Dear Morning Star

Regrets column's demise

It was certainly with deep regret that I recently learned that you had decided to discontinue publishing Mr. Pertcu's interesting "chroniques," Le Coin des Acadiens, because of the cost of publishing the articles.

It seems to me that since Mr. Perron was not paid for the articles, the cost of their publication must have been minimal. In any case, in my opinion, the value of the column was intrinsically greater than the savings to the paper.

The disappointment over discontinuing the publication of the articles, to the French-speaking people, is all the greater in view of the fact that these articles had awakened in our people a sense of pride in their heritage and in being bilingual. It is ironic indeed that the Catholic Church, which has the reputation of being the one institution that has done the most in "la survie du Francais," should have felt constrained to discontinue the publication of a French column.

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Organization is disappointed

At its last meeting held on Dec. 14, 1980, France-Amérique de la Louisiane Acadienne passed a motion calling for addressing a letter to you to express the disappointment and dismay felt by the members at your decision to stop publishing the French articles under the heading "Le Coin des Acadiens." The members of this society feel that you have done a disservice to the French-speaking people of this area who, by reading the articles, have not only gained a renewed interest in their maternal tongue, but have also developed a pride in their heritage.

Whereas once you seemed to promote a pride in being an Acadian, we are now led to believe that this heritage is no longer important. Your decision to stop publishing "Le Coin des Acadiens" is viewed by this society as an indication of the fact that you do not support our movement to restore bilingualism in this area and to develop a sense of pride in our culture, heritage, and achievements.

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Editor's Response:

Rising costs have caused several revisions in The Morning Star, among them the one mentioned in the letter from the President of the France-Amérique de la Louisiane Acadienne.

While we regret having been forced in to this decision, we must, nevertheless, point out the fact that it is now The Morning Star's policy to publish approximately every other editorial in the French language. Since the editorial is the voice of the editor, we see this decision as most certainly supporting bilingualism and pride in our particular Acadian culture, heritage and achievements.