginal....

REPORTER: Um hm, right.

MR. MINORS:communities, um, I'm not opposed to that,
25 incidentally.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: If we could figure out a way to have
communities take genuine control....

30 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:of justice in their communities and not

5 have people wander into what are quite foreign
experiences, which is what our Courts are, I'm
not opposed to that. If we could figure out a
way to make that happen, I think that that
would, in fact, be wonderful.

10 REPORTER: [INAUDIBLE] And partly, anyway a response to
the police when people don't, if they have
information, they don't call in?

MR. MINORS: Well....

15 REPORTER: Or you would think that people would still want
that killer to be found.

MR. MINORS: Well, as I also said to Rosalee....

REPORTER: Um hm.

20 MR. MINORS: If you think about all those movies about the
Mafia....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:um, the numbers of Italians who are in the
Mafia...

25 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:is very, very small.

REPORTER: Right.

MR. MINORS: the proportion....

30 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:relative the population, as is true for any

population....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:the proportion is very small.

5 REPORTER: Yeah.

MR. MINORS: They do lots of things.

REPORTER: Um hm.

10 MR. MINORS: That small proportion. Um, and the reason that people didn't come forward, even though they knew who they were....

REPORTER: Um hm.

15 MR. MINORS:was partly, um, police officers, um, are...are an occupying army, they're foreigners, they're not us....

REPORTER: Um hm.

20 MR. MINORS: ...I mean at that time there were very few Italian police officers.

REPORTER: Um hm.

25 MR. MINORS: But secondly, um, people were fearful for their lives.

REPORTER: Um hm.

30 MR. MINORS: Um, and it is true that, in many cases, where people are fearful for their lives, their mouths go shut.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Their eyes go blind and their mouths go shout.

REPORTER: What about crimestoppers, where you can call in anonymously?

5 MR. MINORS: Um....

REPORTER: I'm just, you know, I'm trying to get your reaction....

MR. MINORS: Yeah.

10 REPORTER:to what the police say so we can balance this out completely.

MR. MINORS: I'm not saying that, um, there have always been anonymous ways for people to...to report.

15 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: You know, if it hasn't been crimestoppers it's been some sort of other....

REPORTER: Right.

20 MR. MINORS:underground way.

REPORTER: Right.

MR. MINORS: But if people are fearful that the information will somehow get back or they're going to have to testify in Court....

25 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:and be identified, all those kinds of things....

30 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:um, then...or they're not sure that it really is anonymous. I mean there's all kinds of things that may be happening.

5 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:that prevent people from coming forward.

REPORTER: Um hm.

10 MR. MINORS: And we need to understand that and understand, you know, what kinds of structural barriers there are, as opposed to thinking of it, you know....

REPORTER: Sure.

15 MR. MINORS:as individual things. You just think about yourself if you figure that you are identifying somebody who had a gun....

REPORTER: Um hm.

20 MR. MINORS:who looks like he's going to kill somebody, you're not sure that you won't, at some point, get identified.

25 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Um, the community and one's life, you hold those two things in that balance and say, "Mm, I think I want to live longer....

30 REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:instead".

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REPORTER: Okay. All right, um, where do we go from here on this? From here, on this issue? Do you have any idea? Is there...Does all this just fall off once again and people will go on about their lives or do you think it's time that perhaps to use a situation like this to make some form of change?

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MR. MINORS: Well, I really admit to being confounded by this, in part because of the attention that's paid....

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REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:um, to it when, um, black people are involved.

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REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: I wish it wasn't, um, black people involved, that make people say, let's discuss this....

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REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS:legitimate issue of immigrants and criminality, right.

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REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Or...or, um, black people and another [INAUDIBLE]. I wish it wasn't always, um, black people who got singled out to initiate what is a legitimate discussion.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Because of the unfortunate associations that
get made. So I'm always very aware of that
part....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: ...um, and teasing out the legitimate part from
the piece that feels discriminatory from me,
must be like, um, you trying to figure out when
people are treating you as a woman and when
they're treating you as a journalist.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Um, um, so there is the legitimate part and the
part that I worry about.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Um where do we go from here? Um, that is
always an important issue. That was an issue
with the Mafia, it was an issue with Irish, it
was an issue with...and so on....

REPORTER: Right.

MR. MINORS: And now with Russians.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Um, um, and if it were framed in that sense....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: What kinds of conditions create that kind of

criminality?

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: And translated into that question, then what
needs to be done to resolve it?

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: And get it the hell out of the black community.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: Then I guess I wouldn't be so frustrated.

REPORTER: Right.

MR. MINORS: Then I think I would say, um, we know there are
a number of things that contribute to
criminality.

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: One's about values, one's about education,
one's about access to, um, wealth....

REPORTER: Um hm.

MR. MINORS: And we need to pay attention to all those
things to create a just society.

REPORTER: Um hm. It's a very complex issue.

MR. MINORS: Yeah, I mean if it was simple we could have
solved it yesterday.

REPORTER: Sure.

MR. MINORS: Or 900 years ago.

REPORTER: Yeah. Fair enough. Thank you for getting back

to me. I appreciate your time.

MR. MINORS: You're welcome.

REPORTER: Bye bye.

5 MR. MINORS: Goodbye.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing
is a true and accurate transcription
10 of a taped interview to the best of my
skill and ability.

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Official Court Reporter

APPENDIX "C"

127. These words by their natural and ordinary meaning and by way of innuendo mean and were understood to mean that:

- (a) Minors is anti-semitic;
- (b) Minors is hostile and uncooperative toward the Police;
- (c) Minors is unfit to serve on the Metro Police Services Board; and,
- (d) Minors is unfit to instruct on the topics of racism and discrimination.

128. Minors asserts that the defendants Sun, Steward and Downing conducted, or allowed, a strident and relentless campaign against him. The campaign consisted of:

- (a) the repetition of the defamatory material with the pattern of interrelated innuendo as pleaded;
- (b) the inclusion of gratuitously insulting and personally abusive remarks about Minors as pleaded below in paragraph 129;
- (c) recklessness regarding the truth and fairness of the material published in the defamations complained of in paragraphs 130 to 132; and
- (d) the abuse by a major media outlet of its power to attack an individual, Minors, by this campaign, where the individual is not even quoted in response except in the context of derision and ridicule and in a manner which belittles him.

129. Minors asserts that this campaign consisted of persistently gratuitously insulting and personally abusive remarks and cartoons about him. The particulars of which are as follows:

- (a) "So why are we paying someone (i.e. Minors) to teach this unmitigated ----?" (October 6, 1994, Tab 1, paragraph 10)
- (b) "... isn't the first time Arnold Minors has shown symptoms of foot-in-mouth disease. Try these Arnie-isms on for size ..." (October 8, 1994, Tab 2, paragraph 22)
- (c) "Arnold Minors is Arnold Minors. To us, he's an idiot ... what's worse, an idiot who has been a destructive force on the Metro police services board ..." (October 11, 1994, Tab 3, paragraph 26)
- (d) "... paying this clown public money to spout his vile piffle as if he was some sort of credible expert on race relations ..." (October 11, 1994, Tab 3, paragraph 26)
- (e) "... what possible use are Minors' nutty theories ..." (October 11, 1994, Tab 3, paragraph 26)
- (f) "For our money, Minors is entitled to his stupid opinions." (October 11, 1994, Tab 3, paragraph 26)
- (g) "The still-emerging portrait of Minors is of a man so arrogant he regards himself invincible or, and this is the theory to which I subscribe, one bent on matrydom." (October 20, 1994, Tab 7, paragraph 48)
- (h) "It's not the fall of this man which is so fascinating, but that he was ever elevated to such a position of power ... " (October 20, 1994, Tab 7, paragraph 48)
- (i) "... and our willingness to tolerate reprehensible behaviour in a black man that we would never tolerate in a white one. Fired? He should have been fired a long time ago." (October 20, 1994, Tab 7, paragraph 48)
- (j) Caricature reading: "Well, Arnold, there doesn't seem to be an army of intelligence occupying your head!" (October 21, 1994, Tab 8, paragraph 63)

- (k) "Now Arnold Minors has finally said something so outrageous that just about everyone has had enough." (October 21, 1994, Tab 8, paragraph 58)
- (l) "Minors has not only been an accident waiting to happen, he is an accident that has kept on happening ..." (October 21, 1994, Tab 8, paragraph 58)
- (m) "... Minors doesn't speak for anyone but himself and embarrasses no one but himself." (October 21, 1994, Tab 8, paragraph 58)
- (n) "... into Minors' nutty remarks about the Holocaust ... on his nutty remarks comparing Metro police to an occupying army ... We'd have preferred him bounced by now ... after Minors' latest fiasco (which wasn't even his worst gaffe, just the last straw ...)" (October 27, 1994, tab 12, paragraph 89)
- (o) "... I don't believe (Minors) represents a serious perspective in the black community." (October 21, Tab 11)

130. Minors asserts that the defendants the Sun, Downing and Steward displayed reckless disregard of the truth of the allegations that Minors said that the Holocaust is not a racist act and the effect on readers of repeating this over and over again.

131. Minors asserts that the defendants Sun, Downing and Steward displayed reckless disregard for the accurate representation of Minors' comments about occupying armies and the effect on readers of repeating this over and over again.

132. Minors asserts that the defendant Sun, Downing and Steward displayed reckless disregard respecting the truth of the allegation that he refused to assist a police officer in distress and the effect on readers of repeating this over and over again.