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Letter to the Editor

Laissez-faire mindset

The rather low participation of the general population to the obscene events associated with the incinerator “ground breaking” charade held on Wednesday 2011/08/17 was rather disappointing.

One may rightfully wonder if maybe, just maybe, Durham residents do not deserve what will eventually be coming their way.

When this happens, as it unavoidably will, it will then be too late to complain about health issues, increased taxation or neglected social needs.

Durham residents continue to illustrate what Martha Gellhorn once called the “democratic *laissez-faire* mindset”, *i.e.*

"People will say with pride: 'I'm not interested in politics.' They might just as well say: 'I'm not interested in my standard of living, my health, my job, my rights, my freedoms, my future, or any future.' "

Thus, in light of the long prevailing general apathy towards the scandalous issue of incineration, any such future complaints would ring rather hollow and should not deserve any media attention.

We certainly do not appear to have learned anything from History.

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