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JUNE 1, 1990.

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JUNE

3rd

SUNDAY

at 2:00 p.m.

In the Theatre

LOTTERY FUNDS FOR CARNEGIE

Six months ago the Carnegie Renovations Committee (Paul Taylor, Muggs Sigurgeirson, Diane MacKenzie, Donald MacPherson, Eunice Mak from Social Planning, Andy Ross from Housing and Properties, and James Burton, the architect) applied to GO B.C. for additional funds for Carnegie.

We asked for \$325,000 to accompany the \$650,000 from the City. With that combined amount of nearly a million dollars, we knew we could do just about everything on the Renovations Wish List.

On May 22nd, Socred MLA Russ Fraser arrived at Carnegie with an enormous (3 foot long, 2 foot wide) cheque made out to the Carnegie Centre in the amount of \$325,000.

So, folks, we did it! And, now, we can consider all these little extras

- a fireplace on the first floor
- a new pool table
- additional weight room equipment
- interior decorating (new paint!) on every floor

- upgrading the library
- sealing the gym floor and designing a moveable two storey-high divider
- blackboards, desks, chairs&tables all the real furnishings the Learning Centre & Classrm.2 need
- first rate equipment to bring the kitchen to industrial level
- air conditioning if we want it
- improved lighting throughout the building

Renovations will begin in July and the Centre will likely be chaotic for several months. But by Christmas, we should be fully operational, beautiful throughout, and ready for the kinky old guy with the reindeer.

Don't think that fundraising efforts at Carnegie have ended. No sooner did the Cabinet Minister present us with the GO B.C. cheque when Danny Korica hit up both Russ Fraser and his executive assistant for \$10 (cash) each towards the Seniors' Strut. Oh, Danny, you devil, you!

By DIANE MacKENZIE

VOLUNTEER OUTINGS

Okay, Carnegie Volunteers, it's time to put your most active foot firward. After our most recent bowling outing we promised you more activities and here they are. Space on these outings is limited, so see Peter or Bruce to reserve a spot.

JUNE 8: Pitch and Putt 1:00-4

JUNE 15: Bowling 1:00-4

JUNE 20: Van. Canadians Baseball
11:00-3

JULY 6: Pitch and Putt 1:00-4

JULY 13: Swimming 1:00-4

JULY 20: Swimming 1:00-4

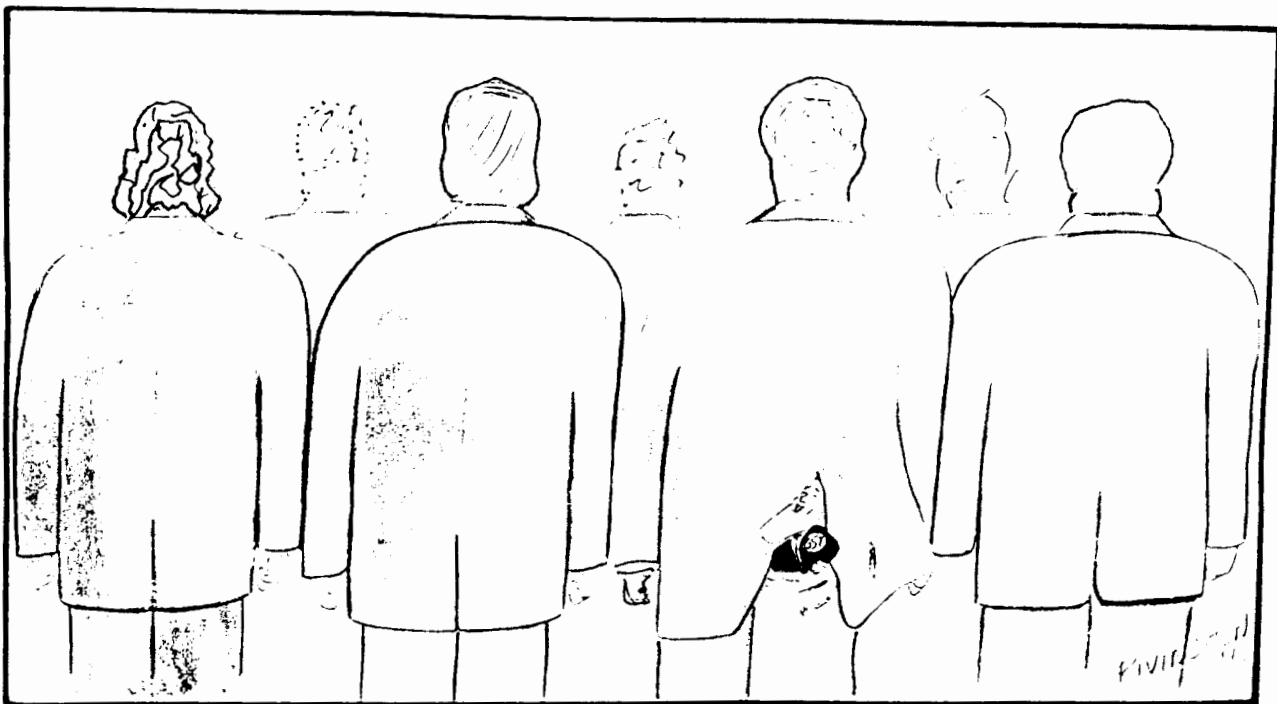
(All activities are free!)

« The socreds haven't changed much. The Learning Front, in the 200-block of Main, sent an application for a service modelled on literacy work in Ontario. This is the Year of Literacy - throughout the world - but in B.C. the socreds would rather spend money on roads and playing numbers' games while people get nothing. A full report will be in the next paper. »

This blue sidewalk has residue of lives lived on the street: tissue, wrapper, crackerbox, playing cards, butts, styrofoam cups, pop, wine, dog piss, glass, paper plates, homeless's grocery carts, blankets. Men stand, men sit, men laugh, sleep, smoke - and women too; eat, drink, discuss, command the dogs, spread blankets, share love, dress a baby, and a rebel will come along and throw and break a bottle. Suntanned, they wear exclusive old clothes, break up in groups of different interests and stay long stretches, and are, enviably, a society of cohesiveness, loud, caring, bitter humor, politeness, restricted membership a shadow, a brilliant reflection of what the rest of us are doing as we go racing through time.

Janice King

(Taken from The Tenderloin Times, the paper of San Francisco's 'Downtown Eastside'.)



Corporate Canada: Group Portrait

Editor,

Alderman Jonathan Baker recently wrote a letter to the editor wondering why there has been no response by government to halt the soaring rent increases many of our neighbours have been afflicted with when trading can be halted on the stock market when price changes become too frenzied.

I agree with Alderman Baker that we need temporary rent controls. The Social Credit candidates who run in our City in the upcoming elections are going to have much explaining to do. We need to have the various levels of government work together to preserve our existing stock of affordable housing and at the same time to add to it. From the people I talk to affordable housing is their number one priority right now. Why isn't it the government's?

If the Socreds and Tories can put forward \$86 million for the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria or if the federal government can spend \$53.5 million, as they have budgeted this year, for advertising "to promote the fundamental values of a high school education" government can damn well cough up the money needed to solve our current housing crisis. If not, there's going to be lots of politicians applying for unemployment insurance the day after the next vote.

Darren Lowe

O CANADA

O Canada
We live for companies
The constitution
Is not for our families
We don't get a say
In history today
The leaders make all the rules
The Senate sucks

Editor:

If a person filed for their income tax refund this year, it does not mean you get an automatic G.S.T. refund to start this December (1990), unless the Federal GST form (on Page 46 of the 1989 Tax Guide & Return) was filled in and sent with your Income Tax return.

To get a proper GST form go to the Revenue Canada office at 1166 W. Pender and fill one in. There is no postage required if you hand it in there.

Also the Post Office should have the '89 Guide. Section D and E must be filled in, signed, dated and your Social Insurance # included.

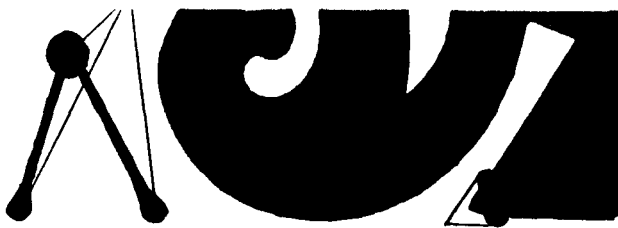
I was unaware - to get the credit in Dec.'90 - that the form was required. The GST refund form applies to all people - singles, single parents and couples.

James Fischer



O Canada
And the House is full of fools
Qu'est ce que tu veut faire
Pour nos Canada
C'est necessaire pour travailler ensemble
O Canada
C'est necessaire ... ensemble.

Steve Rose



Anger & pain felt at loss

Some physicians 'cure' pain by prescribing drugs without finding out why the pain is happening. "Let's keep her in the hospital and pump her full of drugs..then send her home."

To me this is wrong, because something has gone wrong for my body to act this way. Some pains/aches are of the body. Pain caused by injustice and indifference cannot be treated with drugs...

My adrenalin was running high when I heard my cousin died at the hands of the law. They were heading off somewhere with their alarm silent.. just the lights flashing..and my cousin didn't know they were coming over that hill. He was struck and killed.

On the news they said they will not change the policies because of this one incident. So what gives them the right to take a husband and brother away from his family because they can't use the siren on the way to wherever they were going. I say if they are miles or blocks away they should use both lights and the siren for the safety of innocent people.

Just think: if we killed or struck down an officer we'd be picked up and taken to jail until they could make up their mind on whether or not it was an accident. But when they do it to a citizen, neither of these things happened. Where is the justice in this?

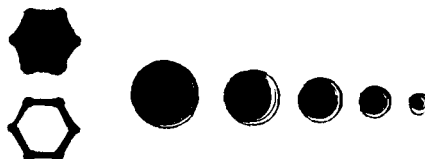
This kind of pain can not be forgotten.

Margaret Prevost

Editor,

The April/May 1990 BC Hydro Service Digest notes that "Higher prices will enhance conservation". Now that the B.C. Utilities Commission has ruled that "Paying higher rates for electricity will not get consumers in the mood to conserve" I was wondering why you and I, the taxpayers, should have to pay for all the propaganda BC Hydro has produced for this rate application? ICBC used to have the slogan "fair is fair". To be fair in this case, each and every member of the board of directors of BC Hydro, all Socred appointments, should be handed a personal bill for the thousands and thousands of dollars of staff time and documents produced to support this hearing. It was an absolute waste of taxpayer's money.

Darren Lowe



TORA

Somehow you've missed the mark on the Superwood thing. If someone can take discarded plastic & juice cartons and make a wood-like material that won't rot or mould, they should be applauded. Seems to me that a house built out of such a material would last forever - picnic tables & park benches never needing to be replaced or repainted. Think of the trees still growing, of the chemicals not used in repainting. Think of all the other uses for such a material. This is the ultimate in conservation. The creation of a permanent building material..out of garbage!

David Chase

DAY CARE in B.C.

Statement on reclassification of parents with children over the age of 6 months receiving GAIN to "Employable."

Based on biological and emotional bonds, a child's own parent has an intrinsic interest in devoting the best of her ability to its well-being and social adjustment. This is as true of single and poor parents as of those well off.

For society to be healthy it must produce children who will grow into caring citizens.

By forcing reluctant mothers into workplace ghettos and allowing their children to be raised by less interested persons for the lowest pay we can get away with, we create a generation of psychotics to depend on in our old age, a generation likely to repay us in kind.

M. Colleen Burke

Preschool Supervisor, Mother of Two.

At the stroke of a pen Claude Richmond (when Minister of Social Services and Housing) changed the GAIN classification of thousands of people from "unemployable" to "employable". He'd previously cut \$50 from the incomes of single parents.

End Legislated Poverty and affiliated groups fought the latter cut and many had the \$50 reinstated. The re-classification remains harder to remove. Under it, single parents automatically become "employable" as soon as the baby is 6 months old.

At the time, ELP and FLAW (Front Line Advocate Workers) did much to expose it as a political manoeuvre. With 20,000 poor people made poorer still, Richmond was intensely questioned on the benefit to society, on the real consequences of there not being 20,000 new jobs for the people affected, on the fact that the socreds have steadily cut training and job-search support since 1984, that Job Track lost \$26 million through gross mismanagement. Richmond made what seemed to be an off-the-cuff reply: "Part-time and casual work... babysitting.. this kind of job is there to enhance re-entry into..."

In December '89, the Ministry sought the services of a Program Development Consultant to sell community organisations on becoming involved with training and supporting informal childcare. "Informal" means unlicensed; and unlicensed

Family day care was recognized and made formally acceptable for the first time in 1990.

Family Day Care is that provided by a Caregiver in their own home. This informal, unlicensed version has 1 or 2 children only, unrelated to the caregiver being "babysat" in their home.

This official recognition of unlicensed care was the government's way around a flaw in the law. Single parents, though technically "employable" after the child reached 6 months of age, could refuse the "any work at any wage" scenario if no adequate & affordable child care was available. This was being used by more single parents as the licensed facilities were refusing to accept GAIN clients. The government was normally 2-3 months behind in paying these places the money owed through subsidized care programs. Day Care operates on a tight cash flow and couldn't meet financial obligations with promises from socreds.

This pressure to fund and establish a much more comprehensive Day Care has been met with a brilliant response.

1) A parent can be coerced by MSSH into placing their child in informal care as such care is now recognized. If the potential caregiver has undergone any kind of training, MSSH can say the person is trained and qualified. What has come from this is a situation, both quasi-legal and unaccountable, whereby MSSH subsidized untrained and even unknown individuals

with tax dollars to be caregivers for GAIN client's children. This form of child care is cheapest and "most convenient" and is often the kind pushed at parents who try to find employment.

2) A parent on GAIN may be coerced into providing "informal" child care.



They would be subsidized and placed in an "enhanced earnings" category where they would be allowed \$100 + 25% of remainder of earnings, over their GAIN cheque. They would still be subject to all GAIN policies and would be less able to leave welfare for a job outside the home once a child care program was established. The subsidy for informal (unlicensed) childcare would in no way provide enough money to operate independently of GAIN if the caregiver is already on GAIN. MSSH would continue to pressure her to become licensed, which she may not want but feels unable to do otherwise. The potential of this (these) caregivers for anything else is of minor importance to MSSH. They greatly reduce the cost of subsidizing day care if the caregiver is already on GAIN.

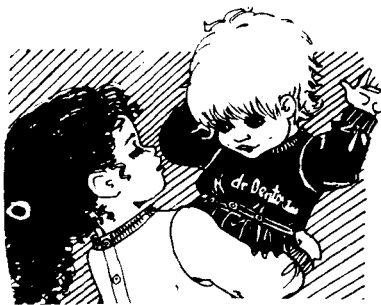
EXAMPLE: A mother on GAIN with a baby over 6 months (and a child of 2) gets approximately \$960/month. She can earn OR collect \$100 over the GAIN rate. Under enhanced earnings, she gets another 25% of earnings up to a ceiling of ? - \$500. She cares for another child, a 2½ year-old say, 8-12 hours a day (the "flexibility" men-

tioned in amendments to the GAIN Act) for \$270 subsidy. She gets to keep \$100 + 25% of \$170 - \$142.00. If the father of her children pays support through the "Family Maintenance" program, \$100 will be deducted from her GAIN cheque. = \$42 a month.

The obvious question: How could a single mother be "coerced" into working long hours in isolation for such a pitiful return? Ignorance of rights is one factor; another is methods of persuasion used. A worker can pressure an unknowing mother with the 'good' - "you love your child..raise her showing that you work for her keep..get a stronger self-image..." - and the 'bad' - "if you refuse work (any work at any wage) you could be cut off..have your child apprehended because you couldn't provide for her ..lose custody of all your kids...".

What MSSH seems to be doing is to reduce the amount of money it would have to pay by this interweaving of subsidy, benefits, "employable" status and the proper, licensed care facilities that they have alienated through gross mismanagement of payments of GAIN clients' subsidies.

All licnesed, inspected Group Day Care and Family Day Care facilities charge more than the subsidy allotments to MSSH clients provide. This puts a double bind on the



soereds: a) GAIN parents can't accept work without day care and b) satisfactory child care has to be affordable.

What's happening with the two-tiered system is that well off families with 2 incomes can afford good care while GAIN clients and other low income families have to put their kids with whomever MSSH labels as an acceptable caregiver.

A booklet entitled "PARENTS GUIDE TO SELECTING DAY CARE", from the Ministry of Health, is obviously for parents who can afford the fees charged by licensed places. All the questions that any caring parents would insist on asking..all the criteria essential in the facility..are moot when it comes to having to leave your children with someone who may or may not have any training and who fills only the most basic guideline of taking 1 or 2 unrelated children into their home.

If they will receive only a pittance (like the \$42 in the above scenario) what can the GAIN parent expect in the way of quality? Further, what incentive does the co-opted GAIN mother have to do anything more than provide a meal or two to the extra children? If the woman is content to be a full-time babysitter, fine. If, as most are, she wants more in her life and her child's life,;if she wants to avoid such a limited existence; if she is torn between not being able to find work and losing her own children...she may have to finally be little more than a glorified nanny.

Rather than close this as being an internal MSSH scam, following are points taken from CHILD CARE FACT SHEET 1990:

- * It is estimated that 300,000 children in B.C. require care of someone other than their parents, for employment or other reasons.
- * The need for Child Care spaces in BC has been estimated to exceed 200,000.
- * There are presently 42,434 licensed spaces in B.C.
- * There has been a net change of about 18,000 spaces since 1980.
- * There is still a lack of a range of services to meet the needs of the families and children in B.C.
- * There remains a lack of Governmental support for Child Care in B.C. There is a lack of infrastructure for support for the existing Child Care providers and the situation remains unstable.
- * The system is funded solely on a user-fee basis.



FEES IN GROUP DAY CARE CENTRES IN THE CITY OF VANCOUVER

FEES - Average	WEST	EAST	CITY
- Range (n=# of Centres)	(of Main)	(of Main)	
GROUP DAY CARE	\$391/mo	\$372/mo	\$372/mo
3-5 yrs	(\$340-\$440/mo)	(\$290/\$450/mo)	(\$290-\$450/mo)
	n = 30	n = 28	n = 58
GROUP DAY CARE (Toddler)	\$542/mo	\$522/mo	\$533/mo
18 mos - 3 yrs	(\$480-\$630/mo)	(\$475-\$600/mo)	(\$475-\$630/mo)
	n = 8	n = 6	n = 14
GROUP DAY CARE (Infant)	\$698/mo	\$608/mo	\$653/mo
6 wks - 18 mos	(\$645-\$750/mo)	(\$515-\$700/mo)	(\$515-\$750/mo)
Note - Of the 3-5 year old centres only 5 were charging at or below \$300/mo, the current MSSH maximum subsidy level for 3-5 year group care. All of the under 3-year-old centres were charging rates higher than the current MSSH subsidy levels of \$415/mo (18m-3yr) and \$460/mo (under 18m)			

FEES IN LICENSED FAMILY DAY CARE CENTRES IN VANCOUVER

FEES - Average	WEST	EAST	CITY
- Range (n=# of Caregivers)			
FAMILY DAY CARE	\$444/mo	\$374/mo	\$401/mo
3-5 yrs	(\$360-\$500/mo)	(\$250-\$520/mo)	(\$250-\$520/mo)
	n = 21	n = 34	n = 55
FAMILY DAY CARE	\$471/mo	\$386/mo	\$422/mo
19mos-3yrs	(\$400-\$630/mo)	(\$275-\$520/mo)	(\$275-\$630/mo)
	n = 24	n = 33	n = 57
GROUP DAY CARE	\$444/mo	\$374/mo	\$410/mo
0 - 18mos	(\$400-\$630/mo)	(\$275-\$520/mo)	(\$275-\$630/mo)
	n = 14	n = 13	n = 27

...and a final few points on staffing issues in Child Care facilities:

- * Annual incomes for Child Care in B.C. workers average \$16,000.
- * Starting wages are often the provincial minimum wage.
- * A lack of trained Child Care workers has been ignored as no new training programs have been funded to address the problem.
- * Child Care has been described by some workers as a "Career in Poverty."
- * 50% of Childhood Ed. graduates leave the field within 3 yrs.



THURSDAYS FREE POETS

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POTREBENKO
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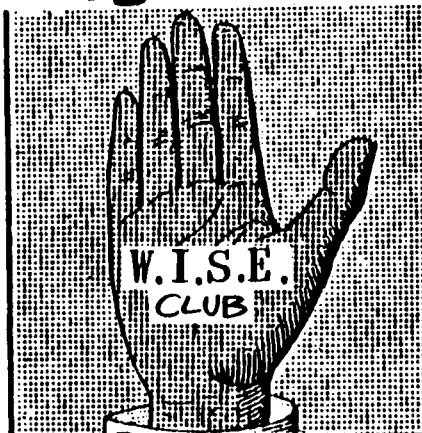
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DAVID BOUVIER
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Saturdays 2-4 pm.

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The island I come from
is nowhere more than seventy miles from the sea.

The Saltwater is in my blood
Our people sailed the seven Seas
Voyaging only with Wind and Water
A few simple instruments for Hand and Eye.

I came by ship once across an ocean
To this - much vaster - Turtle Island

In these coast mountains / of the Salish Nation
I first met open water flowing on the ground
Sparkling clear and safe to drink.
It tasted better / than any tap water ever could.

Where was the Source of this Living Water?
It was in the Sea - I learned -
To which it returned to rise again
And fall as rain and flow once more.

A Cycle / of pure renewal ---

And the oceans - I learned - were being poisoned.
Unclean vessels with Unholy energies
Concealed in their metal bowels
Sailed the salt seas; sailed right here, into Vancouver.

And so we protested / with our small boats
And we will go on protesting
Until they come here no more.
Such things as they are / should not be.

We must unmake them very carefully
And very prayerfully to the Great Mother
That we may undo this awful thing
That should not have been done.

WATER CAN DO WITHOUT PEOPLE
BETTER THAN PEOPLE CAN DO WITHOUT WATER!

If we poison the waters
The waters will poison us and we / will all die.
Though the great waters would cleanse themselves in time
We / should all be gone ---

And with us / the fourlegged - the feathered ones - and all our relatives.

I send to my friends on the Yalakom River
Handpicking knapweed
So the Forest Service will not spray TORDON
Which would go straight into their water supply
I send them Greetings! and my thanks!

To All who Care and All who Act - For Water - For Life
from my heart I say THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

David Bouvier



Overcoming The Great Divide

"Abandon all hope Ye who enter here"
(The inscription on the Gates of Hell)
- Dante

In the Carnegie Newsletter dated May 15, 1990 appeared Tora's article "The Great Divide".

While we found it in some respect thought-provoking and insightful, it has a dangerous tendency to re-establish certain types of power relationships and black and white stereotypes. Already the title suggests a dichotomous Either/Or way of thinking,

Tora begins with the unwarranted claim that "Allegiance to the collective values of others must cease, so that the difficult but rewarding search for one's own values may occur." Individual or subjective values are never created ex nihilo. There is no self-knowledge or Tora's "knowledge of the heart" without the mediation of other fellow beings. Even when I totally isolate myself, I still separate myself in relationship or opposition to others. Any conceptual separation is only imaginary. "One is always guilty in the eyes of others" - Tora's sensitivity as to how the Downtown Eastside Residents are being perceived by the "good people" proves this point.

Furthermore the claim that "alienation from society is the only way to see it for what it really is", is false. The suggestion here of a categorical one-way path to truth contradicts his claim made elsewhere in the article that "There are other paths to be travelled." On the contrary, it is the active involvement in everyday affairs which enables any individual to critically examine the processes and dynamics of contemporary society. It is on this basis that one can decide to dissociate oneself from certain institutions or associations.

True, society "is only a network of compromised ideas adopted." however, not "only for economic convenience".. rather it functions as a necessity.

Without an agreement or "social contract" we would collapse into a state of total lawlessness. Any civilized people, however derelict the present order may be, could not have survived without rules of conduct, mores and laws. In other words, cultures are not founded on unlimited individual freedom, e.g. the unrestrained pursuit of self-interest. There is no freedom without constraint; every person's freedom is limited and defined by somebody else's freedom. Therefore, freedom in an absolutist does not exist.

If our latent "possibilities do lie hidden in the deeper personal layers of subconscious knowledge," as he suggests, how can these faculties be translated into acts of creative self-realization?

So the question is not "How can I isolate myself from the opinions and influence of others," which is impossible and further perpetuates stereotypes, alienation, isolation, and neutralizes any useful social criticism, but rather "Where do I draw my goals, inspiration and ideals from?" What groups, organizations, etc. can I identify with that best promote these ideas? "What are my ideas?" The ideal of the individual, free from the prejudice of others, is itself the ideology of Liberalism and is centuries old. This is the ideology of divide-and-rule which is the strategy of the colonizer or oppressor.

This contrasts with the ideals of the authentic community and citizen: The highest obligation of the citizen is to promote and preserve the community; the highest obligation of the community is to promote and preserve the citizen.

Another danger of Tora's article is the hyperbolic suggestion that one ought to worship at the shrine of a dangerously passive defeatism and an imaginary "persecuted, reviled" ideal. The fallacy of romanticizing oppression, e.g. the nostalgic "we poor outcasts" stereotype and a "reviled, persecuted" martyrdom is simply not good enough as a critique of propaganda; being passive in character it is certainly antithetical to authentic social change. In a truly quixotic effort, one ends up believing that this is really what one desires. That is, Tora wants the oppressed to desire their oppression

and for them to see it as a product only of their individual desires, in the same way as "consumer propaganda" turns individuals into fetishists of commodities.

Tora concludes his article with the observation that "society is terrified by the eccentric, disruptive and uncooperative behaviour of the outcasts." Although the outcast phenomenon may be unsettling to some, "terror" seems clearly to be a self-flattering overstatement.

It is interesting that Tora does not see these "outcasts" as bringing any kind of liberation in a wider context. If they are the bearers of a subversive wisdom, why is it that these self-appointed outcasts refuse to translate their wisdom into any effective action, which could break the cycle of oppression that society imposes on them? As it is, they can not provide the nucleus for a future regenerate order.

In the final analysis of Tora's defeatist world, there seems to be no possibility of a final end to repression. Tora's stance seems to stress a radical passivity... a silent resignation. This notion implies that we ought to confirm the existing social and political order.

"To have no voice is to have no power"

By WADE MONTGOMERY & LAILA BIERGANS

HEY!

The blue fence surrounding the Bosa development at Main & Terminal is unmarked and unposted. Boards are poor people's media, where we can communicate with each other.

Is there a reason? I wonder.

Sheila Baxter

Hi !!

I put a sign-up sheet in the Learning Centre for those interested in being tutored in Sign Language.

Mike Kramer

SAVE OUR LIVING ENVIRONMENT (S.O.L.E.)

Members of Save Our Living Environment (SOLE) want to initiate and participate in a campaign to seek creative solutions to the growing problem of litter in Vancouver. We note that non-refundable metal, glass and plastic beverage containers contribute to the problem.

As part of our campaign we propose that the provincial Litter Act regulations be revised to require the payment of a refund on all such containers. We are seeking council's in calling on our provincial government to enact this legislation immediately. Other jurisdictions already have more comprehensive regulations than British Columbia.

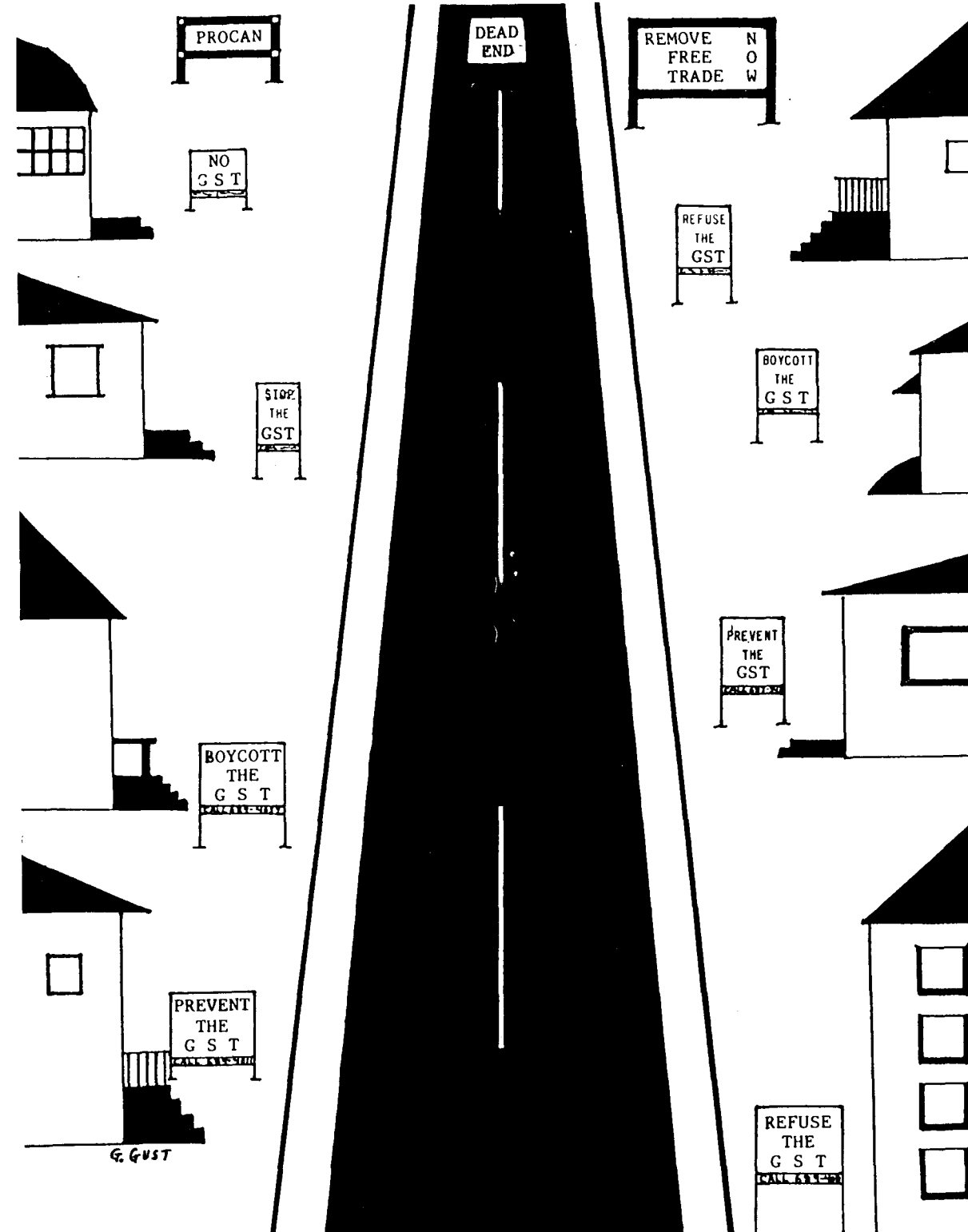
Some citizens supplement their incomes by collecting refundable beverage cans and bottles. As a result, almost all such litter is picked up. There is, however, reluctance on the part of some merchants to accept containers, even those products stocked by the store. SOLE proposes that, in addition to refunds to purchasers at source, a chain of depots be established throughout the city where containers can be taken for refunds. We envision the establishment of a pilot depot on city property employing GAIN recipients. Environment Canada's Environmental Partners Fund may provide financial support.

By KEN LYOTIER
Chairperson.

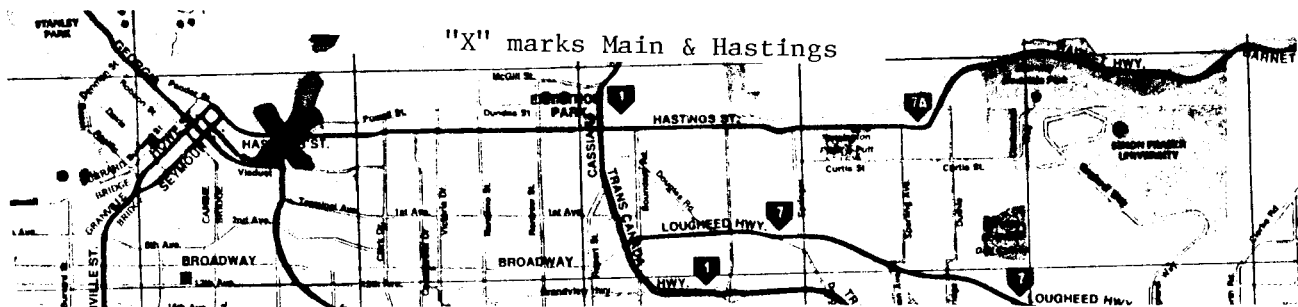


NO G.S.T.

- 1) How many profitable corporations did not pay any income taxes in 1987? (Latest year which statistics are available).
 - a) 405
 - b) 5,405
 - c) 56,405
 - d) 93,405
- 2) How much more will a family of two parents with two children earning \$24,000 a year pay in taxes as a result of Conservative tax policies since 1987?
 - a) 10% more
 - b) 20% more
 - c) 30% more
 - d) 60% more
- 3) How much can a corporation deduct from its tax bill if it spends \$200,000 for an evening of entertainment at the Toronto Skydome complete with a private box and complimentary champagne?
 - a) nothing
 - b) \$10,000
 - c) \$100,000
 - d) \$160,000
- 4) How much can a family of four deduct from their taxes by spending \$15 on hotdogs and pop at a hockey game?
 - a) nothing
 - b) \$5
 - c) \$10
 - d) They will pay \$1.05 extra in GST.



- 5) How much does the federal treasury lose each year because of the corporate entertainment expenses?
 - a) nothing
 - b) \$100 million
 - c) \$455 million
 - d) \$1 billion
 - 6) How much will the federal deficit drop for each 1 point drop in interest rates?
 - a) nothing
 - b) \$10 million
 - c) \$600 million
 - d) \$1.6 billion
 - 7) How many tax increases has Michael Wilson hit Canadian families with since 1984?
 - a) 3
 - b) 10
 - c) 22
 - d) 31
 - 8) Who promised Canadians "The Government of Canada is not looking for extra revenue from taxation," during the 1988 federal election?
 - a) Ed Broadbent
 - b) Michael Wilson
 - c) Brian Mulroney
 - 9) Who said, "If I told you what I would do, we'd never get elected"?
 - a) John Crosbie
 - b) Brian Mulroney
 - c) Ronald Reagan
- 1)d) 93,405 (Statistics Canada)
 2)d) 60% (National Council on Welfare)
 3)d) \$160,000 (Income Tax Act)
 4)a) and d) (I.T.A. & G.S.T. legislatn)
 5)d) \$1 billion (Finance Department)
 6)d) \$1.6 billion (Finance Dept.)
 7)d) 31 (Public record)
 8)c) Brian Mulroney (Global TV)
 9)a) John Crosbie (Macleans, 12/7/82)



1. Barnet Hwy into Hastings to the Trans-Canada at Cassiar - widen to 6 lanes.
 2. Build waterfront freeway from Exhibition Park to Main at Alexander.
 3. Trans-Canada feeds onto Grandview Hwy to Malkin bypass to Georgia Viaduct.
 4. 3rd crossing with southern end at Main & Alexander/waterfront freeway.
- (Hello Los Angeles)

CARS! CARS! CARS!

What everyone knows is that cars, or rather our infatuation with "Freedom to Move" (from a 1910 ad) makes the way we live dangerous. The car is the worst polluter. Each personal vehicle costs all of us, in the form of taxes, about \$2,000 a year for road construction, upkeep, and all the traffic policing, insurance, administration of vehicle related agencies, and so on.

At a meeting in Carnegie on Sunday May 27th, a panel of three people talked about the different aspects of vehicles. First, from the viewpoint of engineering, the assistant director of the city's engineering department talked through a slideshow with numbers and daily problems of moving vast numbers of cars in and out of Vancouver. 70,000 cars come in every morning and up to 250,000 every day. Some of the most-used corridors contain intersections that rate highest as sites for acci-

Next, a staff sergeant from the Police spoke about enforcement of laws and the ongoing need for education of both drivers and pedestrians. At Main & Hastings and at Columbia & Hastings, there are a fair number of accidents with pedestrians at fault

about 2/3 of the time.

The third speaker was from a conservation group who have compiled massive amounts of data on what the automobile does to the planet.

Woven through all this talk was the awareness that the future of movement of vehicles is increasing with little more than faith in drivers only using private cars when absolutely necessary.

Passing the buck seems to be the normal way for politicians to deal with the threat of having another 75,000 cars daily in downtown Van. in a few years. European cities have started restricting car use and are putting much money and energy into real alternatives. Planning here is narrowed to widening streets, a waterfront freeway, a 3rd crossing over the Burrard Inlet... all to permit the growing use of cars free rein. Many of these planners & politicians don't live downtown and their only vision comes from scale models of what's here now. Funny thing about models though is that there are no people having to deal with every wonderful solution to too much.

By PAUL R TAYLOR

GOD'S CHILDREN ARE HOMELESS

I want to go home, but where is my home, I am homeless.
I used to have family and friends, but where are they all gone.
I used to love my children, but where are they now.
They say it is our fault for being homeless, but is it also our
fault for suffering from mental illness and sickness.
They sing God Save The Queen. But what about the homeless.
What about all the homeless children of the world.
Are the wars their fault too.
Just because we want to spend more on war machines.
What about the children who are suffering everyday all over the world.
God help us all if we decide to stop thinking of our children.
The children of the world.
The children are suffering.
O God how all the homeless children of the world are suffering.
And we're still singing, God Save The Queen and God Bless America.
But I wish God would bless and save all his homeless children of the world.
No matter what their age or race, colour or creed.
Let's forget about greed and do our deed.
Because they need us now not tomorrow.
Tomorrow may never come.
Tomorrow may never come.
I am home now honey.
I love you.

Paul Burton MacNichol



EVERYTHING BUT ACCIDENTS

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the old Firehall.

The dialogue follows every argue-
ment ever presented in a bar scene
and is topical relating to today's
social strata.

Everything but traffic accidents
(Can an accident occur twice in the
same spot in an intersection?)

A stage has no (T.V.) screen,
and thus the actors reach through
the audience joining us in the
seats at the end of this play!

See Claude for tickets!

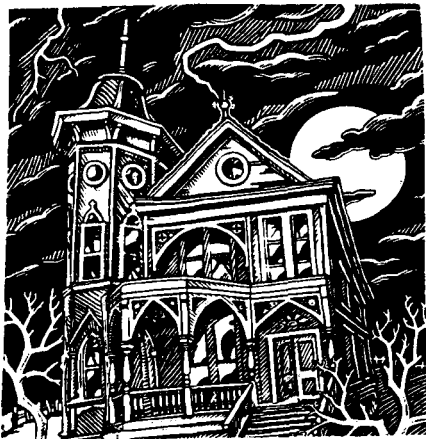
Taum DanYCreag

HOMELESSNESS

There are as many experiences and ways of coping with not having a roof over your head as there are people in the situation. The causes are usually similar, though: not enough money to pay high rents, no friend who can spare the room for a while, and all the social housing places have waiting lists a mile long.

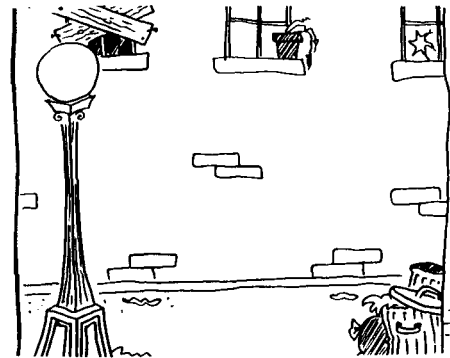
Getting lucky, if there is such a thing as luck, almost always means being in the right place at the right time - like reading a story with a happy ending. But these stories are rare exceptions; the rule for thousands is stark reality - no room at the Inn.

The desperation can lead to excuses for extraordinary behaviour - actions that are blatantly criminal to psychotic. This sounds like a plot for a movie. It's like back in 1929 with the stock market crash: the formerly rich killed themselves..the poor just starved.



In the present day, the well-to-do bump the people who are a little less well-to-do who bump...and so on until the poorest are evicted or forced out with rents just too high for them to have a bed and eat.

At this point, the people who can do something react with an all too human trait - out of sight..out of mind. All across the country, especially in large cities where all the essential services are, homelessness becomes equated with poverty - something that is recognised on the surface as an embarrassment to the vaunted "system", petty bureaucrats and hold-your-nose do-gooders become the media's favourite (or at least readily accessible) mouthpieces for getting the latest word on "What Is Being Done," Their Answer: "We have identified this a definite Problem." ...assurances are gushed that unspecified repairs are to be made in the near future by unnamed saints who have a palatable Solution (to the Problem, of course).



Time flies when you're having fun. When you're without a roof, when your security of tenure is, or could be, up within any given hour, time moves like every minute is dragged into this universe, arriving with the greatest reluctance. Only when you have to "Be Out" - that day/week/month - does time become an unruly monster, picking you up and throwing you to the end of the limit set at impossible speeds.

Melodramatic? Sure, when you see it on TV or it happens to someone else; when you can't even comprehend the reality of a family of four in a single hotel room..or sleeping in an

abandoned car..or putting up a tent or a cardboard lean-to in a city park. This is already happening in some American cities and Toronto and Vancouver are next. And then the rich, the bosses, the well-to-do, will call up their (ownership is definitely implied here) political hacks and give new orders: "Get those goddam squatters/misfits/bums.. OFF MY LAND, OUT OF MY SIGHT, OUT OF MY CITY!"

Isn't it funny what animals we really are when it comes to territory.

It's hard not to generalise when it comes to pointing fingers. There are hundreds and thousands of intelligent people in positions up and down society's hierarchy who will do whatever they can to treat people as they themselves would demand to be treated. What seems to hit from the blind side is that a very small number of people will consciously and cold-heartedly stop any such social actions.



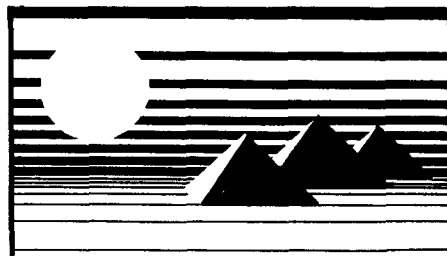
Wealth and power are two sides of the same coin..and having one means, invariably, wanting the other. Hence we get the most prevalent mental disease of the human race - turning money into power and power into money and money into power ad nauseum. And the poorer people struggle and flounder and get squashed under the weight of their burden - trying to live as if life had meaning and purpose.

Homelessness is the subject of this diatribe (good word if it fits), but going over what's been put down so far, we haven't left it for so much as a comma. Homelessness, poverty... these don't just happen with nothing behind them causing more and more people to feel their grip. It's not jargon or rhetoric to use phrases like "the Corporate Agenda" or "the rich get richer, the poor get poorer." It's a symptom of a human failing called greed. What will happen next is not anybody's guess; what comes next is obvious. As more intelligent and strong people are forced into poverty by rapacious weaklings there will be a grassroots revolution which will not be cowed. It will show itself in small victories leading to networks of people leading to having issues resolved with the interests of humanity as a whole satisfied.

In another place on this planet, it's just understood as a fact of life that if a child starves or dies from want it's the fault and responsibility of the entire society for not foreseeing the difficulty and changing everything necessary to give that child a life worth living.

Spirituality is nuclear to meaning and purpose. Homelessness must be as temporary as it's humanly possible to make it..always.

By PAULR TAYLOR



The Plight of Homeless Saskatchewan Farmers!

"The market mechanism is allowed to operate" - words spoken with glleful rubbing of hands in anticipation of unleashed profiteering by the greedy proponents of international gouging.

No less than a filed day for landlords, chiselers, hoarders and their ilk of privileged corporate professional tax-evaders, along with partisan lobbysits supplicating their elected friends for government beneficance by way of extremely lucrative contracts in perpetuation of private entrepreneurship. My oh my! Another \$5 million Canadian handout to yet another foreign country as the drought-stricken farmers of Saskatchewan wring their hands in total despair, unable to meet the banks' demands for payment on their notes, resulting in more of Canada's citizens becoming victims of the Sheriff - enforcement & seizure. Yet not one hint of assistance or concern is emanating from the financial cartels as the numbers game adds more homeless Canadians to its vaunted total. The honourable & just thing to do would be to declare a moratorium, where the farmers' bank notes due-dates are concerned, as did happen during the drought of the hungry '30's.

It's time all elected officials started thinking "Canadians first."

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Spring

"Spring" is a very nice picture. The background of the scene is a dense forest with countless flowers and deep green colours. On the whole picture bright and abundant sunlight like a layer of silver is shining upon the trees and the ground. A myriad of beautiful flowers blossom in the trees and on the ground - it seems as though the Milky Way is falling down from the heavens.

In front of the background a thick trunk stands with two boughs spreading apart. Behind and on the right side of this big tree is a tree with many branches and innumerable flowers on it. On the left side of the big tree and a little behind an old couple are walking toward the deep side of the forest.

On the left of these two trees there are some grotesque rocks which make the scene look like a Chinese landscape painting, full of sentiments of romantic poetry.

This picture reveals the charming scenery and life of seniors in Canada. I enjoy it very much.

Liu Bing Ming

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'The DSS is a mess usually,' said Sue. 'We spend half our time on DSS stuff.'

SUE is steaming. She puts the phone down and leans hard on the desk, controlling her anger. A woman has abandoned her new born baby at hospital. The hospital wants the baby moved, because they need the bed. Sue Harris, duty cover at one of Hammersmith and Fulham's Area Three social service offices, is trying to arrange an assessment of the mother's mental health. She wants the GP to visit the mother with a social worker. The GP doesn't want to know.

"The doctor is going round in 15 minutes and does not want to get involved in mental health problems," Sue tells her colleague Clifford Paris with frustrated fury. "The GP is basically saying, 'I'm only interested in her physical well-being.' I have just had heated words."

Above are the first two paragraphs in a lengthy story on inner city social work in London, England. Sue Harris, one of the players in this account, is the same Sue who worked for years in the Downtown Eastside.

Sue finds the political climate over there much the same as here... rich people almost totally divorced from the real difficulties and tragedies caused by their indifference to reality. Underlying what follows in the rest of the article is the almost spoken attitude that the really needy and poor are not people - or at least not worth more than a passing pittance. Sue continues in our universal struggle to elevate the dignity of women and raise the consciousness of humanity.

KITCHEN UP-DATE

Throughout the past couple of years the kitchen has been enjoying some staff stability. There is a core of workers that has endured and is of considerable benefit to every one in the Centre. That fact is particularly evident now, as Catriona Moore, our Kitchen Programmer, has taken a sudden leave of absence and the food service is able to continue on without major leadership problems.

Fortunately we have a strong line of succession. Replacing Catriona as Kitchen Programmer is Jerry Sentino, who has been the Assistant for more than a year now and replacing Jerry as Assistant is Marty Hunt, who has been a 2nd floor worker for over a year.

Helping them adjust will be Mary Brogan, one of our kitchen volunteers who has been at Carnegie longer than anyone.

Janice Saul, Steve Rose and Nat Carter make up our capable and floor auxiliary team.

We are all thrilled over the prospect of having a new kitchen facility after the renovations. We have outgrown our present kitchen due to the Herculean efforts of our fine volunteers. Without them, we would not have created such a need for a new kitchen.

By BRUCE JACKSON
(2nd Fl. Programmer)

EVER BEEN A COMMIE DISHWASHER?

Saws 'round alot
Mill Work
Military

Bees, Hornets
Breezing on the waves
the onions bloomed

Taum D.

A Month in the Life . . .

While still surviving on a very low income, I must refer to my previous article in which I said that in order to pay rent, one should have a compatible roommate..and I'm lucky that I do. Not only is he reliable, responsible, resourceful and even reasonably tidy, he is endlessly helpful to me no matter what my endeavour. He is intelligent and he is also smart (there is a distinction), funny, witty, kind, has lovely manners, speaks in complete sentences and in every way is a likeable person. He loses patience only on occasion, and almost never loses his temper. When he does, I know it's time to leave him alone 'til he sorts out the reasons behind it. I have always studied how other people do things in case their way works better than mine, and I realize that his anger serves him as well on the street as mine does in a government office.

Everyone should understand that though we are poor we are not so badly off as thousands who must rely on only one small income for everything they need. We are lucky that we can combine ours for necessities like rent and food. We are both good with money, and good even with no money, so it's never poor management that renders us broke to the bone every mid-month.

We are in the beginning stages of a report about one of the provincial ministries that has so far never been particularly functional. I know many ways to fix it but it needs a reconstruction, not a costly reorganization that often results in making things worse. It needs to have this done soon, but speaking to people who work in such a place is

an unrealistic approach because they are not apt to talk about the problem to me. Often they take twenty minutes to explain to me in endless circles that they have no intention of talking to me; I wish they could see it from my side as the black comedy it really is. It's bureaucratic double-speak, transparent and labourious, and I'm glad I never had to learn the technique. Some people come by it naturally it seems.

A much better idea, and I'm surprised it took me a week to think of it, is to line up all the politicians responsible, all the people who were involved when I was and much later, and ask them to talk - because they can and will. It involves a great deal of diplomacy, so it's lucky for me it's a family trait because you can't learn it no matter how many courses you take. I haven't had much occasion to use it because I usually say whatever I think to whomever may or may not be listening. Some of these people have never met me or if they have, do not remember, and their views are essential to this plan. In order to dispel any qualms they may have, they must be assured that I will not misquote them, misrepresent them, take anything said out of context or in any way interfere with areas concerning them personally. I have a knack for reading nuances of someone's face, voice or posture, but it serves me only in that I realize what they are telling me be far from what they are thinking, and no one's thoughts can be quoted.

This is where my roommate's help is worth even more to me. He can monitor the tape recorder, note the time and the flow of conversation to ensure that we all keep on the track, because a couple of times I almost got lost in a mutually agreeable memory shared

with whomever I'm interviewing. These discussions have so far proven to be illuminating, informative, and just plain fun. He also helps me re-organise what has been said into what I can later interpret from my perspective into something more workable than has been done yet. It's a simple matter of discarding any ideas that haven't worked, and would never work no matter who ran the government.

There are a few minor snags in my long-range project, like the main problem of running out of money at inopportune times. When I invite someone for coffee, it's up to me to pay, regardless of our different income levels, and in doing so we often run out of busfare for my roommate. We had considered a number of ingenious ways to transport ourselves to each designated spot, and bicycles were the choice of the day 'til it started to pour buckets. We changed clothes and ran to a nearby friend's place to cup some change, grabbed a bus and still managed to be on time, even minutes to spare. That's the way to do it - be flexible. At that point we decided to change direction and instead of bluffing, we told everyone the truth: We're on a tight budget. Could you meet us somewhere in our area? Or talk over the phone?

So far, this plan is working beautifully, and I'm sure Phil Gaglarki would not be askance to learn I looked like a common garden grub the day he phoned. It only makes sense to me not to get dressed until there is a reason. And so far, no one has mentioned being inconvenienced, nor in any way done anything to obstruct the progress of this very involved project. The only question I have been asked is, "Who are you and what exactly is it you are doing?"

That's just the way I like to do things, and that's how it should be. Diplomacy and good manners are such good tools, and so much more useful than hurling insults across a large room, or using the media to convey mutual contempt and dislike. And this is largely what could change the ministry in question into something that could, for once, function not just for those who need its service, but also for those who work there. We'll see.

By JONENE BICKETT



LIBRARY

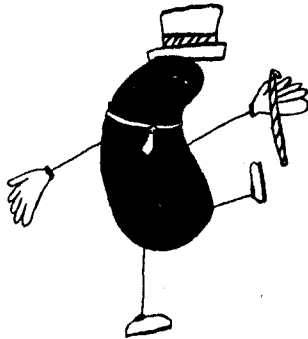
The library I want to write about is the Carnegie Public Library in China Town. This old building of classical architecture is a landmark of the area and the library is situated at the rear part of the main floor behind a lounge.

Inside the library, bookshelves with many kinds of books are placed against most of the walls and between two rectangular reading tables. At the left side of the library room,, some shelves are full of newspapers and journals for the convenience of readers. On the right side near the entry, there is a librarian sitting behind a counter where one can borrow books. It is really a nice place for it's air-conditioned and the lights are bright but soft.

I often used this library, and everytime I found some people reading extensively there. However, I am quite surprised at the cultural atmosphere as the area is notorious for alcoholics and drug users.

By SHANG LUNG LIAO

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ST. BRIAN



POWER

Brian Mulroney is my sheperd
I shall not want.
He leadeth me beside still factories
and abandoned farms.
He restoreth my doubt in the Tory Party.
He annointeth my wages with taxes
and inflation, so my expenses runneth
over my income.
Surely poverty and hard living shall
follow the Tories,
and I shall live in a rented house
and work on a rented farm forever and ever.
Amen

Five thousand years ago, Moses said:
"Pick up your shovel, pack your camel, mount your ass,
and I will lead you to the promised land."

Five thousand years later, Trudeau said:
"Lay down your shovel, sit on your ass,
and light up a camel; this is the promised land."

This year Brian Mulroney will
take your shovel, sell your camel,
kick your ass, as you watch him give away our
PROMISED LAND.

I'm glad that I'm Canadian
I'm glad I'm in the club,
But I wish I was a St. Bernard
and Brian was a shrub.

(the little people of Canada)

Mainly Hastings

B	KB	BB	1 Beating
R	KK	BK	2 Beatings & Killings
			1 Killing

"You Gook." 11:30 am
"That's for harrassment" 5:15 pm
"The streets below" 12:10 am

Get an aspirin. Lotsa drug stores around.
Owl Drugs across the street.

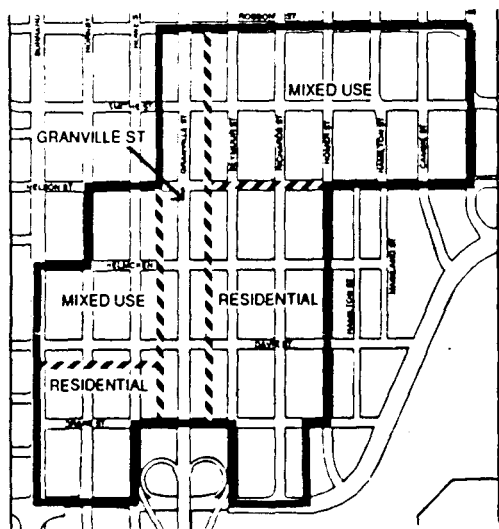
Seems somedays there's just no room,
so many crowding the steps. Too crowded
to get into Carnegie's front door.
Death on the doorstep..beatings too.
What can you do?
Does anyone know what to do?

Taum DanYCreag



DOWNTOWN SOUTH: Will rezoning help with these social issues?

- * Displacement of low income residents and loss of low rent housing
- * Concentration and number of licensed premises
- * Hours of operation
- * Management problems in certain licensed premises - overcrowding; over-serving; serving to minors
- * Nuisances created by public drunkenness - patron behaviour on the streets including late night noise, vandalism and other undesirable behaviour
- * Nonconforming hotels
- * Arcades and adult entertainment businesses as hangouts for drug traffickers, pimps and other criminal elements
- * Use of adult film viewing booths in arcades and adult entertainment businesses for drugs and/or sexual activities, sometimes involving juveniles
- * Harassment by prostitutes of business and hotel patrons and residents
- * Health and safety of street kids
- * Relocation of street kids to some other parts of the City
- * Pressure on services for street youth to relocate, either in response to the relocation of street youth or as a result of eviction from their existing leased premises to make way for new developments
- * Conflicts between street youth and the business and general public visiting Granville
- * Nuisances and intimidation of the street scene
- * Drug trafficking and possession



Above is the City's list of "Social Issues" for someone to look at..or report on.. or say 'they will be dealt with'. No mention was made of the results we've seen in the D.E. from the "cleaning up" of Granville. The ideation of developer/politicians is to impose their vision of the new, lean, mean, money-making machine(s) on Vancouver and social consequences...another department...police..."get the hell out!"

By PAULR TAYLOR



On the Beach

pebbles are rust
coloured: petrified salts deranged
by the sea's flux, the hiss
and suck
of foam sawtoothed sand.
Back
and forth, your footprint
is a watermark the tide
soon erases. You cannot prove
you were here.

Earth is water's planet
and we raise walls we must
constantly repair, our loss
always the sea's gain in its waiting
game. Those whitecaps
are the clefs
tuning water's pitch
and toss: sea-tones subsuming
their own
and the testimony
is in that man's sodden shoe
submerged in seaweed, as if its owner
heard the rumour life
began in the sea, set out
to meet it, and the sea
orchestrated him into a coral man
with finny feet,
and cast the useless shoes up
as a warning. The gulls' screams
tell you nothing
you did not already know
in your bones: seascape
within, that has shaped
what you are
and what your mother and your mother's
mother were: presumptuous spirits
suffering a sea-change
to form flesh, only to re-liquefy
when flesh fails.

Salt, water: these are the reality.
It is you
who are the myth.

Jancis M. Andrews

Friendship

Friendship is a good relationship
between two or more people. Friend-
ship is produced and developed in
different ways among different peo-
ple. It can not be established all
of a sudden and it takes time. To
be willing to help others and getting
pleasure from doing favours for
people are the main ways and aspects
of establishing the friendship.

With friends, people help each
other, spend more time with others
and, best of all, share happiness.
Therefore, people will have more
happiness and more opportunities to
get and give help when they have the
friendship.

Although everybody needs friend-
ship not all individuals can get it.
To get a long and stable friendship
you need sincerity and a spirit of
devotion to a certain great common
cause with friends.

Friendship is a very valuable
relationship. It makes the world
more harmonious and nice.

Liu Bing Ming



SUBJECTIVE ALLOYS By Garry Gust

Well, what should we do tonight?

...

EGO

Did you check through the holy book?

...

ID

Yeah, but there's nothing good on.

...

EGO

Even channel nine?

...

SUPEREGO

Nothing but murder mysteries, and animals eating other animals alive.

...

EGO

Go for a walk then.

...

ID

Walking! Television! There's got to be more to nightlife than this!

...

EGO

There is if you can afford it, and that means getting a job.

...

SUPEREGO

The dude's in the middle of a mid-life crisis; he wouldn't last a week.

...

ID

So, then why complain. Until the "dude," as you call him, gets it together, we've got to make the best of things.

...

SUPEREGO

Fine. So what do we do tonight?

...

ID

Well, there's always that place at Main and Hastings.

...

EGO