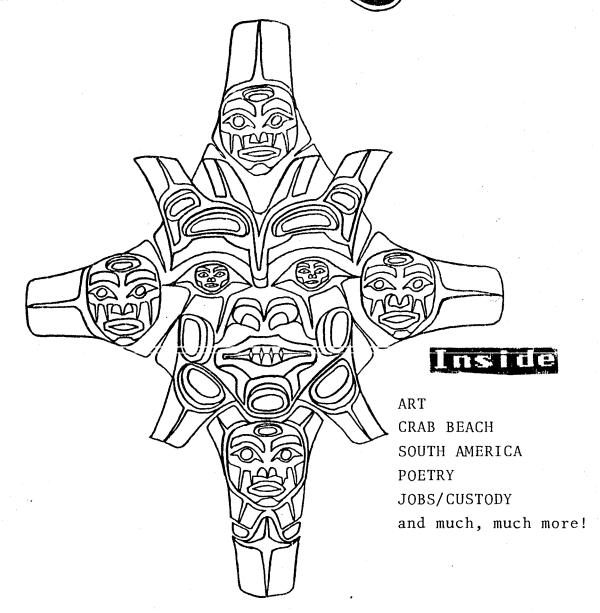
# NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 15, 1987.



Dear Sir,

It remains to be seen why our treasurer left without notice. We certainly all miss Kay and her tremendous contribution to this community centre. She was always present and it seemed that she always would be.. as though one always had a true friend who would listen to your problems and just by being there, could make your day better

This woman has sewed our clothes, cooked our meals, minded our money and manners - if there is a true mother-figure in this centre it is surely Kay Galan. And, like any other mother, she has the right to be shut of her bother-some children.

I for one miss my surrogate mother, whose stentorian roar covers the proverbial heart of gold.

Let us all stop for a moment and wish this woman well. Wherever she may be and whatever the circumstances; she certainly deserves it.

sincerely,
Tom Lewis

L.E.T.S. - LOCAL EXCHANGE and TRADING SYSTEM

A LETSystem is a nonprofit otganization initiated locally to provide a community information exchange and recording service. Its purpose is to support trading and exchange for individuals, businesses, service organizations and other groups active in the local community. It is a self-regulating network which allows its members to issue and manage their own

'money' supply.
In a simplified form: if
you do work for someone or
make an uneven exchange with
another member of this system.
then the fee or difference
is recorded in the 'bank'.
When another member does work
for you, the value of that is
balanced against what you are
owed and when it equals out,
your account is clean.

You cut firewood, a friend welds, another cuts hair, another delivers goods, etc. Each puts a value on their work and each 'transaction' is recorded at the central clearinghouse. This way, many necessary services can be available without always having to have cash in hand.

The feasibility of this system, developed in the States, is being studied by the DEEDSociety. More info:

Sebastian Ronin,

219 Dunlevy Ave., Van. V6A3A5 Phone: 689-9536

# ADVICE & DISSENT

All committees in Carnegie are subject to any number of Board members attending their meetings. Good, in principle, but even if they have never been to such a meeting before, they can vote on any issue or motion raised. The only exception to this 'policy' or 'tradition' is the Personnel Committee...because of the confidential or sensitive discussions that may occur.

Another policy that is longstanding assures any person giving time and energy as input for more than two successive meetings a vote. Being concerned and helpful are ample qualifications.

The problem being that the Personnel Committee has negated this right for two members that have been going to its meetings for months. Wally Bardysh, the president of the Association, vacated the chair of the PC and although several Board members attended the last session to cast their votes in selecting a new chairperson, it was ruled that they would not be allowed to do so.

So far, this all sounds pretty boring, but what the PC does is to hire all who will be paid for work by the Centre's Association both inside and outside Carnegie. If some service or labour is required, then those

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By PAUL TAYLOR

applying must be acceptable to this committee - skill, talent, - fine. personally AND politically?!

Wally brought a motion to the Board meeting, recommending that only Board members already sitting on this most important committee have a vote - excluding anyone else regardless of their input.

QUESTION: "Why?"

It was attacked on the basis of being biased and solely in the interest of the present majority on the Association Board, which is the (almost) entire sitting membership of Personnel. All applicants should receive fair and just consideration without prejudice as this Centre is for all kinds regardless of "politics"..

The vote on this motion was a six-six tie, with one abstention. Wally then broke the tie in favor of his own motion! The first word to echo was, "Crooked!" The following motion that such people who are not allowed to vote on hiring may take part in sub-committees was labelled as patronizing.

If you aren't personally/politically acceptable, (you) have a lot of support from members in Carnegie. A united voice cannot be ignored.



#### POEM FOR DESPERADO

It wasn't so much Your pissing in my sink Or the way you groped The pizza man Because we had no tip Or taking the cowboy hat From your lezzie lover And giving it to me (She still calls me names) Or your boyfriend Knocking on the door Sunday mornings to see If you were alright Nor introducing me To your beautiful Street sister Who really funded me over But when you threw the radio And beer out the window That was goodbye With no sad songs No beer to cry in

Listen
Communication
Is not all words
Emotion can curl around you
In total silence
The warm sun
Has no sound
But pleasures the flesh
As I unheard, in silent solace
Would wrap
Your warmth around me
To secure the cold dark night.

Whats a good ole boy to do.

Life's like chess It's really no riddle Each game has opening Ending and middle Deviously with nare a definite Yes or no The Bishops diagonally Slip, to and fro. The knights on their steeds Full of romance Sneakily skewering Eight squares to the lance Rooks protect Kings In castles of power Long live the Queen Causing strong men to cower The pawns march forward

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Till the blood lust is sated

The King falls in agony

Finally checkmated

God save the pawns.

The King is dead,

Lonely light

Break-necking through space Frantic aged Casanova Searching for someone To shine on. Locked aeons Ere our beginnings To a boring straight line With only slight Einsteinian bending Through a total void Never seen Not even by blind men Pity the poor packets Quantumized, conserved, Reflecting eternity, In total darkness. Consumed

Into expanding nothing.

#### WISDOM'S CRYING DAILY AMIDST THE SOUARE

By FRANK H. PARKER

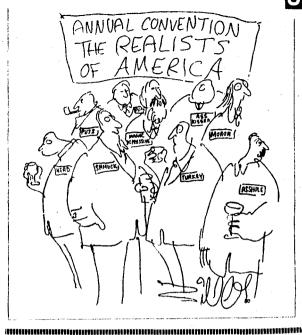
The problem with learning begins when the Teacher assumes the sole role as Master... becoming the absolute judge, jury and executioner. pupils, in turn, may just rebel because of the outmoded doctrine forced upon them. shant ever seek to adher to single-mindedness, now or ever. I've no desire to compose so that the world will love me - screw the world!

If my seeking of the truth and love is hard for many to comprehend, that's not my damn problem. It is my God-given right. To follow a simple rule of thumb: it takes a fool to swing, a man to walk away from any kind of confrontation, and a much better man to say the words "I'm sorry". When one wishes to aquire wisdom, the road of endurance is long and hard.

I've no ill-gotten desire to impede anyone in the poetry workshop in their style of writing; neither shall I assume the position of a presumptuous eds who's forever expounding mid mirth and bullshit. I've no desire to be paraded around by the hand like a two year-old.

Many find my style of writing absolutely strange. My Grandmother said to me, "Frank, many judge a book by its cover with-

"Poetry is..." from collective poem of Carnegie Workshop.



out ever reading it." The A.A. saying that I carry daily in my heart: If you can't comprehend what I wish to say, then that's your problem, not mine.

"Poetry is the whisperings in the hallways of the mind"... and still numerous asses of per dition insist that I change for whom I cannot comprehend.

This conglomerate world is overstocked with assholes seeking to become absolute rulers. My answer to your quest for fame is to take your secular group of Pharisees, Saducees and lowly Republican whores you live with and "!!!!---".

And how was your day? Most certainly not like mine, I hope.

# GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

By DAVE McCONNELL

The Classical Joint on Wednesday night has become quite an outing. The music and musicians are from everywhere, with a lot of different styles. It makes for a good evening.

Flying Ship, the band, worked the "Classy joint" on Monday night..perhaps several Monday nights(?) Agood sound!

A variety of instruments, good players, good vocals, and most important of all, the music - mystic, haunting, atmospheric melodies. They work mediaeval music..pre-history folk.. not blues songs but with deep rhythm of "blue" feeling. Melodies are everywhere, three and four in one song.

One song is about one hundred and five dances and the equivalent number of (what was that?) something about something else, and there's dust from somewhere and it means something about something else again; and the vocals are (it sounds like) a native Indian chorus from somewhere..er,ah, hmmm...maybe I won't give too much away, huh!

The blend is good, good guitar bottom or glue, good chord work (what are those chords anyway?) really haunting violin playing echoes. Well, okay, there's sax and piano and bellaclava and...

Look, do me a favour. Go down and see them because explaining this is giving me a-uh----

Okay. Flying Ship-Classical Joint, on Carrall St.



#### An emotional appeal

Senior Citizens of Chinese ancestry are finding fewer places to go and visit with friends, be understood in their mother tongue and live socially In a report on the Second-Mile Club Danny Korica advised members that overcrowding at the Hastings St. facility has left a growing number of Chinese seniors upset and alienated.

Other community centres in this area offer rooms at set times for set functions, but none has the space to provide 'living room' for scores more people with interesting programs.

Housing for seniors was also mentioned by Danny. Renovated buildings, like the Ford across the street from Carnegie, were originally to be for seniors. Yet, of the over 100 units, only 30 are being used by seniors with the rest occupied by "youngsters"!

Sheila Baxter volunteered to help Danny investigate this.

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"Constitutions become the ultimate tyranny. They're organized power on such a scale as to be overwhelming. The constitution is social power mobilized and it has no conscience. It can crush the highest and the lowest, removing all dignity and individuality. It has an unstable balance point and no limitations. People, however, have limitations. To provide the ultimate protection and permit the maximum service for the benefit of.." members and users of this centre, the constitution should be refused as the ultimate arbiter.

This thought from "DUNE Messiah" by Frank Herbert

# hidden danger

The Ministry of Human Resources (MHR) has been renamed the Ministry of Social Services and Housing (MSSH). Changing the name doesn't alter the work - it just increases it.

The Community Relations Committee report by Sam Snobelen asked that the corresponding secretary write to the appropriate people and express concern over the problems that this Ministry perpetuates:

1) A recent proposal that any parents living on welfare must take an offered job or lose custody of their children. This has been labelled as a scare tactic and moves us closer to a police state. It was also slammed for not considering essentials like subsidized day-care and transport costs.

Under the Canada Assistance Plan (Federal) such seizures would not be condoned. The measure was reportedly defeated in the Supreme Court of BC. Note: If anything like this happens to you, make an appeal at once. MSSH cannot touch your cheque once an appeal is made.

2) Being that the United Nations has designated 1987 the "Year of the Homeless", a call has been made to ask the MSSH



to conduct a realistic survey (not just on cheque day) to find out how many in Vancouver

are in fact living in the streets without adequate shelter. Further recommendations include the passing of laws to stop landlords from grabbing any increases in welfare by raising rents; to make welfare increase with the cost of living (not 4% in three years) and to somehow lower the artificially high rents in this area...which are tied to welfare shelter allowances and don't reflect the rooms' values.

## THE ART WORLD

By FRANK H. PARKER

The beginning and understanding of what is called music today, like life itself, had a start somewhere..whether it is good or bad.

Poets in the days of yore, along with the many musicians, would carry a lute slung over their shoulder upon entering the many small towns. They would proceed to play some sort of ballad taken from a poem. In most cases, it was their only way of survival during that era. Everything and anything we attempt to do in life itself is poetry.

You just might have heard of the song "Poetry in Motion" it's true! Every last living thing on this planet has movement. Motion is everywhere; sleeping, eating, dancing, working and various other aspects of life. Whatever we do in life requires movement of some form or other, and that means being active. Because the music has ceased, that does not mean that poetry is dead; in fact, poetry is alive in our heart and soul. Example: if you've dreamed that you're playing in a famous band, it simply means that whatever I've dreamed is in my heart and soul. Again, I would like to add that feeling comes through the bosom.

I truly love poetry and also music. It's like two lovers who marry..though still individuals who are completely separate from each other, and yet for either to survive, each needs the other - equal partners in harmony and truth..Poetry the husband - Music the Wife.

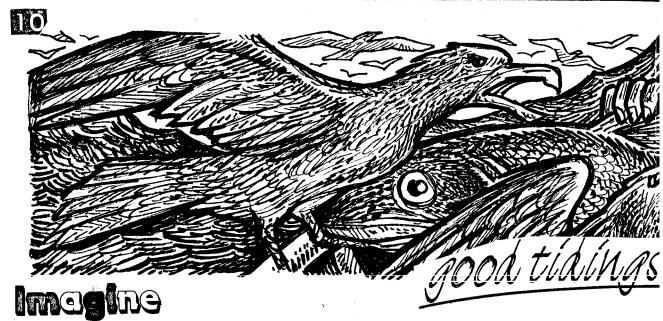
This is my personal opinion which I';; always cherish and hold in my heart.



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ART BY TORA



It's 4:30 a.m., low tide. The false dawn still leaves all in inky shadows as a small procession of fishermen and villagers make their way down to the "bongos" on the beach. the bongos are carved and wooden canoes with elevated sides or 'gunnels'. The bottoms are heavily coated with tar to plug up any holes and, from a distance, look like sampans. The boats are high on the beach to get away from the high tides and now, because the ocean is quiet and glass-like, for launching.

Logs are used to transport the canoes. You simply rock the boat up, slip logs across the bottoms, and push. As the canoe rolls over the last log, the log is picked up and carried to the front. Cheap, efficient, chain production! Wading in up to our knees, we waited for a large wave or

"set", ran the canoe into the surf, and were off!...like a herd of turtles?

By daylight, we've reached the fishing grounds. On the trip out the waves got higher and higher as we headed offshore. By the time we were where we were supposed to be, it was "show time".

Sometimes the fishing ground is found by following the bird flocks feeding on the ocean. Imagine thousands of birds, mostly gulls and pelicans, dive bombing for food with about 40 canoes going up and down, in and out, all trying to get the same fishes. Madness! - and quite dangerous. You spend more time hooking birds and trying not to run over boats.

Previously that night we prepared our lures and the fixin's for breakfast. The lures were made out of rare white feathers found on only one small nesting island. Breakfast in-



cluded 40 lemons squeezed into a 5 gal. "valde" or pail along with onions, tomatoes and the "Aji" - little, deadly, vicious hot red peppers.

The first white meated fish, usually a "corbina" or dolphin was fileted on a paddle layed across the gunnels and put into the pail to marinate in the lemon sauce. In about an hour the acids have literally cooked the fish and it's ready to eat. After about four hours of work, we headed back to port.

There to greet us are smaller boats, small trucks and buyers from the mountains. The smaller boats buy from us, then in turn, sell to the buyers on shore, who again sell to buyers further up the beach. Your typical south Smerican "sales chain". Ice blocks are brought in and fish going to the mountains are packed in sawdust and ice. Because of the lack of

refrigeration, fresh fish has to be caught, trucked and sold all on the same day.

While the wheelin' and dealin'" is going down, those of us
who have been paid open the
"cantinas" and the sleepy little village turns into Mardi
Gras! The party goes on for a
few days until either the money
runs out, the folks pass out,
or someone talks someone else
into going fishing again.

Somehow the system works. Cash flow is spread throughout the town, work (or something close to it) gets done and the world turns again.

Sloppy, loose but co-operative; reminds me a bit of the Carnegie. Somehow in de crunch regardless of minor problems, the show must go on!

By ROBERT LEMIEUX

# CRAB

Did you ever try to climb over the Main St. overpass? Well, it's too steep for 80% of our community; the elderly, the mothers and children and

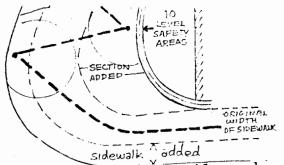
the handicapped.

Pressure at City Hall by C,R,A,B,, DERA, and the B,C Coalition of the Disabled has led to a recommendation by Ald. Bellamy's Transportation and Strategic Planning Committee to study an idea by <u>en</u>gineer Bill Blakely to make the overpass properly or adequately accessible to hndcps.

His idea is to take the ten feet of planted area that runs along the length of the sidewalk(western), and place it on the eastern side - making what Mr. Blakely calls a "land bridge" thirty feet wide. Put in more zig-zags snaking up the overpass with rest areas at each end of the zig-zags. The whole ramp should be level (as was originally promised by the Port).

And the entrance at Alexander and Main to the east sidewalk and the first 20-30 feet of this entrance needs to be sufficiently widened to allow a gentle, easier slope to the zig-zag ramp. Tony, age 52, couldn't get to the first rest.

The City and Port own the land in these areas, so there should be no problem; behind the scenes planners have estimated a cost of \$250,000. If two to three feet of land-



fill had gone in at Alexander and Main then none of this would have happened. this supposedly would have cost 3/4 million.

Why did the Port raise the road 23 ft. over the tracks? Is it because of U.S regulations insisting on 23 ft. to allow defense dept. missiles to be moved on flatcars???

Ald. Baker suggested hiring two attendants to push wheelchairs - total cost - \$20,000. Is he serious?

Ald. Caravetta thought that handicaps could cross at track level from Columbia - there is a high, wire fence. Serious?

With some pressure and homework done by local speakers, the Committee voted to study Blakely's idea. It would also have metal railings to keep people from walking across the traffic lanes.

CRAB is telling the Port, City and Federal governments that the Main St. overpass is not safe..someone's going to get killed. It is not (as promised by the Port) safe, proper or accessible.

Support CRAB on Feb. 27, Friday at 8p.m. at the Arcadian Hall, 6th and Main at our benefit dance.

I'll send you a poem inscribed in a scroll.
I'll send it with ribbon entwined with my soul.
I'll send it from heaven on gossamer wings,
Flying with cupid and angel-harp strings.

The message is this, dear; our love will live on In the seed of our son, dear, the son who will come From the mingling of rainbows and blossoms so blue, Oh, my sweet darling, this love is so true.

Two trains running,
which one would you choose!
One train takes the open, easy road,
of money and love for self.
One train takes the rough road
of conscience and struggle but with love of life with someone.
One train laughs at people
and preys on their misery.
One train lives in the world
with heart and care.

Two trains running,
which one would you choose?
One train's the everything's easy life.
One train's the nothing's easy life.

Two trains running!
which one would you choose.
----Beware the wall!
beyond a certain point
the choice is no longer yours but the choice will be made anyway!
You're on one train or the other regardless
without your consent or knowledge.
Beware the wall!

Two trains running! which one would you choose.

#### Dave McConnell

Part of this poem is strong; an idea based on an old blues song.



#### **BUSINESS WATCH**



Coffee tickets may be for sale - during the week after cheques are issued. A lot of people are hard put to get the price of a cup of coffee, and actual food is even harder to find.

To help with this problem, the idea is to buy a 'credit card' or something like a bus pass that values can be punched out on, and then marked off as you use it.

So far, each ticket is worth 35¢, the price of a cup of coffee. Nancy Jennings said that the idea is great, but

that setting up a selling system is a lot more complex than it sounds.

A few suggestions: a credit card for \$5.00 with so many coffees, sandwiches, soups, etc to be marked off; selling the tickets as are and using them like the volunteers do; having the \$5.00 be itemized as to cash amounts, so an item worth 40¢ or 75¢ can be purchased without using a whole ticket for a nickel.

The idea was approved in principle and the staff will look at ways and means in Feb.

Watching the Flow of Silver

Tramping downriver under a sky slate our rubber boots leave slippery holes deep in the slushy snow.

On the other side mills puff smoke and steam the silver river slides by.

A small tugboat slowly slides a barge upriver but time slides forever a silver river.

when you are eleven.

Claudius Ivan Planidin



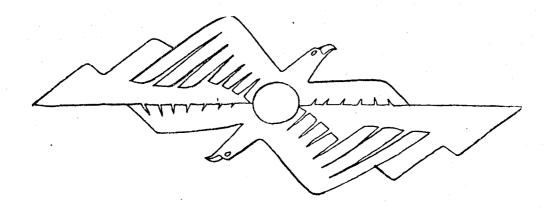
Oh! Whatsansass I've been.

The sober times so far between.

If only then I could have seen, that I was missing, all the things I could have been.

So take it easy, if you know what I mean, I mean.

BRAD TAYLOR/DAVID MALTAIS



#### PEACE AND THE INDIVIDUAL

It is in the minds of men & women who hate themselves that wars are created and a continual state of hell, greed anger and animality manifests in the world.

When a person hates...this emotion perpetuates a snowball effect, and in turn more of the above life conditions are ever present.

Is world peace possible? I am sure that this is a question a large majority of people will find themselves asking at some point in their lives on this planet.

One may ask, "Why bother?... who cares?...Screw Society... what can I do?...I am only one alone...etc.etc. and yes, there are many injustices in this world. I think that it is f for precisely this reason that one alone, first, must take an inward journey and realize how he/she may be supporting a system that is not working.

When one alone takes resp-

onsibility for his/her every thought, word and action this is the first step I don't accept that things will never change and conditions won't get better. I spent too many years myself accepting this way and giving in to my own negativity.

There is genocide happening all over this planet right now. Look to our own streets; South Africa; South America;

India; your own home. We are all responsible one way or another for this destruction. The world and all its people are "one big family" and we are all related.

Therefore we all share in the collective Karma of this planet.

When only one individual begins to change and becomes aware of his/her own negativity this too creates a snowball effect. So what will it be. comrades - Peace or War?

The choice is yours.

By ANGIE VERA

## a An inquiry

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Wally Bardysh, President of the Carnegie Association, met with Mayor Gordon Campbell recently and reported on Feb.5 at the Board meeting. Previous to this a letter signed by Mr. Bardysh "demanding" financial statements bearing information on money leaving the centre were sent to Nancy Jennings, Director, and copies to Max Beck of Social Planning and all Board members.

Nancy said that she could not find Association papers that are kept in a locked (the Association's) file. She also said that while running a centre with over 1500 people a day she really doesn't have 8-10 hours to look through all City files for pieces of paper that shouldn't even be there.

The Mayor was reported to say that this is an Association matter; the letter's reference to an ongoing police investigation is extreme and very serious.

Board minutes have disappeared and correspondence is unsafe yet only the Executive has keys to their files. How valid are allegations that senior staff are responsible? I ask ya!!

# DERA Objectives

- 1. To KEEP OURSELVES INFORMED about the life of our community.
- 2. To EDUCATE OURSELVES about ways of improving the life of our community.
- 3. TO ACT COLLECTIVELY to bring about the changes necessary for improving the life of our community.
- 4. To CO-OPERATE FREELY and HONESTLY, with organisations and people willing to assist us.
- 5. To EXPOSE and PUBLICIZE the inadequacies we discover in the laws, regulations and services enacted and provided for us.
- 6. To FIGHT the indifference and the corruption we experience or we become aware of.
- 7. To PURSUE our objectives in a spirit of good will and unity.
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# conflicts

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By PAUL TAYLOR

Irene Schmidt came under the gun at February's Board meeting: For not holding correspondence until the President has seen it; for not reading all letters sent out in the Association's name as part of her monthly report; for not having photocopies immediately available of such letters; for refusing to remain as a signing officer after Peter Imm was removed as treasurer.

Ms. Schmidt replied that Board minutes for the last six months have disappeared from the Association office.. and that a more secure system must be found before it's safe to leave correspondence here.

She said that letters that must go out at once can't really wait until whenever the Executive (president, vice-president, director-atlarge) decides to drop in. This met with calls of "yeah", pointing out that these people are rarely here.

Ms. Schmidt is not in the habit of carrying all letters with her constantly on the off-chance that she might run into one of the Exec. She also followed common sense in not

# rules

ensuring more than one Board meeting per session. Reading all correspondence word-forword would mean lengthening these meetings, which in the last seven months have always required at least two sessions and sometimes four!

The last item of concern was prompted by a letter from Peter Imm's lawyer, stating: "...the proceedings of Jan.12 contravene the requirements of the Society Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, Chapter 390, specifically section 31, regarding the need for a special resolution, as defined in Section 1...

In addition, the proceedings of Jan.12th failed to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association,

Laws of the Association Article 5, Section 9."

By remaining as a signing officer, Irenc was worried that she may have been found criminally liable.

Tony Seavers, vice-president said that the Board had formed a "committee of the whole" and that the entire Board was responsible.

Irene chose to co-operate and agreed to sign again. She stipulated that the security measures must be created as soon as possible.

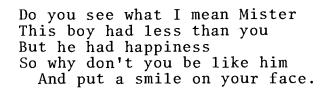
# POETRY by RAYMOND ALEXANDER

Hey there mister are you looking for sympathy Take heed to these words if that is the case There are others far worse than you Yet they have a smile upon their face.

I met a little boy - he hung his head down low Like one would in disgrace But when I stopped to him A smile came on his face

He asked if I had time to listen to his story
I said sure and then he went on
My father went away two years ago and left us on our own
There are four others at home and I am the oldest
So I have to bring home any money I can

I do not know where I'll be in the morning
As I'll do any old thing I can
I might stay in one place for one or two days
But I don't mind I am glad to help my family out
in any way I can







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"This Centre can run without almost anyone - except Peggy."

Nancy Jennings was serious when, as a note of information she reported that Peggy Munro is leaving the staff of the Carnegie.

Peggy has taken a position as administrative assistant at the Emily Carr College of Art on Granville Island.
Ms. Carr was a pioneer in BC for her work in art and impressions of the many native cultures.

"Peggy is the lady who is often leaving Carnegie at night with shopping bags full of papers that she worked on at home." Rather than goodbye, let's say auf weidersein, "until we meet again."

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I have arranged time
in a quantum equation
as the only true constant
in one direction
you cannot go back
not one minute
only from light to black
poems are only finite
reflection
written from past light
to forward darkness
we all arrive

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