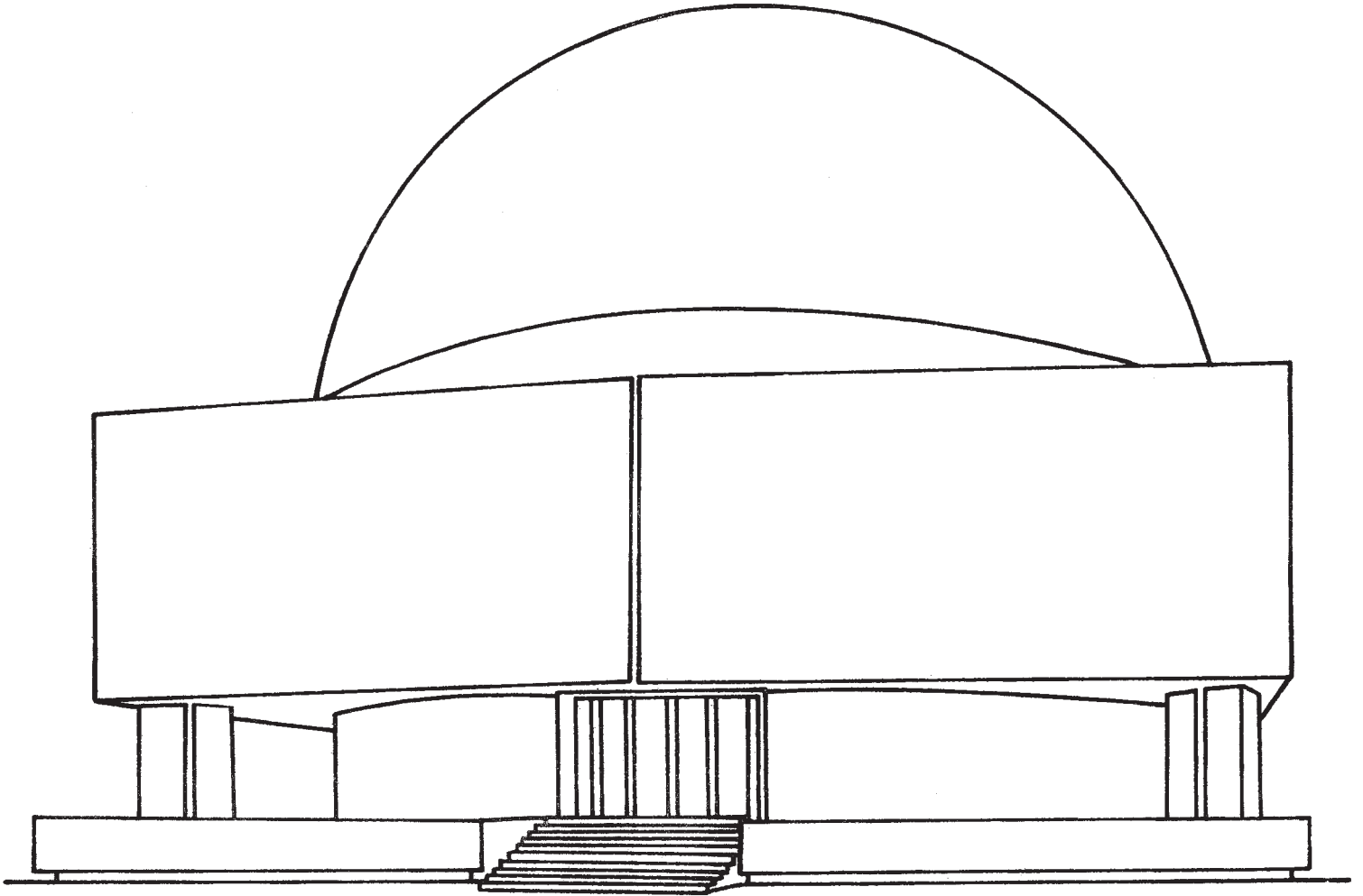


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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 77

TORONTO

Dear Delegate,

Bienvenue: Welcome to the 1977 General Assembly; welcome to Toronto and, if you're from a sister province or from another country, welcome to Ontario.

This weekend's events represent the culmination of many hours of planning. We hope that you are pleased with the result. Our fervent hope is that over the next three days you will relax, share pleasant companionship, enjoy good food, engage in lively conversation, experience intellectual stimulation and learn about the astronomical interests and endeavours of individuals and groups in the other Centres.

If you want to go observing we can accommodate you, weather permitting; if you want to go sight-seeing atop the CN Tower or enjoy some theater there is time enough. With all the sights and sounds of Toronto your family members will find many interesting places to visit such as Ontario Place, the Toronto Islands, the Eaton Centre or the Royal Alex Theatre.

The members of the host committee and the Toronto Centre Council will be wearing name tags distinguished by a red ribbon. Should you require any information outside of this information sheet any one of those designated will be glad to help. Here are the names to look for if you have a question or a problem:

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Have a good time!
The Organizing Committee

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Just a few words to get you oriented as the 1977 General Assembly begins.

- Transit** - The buses within the city and surrounding boroughs operate on an exact fare basis. The cost of a bus trip is 50¢ cash or a TTC ticket or token. Bus drivers do not carry change. Tickets or tokens can make the fare cheaper if you intend on making more than four bus trips, or if your party consists of a number of people that is collectively making more than four trips. Tickets or tokens can be purchased five for \$2.00 (as opposed to \$2.50 for five cash fares) in the subway stations or at stores displaying the 'exact fare' sign.
- Bus trips that involve using more than one bus to reach a destination may or may not require the use of a transfer slip. Whatever the case may be, get one anyway. It may save you the cost of an extra, unnecessary fare. On buses ask the driver for the transfer; on the subway get one from the machine as you enter.
 - If you plan on using the subway past 9:40 pm please note that the 'Museum' subway station is closed at that time. Delegates arriving at the Margaret Addison Residence past this time must use either 'St. George' or 'Bay' stations. The entrances to these stations are indicated on the accompanying map.
 - Toronto Transit Commission buses do not run up to Richmond Hill, the site of the David Dunlap Observatory. The organizing Committee has arranged for transportation on Saturday. Buses will leave the McLaughlin Planetarium for the dinner there at 6:30 pm.
- Parking** - If you are one of those who has driven into town there are several pay parking lots in the vicinity of the Residence and the Planetarium. The cost of parking varies from lot to lot. There is legal parking next to parking meters without cost on Sundays. The location of several of these lots is also shown on the map.

P L A C E S O F I N T E R E S T

- 1) CNE Stadium - Major League Baseball. The Toronto Blue Jays are playing everyday throughout the long weekend.
- 2) Ontario Place - On the waterfront, free concerts in the 'Forum', Cinesphere: a giant geodesic dome with a huge screen where 'Silent Sky' is showing...a unique glider flight on film. Great family fun.
- 3) The Eaton Centre - A must for the entire family.
- 4) CN Tower- Canada and the world's tallest free standing structure. Two observation decks and a fantastic view!
- 5) Toronto Island - A short distance from Ontario Place. This weekend the 'International Picnic' is being held there. Acres and acres of park land, an amusement park, canoe and bicycle rentals. Catch Island Ferry at Harbour Castle Hotel.
- 6) Royal Ontario Museum - One of the finest museums in the country. You will have no difficulty finding this place; across the road from Margaret Addison and next to the Planetarium
- 7) Ontario Science Centre - Even if your family is not attending the dinner, the Science Centre makes fascinating sight-seeing.
- 8) City Hall - Located in the downtown of Toronto. Heralded the world over for it's unique architecture and public square.
- 9) Commerce Court - Observation deck, second largest viewing gallery in Toronto; not as large as the CN Tower but a little cheaper and still a fantastic view.
- 10) Toronto Zoo -
- 11) Casa Loma - Canada's only 'castle'.

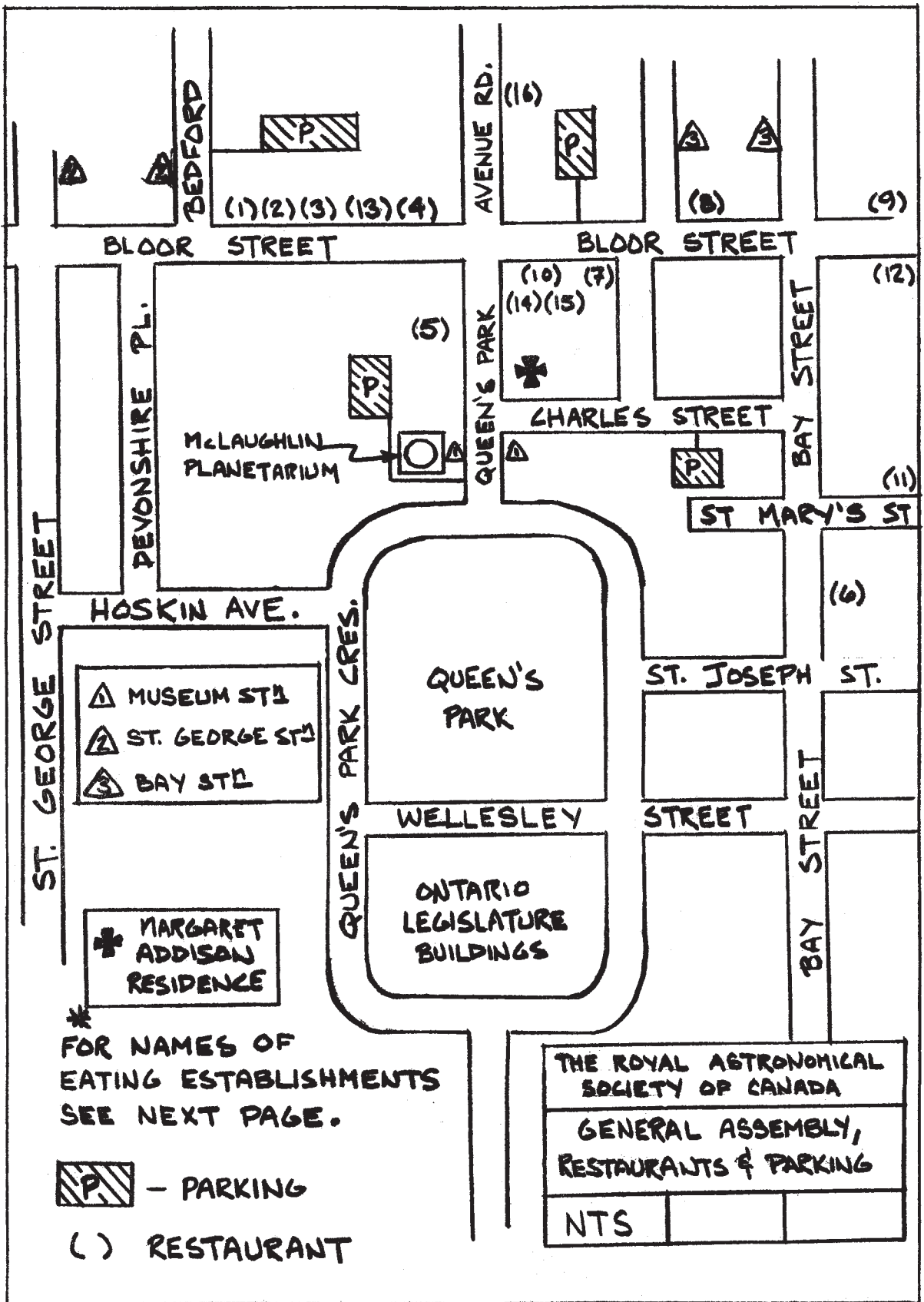
We suggest you pick up a copy of the Toronto Star, Globe and Mail or Toronto Sun for more specific information about these places and a more extensive list of places to go and things to see.

Eating Establishments

Below is a condensed list of eating places within a ten minute walking radius of the Margaret Addison Residence. While it is by no means complete, it provides enough variety that the average person will be able to get along well if he wants to eat fancy or wants to eat a hamburger.

The number of the restaurant is also found on the accompanying map.

- (1) Harvey's....hamburgers, etc...
- (2) Pizza Patio...good pizzas
- (3) Frank's Pizza...very good pizzas
- (4) Murray's...traditional restaurant, highly rated by members of the Toronto Centre who have spent many an evening there after a meeting. Breakfast is served and it is the closest to the Margaret Addison Residence.
- (5) R.O.M. Cafeteria...
- (6) The Groaning Board...mainly vegetarian but very unusual and interesting. Prices are not expensive. We suggest you try their food!
- (7) Toby's...the more expensive hamburgers
- (8) Pepper Mill...excellent, but don't count on breakfast
- (9) Spice of Life...mexican vegetarian food
- (10) Cafe de la Paix, Collonade...good food and a good place to see Bloor st. if you eat on the terrace
- (11) McDonald's...come now...
- (12) Kentucky Fried Chicken...need we say more?
- (13) Swiss Chalet...good chicken, full course meals
- (14) Chinese Jade...Oriental food
- (15) Jack and Jill, Collonade...much like Murray's.
- (16) Hyatt Regency, Hyatt Grill...Formal eating place, expensive, excellent food. Highly recommended.



P R O G R A M M E

Thursday
June 30

1:00 pm
to
7:00 pm

Registration - Included with this sheet is a name tag. This name tag not only identifies you as a delegate, it also serves as a 'passport' to most of the Assembly's functions. In particular, it will gain you access to the wine and cheese party, the downtown observatories, the Ontario Science Centre and the McLaughlin Planetarium. It is VERY IMPORTANT that it be worn!!!

- Those delegates wishing to purchase a group photograph must pay for the photo at registration. Cost is \$3.00. The picture is an 8 X 10 in black and white. They will be distributed before the Assembly ends.

- Those delegates entered in the astronomical competition may set up their display immediately. The competition will be held in the basement of Margaret Addison Residence and will be judged sometime on Saturday.

2:30 pm

National Council Meeting - Will be held in the Lecture Hall of the McLaughlin Planetarium.

7:00 pm

Wine and Cheese Party - Will be held in the lounge of the Margaret Addison Residence. The party is hosted by the members of the Toronto Centre.

9:00 pm
to
11:00 pm

'Get-together' - This event is an informal affair where delegates show their slides & films and talk about their astronomical activities. Presentations are expected to be about ten minutes in length. Those who have slides are requested to come a little early. This will be held in the Lecture Hall of the McLaughlin Planetarium.

10:00 pm

Visit to the MacLennan Physics Labs - The downtown observatories of the university of Toronto are atop the aforementioned building. The tour will start around 10:00 so interested delegates will only see half of the 'get-together'. Toronto Centre members will leave the Planetarium and direct you for the short walk to the domes.

Friday
July 1

- 9:30 am Paper Session #1 - Will be held in the Lecture Hall of the McLaughlin Planetarium and will feature a guest speaker as well as the papers from the membership.
- 10:30 am Coffee Break - The paper session will continue immediately following.
- 12:30 pm Group Photograph - Members are asked to assemble on the steps of the McLaughlin Planetarium for the photograph. The picture itself will be an 8 X 10 in black and white. If photos are available for distribution before the planetarium show on Sunday, the organizing committee will inform you.

- L U N C H -

- 2:00 pm First Trip to Science Centre - Delegates attending the Annual Dinner at the Science Centre who do not have transportation of their own will rely on public transit. Attendance at the dinner allows the delegate admission to the exhibits. Those wishing to go early will be directed to the Centre by a Toronto Centre member. Please meet in front of the Planetarium. NAME TAGS!!!
- 5:30 pm Second Trip to Science Centre - As above.
- 7:00 pm Annual Dinner - Will be held at the Ontario Science Centre Heritage Restaurant. The dinner is being sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

- After the dinner our guest speaker, Terry Dickinson, will talk on 'Revising the Ceti Equation'. The talk is about Terry's own feelings toward the accepted theories of the number of technological civilizations in the Galaxy and in the Universe.

- For early arrivers the bar will be open at 6:00 pm.

Saturday
July 2

- 9:30 am Paper Session #2 - As before.
- 10:30 am Coffee Break - As before.

- Saturday
July 2
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- 2:00 pm Annual Meeting - Will be held at the Lecture Hall of the McLaughlin Planetarium. The meeting is for all members and delegates to attend.
- 4:00 pm 2nd National Council Meeting - Will be held in the same place immediately following the annual meeting.
- 6:30 pm Buses leave from the Planetarium for DDO - Only those delegates who have paid for the outdoor buffet at the David Dunlap Observatory may attend. Delegates must have the ticket given to them at registration especially for the event in their possession and are asked to wear their name tags as well.
- 7:30 pm Outdoor Buffet under canvas - Hosted by the David Dunlap Observatory for the General Assembly.
- 9:00 pm Tour of Astronomy Facilities at DDO -
- Transportation for other visits to other observatories will be available if there is sufficient interest and the weather is cooperating.

For more information on the Outdoor Buffet see over.

- Sunday
July 3
- 11:30 pm Planetarium Show - The McLaughlin Planetarium is hosting a special showing of the recent show 'New Worlds' for the Assembly.

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