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OPINION...

CONTROVERSY

Dear Mr. Toner:

In regards to your letter last week, it appears that you are in favour of controversy for the sake of controversy. As you are no doubt aware, there has been a fair amount of controversy around here the past few years. Now I enjoy a good argument as much as the next person, but after a while everyone is standing around arguing and nothing constructive is accomplished.

Controversy is like fiber you need it to clean out the system every once in a while, but you know what happens when you get too much. I feel that we have had too much controversy around here and it is time to get some work done. We need a period of calm, in order to clean up. During this period, wouldn't it be better to offer constructive criticism rather than trying to tear down any attempt at rebuilding. The folks on Sesame Street are right-cooperation is a more effective way of getting things done.

Before this turns into a "rah-rah, lets win one for the Gipper" type of letter, I'll close by saying that we should get as much work done as possible before the next round of controversy begins-Lord knows that peace doesn't last forever.

Michael Robichaud

Blood and Thunder

Parade of punchers

Dear Editor:

Just when our version of Team Canada competing in the world junior hockey championship had already surpassed the bronze medal, with the silver awaiting at the end of the game should the score remain the same and the gold within a five goal margin over a tie game they threw it all away and more too. Why did our shiny bright young stars tarnish themselves a bunch of rusty Russians when they had everything to win, waste their opportunity by fighting a team whom had nothing to lose?

I believe that it was during the intermission between the first and second period that the

subject of action penalties and reaction penalties was discussed, but who would have believed that an example of the latter would not only end the game, but defeat for not only that game, but rather the entire series?

It is true that a Soviet player led the parade of punchers, but why did the Team Canada players allow themselves to be lured to join and follow the leader -- over the cliff? Surely they should have been able to restrain from doing so for at least another thirty seconds or so. The Russian players might have been loaded down with more penalties than they could bare to carry, meaning almost certain victory for Team Canada. I need not describe the events which led to the disqualification which is an embarrassment to all of Canada.

When you know what the rules are, all you have to do is abide by them to stay out of trouble. These same rules should be applied and enforced in the National Hockey League as well, but not just to be written in the rule book and seldom, if ever enforced.

Those Team Canada uniforms should be burned, the ashes buried, and the players should be immersed in tomato juice and held in quarantine for forty-eight hours.

It was predictable what would come from the mouth of the polluted Don Cherry River. He, being an advocate of goon hockey or "Grinders" as he calls them should be reknicked from "Grapes" to "Prunes".

Dan Gillcrist