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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1, 1989.

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THE WAR ROOM



**GOD
DOES NOT
PLAY
DICE...**



Report on a tragedy

Vanderzalm is still leading the Social Credit party. This is a real tragedy for the socreds. The problem is that, after the last election, over \$300 million was put into an election fund (taxpayers' money) and with Zalm's gibbering a lengthy propaganda campaign will be launched to saturate all media with socred crud.

On the eve of the 6th byelection, all dissent in the rank and file of the party was stamped out (for public display at least) and all who were polled by the media tried to say

the party was paramount. Zalm said he wouldn't call an election soon so we're stuck with this idiot for a few more months. The title? Zalm declared war on the majority of B.C.'s citizens years ago. Think of Van as the site for the War Crimes Trials of 199 ?

FALSE CREEK NORTH (Expo Lands)
public hearing on November 2nd.

Call DERA at 682-0931
for details, time & location.

Richmond's reply

DOGMA - bad theory presented as truth.

Mr. Paul R. Taylor
Editor
Carnegie Newsletter

Dear Mr. Taylor:

October 13, 1989.

I am writing in response to your letter of September 5, 1989, with the attached Statement of account totalling \$5,364.40, for which you believe reimbursement is justified because of my Ministry's August initiative to encourage employable singles and couples without dependents to seek employment.

It is impossible for me to understand why you and the groups you have submitted bills on behalf of chose to fight the Government and my Ministry over this initiative. You incurred unnecessary expenses, you created unnecessary anxiety amongst the recipient group and your actions and behaviour were completely counterproductive because you placed your political biases before the good of the people you are committed to help. Had you objectively considered why the initiative was being undertaken and who the initiative was really affecting, you would have, I think, chosen to cooperate and assist us rather than adopting the automatic adversarial stance that the Government is wrong.

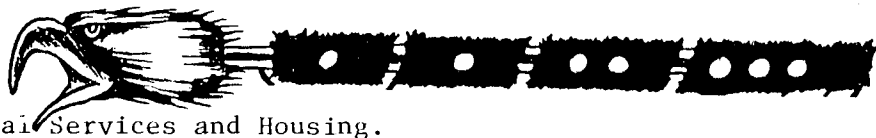
The initiative we took in August to reinforce the expectation that job-ready recipients of temporary income assistance must constantly be looking for employment, was received very positively and I want to emphasize, no one suffered as a result. Our objective is to assist people to become independent and to attack that objective is inexplicable.

Unfortunately, you and the groups you represent chose to fight rather than cooperate and work with us. To expect the taxpayers of British Columbia to pay for an unjustified and unnecessary cost is without merit; therefore, I must reject your request.

As I have stated, repeatedly, I want to continue to work with the community and community groups in addressing the issues before us in a spirit of cooperation and objectivity.

Yours truly,

Claude Richmond
Minister of Social Services and Housing.



-(Editor's Note: The bill was sent to Richmond on September 5th. His letter was dated October 13 and arrived on October 26th. It took that long before someone told him what to say. ALL READERS: PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO THIS NEWSLETTER BY 11/11. Extinguisher service for smoking typewriters or burning pencils not guaranteed.)

newsletter Mailbag

Editor,

Listening to community news, I was outraged that more of Vancouver's dwindling land is being set aside for another stadium. In case no one has heard, the area around Terminal & Main is now slated for the Bosa Brothers' development on the west side of Main, the CN terminal is on the east side for now and behind that is 20 hectares of land now used for rail storage.

Seems that CN sees the profit potential and an option that seems sure is for 6 acres of this land to be used for the new Canuck's Stadium. More boys' toys, while the crucial need for housing gies unanswered. I want to live in a co-op. The ones I've applied to tell me that the minimum wait will be over 2 years and there are no new starts for any kind of social housing in Vancouver at all for 1990.

At the same time as this is staring in the faces of our illustrious council, they give the nod to high-priced condos and highrise, cramped boxes with no plan for accomodating the lower-income people.

J.C.

CARNEGIE IS SAFE

Following the recent earthquake in San Francisco, the Director asked City Hall for information about Carnegie's stability.

Mackenzie (guess who wrote this) was relieved to learn that our building was upgraded in 1978 to National Building Code standards. A concrete shell was erected inside the original building and everything was anchored.

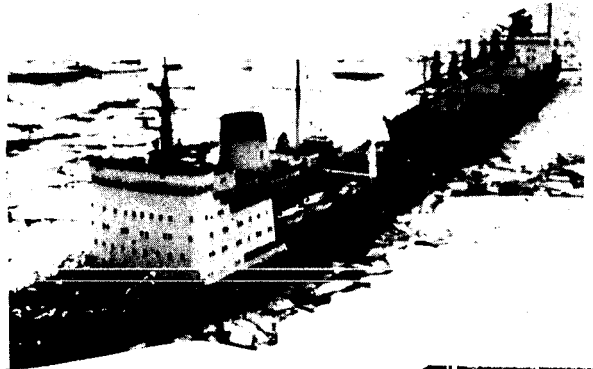
LONG WEEKEND #2

The wars go on,
Nourished by religious dogmas
Students die for misty democracy
Without experiencing slavery
Marx and Lenin caused condusion
And sealed the millenium's fate.

The three great evils:
Religion, Democracy & Communism
Are the reasons why the earth has
Been "wacked out" by our collective
Intelligence and apathy.


The starvers hate the rich
Who are confounded by greed.
Poisoned rivers feed the rain chain
While lungs adapt a leathery tissue.
A decade away a new millenium waits;
A new age of evolutionary frontierism
Tonight we lie on a bed of stone
As we live the history of the future.

Garry Gust





Poetry Reading



Look poetry is just the way
You read it
For those who perform;
Gestures help words
Relate to the audience's wish
...to be entertained
But the last place to
Understand
Anything
Is in a group consciousness
Otherwise one could
Leave the Rolling Stone concert
With a new philosophy
But nothing evolves from the
General sharing
Of either poetry or music
A reaching for culture
For those
Grasping in the dark
Fucked over by some literary pimp.

Tom Lewis

Deside Heroes

Seagulls are flying down Powell Street
Screeching for something to eat
I hear them every morning
Just before I sleep.

Sometimes I see them in the afternoon
Shitting on the rush-hour cars;
It falls down thru the gas fumes
Splashing into white spot stars


Sometimes I watch them flying
Over Crab Park bay

I wonder what they're feeling;
Whish that I could feel that way...

So I could fly;
So I could fly so high,
Making circles;
Floating thru the sky,
Out of sight!

Seagulls are flying down Powell Street
Right outside my room.
Gliding down the canyon
'neath the morning moon.

Garry Gust



Dear Mister Prime Minister,

May I suggest that to criminalize a woman's right to control her own body is outrageous, barbaric and totally unacceptable in a civilised community. Surely, you cannot be so enamoured of the "Dark Ages", as to endorse such action.

The objective on abortion rights in Canada is clear, and is legally in effect today. Women are today free to choose, short of having assured therapeutic abortion at their command. Lacking is only full government funding of free choice therapeutic abortion clinics. This is now the immediate imperative need.

May I stress my points: No new abortion law; full government funding of abortion clinics. Such a position in practice will place Canada in the lead among the civilised communities of the world.

That equality of men and women is indispensable to any further advance in human association and economic growth is self-evident when the survival of our species is contemplated. In the absence of virgin birth, it takes two parents to produce a child and two parents to ensure the personal, domestic, social and cultural balanced development of the child. Our society generally declares that the main responsibility for the child lies with the woman. Is it not odd to place responsibility where good judgement is, on the other hand, stated to be absent?

The elimination of coercion - state or other - is now the governing need of our society. Nuclear weaponry has proved that we either live together or all die together.

Without free choice for women, there can be no free choice.

Let's get moving toward the future in peace. For freedom and a future,

Bea Ferneyhough

(NB: Bea is a lively 82+).

Dear Friend,

The apparently unconscious and clearly unabashed idiocy of big business thinking becomes daily more apparent.

Their fundamental, governing principle of always and at every step maximizing profit leads (theoretically and, unless checked, inevitably in practice) to total profit equalling total product. Quality is irrelevant if it doesn't produce sales, like white bread with 26 nutrients taken out so it looks 'nicer'. All is profiteering; this is nonsense.

Where profit equals product, where is the consumer? Where is the producer? Who is the producer? Non est: no one. This too is nonsense.

As the Bible puts it (rather well, I think) "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul" i.e. his own existence?

But is not this what we are today all engaged more and more in doing? Turning more and more of the resources of the earth into increasing destructive capacity (for profit); into self-poisoning (for profit); into pollution (for profit); into de-forestation (for profit); into soil erosion (for profit) and into demolition of affordable homes (for profit)?

Yet all this above is the agenda of big business - the godhead and hero of our society.

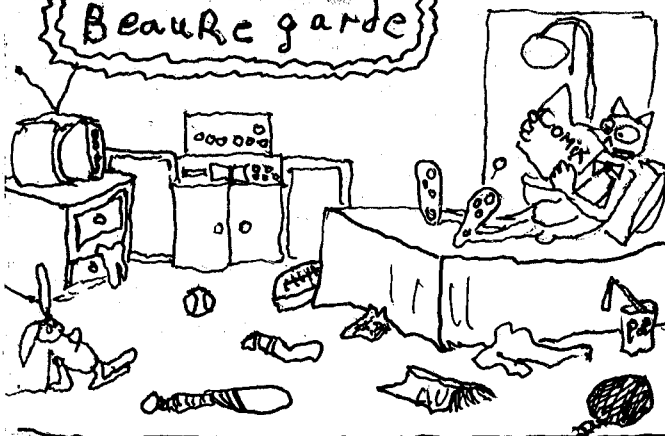
May we not give thought to the possibility that putting a lid on profit might give consuming power a break and life a chance - both socially and ecologically speaking?

I ask you.

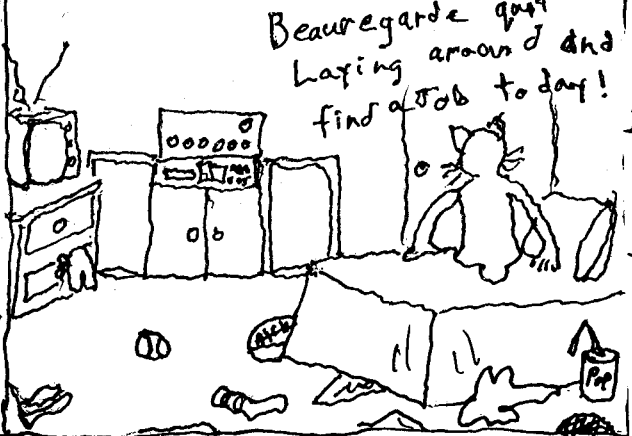
Beatrice Ferneyhough

P.S.: In light of the above, the idiocy of the Wilson GST (Goods & Services Tax) becomes apparent: He proposes extracting from a majority of the people 9% of what increasingly isn't there.

Beauregarde



Beauregarde quit
Laying around and
find a job today!



Sorry cat
can't help
ya

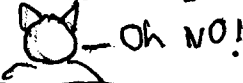
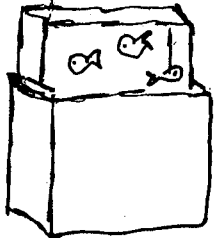
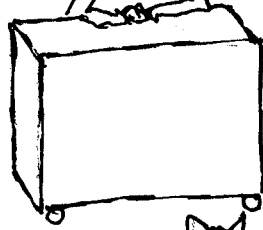
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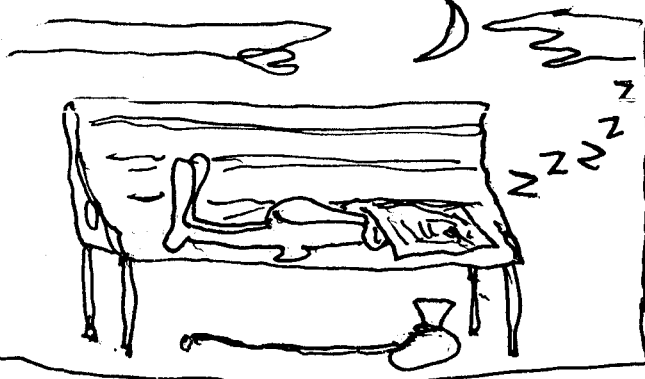
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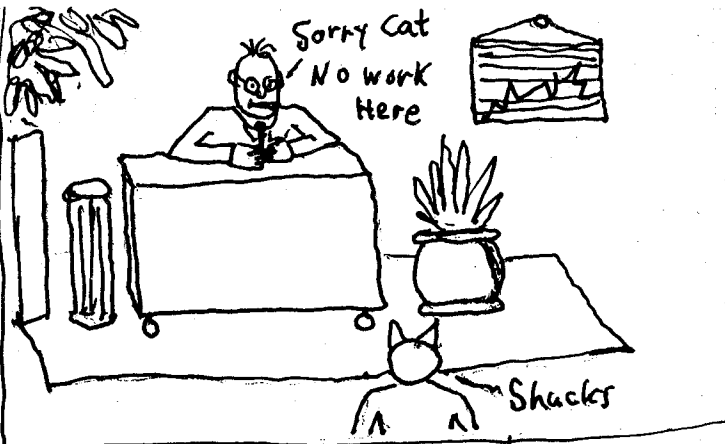


Oh NO!





well if that's the case



Sorry Cat No work Here

Shucks



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Soram Dis is

cat my lunch!

I'm hungry too



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The Garbage Song

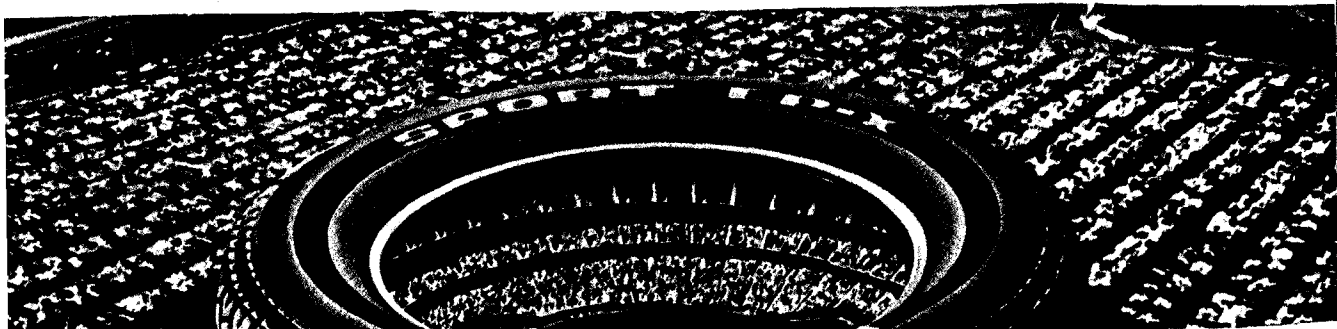
Mr. Thompson calls the waiter, orders steak + baked potater,
Leaves the bones and gristle & he never eats the skin
The busboy comes and takes (with a cough contaminates it)
Puts it in a can with coffee grounds & sardine tins
And the truck comes by on Friday and takes it all away
A thousand trucks just like it are converging on the bay
Oh garbage ... we're filling up the sea with garbage.
What will we do when there's nowhere left to put all the garbage?

Mr. Thompson starts his cadillac & winds it down the freeway track
Leaving friends nad neighbours in a hydro-carbon haze
He joins a thousand other cars all sending gases to the stars
There it forms a seething cloud that hangs for 30 days
And the sun licks down into it, with its ultra-violet tongue
Turns it into smog and then it settles in our lungs...
Oh garbage... we're filling up the sky with garbage
What will we do when there's nothing left to breathe..
nothing left to see but garbage?

Getting home & taking off his shoes, he settles with the evening news
While all the kids do homeowrk with the T.V. in one ear
While Superman for the thousandth time sells talking dolls & conquers crime
Dutifully they learn the birthdate of Paul Revere
In the paper there's a piece about the Mayor's middle name..
He gets it read in time to watch the Allstar Bingo Game
Oh garbage... we're filling up our minds with garbage
What will we do when there's nothing left to talk upon, nothing left
to walk upon, nothing left to see/nothing⁴ left to be but garbage?

Their stocks & their bonds all garbage
What will they do when their system goes to trash..
There's no value to their cash..
There's money to be made but there's a world to be repaid;
The kids will read in history booke of financiers & other crooks
Feudalism & slavery & nukes & all that knavery - in history's dustbin
Confined there along with many other kinds of garbage.

Rita MacNeil



STRATHCONA - THE FUTURE IS NOW!

Strathcona residents - now is your chance to help protect the human-scale character of the neighbourhood.

Strathcona is threatened by everything from proposed megaprojects like a hockey stadium and a garbage plant, to floods of commuter traffic to the loss of low-income housing.

Yet many people are proud to call Strathcona home, and feel it offers an intimacy and neighbourliness that is increasingly hard to find these days. Many of those residents use Carnegie as their home-away-from-home.

Residents fought for the right to have a community plan. This will help channel growth and change to lessen negative impact on the neighbourhood.

City Council has agreed to establish the Strathcona Citizens' Planning Committee and has provided the services of a planner and a Chinese translator and other help. The same process has also been taking place in Mount Pleasant and Kitsilano.

Strathcona residents will decide all sorts of things, such as:

- * How much development should go on, and how costly should housing be?
- * What social services (such as alcohol and drug counselling) do we need?
- * How can we make our neighbourhood safer from crime?
- * How to stop commuters from using our streets?
- * Can we get more parks?
- * How to preserve the unique "character" and "feel" of the area?

At the first meeting, held Oct. 24, residents expressed their heavy concerns about the proposed hockey stadium at Main and Prior, and the proposed garbage plant just 600 feet from Strathcona Park. Both projects would seriously affect the livability

of the neighbourhood..residents will have to be organized to stop them.

Any resident of Strathcona is eligible to participate in the planning. (Also eligible are property owners and people who work in the neighbourhood). Anyone who attends the next meeting will be automatically considered a founding member and have voting rights.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 pm at Strathcona Community Centre, 601 Keefer.

Come out and take hold of the future!

For more information, you can contact city planner Rob Whitlock at 873-7810.

By MUGGS SIGURGEIRSON

Pro-Choice Poetry & Music Benefit

to help celebrate the first anniversary of the
Everywoman's Health Centre
\$5.00 (proceeds to Centre)

some of the participants:

Angela Bowering
Carole Chambers
Judith Copithorne
Sheila Delany
Margaret Dragu
Cynthia Flood
Forbidden Fruitcake
Maxine Gadd
Gerry Gilbert
Gladys Hindmarch
Avron Hoffman
Carole Itter

Gaye Jackson
Billy Little
Ian MacRae
David McFadden
Jim Munro
Pearl
Stan Persky
Renee Rodin
Jenny Shaw
Sharon Thesen
Uzume Taiko
Victoria Walker

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Drop in
 or call
 for an
 appoint-
 ment.

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"Hand in Hand"

As we walk down the streets of Vancouver
We're not walking alone any more
My wife & I are walking Hand in Hand
And Oh! How great it is
Sometimes we can't walk together as
we have other things to do
But when we do we talk about
Past, Present & Future Plans
And our dreams for the future are discussed
Houses, Campers, Trips; you name it &
we dream it.
And some day our dreams will come true.
Discussed while walking
Hand in Hand
On the streets of Vancouver.

George Harrison



Detective Clues

Searching for clues
of a case that I might see,
What he answers to this case
may be,
The first clue I found
up in a tree,
The letter "U"
was the key,
I found the second one
in the sand
The word "love" on a paper
was in my hand,
I found the third one
in the Sky,
It was another letter -
the letter was "I".
Then you put them together
& you see,
I Love U was what it
meant to me.

Charles



PARIAH WINTER

Being "yourself" is being honest
with your feelings; which can be
a great source of embarrassment,
especially if you have a good
imagination.

I say "you" but I really mean
me; this is to protect the fragile
ego in case you, I mean I, or even
you, offend someone with our
honesties.

Garry Gust

THIS CROWD OF SHADOW PEOPLE:

They say we've got an unconscious mind
The psychiatrists all agree
You've got one - I've got one
Even the psychiatrist's got one

The conscious mind is
What you know about who you are
The unconscious mind
Is what you don't know
About who you are.

The unconscious mind is always there
Below the surface
With a mind of its own
So there's just as many of us
Sitting around in the dark here
That we don't know about
As there are of us
Sitting around on the surface here
...if you can believe the psychiatrist.

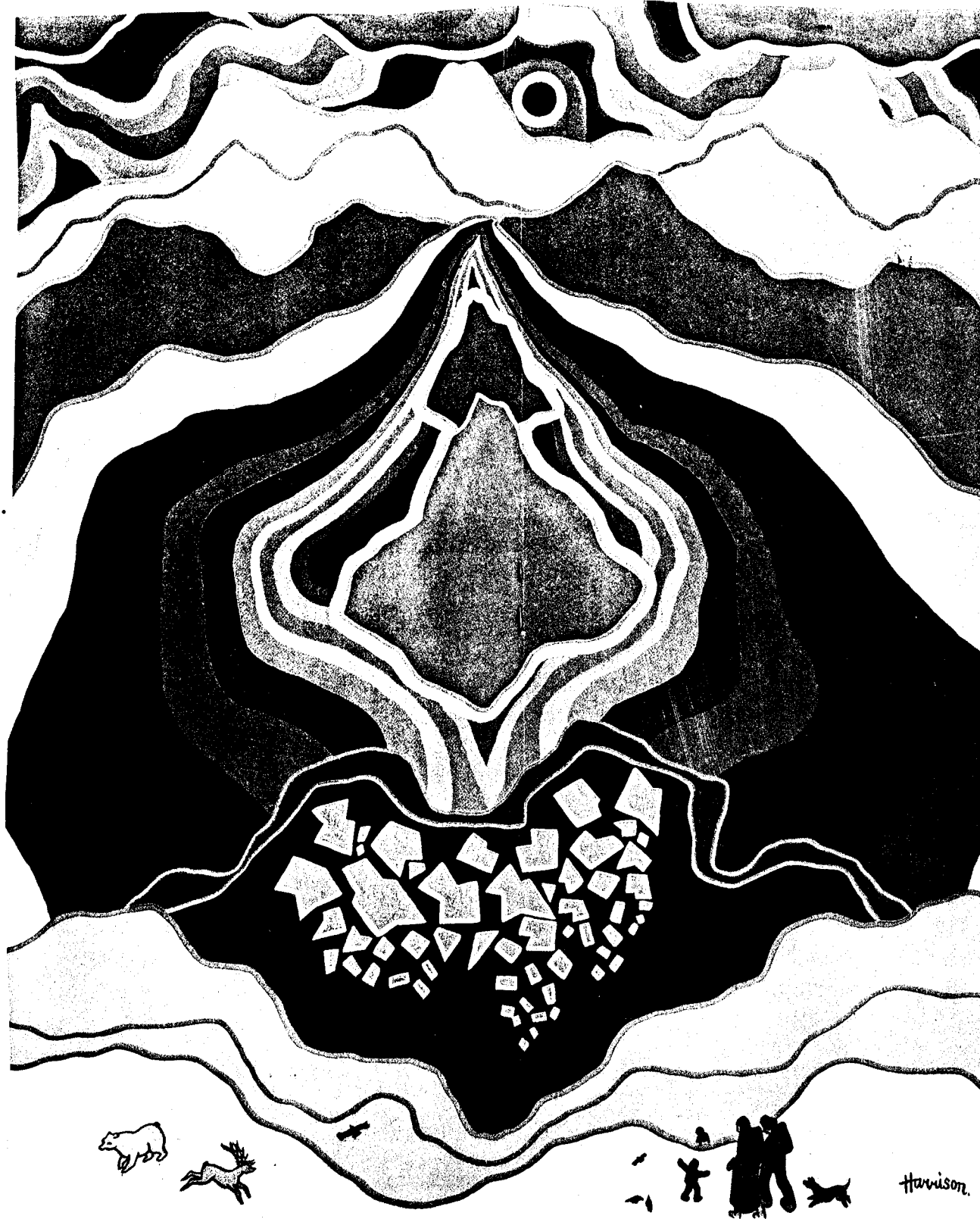
So it's this crowd of shadow people
that we are
Who sometimes pep up unexpectedly
here & there

Making us think
About how we didn't know
We were like that...
& we hope it doesn't happen again

Because usually
We don't like not knowing who we are
It's considered very untogether
Not to know who you are...
Even if none of us really do.

Mostly we have
All kinds of rituals & magic spells
Disguised as ordinary reality
To keep this strange crowd
Of unconscious people who are us
in their place

If you think about how
Every where you go
& whoever you are with
There is always this
Bunch of unconscious people
Hanging around just wairing
For a chance to turn things
inside-out



You could drive yourself crazy
...people used to call it
"seeing too much truth"

Our great great great great grandmothers
& grandfathers way back
Used to call the unconscious mind
the underworld

Where spirits lived
That were gods & demons
Subterranean junkyard angels
Powerful magical beings
Who popped out once in a while
To create miracles of good & evil
Maybe that's who we really are
Before Freud said
Religion was just repressed sex
Before the ego, superego & Id
Got all mixed up with
Who you thought you were

Imagination was free

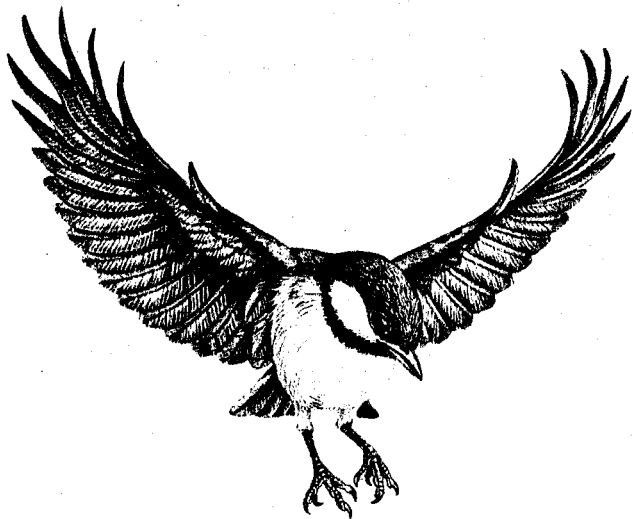
Is imagination real or not?
Is fantasy & hallucination
Coming from some real place
Going to a destination all its own?

Does atomic structure
Have a secret sense of humour
That ties you up in endless knots
To prove it's got a few tricks left?

...a few tricks left?

like us sitting here
the crowd of strangers
pretending to know what we are
who might just as well be
gods & demons &
supernatural animals &
weird psychotic forces
with identities of our own
who claim this space
who transcend real estate
who place no ads in 'buy & sell'
who claim this space for heaven
this space for hell
maybe we are
this timeless crowd
of shadow people
bound for another world

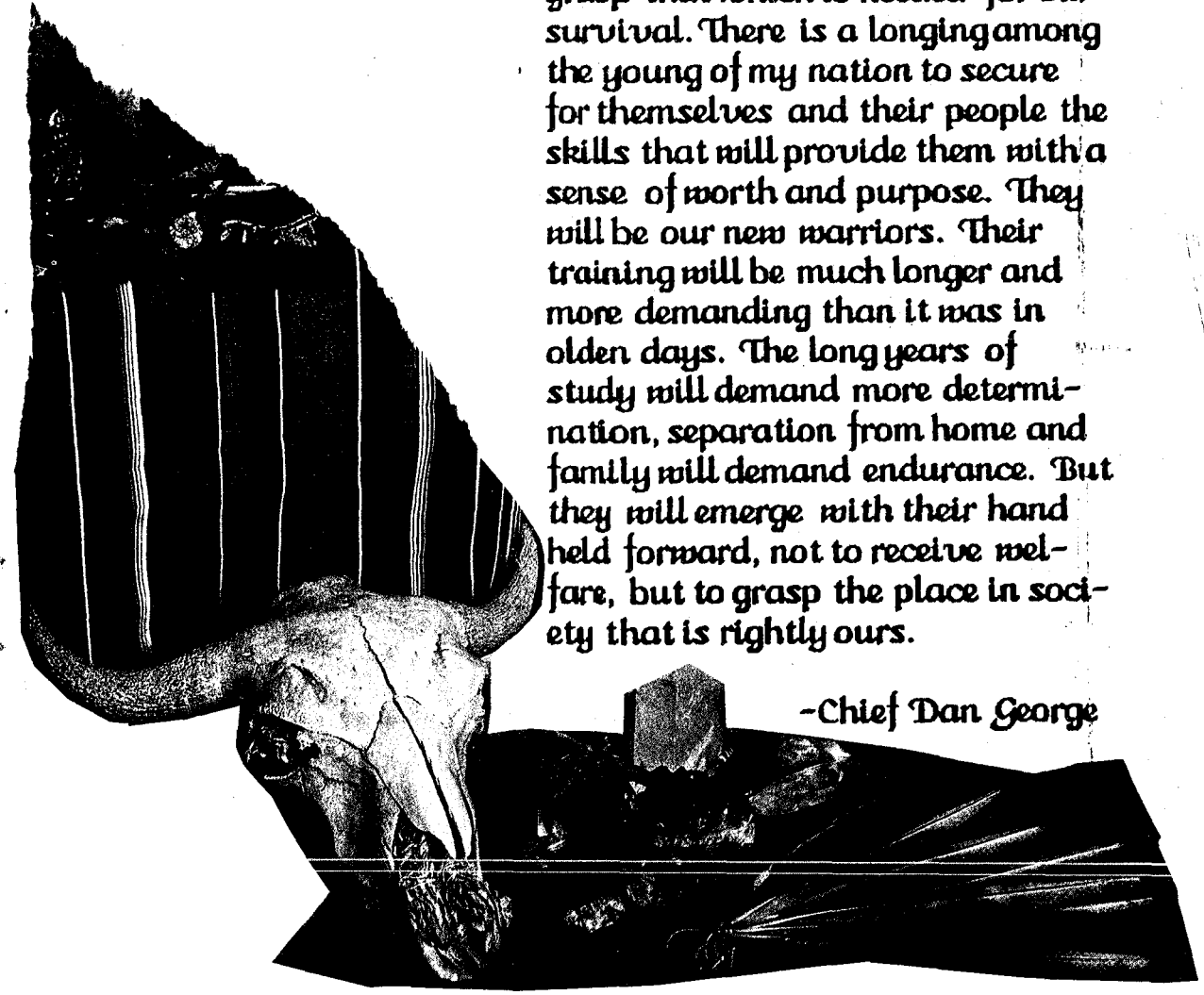
Harrison



ANITA AT NIGHT:

Tall, tight angel in a white hood
Eyes averted, quick, alert & clean
Nobody knows you,
Where you are, who you've been
They pull you by your black wing
Put you out, for all your crazy ways
Nights & streets & days
Drop under your feet, into your heart
 behind you
The child more heavy now than light
More wired tight to memories
Less here than there last night
The sound of traffic drives you out
I'm sure that in your lonely walk
You saw those amethyst windows
In the pavement underfoot
Those neon snakes walk with you
 in the rain
They're almost gone
They move so fast
They always get away again
I guess you think of death
Like all death's children do
& pull a knife
On everything that bothers you.

You said you saw a jellyfish late at night
 in the cold black harbour, dancing
You said your mother was a beautiful Jew
Your father the Aryan prince
& men were always after you
Your pack of dogs
Prescription drugs
& endless days to run them through
Then one night you woke up & you knew
 Your island of fire in scorpio
That women are warriors too.
Phoenix lifts her wings, the world is great
Folds her wings, the world is small.
Friends in far-off Greece
A lover in Morocco after all.
The angel fallen in your corner sings
The world becomes her wishing well
Sister of mercy, angel of revenge,
You plunge right in
Nobody knows you
Where you are, who you've been,
Eyes averted,
Quick, alert & clean.



THERE is a longing in the heart of my people to reach out and grasp that which is needed for our survival. There is a longing among the young of my nation to secure for themselves and their people the skills that will provide them with a sense of worth and purpose. They will be our new warriors. Their training will be much longer and more demanding than it was in olden days. The long years of study will demand more determination, separation from home and family will demand endurance. But they will emerge with their hand held forward, not to receive welfare, but to grasp the place in society that is rightly ours.

-Chief Dan George

What Is The N.I.E.F?

The National Indian Education Forum is a group of educators from across Canada who feel that a unified national Indian effort will promote, protect and enhance Indian education. The Forum got its start at the National Indian Education Symposium

hosted by the Alexander Nation in August of 1987. The people at the symposium felt that there needed to be a national group, without political ties, to deal with the government imposed post-secondary cuts and other critical educational issues.

Goal of the N.I.E.F.

To Promote, Protect and Enhance
QUALITY INDIAN EDUCATION.

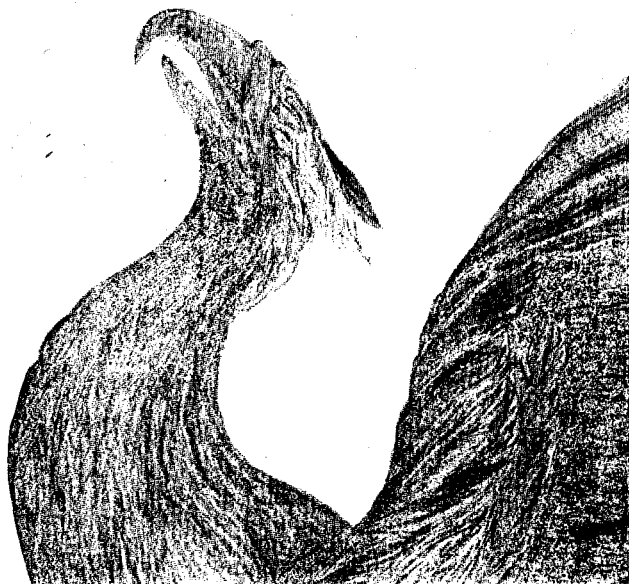
(Objectives)

To develop national strategies and plans to deal immediately with issues related to resourcing quality Indian education.

To initiate and maintain a National Communications Network which would provide ongoing feedback on trends, issues and strategies in Indian education.

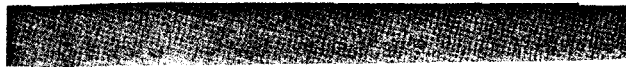
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- The National Indian Education Forum is presently involved in developing documents to ensure that the rights of all Indian post-secondary students are protected in the government's post-Secondary Assistance Program.
- A working agreement has been developed between the N.I.E.F. and the National Indian Education Assoc. in Washington D.C. to provide ongoing networking between Canada and the U.S.
- Symposium III is planned for Kamloops in March 1990.
- A National Indian Heritage Week is being discussed.
- A national public awareness campaign to draw attention of the general public to issues of Indian education is planned.
- Future projects on special education and on Native literacy are being considered.
- We are developing a system of networking that is efficient and reliable, including a newsletter.



Past Activities

- Presentation to Regional Director Generals of Indian Affairs regarding post-secondary funding caps and special education.
- Participated in the national education rally organized by the First National Education Council of Quebec
- Presentations made to Assembly of First Nations in Yellowknife and Vancouver and Indian Association of Alberta to provide updates.
- Received support from the Post-secondary Education Conference in Saskatoon and National Indian Education Association in Bismarck, N.D. and Tulsa, Ok.
- Participated in the AFN Aboriginal Language Conference and NIEF members drafted a statement on the need for an Aboriginal Language Policy.
- Presentations to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs on Indian education.
- Initiated and assisted with Symposium II at Kahnawake, PQ.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are interested in the work of the N.I.E.F. and wish to support our efforts, you may help by becoming member. Just fill out the information below and send it to the address on the back along with your cheque or money order. We sincerely thank you.

Name: _____

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Title/
Occupation: _____

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We are the great people, the germinators
The workers of new ways
The path-finders
Here, amid rotting timbers
and the smell
of broken gas pipes.

Seared by the livid smile of greed
weighed down by taxgatherers'
rapacity; harried
Ploughed by hardship
pummeled under the harrow
of money-seeking cold-bloodedness

Buried!

We put forth roots
- Our roots!
Grappling the rubble and offal
- We push
with irresistible force
- we urge upward.

Our grave heaves...we reach the sun.

(1943)

Bea Ferneyhough



A Call To Remembrance

On November 11th at 3 pm a ceremony will be held in remembrance of Canadian citizens who volunteered their service in WWI, Spain, WWII, Korea and other services of duty.

It will be held on Carnegie's 3rd floor with a finale performance of The Last Post & Reveille. Please feel free to join us. Keep in mind that it's for them.

Editor,

A transit workers strike has just ended in Montreal and that City's new 1990 transit plan has just been announced. Highlights of it include an increase to \$32.75 for a monthly bus pass, the introduction of a 90 minute bus transfer which will allow the rider to go in any direction and not just one way and, most importantly, the elimination of Montreal Transit's debt and therefore a balanced budget between revenue and expenditures for the next fiscal year.

Sounds to me that BC Transit, rather than spending millions on painting a new logo on every bus in 1990, should spend 38 cents to mail a letter to Montreal asking for a copy of Montreal Transit's master plan. Some of our bureaucrats could learn a thing or two about providing a decent public transit service.

Darren Lowe

Seniors Make Some Changes

The Seniors' Support Group has had changes in their executive. The officers of the Group are now:

President (Chair) - NORMAN MARK

Vice-President - BILL QUINN

Secretary - LILLIAN HARRISON

Co-Treasurers - JACK (JOHN) WHYTE

- CHARLES NORQUAY

Staff Liaison is Donaldia Viaud. Her phone number is 665-3005 and the Seniors' Lounge # is 665-3017.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

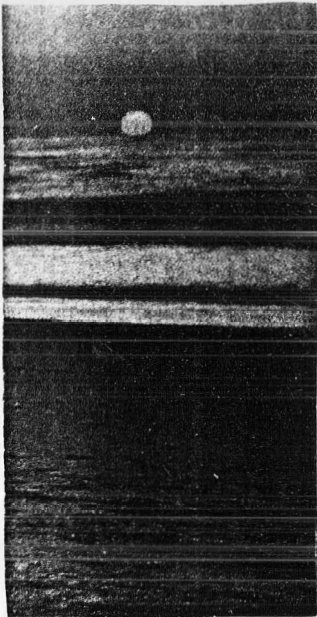
BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE
CARNEGIE CHRISTMAS MEETING

ON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

AT

4 pm.




Ad infinitum

Foghorns chanting English Bay Blues,
Lulling the wayward mind to rest
Thousands of orange marks on Tabu seas
Chart my course this wondering night.

Counting the countless beauties on flesh
Fresh like a mermaid's ocean scent,
Where would they lead if I made the magic
To kiss each one in the mist of twilight.

Her endless waters lead me on
Through daydream destinies
She softly calls me to secret harbours
I wait for a word to end the dream,
But I hear foghorns off English Bay.

Garry Gust



King of the Sky

Eagle you fly above the world so high
Watching above Mother Earth
Freely you soar thru the clouds
As high as you can fly
Take me with you, Eagle of the Sky
No one can ever take away your freedom
Carry me over the sea and the mountain
O'er the forest.
King of the sky you take my breath away.

Miki



The Inheritance

I have an inheritance
in this life of mine
Scandalousness & Misery
suit me just fine
Scandalous comes from
what I hide
Misery from what
I feel inside
Now life's not fair
and life's not grand
It seems that life's rotten
from where I stand
All I hope for
is life's best
And all I get
is all this stress
They say that life is all
you make it
But that's not true
from where I sit.

Charles

What is Hope

I ask this question both
far and wide
What is hope?
I asked, I sighed
One told me, he'd like
to be rich
And this he'd like
without a hitch
Another one hoped
that she'd be free
Of life's troubles
and strife's, said she
...this is not what I need
to know
How much further on this search
do I go
Is it in dreams
of what could be
Are these hopes
inside of me
Until I know for sure my friend
I'll go on searching until the end

Charles

I woke up this morning
I've lost my mind
Do you know me
I ask you in kind
I must find out
if I have a past
What is my first name
what is my last
Why can't I remember
ever growing up,
Is this my name
on this coffee cup
It's frightening not to know
where it is I belong
What is right
or what is wrong
Who are my friends
and where did we meet
When I see them
how do I greet
Am I married,
where do I live
Frustration now is
all I can give
So if you see me
and you stop to say hi
Please pardon me if I
break down and cry.

Charles



Pigeon Park

Pigeon Park is on its way back to being a friendly place, thanks to our community Seniors.

A while ago, after the monthly DERA General Membership meeting, scores of Seniors and neighbourhood residents marched down to the corner of Hastings & Carrall to demand the return of "their" park. Television cameras, radio coverage and reporters were all out in force, along with a number of Vancouver police to keep the peace.

Signs and speakers told the story clearly: Since the "clean-up" of Granville Mall, the pressure on the drug peddlers and punks forced them to seek new haunts. Pigeon Park became a 24-hour hangout for pushers, skinheads, dope and strong-armings with assaults and muggings rapidly increasing. Ghetto blasters screamed all night and the entire area was dangerous even during broad daylight.

Police, because of being under strength, are hard pressed to answer calls quickly, yet if someone is being beaten or mugged they could be dead in less time than it takes for officers to arrive.

All this was stated at the rally and intense lobbying efforts both by the residents and the police have produced great results.

BC Tel has removed the payphones at the site since they were being used almost exclusively to do drug deals over. Signs have been posted making the park unavailable for "hanging out" between 10pm & 6am.

In the last few weeks, three operations have resulted in almost 30 arrests for drug-related offenses and over 20 children aged 12 and 13 have been picked up and referred to MSSH for assessment and help.

The goal of the latter operations has been to make the entire drug scene in the downtown eastside bad news for children and jail for pushers.

Much of the above information was shared with the people at the most recent DERA General Membership meeting on Friday, 27 October.

Staff Sergeant Hallway thanked DERA for its excellent community efforts. He spoke of the reasons for the oft-told story of poor police response time. There are 48 or 49 constables for the entire Strathcona/Downtown Eastside area but these people cover 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with sick time, holidays, court time & paperwork, bookings, etc. as well as the job of patrolling. Practically, at any given time, there may be only 2-4 officers covering the entire area. Response times can vary from 5 minutes to 15 minutes or longer.

Dale, from the Downtown Eastside Deposit Project, reiterated this and said that the only way we can help improve the situation is to keep calling 911 every time police help is needed. He said that the police are required to back up any requests for more officers with statistics. If they can show the politicians that they have too many calls to handle with the number of officers presently working then more could be justified and hired.

There is also a Police/Community Liaison Committee that meets regularly and anyone is welcome to attend.

If specific areas need to be shown to the force, Stf. Srg. Hallway and/or Insp. Higgins can be reached at 665-3356.

One particularly frightening stat. - of the 20 murders committed in Vancouver this year, over half have been within a 3-block radius of Hastings & Columbia... and almost all of these have been stabbings.

Small wonder that the rest of the city feels right in referring to our neighbourhood as Skid Road. Equally wondrous is the fact that thousands of us call the Downtown Eastside home.

By PAULR TAYLOR

P.O.O.P.s
PISSED OFF OLDER PEOPLE

There's no full report yet but the idea that downtown eastside Seniors are just old "poops" was thrown back in the faces of those with it on their minds.

At a recent Seniors' Housing Conference, Jack Chalmers and Irene Schmidt stopped the plan to just have one of the groups attending do further research and reporting. They demanded and got a Task Force made of reps from all groups present. This will ensure that all areas will have a voice in any recommendations. Well done!

City Autumn

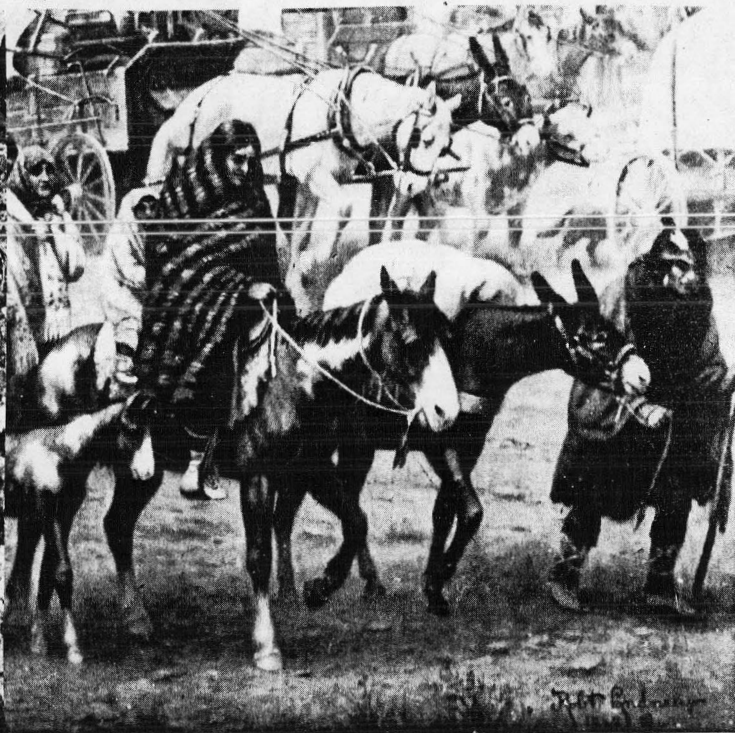
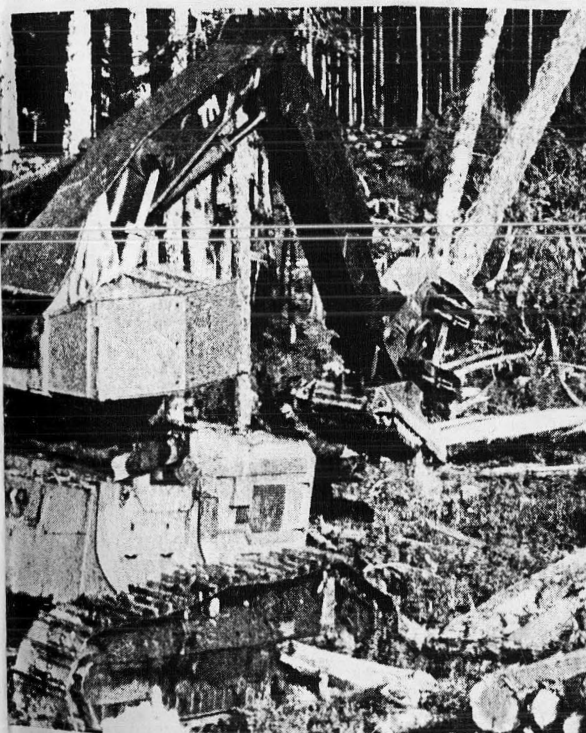
By Claudius Ivan Planidin

Raindrops needle my face
as I step into ebony autumn.

Wind blows into my eyes,
phantoms approach, pass by.

As I wind my way
through blank concrete
and neon rift,
midnight streets
of soaking leaves
glitter.

I watch my shoes
lead me on.





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