

Carnegie

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1, 1987.

Keep doors open, let the people in

"It's so very convenient and so much more efficient for elected officials and bureaucrats to make their decisions behind closed doors. It's also a dangerous instinct which must be resisted." With these lines, the Province Editorial for Monday, March 23rd, opens an article with the same headline as above.

This article was given to me by a Carnegie member, who asked if the Province was following recent events at Carnegie. I don't know if they are, but the writer is thinking parallel with the vast majority of members/users of this Centre.

On March 19th, the voting majority on the Board of Directors of Carnegie held an "In Camera" meeting on the third floor at exactly the same time as an important public meeting in the Theatre offering area residents input to the Goals for Vancouver Survey.

This was not an isolated slap in the face for us, as the same disdain for our future and peoples' voices concerning same was expressed on March 1st. The president of the CCCAB, WALLY BARDYSH, and of course the vice-president TONY SEAVER, thought it best to hold an important Personnel Committee meeting at exactly the same time as another public meeting to give the City of Vancouver input from here on how to best use the \$\$\$\$ allocated for renovations. Reason: Well, people who don't seem to agree with the (dictatorial) format of the current voting majority on the board would only disrupt and wreck what is planned, so having 'our' meetings at the same time as 'theirs', since 'they' are active participants in these public meetings, they won't come to stop 'us'.

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LETTERS

TO: Wally Bardysh, Tony Seaver, Jonn Olldym March 23, 1987.

RE: Carnegie Newsletter Finance

It has come to my attention that the issue of the Newsletter, published on March 1, 1987, has not been paid for. The invoice was given to Wally Garcia, bookkeeper, and he drew up a cheque for \$141.24 to be signed when you three dropped in. He then told me that after you had come and signed all cheques waiting, the cheque for Budget Printing had been left unsigned. The information was relayed to me after returning from Budget, having just left the issue for March 15 to be printed. This second invoice, for \$117.70, brings the total to \$258.94.

Speculation, cum guessing, as to why has been included in a letter to Max Beck, asking him to put the Carnegie Newsletter account under the administration of the City staff - citing your irresponsible actions and general unavailability.

At the initial meeting of the 'Editorial Review' group, I was dismayed that, besides you three and me, you thought it either apropos or necessary to have MacLeod present to engage in irrelevant talk and moronic criticism of typos, etc., etc. I was sincere when I said that I trusted you, yet the incident about Lenzi's letter - which you said you had already seen - made me wonder. The libelous statements were fairly obvious, but I wanted to observe the kind of objective integrity with which you would review the contents of submissions. Saying, "We won't touch any letters" hardly excuses you from passing as good a letter containing sufficient libel to cost the Association thousands of dollars.

I have had to, again, take a loan to pay Budget - \$258.94 - and will exchange the receipt for a cheque made payable to me for this amount. The money donated by PLURA (\$1,000) and the ad revenue are for paying to keep the Carnegie Newsletter alive. The truth about your actions to ruin, destroy, disrupt, confuse and create fear in this Centre will not be stopped by such sleazy manipulation of assigned duties. TO HAVE NO VOICE IS TO HAVE NO POWER. You will not take the voice of the people of this Centre away.

cc: Max Beck, Nancy Jennings,
Gordon Campbell

PAUL TAYLOR, Editor
Carnegie Newsletter

LETTERS

Editor,

It was sure a big disappointment for me, a few days ago. Especially after going to the Cultural Celebrations the day before. The Indian Centre put up signs that they were having a free dinner. Most people usually expect a variety of Indian dishes. The point is, a lot of people came a long way from out of town and went home pretty disappointed. Next time, they better put out Italian food instead. That's all that was on the plate that was put in front of me. I just put on my coat and went back to services at the mission on Powell St., which serves very good lunches.

No macroni!!

OSCAR DAVIES

To Wally Bardysh,

We, the undersigned members of the Carnegie Community Centre Association Board, will not be in attendance at the board meeting called by you for tonight. We object to holding board meetings 'in camera' - that is, behind closed doors, secret, away from the scrutiny of the membership - when business of legitimate interest to the membership is to be conducted.

We also object to the lack of notification and input to board members in setting the date for the meeting. It was done with too much haste and lack of consultation. This shows disregard for a democratic and businesslike relationship.

As well, it is disrespectful to the patrons of Carnegie and to the City to schedule a board meeting in Carnegie at the exact same time as an important public meeting in Carnegie on the future of our neighbourhood. This is the second time you have done this in three weeks. On March 1, you scheduled a personnel committee meeting that was very important at the same time as a public meeting.

We will be at the public meeting so we can participate with other Carnegie patrons in the important discussion. That is our proper responsibility as board members.

PETER IMM, DANNY KORICA, SAM SNOBELEN, SHEILA BAXTER. IRENE SCHMIDT, TORA.

A SEPARATE SET OF MORALS.'

Mr. Sebastian Ronin's article on the LETSsystem says it would "tend towards a computerised Potlatch".

Mr. Ronin doesn't know what he's talking about when he compares a computer recording & exchange system to a native tradition whose original form was a spiritually-motivated redistribution of wealth.

Potlatch recognised that giving is more honourable than receiving, and for this reason was outlawed by Christian groups who realised that the spiritual practices of West coast people helped them to maintain an ethical or spiritual relationship to wealth - which organised Christianity had long since abandoned to the state.

A spiritual basis to material exchange such as the potlatch cannot be simulated by computers set up to record and calculate who owes what to whom. In fact, the LETSsystem more closely resembles a mercantile banking structure than the people's own Potlatch.

Mr. Ronin also says "the volunteer structure of community service agencies in the Downtown Eastside deserves special attention"...the "special attention" Mr. Ronin proposes to afford volunteerism - which is already alive and well in our community - is to record and manage it on computer systems set up & run by D.E.E.D.S.

Mr. Ronin says this would "blow aside the fluffy illusions of right and left"...if Mr. Ronin has fluffy illusions that's his problem - to me it's clear that the left supports the people's right to work out things in their own way, based on whatever interpersonal agreements of trust and co-operation seem necessary to them at the time. The rightwing, on the other hand, has always attempted to take interpersonal agreements out of the context of human relationship (potlatch) and "legalize" them (mercantile banking system) - in this case, a system which would be computerised, interpreted and, in extreme cases, probably enforced by D.E.E.D.S. working in co-operation with the small claims court system.

Mr. Ronin may be an innocent pawn in the D.E.E.D.S. game-plan, but in his enthusiasm for the LETSsystem, he ignores and downgrades the basic value of community work here and now that is already being entered into solely on an interpersonal first-name basis between friends and neighbours - where the 'balance sheet' is already recorded in the minds of the people..and is thus free to be interpreted and applied by them according to the changing pattern of their daily needs and perceptions.

The real downtown eastside "Potlatch" of volunteer work..



the real community spirit of giving and receiving is already alive and free of the authority of computer readouts.

In my opinion, the LETSystem would only result in a competitive interaction of abstract economic forces which power-motivated people in our community could use with great efficiency to dominate and control those who are humbler, more generous and forgiving than themselves. This is offered in the name of "progress", as if it would be some sort of step into a bright future.

It reminds me of the futuristic never-never land promised to fools brainwashed by the ideas of luxury and excess...fools that capitalism hopes to create, maintain and control in this community for the personal pleasure and economic benefit of a few fast-lane people, who are heartless enough to take advantage of elderly, uneducated people in a low-income community.

...how about a little more recognition and respect for the "system" we've already got - it's called the Let's Not System!

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Friends Are Important

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A friend is there to laugh with you, hurt
with you, cry with you, and listen to you
when no one else will. Even if you do wrong,
a friend is there when you need him, to
understand where other people wouldn't.

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too, to make the world go around. But a person
without a friend is a lonely person indeed.

Friends are few and far between.

Sheila Bell

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Another Answer

Why is it always we poets
who always speak as if
we know all the answers?

Is it because we think
our oft-flimsy answers
are better than no answers,
that a dim light barely
flickering is better
than blackness total as we all
grope along this tunnel of dreams
to eternity bound all
for some deliverance we all
grope for word by word
and who put this hot coal
on my lips?

Claudius Ivan Planidin

Rage

Though young in years my words
streamed salty as I raged
against prevailing conditions.

Finally I found the cap
I was looking for
on my head.

Sock it to Them

Why do winners often
have their socks up
and losers often have
their socks down,
or do appearances deceive
and is there often more to
a person
than first meets the eye
for Einstein
who often wore no socks?

Claudius Ivan Planidin

Mirrors

Looking over many of
my life's moments
I begin to see a pattern emerge-
What I bring to the moment
the moment often brings to me.

PEOPLE WHO THINK BACKWARDS

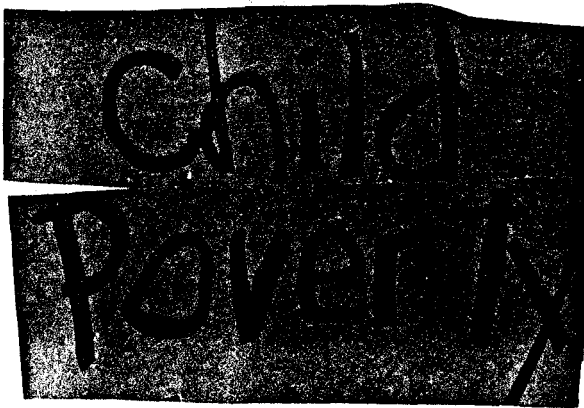
There have always been people who think backwards. Sometimes they are called opposites. Some North American Indians were opposites; they even rode their horses backwards and were given high esteem by other braves (a sure indication of a highly developed and sophisticated society).

Christopher Columbus, who maintained against fierce opposition that the world was round - the opposite of what was generally believed - decided to reach the Indies by sailing West instead of East as everybody did, thereby discovering America.

Some say Jesus was an opposite. "The last shall come first..." etc. It is a sad reflection on Western civilization that opposites are given so little tolerance.

Perhaps you are an opposite, and sometimes find yourself thinking radically different thoughts than the rest of the world. Cheer up, you are not alone, because I'm an opposite too, as are all of us people who think backwards.

PETER LAMONT



On Saturday, April 4, a day long event is being held at the Mount Pleasant Elementary School. There will be speakers, a student panel, films & workshops. The forum begins at 9:30am and will continue until 4:30 in the afternoon.

The sponsoring groups are:

- * End Legislated Poverty
- * Vancouver School Board
- * B.C. Teachers' Federation
- * First United Church, Van.
- * B.C. Assoc. of Social Workers

These groups are well aware that poverty is not an illusion as busfare will be provided if you need it; the registration fee of \$10.00 will be waived if you can't afford it; childcare is available; and all are asked to bring a bag lunch.

At a recent public meeting held in Carnegie to give input to the Goals for Vancouver Survey, there was tremendous concern expressed for kids' welfare and growth. If you are going to this forum, please phone 321-4355 and tell them. Also if you need the childcare service, let them know before.

The number again: 321-4355 .

UBIQUITOUS UNICORNS

When I left New York, the black remnants of snow were being sprayed everywhere by the thousands of cars. It was well below freezing, but that is normal for January, right? Before this flight, any airplane that I'd been on had a maximum time of three hours in the sky, with a movie and people sleeping or reading.

The flight time to India is twenty hours, with two stops for some reason but no getting off. The inside became like a tourist trap after 5 or 6 hours; stewardesses and passengers both having goods and souvenirs for sale. Kids were running up and down the aisles until told to sit down and people of every race and creed imaginable were present.

Hello Bombay!

I stepped off the plane into 80 degree weather with the tropical sun beating down - "it was a cool winter". After customs - "tourist, sir" -

and walking outside to get a bus to the train station, I had my first experience with culture shock. Beggars were all over the place, hands out and pointing to their deformities - mangled limbs, open sores on their faces and bodies, being blind - and trying to get anything from the rich air travellers. I had about \$4.50 American, personal worldly wealth, but it wasn't possible to get that across to the people pleading with me. I was a foreigner - must be rich - in their minds; no one but a rich foreigner comes to India.

On the trip to the city proper, every street was lined on both sides with little 4'x4' shops that were hugging the curb and facing the stores on the main floors of buildings. Pedestrians walked between the double fronts amid sellers hawking and yelling for attention to their wares. Outhouse size shops usually had one or two items for sale..fruit;



grains; pots; pans; books; cigarettes; soft drinks; balls of cowshit mixed with straw for starting fires... anything you could think of had a store to itself.

The trains were booked solid for the next five days for all points - at the station were the omnipresent beggars and about two thousand people with all their possessions. I took \$100 from money I was carrying for the General Secretary in Calcutta and bought another airplane ticket. I'd learned from an English-speaking Turk that trains in India have three classes: first class is like Canadian railways, with stewards and room and big windows; 2nd class reserved means being in a car with 90 others, all bags and goats and chickens too, and just squeezing in wherever.

In Calcutta, I delivered the money to the GS, and asked to go on to Varanasi for training. The Central Office Sec. said that wasn't advisable, since the lifted government ban on the 26 sections of the organisation was still unofficially in effect - even though Ms. Gandhi was in jail for corruption. A ticket was purchased for a one-way trip through the Himalayas to Katmandu, Nepal. The training centre there was still operating and had gotten no overt pressure to close.

The Himalayas are incredible! As the Nepalese bus wound its way higher and higher, people and animals got scarcer. Nothing else exists but the bus, the mountains and the sky.

Then, fabled Katmandu. This is a city of over 100,000 inhabitants, but the picture presented to the West is of a mythical and isolated abode - having only sporadic and wary contact with the outside world.



In reality: shops, stores; an open zoo of goats, chickens, cows, buffalo, elephants; both foot and vehicle traffic; and of course beggars, thieves, con artists, with rape and murder and everything else.

The animals are a trip : as cows are sacred, they can eat anything anywhere - especially off the shelves and benches in storefronts. If you hit one or even yell, you may find an arm that looks just like yours on the ground, as some 'devotee' hacks it off with their machete

We have a great tradition ahead of us!

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On March 24th at the Richmond Inn, something very unique took place. It was the first Adult Literacy Consultation ever held in Canada.

The Carnegie Learning Centre was well represented by Linda Forsythe, Bill Deacon, George Robinson, Mary Sparks, Terry Parenteau, our most qualified and beloved Director Nancy J. (without whom it is questionable if the consultation could have been such a great success) and myself, Julien Levesque.

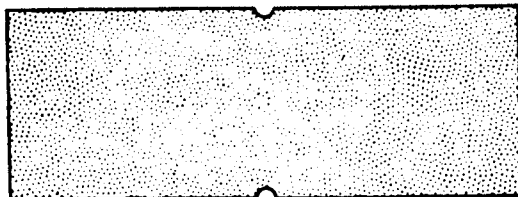
All participants were there on invitation only and included a lot of Federation presidents willing to fight illiteracy; but first, they needed to know - what is the problem, its source, and the possible routes of action programs that are applicable, in the promotion of literacy, across our beautiful country.

Following is a summary of the highlights:

9am: Mr. Keith Gray, President of the Employment and Educational Services and chief Administrative Officer for the Business Council of B.C., welcomed all and graciously acknowledged the sponsors of the Consultation. He was followed by the representative of the Hon. Stanley Hagen - Dr. Ron Feris - who quoted from Master of Their Own Destiny

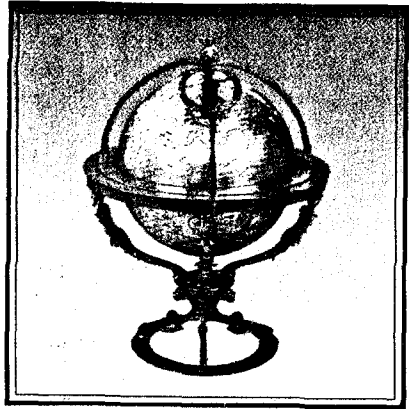
"to further the present human potential". Dr. Feris is the Director Academic for Continuing Education Programs, Ministry of Advanced Education and

To an illiterate person,
all pages might as well
look like this!



Job Training...in a later personal talk, I found him to be a man of dedication to literacy.

FOR THE CARE AND APPRECIATION OF VALUABLE ASSETS...



9:20am: The plenary speaker, Ms. Cathy Wright (President - Movement for Canadian Literacy) stressed what the goals are to be as a whole. In a national effort to put literacy in perspective, our needs are for short term programs with more materials and personnel - to waken the untapped potential in everyone and create a new vision of citizenship based on literacy. Next is the need for long-term programs(10 yr) with each of us being an influence for progress in literacy. Ms. Wright called for involvement of both public and private sectors of society.

The next remarkable event in the program was a play, presented by Frank C. Turner and students from Langara Theatre, and based on a play by John

Lazurus - "Marks on Paper". The acting was good, but more important was the message carried: that there are curses and traumas in the life of an illiterate person - each varying in intensity - that were displayed in their powerful presentation. I was deeply affected because both of my parents were illiterate. Then my feelings about the play were confirmed by the panel of students commenting on the play. This Panel was composed of Terry Parenteau, Mary Sparks, George Robinson, GD Chartrund and Harold Mathas.

A little later, after a coffee break, Mr. Bill Day and Mr. Pete Smith (President of Douglas College; Canadian Association of Industrial, Mechanical and Allied Workers) gave a brief history of the value attached to literacy, the Volunteer:CARE Program, and the fact that the guide on literacy written in 1814 by the Frontier College has never been upgraded!

Then came Ms. Janet Carlisle of MacMillan/Blodell Alabama, where a new plant opened but there were no qualified personnel for 31 new jobs. Their options were to either import employees (non-economical) or to train local people to tend to the duties of these jobs. The latter was selected with the proviso to deal with the low literacy rate. They start-

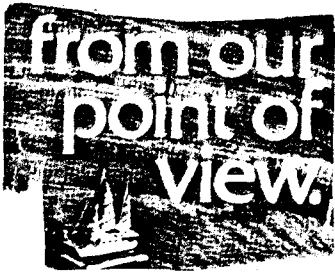
ed literacy and G.E.D. programs and emphasized the students' achievements. Ms. Carlisle also noted the nationwide efforts of network TV in the U.S. that include special programming.

Mr. Jack Swanson of Avon Books of Canada recognised the literacy problem three years ago, and instituted a fund-raising campaign to support the literacy efforts. The yearly goal is \$100,000 to sponsor programs across Canada.



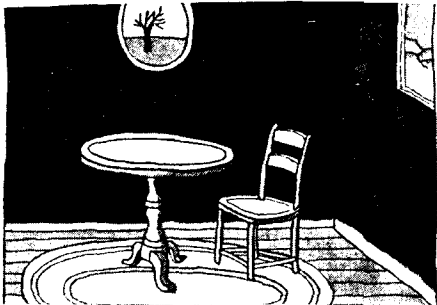
Finally came our delegation, led by Linda Forsythe. After we each spoke, it seemed to me that the most powerful message came from George Robinson. He quoted from his own experiences and stated that his personal goal is to become a counselor for the natives in urban areas. "Their problems are my problems"

A belief in the impossible possibility



Each member of our delegation presented his or her own perspective on literacy. Linda gave a brief history of the Learning Centre - started in 1983 with \$600 (a grant) and growing to today's importance in Carnegie in meeting the needs/demands of our community.

Bill Deacon spoke from the (initial) perspective of a non-area resident who had learned of and become sensitive to the literacy needs here. Next came myself, and I stressed the fact that literacy is a function of being informed, and the urgency of bringing the "mountain of knowledge" to the grass roots. Terry Parenteau mentioned the importance of learning being equal to the commitment to learn. George Robinson, whose eloquence was so moving, and so true; he spoke from the bottom of his heart and moved the heart and soul of all present.



English:

AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Allan Hewitsan, Manager of Public Relations for Alcan Smelters and Chemicals, Ltd., Kitimat Works, impressed the audience with the efforts of the company to promote education for its employees. He outlined the initiatives taken to facilitate the breakdown of language barriers with immigrant employees, for whom English is a near non-existent language.

At 5:00 in the afternoon, following a series of group discussions, a number of recommendations were written: i.e.

* 1) A more comprehensive educational system aimed at the native population on the local level.

* 2) A federally subsidised series of literacy programs in cooperation with all levels of government and the private sector, operating on a decentralised basis.

* 3) Create incentives for the private sector to partake in such projects.

* 4) Upgrade the teaching methods and materials for the functionally illiterate and those with learning disabilities.

... The Consultation was a real successful step..before I forget, the Solicitor General of Canada announced the finalisation of contracts - worth 2.9 million dollars - for literacy programs in B.C.'s federal prisons.



Thank you to the Department of the Secretary of State for sponsoring such a positive event.

JULIEN-JOSEPH LEVESQUE



Incidentally, the bus travelled for a few miles on the Peking Highway, built and paid for by the Chinese Govt. This gesture of goodwill also provides a road for tanks and troop carriers if (when) China decides to invade..like in Tibet.

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Congregations

My expectations of the spiritual dropped to almost nil when I saw a near-riot in Ratna Park, between the local version of Hare Krishna and who turned out to be their head honchos from HQ in New Delhi. Seems these vicious bastards had come up to whip the locals back into line.

The Faith

I wandered around the central marketplace and saw a fullgrown water buffalo, just slaughtered, with rivers of its blood adding to the garbage in the gutters. This was in an open temple with pictures of their deity, a blue elephant, all over the place. No shit! As I walked down the street to the training centre, a real elephant sauntered by!!

When I finally arrived, I had about two bucks left, but the training was free. The teacher expected me to have something, but my delivering the funds to GS in Calcutta had given me a 'by'. Donations paid for food.

One part of the training is to go for one week begging for all food; saying nothing, buying nothing and being given one clay pot and a box of matches. One cooking session per day and a second meal could only be the cold remains of the first one.

The training lasted for a few months and then I went back to Calcutta.

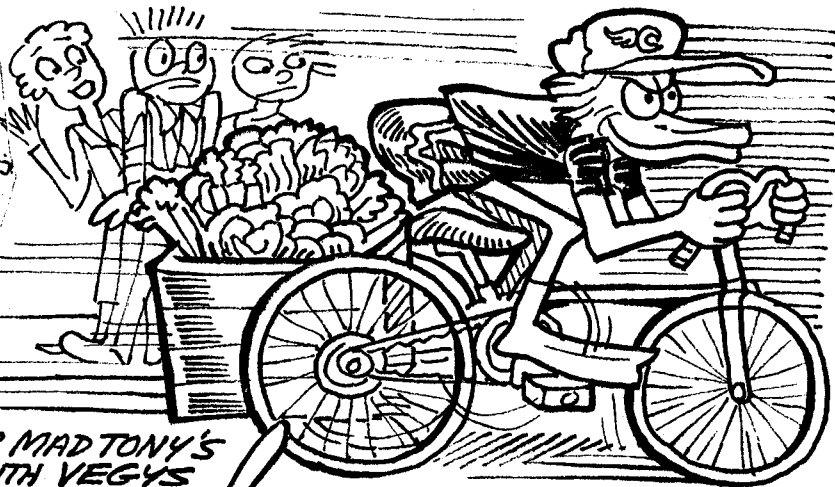
Before leaving, I had acquired dysentery or chronic diarrhea. The trip to Calcutta was beset with stomach cramps, and a few days after arriving I went blind for awhile. At the central office, food (rice and vegies) was provided twice a day, but my legs ballooned from water retention, a symptom of severe malnutrition. Body weight was less than 100 lbs., but to get money to buy better food and medicine I had to beg in the streets. My vision returned as days passed, and the dysentery was stopped by nothing but rice.

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When someone comes up to me here and says they're hungry - "...haven't eaten since last night; no meal for another two hours and I'm starving - it doesn't get much sympathy. Starvation is the daily companion of over a quarter of the people on this planet.

What we have here as basic necessity - guaranteed income, food twice a day at least, free clothes, shelter ...- an old saying: you don't know what you've got 'til its gone.

By PAUL TAYLOR



SO... BYTORA
THE DUCK LOADS UP MAD TONY'S
THREE-WHEELER WITH VEGYS
FROM MAX HARE'S PLOT & TAKES OFF IN THE DIRECTION OF...



THE CARNEGIE KITCHEN WHERE IT ALL
GOES INTO THE SECRET DOWNTOWN EAST-
SIDE DUCK SOUP RECIPE...



A family torn

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Ms. Kimbley's article on Fascism inspired me to do some thinking on the subject. As she defines contemporary fascist behaviour, it seems to fit equally into leftwing or rightwing camps.

What she is describing, in my opinion, is not necessarily fascism, but simply the grossest level of political process... "Yes, we do believe our view represents the truth - we do distribute 'propaganda' for our cause - we do sometimes speak in abusive or forceful terms; and inevitably, we do try to manoeuvre our opponents into a "no-win" situation.

A reasonable, more humane approach to politics is, of course, possible - but only realistically effective when those with opposing views are not already using the rules of the game as tactical weapons to immobilize your effort. Once this game is entered into, both sides are locked into a struggle to either win or end the game.

Since the "fascism" Ms. Kimbley describes sometimes fits both left & right wings, it seems important to clarify the character and purpose of these two camps.

Right wing always promotes jobs & businesses as a method of holding the community to-

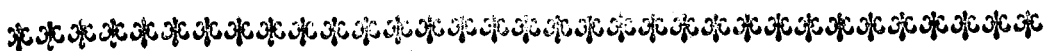
gether. Concern for economic security ranks first among their priorities.

The left wing, on the other hand, is concerned with each individual's right to live as they wish, even if this means rejecting society's present goals and standards and refusing to pursue economic security as a first priority.

Of course, there are many other differences between left & right... Left is laid-back, humanitarian, rebellious creative, critical and concerned for the evolution of humanity in an inner, spiritual sense. Hashish or marijuana is the usual drug-of-choice.

Right is uptight, on time, economically motivated, patriotic, clean, luxury-loving, rule-oriented..and sustains a sort of "me-first" marketplace entrepreneurship that worships technical progress. Building a better machine is the most important rightwing thing; second only to making a lot of money. Cocaine is usually the drug-of-choice.

But in this community, at this time, the difference between the leftwingers' concern for individual freedom of lifestyle and the rightwingers' demand for a lifestyle centred on paid work, seems to me to be the most



significant factor.

It always bothers me when people say, "There is no right or left - just people with different opinions"...I think such people must be ethically blind, or perhaps have some emotional reason for avoiding the issue. Often these are the same people who will tell you that there is no difference between good & evil.



I myself personally believe an uncompromising leftwing position to be the most truthful and necessary point of view today. My reasons for this are not political, but spiritual. I think, throughout history, capitalism and exclusively rightwing functions have gradually destroyed the ethical heart-centred understanding of humanity. (Everyone, in their heart, knows what is right and what is wrong and everyone is obligated to do what is right). Such unquestionable human knowledge once existed in everyone, but today it seems rightwing entrepreneurs have largely succeeded in de-spiritualising the majority of human beings, and I, for one, have become completely obsessed with keeping myself and those I care about out of their clutches.

I believe that the core philosophy of leftwing politics is non-fascist and that the core philosophy of rightwing politics is fascist.

Whatever the momentarily perceived behaviour of individuals may be - this difference of core philosophies affects the long-term actions and attitudes of those involved, so that one way is obviously preferable to the other... This is why an uncompromising adherence to leftwing principles is absolutely necessary if humanity and the social process is to evolve. (At this point, a rightwinger would call me a "Fascist".)

TORA



Spring

Overcome with the need
to walk hand in hand
With Spring's desires.

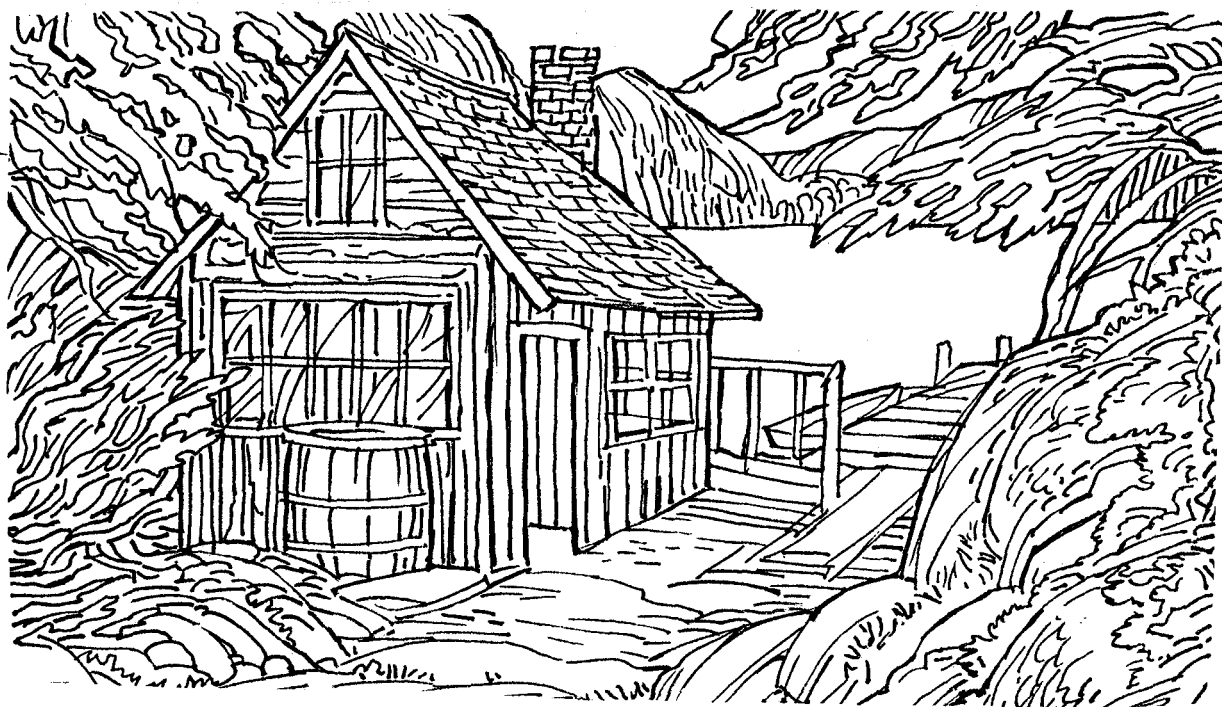
Patiently waiting,
Waiting for a dream
To become a reality.

Thinking of the many loves,
Wondering why none would do
And now, why there are none.

Fall, come quickly,
'And let these thoughts
Be done.

Anita Stevens

WIND IN THE WILLOWS



Well, here it is springtime again; the flowers are growing - trees in blossom - while the rest of the country melts through its burden of snow, appearing and disappearing like the coins in some spiritual magician's hand.

Perhaps my friend Bill, the only true hobo I know, is on his way again to the plains of Cartagania in South America (a truly long haul when you're riding the rods) or perhaps the year's melt off will find him grown still amongst the wild flowers along the right of way.

We all answer the call of

the seasons in our own way - 'in the spring a young man's fancy turns to...' - but an even younger man's fancy may turn to marbles--perhaps an even wiser choice.

Well dear-hearts, my own spring-time fancy is to move to the Sunshine Coast to an isolated cabin away from every one - except a few choice weekend visitors - and do nothing except practice music and write... and yourself?

How about writing us a story with your dream or spring-time reality.

TOM LEWIS

DON'T SCREAM WEALTH

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A person on our staff at the Carnegie Newsletter, Peter McCart, had a humiliating and degrading experience at Save-On Meats on Hastings St.. Peter has begun to write a series of articles under the heading "Eating For Less" on how to enjoy good food at a low price.

He had purchased some fruit (bananas) at a store way up on Davie St. and had stopped at the Hastings St. store to get some items from the bulkfood counter in Save-On. He paid for his groceries and just outside the front door he was grabbed by an employee and accused of stealing the fruit. He had no receipt from the 'banana' store, but neither had Save-On given him a receipt for what he'd just bought. This employee was loudly calling him a "thief and a liar" before a crowd of shoppers and, after returning the bulk food items for his money, Peter had to go to the police station and then all the way back to the Davie store to get the clerk there to sign a statement that he had spent less than a dollar there, on bananas, earlier that day!

I'm sure that many of you reading this have had similar experiences with false accusations - being poor (in money terms) makes a lot of people in our community subject to this kind of discrimination - if you look poor, then you must be a thief!

Peter has sent a letter to the owner of Save-On Meats with the following demands: "1) A written apology from the employee who wrongfully accused me of being a thief and a liar. 2) A statement issued to the police indicating to them that I am not guilty of any crime whatsoever against your company. 3) A cheque made payable to me for the sum of \$60.00 to compensate me (\$15.00/hr) for the time which I had to sacrifice to clear my name of the bogus charges made by your employee."

Peter happens to like shopping at Save-On.

JUST REWARD INSIGHT.

Eating for Less

Probably the best way to save money on groceries is to buy in bulk. The concept is simple.

That is, the more units you buy of an item, the less the per unit price. Unfortunately, on a fixed income, it is often difficult to come up with funds to, for example, buy a 20 lb. bag of rice - even though it would likely last for 6 months. There just isn't the money.

However, if one was to get together with a group of like-minded individuals then the cash outlay could be absorbed within this group, providing each of the members with appreciable savings.

If no one you know is interested in such an arrangement, perhaps you could buy one or two large quantities of an item every month in sufficient amounts to last for several months. This will (after the first few months) provide you with a rotation of several staples and either reduce your grocery costs or allow you to buy more.

The following recipe is a recipe only for those who have a serious surplus of time on their hands and are not against hovering over a stove for an entire day:

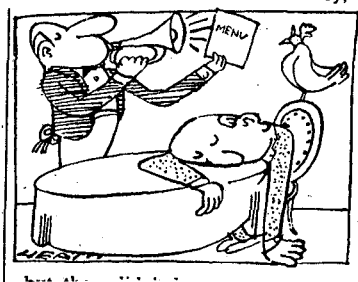
BEANS 4 4

This is my own recipe (more

or less) and, taste being what it is, you may want to make some changes in ingredients or quantity.

* 2 cups white navy beans	53¢
1 small pork hock	57¢
3 tablespoons molasses	5¢
1 onion (diced)	13¢
1 can tomato paste	67¢
1 tablespoon sugar	2¢
salt&pepper to taste	2¢
	<u>\$1.89</u>

* Soak beans overnight in water. Boil the pork hock in slightly salted water for 2 hrs., remove meaty portion & dice.



Add beans to remaining water. Now add onion, tomato paste, molasses, sugar, salt&pepper (use your tastebuds to judge amount). Stir. Now fill the pot until all the beans are immersed in the brew. Cook slowly for 6-8 hrs., either on a stove or in an oven. Replace evaporated water if beans are not immersed throughout the cooking process. Stir occasionally. Serves 4.

PETER MCCART



from front page

Motions and decisions made at these EXclusive meetings:

- that the CCCAB inform the City of Vancouver (Council) that 'we' are dissatisfied with the senior staff and ask that they be fired for incompetency (paraphrase)
- that the CCCAB cut off funding for the Carnegie Newsletter (not 1¢ is the Assoc.'s)
- ... your guess

What this means is that only eight people, passing themselves off as representatives of Carnegie members, want the City to take this first motion as the will of the majority of Members and FIRE Nancy J. As adjectives I would propose arrogant, demented, almost totally non-representative (almost, since these eight think it's great).

These people hold a meeting behind closed doors, directly violating the Constitution, and my first question is, "What are they trying to hide?" Do the majority directors fear scrutiny, or is it that without rehearsals they will appear as incompetent and irresponsible.

The main reason for public meetings is for elected people to prove their abilities and justify their actions in public. They shouldn't need a script, but that's what was fairly obvious at the March 5th board meeting. The agenda - in minutes -, the shirt&tie dress, the

arguments for "broad interpretation" of plain Constitutional rules, calling questions for the voting majority when many speakers were desperately trying to be heard, threats to clear the room...

There will be a board meeting on Thursday, April 2nd, where the main goal of this majority block will be to take the money raised at Star Bingo for paying the Assoc.'s debt and use it to pay lawyers to keep this Executive and their supporters in control of the finances and 'official decisions' of the Carnegie Community Centre Association Board.

Now, more than ever, you must come and express your personal concern and help stop this from occurring. The petition is complete, but our money is still subject to the whims of the Executive - as of this writing

PAUL TAYLOR

The Carnegie community was saddened recently by the passing of Mel Horseman.

Mel lived in the downtown eastside for many years, and was very active in the fight to have the old Carnegie Library become the Carnegie Community Centre.

He was a strong supporter of the Pool Room and researched and applied for the grant that paid for the new 5'x10' table.

When Nancy Jennings became Director, it was Mel who took her under his wing and showed her the life of his home.

Ineffable "abide, moment." - Nietzsche

Though the moon in the city is a much muted moon
She still speaks to me of thoughts lost arriving.
She remembers a night from my childhood in winter
when fat snowflakes fell too softly for words to relate.
I ache for the wonder-oh! paltry word-that fell on me then,
Kissed by the silence of a cool, windless night.
I stood 'neath a sky black with compassion,
alone on the black that circumf'rined my life,
alone in the snow with my heart and the night, -
But what my heart knew on that long ago night
With Christmas forgotten in the cool windless night,
The moon will not tell me; and empty words and the moon
are all that remain of that child and that night.
Though the moon in the city is a much muted moon,
She still speaks to me of thoughts lost arriving.

Steven Belkin



DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE

217 Main Street 681-8480
 Mon.1-2 Wed.1-3 Thur.1-3

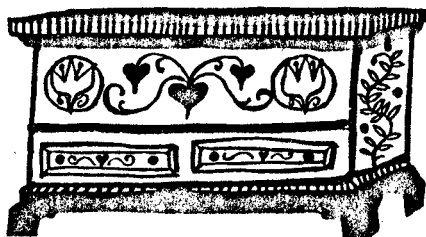
Advocacy, Advice, Counselling

Women on Welfare meet 3pm every Thursday and have a sharing of problems - sharing of solutions. W.O.W. has sent a brief to Claude Richmond on proposed changes to welfare.

- ANNUAL MEETING: APRIL 16 -

Applications to be a Board Director will be open until APRIL 14!

Apply in writing c/o Pearl



Friends of the '44'



Admission: \$1

Regular cards: 50¢

Throwaways! Bonanza!
 Pick-er-Own!

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 be WITH You! -

7:00pm every Monday

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