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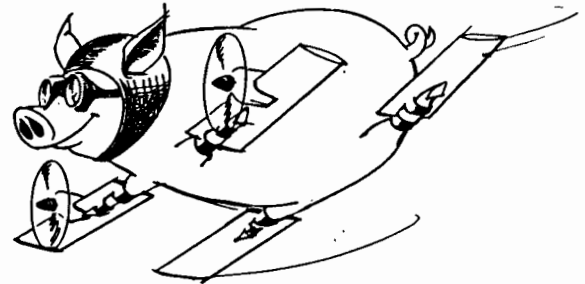
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A Political version of

THE CORPORATE AGENDA: Policies for Profit & Poverty

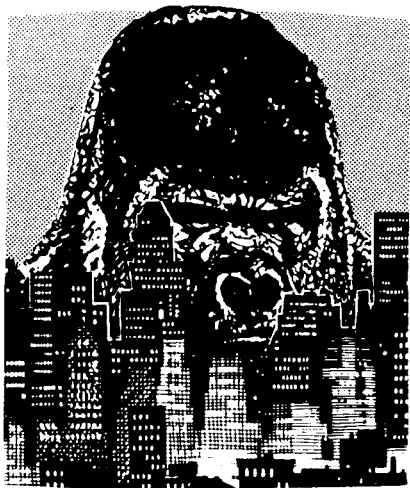
Corporate executives make what are to them obvious statements. The content of this article is taken from newspaper stories. Sources range from national banks to multinational/cartel/conglomerate/monopoly board-rooms...

- a) "Our blueprint involves having a goods & services tax to make us more competitive and free trade to allow for greater diversity of investment."
 - makes low and middle income earners pay most tax; creates more loopholes for corporations & the rich.
- b) "Universities should depend on the corporate dollar for funding."
 - if your family is rich you have



- c) "It's absolutely necessary to cut social spending, social programs, unemployment insurance to preserve them."

- corporations & the rich would pay even less in tax; corporate greed has caused the huge deficit, yet the poor and middle income people are expected to bring it down.



d) "Fire government workers. Private industry is much more capable."

- fired workers will take cuts in pay in scramble to take any job;

e) "There should be no funding for advocates. They waste our time."

- destruction of advocate services allows rights and guidelines to be obscured and ignored.

What is most incredible is the rich rhetoric, the words and phrases, used to put all of the above and more into such glowing terms. It's like being told to go to hell in such a way that you're left eagerly anticipating the journey.

By PAULR TAYLOR



On ideation...

6 enemies of the mind are: Passion or longing for worldly objects; Anger; Avarice (greed); attraction/enchantment/attachment to worldly objects; Pride; Envy.

8 fetters of the mind are: Hatred; Fear; Doubt; Shame; Censure, hypocrisy; bondage of lineage; vanity of culture; false sense of prestige.

Struggle is the essence of life. One's humanity is revealed in fight against aggressors. The use of force against an aggressor is valour and desisting from such use of force is cowardice. Injustice gains temporary triumph if a fight is started without acquiring proper strength. It is necessary, therefore, to acquire adequate strength before declaring war against an aggressor. To pardon an aggressor before correcting his/her nature would mean encouraging injustice if the aggressor is bent on destroying you; whether you use force or not, it would be proper to die at least giving a blow to the best of your might, without waiting for collection of adequate forces.

Pra'n'ava



WHAT IS THE CORPORATE AGENDA?

An agenda is a list of things to do.

Big corporations in Canada have lists of things that they want government to do. Almost all of these things will help big corporations make more profits. Almost all of them will also make the rich richer and increase the numbers of poor people.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE BIG CORPORATIONS HAVE AN AGENDA?

The corporations have formed groups like the Business Council on National Issues, the Fraser Institute, the Canadian Manufacturer's Association. These groups have offices and staffs. They make statements. They write briefs and news releases. The people in these groups make speeches at business lunches and dinners. They hold conferences.

Some big companies, especially the big banks, make statements on their own.

If you look at these statements, briefs, and new stories, you can make a list of what corporations want governments to do. This list is the corporate agenda. Here are some of the 'things to do' that are on the corporate agenda:

- Keep unemployment high. That way workers are more desperate to accept low wage jobs;
- Cut government spending on health, education, welfare. This reduces the need to tax rich people & corporations. It makes people more desperate to accept any kind of work;
- Keep wages low. This means minimum wages should be low. Big corporations don't like laws that stop them from paying women and minorities less than men;

- Reduce the amount of unemployment insurance and the number of people who can get it. This makes workers more desperate to take any kind of job;

- Privatize government services. This means that private companies will be able to make profit from things like education, health, the Post Office. It means that wages get lower because privatized services are more likely to be non-union;

- Tax poor and middle income people more. Tax rich people and corporations less. Big corporations call this "reforming the tax system to favour investment." The G.S.T. is part of this;

- Spread free trade throughout the whole world. Free trade takes away the power of elected governments to make certain laws that would create jobs, require investment, keep profits in Canada. Free trade lets corporations move all over the world demanding lower wages, lower taxes and more subsidies. Instead of increasing wages and living standards in other countries, like Mexico, the "free trade" will mean degrading Canadian standards to compete with places like Mexico.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH POOR PEOPLE?

Just about everything that is on the corporate agenda makes the rich richer and the poor poorer, and increases the number of poor people. In order to end poverty, we need full employment, higher wages, stronger unions, people control over our economy, decent welfare rates, public services, and a tax system that makes rich people and corporations pay their share.

HOW DO THE BIG CORPORATIONS GET THEIR WAY?

Big corporations and rich people donate money to political parties that agree with them. They use "public relations" to make everything better than it really is. Newspapers, radio stations and TV stations ARE big corporations. Many of them are members of the corporate lobby groups. They help decide which issues Canadians hear, read and see.

WHAT WILL OUR SOCIETY LOOK LIKE IF THE CORPORATIONS GET THEIR WAY?

Corporations keep getting bigger and bigger. They are getting more and more control of jobs, wages, investment, the environment, and all the things people need to have a decent life. Governments are doing what corporations want. They are not doing what the people want and need.

What will happen if corporations continue to get their way? Thirty years from now, Canada might look like this: A handful of megacorporations would control most of the economy. Wages will be very low for at least half of the people who will be living in poverty. Old age pensions will be too to live on. We'll have a two-tier health system. Rich people will be able to get decent care. Poor people won't. There will be very few middle income people. Most will be relatively well-off or poor. Hundreds of thousands of Canadian jobs will be moved to Mexico. Unemployment insurance will be virtually gone. Poor and middle income people will pay virtually all the taxes. People will not be able to own homes unless they inherit money. With half the people in poverty, violence and drug use will skyrocket. More and more money will be spent on

police who will keep the poor from demanding and getting their share. In other words, Canada will be like a lot of so-called third world countries.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE CORPORATE AGENDA?

If we understand the corporate agenda, it helps us to

- understand that we have to fight back to stop the corporate agenda;
- be disgusted rather than confused by corporate and government ads;
- figure out who our allies are;
- blame our problems on the corporate agenda rather than on other people who are its victims.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR POOR PEOPLE?

It means we have to work with other people to build a social movement. Our movement needs to fight for jobs, housing, and higher incomes for poor people; for people, not corporations to make important decisions for a clean environment. We have already won some victories by doing this. The peace movement has been effective over the last ten years. This year, women's centres fought hard with demonstrations, occupations, letter writing. They forced the government to give them funding that had been cut. The Innu People in Labrador won a battle against the powerful North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Poor people in B.C. stopped a \$50 welfare cut to single parents in 1988.

All over the world, people are demanding say in things that affect them. Poor people in B.C. can be part of this movement. We can work in solidarity with people all over the world for decent standards of living.

END LEGISLATED POVERTY.

There is one brave Canadian in our midst. Promises of 'one more process', 'one more committee', comprise the bricks that make the wall: the wall that blocks the recognition of our first peoples, the aboriginals. The "Meech" distinct society clause applauds the rights of individuals in Canada. Do not the Native inhabitants of our country deserve the same? I know,.. 'one more committee'.

Editor the Carnegie Newsletter :

It was interesting to read Tora's article "The Great Divide" and the resultant polemic in Wade's and Laila's article. (Carnegie Newsletter June 1). There is excellent philology in both articles.

"Overcoming The Great Divide" reminds me of the arguments used by my parents and grandparents more than 50 years ago. Since then the situation has drastically changed. The consumer propaganda manipulated society went too far in rotting and with such a society no more compromise is possible.

Tora's article is not defeatist. It just recognizes the sad reality where human's only hope to survive is a radical, revolutionary change in people's attitude.

Those eccentric individualists are like "jacobins" of the modern times. They should prepare to storm "la bastille" and they should be very proud of their revolutionary vocation.

Etienne Szekely
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Premier Bourassa walked away from further discussion of the distinct society clause at the first ministers conference. Now you hear about possible "backlashes" against the Natives for their concerns. They do not deserve such threats. They have been overlooked as a part of our country since our beginnings. A wall was put up to block their participation. I say put "Meech" back into another committee. Canada will be stronger for it. Our Native population deserves our respect. The fundamental bricks in the constitutional accord will be flawed, the Native concerns will enter another committee and Canada will lose some international respect if our aboriginals are left standing on the other side of the wall.

Prime Minister Mulroney fights apartheid in South Africa. Elijah Harper has some similar principles in Manitoba. The specifics may differ, but the generalities deserve our interest as Canadians for Canada. South African Blacks are denied political representation in South Africa. Political representation for our aboriginals (in the accord) will set an example.

Responsible leadership is needed to define a responsible country. Elijah Harper leads the way for the first nations and Canada. Bravo!

By WAYNE KELLAND



Editor:

On June 28, Health and Welfare Minister Perrin Beatty is scheduled to announce the federal government's strategy for dealing with AIDS. I hope it is a good strategy as it's been six years since the Conservatives came to power. The many hundreds of people in Vancouver and B.C. who have either been diagnosed with AIDS or an AIDS-related disease along with the many thousands of other residents who have watched friends and loved ones die of AIDS deserve much better than a six year wait.

I thought your readers might be interested, prior to Mr. Beatty's announcement, in my commitment to dealing with AIDS should I be elected in the next provincial election:

1. Provide AZT at no cost to people with AIDS as a means of retarding the progress of the disease.
2. Work with community and professional organizations to raise the funds necessary to construct an AIDS hospice in the West End of Vancouver where it is needed the most.
3. Demand that government contribute effective funds to community associations such as AIDS Vancouver and the PWA Coalition; including funds for client services, an area that government has neglected.
4. Introduce legislation to amend the B.C. Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination against persons because of their sexual orientation.
5. Pressure the Minister of Health to ensure that AIDS support and care services are made available throughout B.C. so that people with AIDS who do not reside in the Vancouver area are not forced to move from their friends, family and community to receive assistance.

It is disgraceful that the federal Conservative government has taken six years to come up with a long range

plan of action; it's even more disgraceful that our Social Credit government has yet to even begin the task..

Herman Litsky

LITSKY Challenges BARNES & STRACHAN
To Youth Debate

To Minister Responsible for Youth
Bruce Strachan and Opposition Youth
Critic Emery Barnes:

"I am writing to challenge both of you to hold a debate with me in the Vancouver area on the issues affecting youth in our Province. These issues - ranging from child welfare services to young offender rehabilitation - are many and varied. There is a lack of specialized professional services and treatment resources for disturbed children, young offenders and the handicapped.

"I believe these issues deserve a hearing before the next provincial election. The general public deserves an opportunity to know where each of the major political parties stand on these critical issues. As a lawyer, social worker and former judge I have dealt with critical youth all my life. My job as a Family and Juvenile Court Judge demanded an empathy towards people - without sensitivity and understanding my position would have been mepty and unproductive. I adjudicated thousands of child welfare and family cases and I always tried to include the main ethic, humanism, dispensing social justice fairly.

"I believe you and your party should be prepared to debate in public these issues and to be accountable to the people of our Province for the decisions you have made during these past years in office."

Herman Litsky
Liberal Candidate

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A VERY SPECIAL PERSON

I first met her when I was ten. She lived just across from the school. She became a foster parent to my brother and I. The months we were with her were so relaxing..a real feeling of home. She was and still is a very loving person. Her teaching took her away to another place so we were placed in the Receiving Home. I felt a big loss when she left. She's kept her promise that she would stay in touch.

Today this person is someone special
 She means a lot to me
 I can call her anytime
 I can talk to her about anything
 I write letters to her, sometimes about my thoughts or my poems
 She's a very special lady
 She's not my biological mother, you've probably heard me talk about her as my mom
 We are the best of friends; my friend's name is Colleen.
 Thanks for the inspiration.

Margaret

Editor,

This is a response to the Caravetta beer and wine store.

Mr. Caravetta claims his store will not appeal to "Skid Row people." How is he going to guarantee that? The reason the Main Street Liquor Store was closed was because of all the problems with that population who have enough problems of their own without adding more temptation.

A million dollar investment will not stop a person or group from drinking.

Not all people in the Downtown Eastside are of skid row. I must say people in the Downtown Eastside community have a lot more pride than you credit them and are wealthier in another dimension.

His wealthier clientele seem to be more appealing to those who will live in the new building development in the Downtown Eastside.

Our homes have been disturbed one too many times; this time, Mr. Caravetta, you're not welcome.

Margaret Prevost

KEROCHI: SUICIDE BY WORK

The Japanese economy is the envy of Western businessmen. How economic superiority is maintained in Japan is beginning to be examined by the Western news media. A recently televised American documentary deals with the unusually high death rate from heart attacks & strokes among upwardly mobile Japanese in their '30's. The phenomenon is well known in Hapan - it's called "Kerochi" - and means, literally, "working oneself to death."

In large Japanese corporations it is common practice for employees to work 14 hours a day, 7 days a week, while only being paid for 8 hours a day. The extra 42 hours a week are referred to as "service overtime."

Several years ago a book called "Rush Hour of the Gods" was published in the U.S. It examined the ways in which Japanese corporations had taken over the role of family & religion in the minds of contemporary Japanese. The Japanese people had, for generations, involved themselves in a fanatical devotion to these two powerful influences.

The book was studied by American managers, who attempted to re-organize their work force after the Japanese model in order to compete with the same fanatical zeal in the marketplace.

A Japanese employee, asked by an American interviewer on television why he worked 14 hours a day, replied: "I have to do what others do," & it was clear from the expression on his face that he was literally compelled by some inner force to mimic the actions of those around him.

The treatment of widows of employees who have died from strokes & heart attacks brought on by exhaustion is fairly inhumane. Neither the companies nor the government compen-

sate them in any way & in the majority of cases family income is reduced to the level of menial tasks normally reserved for women in a traditionally sexist Japan.

One well-documented case of "Kerochi" that is now famous across Japan involves a businessman in his 30's who died of a heart attack after working 89 hours without a break. The television documentary on Kerochi showed his wife being turned away from the offices of her husband's former employers. She received no compensation. A businessman paralyzed by a stroke is shown in a hospital bed. His wife is interviewed. She says he can't remember his own name, her name, or the names of any of his children but, she says, "He still remembers the name of the company."

Today the Japanese economy is leading the world & businessmen everywhere envy their success, trying to adapt the Hapanese methods to Western ways.

"Kerochi" may be a good example of what Canadian managers will expect of our children when they enter the job markets of the future.

TORA

PLS DON'T SHOOT

Everyday hunters go out and shoot or trap animals.

When a hunter kills the animal, he's not only taking the life from the animal but also from his/her mate and offspring.

When someone hurts us or our loved ones, we usually seek revenge. Unfortunately some animals do the same because they, like humans, have feelings.

Don't pull that trigger, and don't set up that trap. So PLS stop killing them. Our animals deserve better.

Margaret

THURSDAYS FREE POETS ignite.

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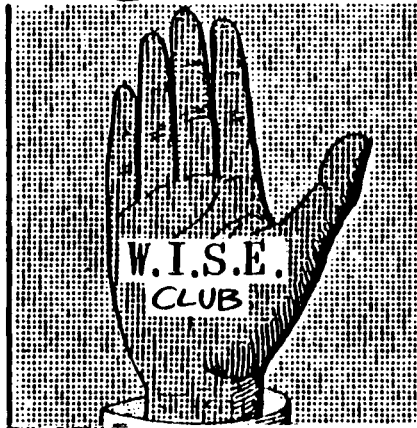
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Aboriginal Rights

'Meech Lake'. OH NO!!!
"We had a talk the other night and
no one mentioned Meech!"

We've been swamped with Meech Lake
stuff for months and it finished.
A Native 'MLA' in Manitoba, Elijah
Harper, exercised his rights to stop
introduction of the ratification
process in Manitoba's legislature.
Aboriginal rights have long been
vague and ill-defined, with an agon-
izing slowness in negotiations for
change.

All across Canada, Native land
claims, fishing and hunting rights,
language, self-government and more
have been on the agendas of Native
Nations for decades.

The Assembly of First Nations has
sought for years to have all issues
resolved and to be recognized as
a 'distinct' society unto themselves.

Following is an excerpt from a
book entitled "Our Home and Native
Land", by Michael Asch. It's re-
printed here to give an idea of
what Native people are up against.

When we read or hear of "another
"Native rights" case", we need to
remember that getting paid off is
not the goal of the Native action.
Self-determination is and has always
been the ultimate goal. Each case
and action acts partly as a reminder
to the rest of us that there is much
unfinished business with our original
peoples.

One issue that is bound to be brought up is whether a nation state that organizes around the liberal-democratic ideal of majority-rule ought to consider the accommodation of special political rights of a small minority. The aboriginal peoples comprise the fourth-largest ancestral-origin group in Canada. However, they are not concentrated in any one geographical area, nor, at roughly 4% of the total population, do they constitute a number that necessarily warrants political accommodation. Why, then, should such a numerically small group of people be granted special political rights?

The argument against supporting such rights was phrased most concisely by Canada's premier politician of the past quarter century, Pierre Elliot Trudeau. In 1968 he wrote that "politics cannot take into account what might have been", a view he justified later in the following way:

Historical origins are less important than people generally think, the proof being that neither Eskimo nor Indian dialects have any kind of privileged position. On the other hand, if there were six million people living in Canada whose mother tongue was Ukrainian, it is likely that this language would establish itself as forcefully as French. In terms of 'realpolitik' French and English are equal in Canada because each of the linguistic groups have the power to break the country. And this power cannot yet be claimed by the Iroquois, the Eskimos or the Ukrainians.

It is this argument that lays at the heart of the government's rationale for instituting the termination policy in 1969. It is also the argument, along with the issue of costs, that is advanced whenever policy matters relating to minority rights are under discussion.

Given the majoritarian orientation of Canadian political culture, a counter argument seems much more difficult to make. In the abstract, however, surely the philosophical counter must suggest that the

relative size and/or power of a group have nothing to do with the recognition by the state of the legitimacy of its claim. Attention must remain fixed only on the legitimacy of the claim itself.

In the case of aboriginal rights this test has been successfully passed: first by the court decision of the Calder case (Decision that aborigines had title to their lands at first contact with Europeans), then by explicit government policy, and finally by their entrenchment in the Canadian Constitution. Thus, whatever the merits of the abstract argument against the majoritarian stance asserted by Trudeau, one point is established. Regarding aboriginal rights, Trudeau's assessment is incorrect. They are not "might have beens" and their legitimacy, therefore, persists independently of the size of the aboriginal population.

The Italian cantons, even though they comprise only 4% of the total population, are accorded ethnonational political rights equivalent to those of the French cantons. Switzerland also recognizes the rights of the Romanch, the original people of the country. They number only 1% of the total Swiss population, but they have the same rights in their communes as the Italians do in their cantons. Finally, the Swiss state, rather than promoting an assimilationist attitude, has taken special measures, including the provision of special funds, to foster the "preservation and furtherance of the culture and linguistic individuality of regions in which Italian and Romanch are used."

The lesson is obvious: the native population of this country is not too small to protect.

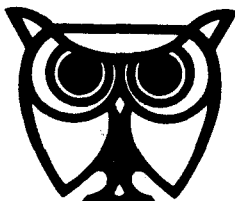
In March 1984 the second First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights was held. At this meeting, the federal government



proposed a constitutional accord entitled "Commitments Relating to Aboriginal People of Canada." This document states that "aboriginal peoples of Canada have the right to self-governing institutions... " It is an idea that was supported by the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and New Brunswick. It was opposed by the other provinces, primarily because the accord lacked clarity with regard to the meaning of self-government.

From the early reports emanating from the conference, one might be led to believe that at least the federal government and the three provinces that supported the idea had already agreed to the kind of offer advanced by the aboriginal peoples. Had this been the case, then surely a great advance would have been made. Unfortunately, such an interpretation is erroneous. A detailed examination of the proposed amendment shows clearly that the federal government has not strayed from its view that aboriginal governments must derive power through delegated authority, for the constitutional accord says that whatever commitment is made must be read as not "altering the legislative authority of Parliament or of the provincial legislatures, or the rights of any of these with respect to the exercise of legislative authority." This is contrary to the view expressed by the aboriginal nations at both conferences, that their governments must have legislative jurisdiction over matters within their domain.

The primary substantive difference, then, between the federal government's position at the 1983 conference and the current view is that now both it and three provinces are prepared to bind themselves to the status quo through a constitutional accord. This degree of progress seems too limited, in my view, to be considered a significant advance toward completing Confederation.



ALIENATION: THE GREAT ESCAPE?

Thank you, Tora, for sharing some of your ideas. The message expressed in your article ALIENATION UNDER ATTACK has a strong Anarchist bias, built on the false presupposition that a "society can be made up of individuals who communicate and act uncompromisingly out of their deepest wishes and highest ideals." This writer stresses the irrational nature of such fantasy.

Furthermore, you present alienation as a philosophical standpoint which essentially focuses on certain ideas of self-transcendence and 'departure'. You claim that these self-alienated 'hallucinatory' states enable us to see a material reality ("The rules of the game") more objectively. →

How-
ever, when making this claim you may have called in a Trojan Horse on two grounds: First, distance (both physical and psychological) does not necessarily promote a clearer seeing. The further I remove myself from an object the more unclear its contours, shapes, colors and details become. Consequently, Distance as alienation leads to a distorted, shrouded view of reality.

The citizen Socrates critically saw and examined Athenian society not through dissociation but as participant; ie 'presence.'

Secondly, a close examination reveals that your 'objectivity' is illusory. Only science constructs an objective world from which all subjectivity is excluded. You admit that scientism is ineffective in the human sphere; "mathematics cannot measure love." We now encounter a paradox. Undercutting your previous standpoint you now state that objective judgements can be made in the subjective realm, on the condition that we embark on "dangerous journeys along the path of self-alienation. However, we never cease to be mediated by cultural and past idiosyncratic experiences. This underscores the dubious nature of concepts such as "own values", "standing apart", "stepping outside." Obscurity prevails, as you never clearly articulate your key concept 'alienation', an ethos you often invoke.

To confuse things even more, alienation appears in totally different contexts. The water does get murky. Your article moves into sharp focus the chasm between a degraded material reality and an aesthetic vision, which advocates critical passivity. This view contrasts with an Existentialist perspective as active humanism which holds that man creates through engaged action the world in which he lives. Your evocation of alienation as the only ethical standpoint converging with a bipolar mode of judging is entirely in character with your first article. However, the question remains whether such a dissociated state can be justified - keeping in mind that we are confronting "malignant" forces. Forces, I presume, you like to see overcome.

So the question is: How can alienation as non-involvement liberate? You reflect

in this context on the creative potential of mystics, madmen/women, poets & artists. However, you fail to define the process by which this sensibility is translated into a vehicle of social change. The historical record indicates that societies have been radically changed through collective action. This fact refutes your claim that collective criticisms are always neutralized and isolated."

Your flamboyant "extraterrestrial assessment" which can be achieved in a trance state, an altered state of 'consciousness' invokes the spectre of a drugged psyche. Sharing Plato's skepticism towards a drugged logos, which fails to remember to take hold of itself, I must question the "objective spiritual overview" such experiment will produce. The analogy of objectivity in the realm of subjective experience is untenable. Inner voyages, hypnotic states, dreams, etc. are still highly subjective.

You are also a crisis thinker who makes an apocalyptic prediction as to the fate of our planet. Mankind is doomed unless the "outcast" mentality survives and returns to create strong spirited individuals." ("When they survive" sounds more like a conditional 'if'). I am trying to visualise - in vain - this New Order. A society of introverted mystics, poets, etc. who are engaged in the "search for self-knowledge" by testing their areas of inner space. You may place a far too heavy burden on the true artist as activist/innovator. Like Nietzsche's mythical Future Legislator Zarathustra, he will refuse to abandon his mountain region for the marketplace/mob. True, psychological alienation proves to be a "dangerous path to travel", a chronically isolated, closed-off state produces very angry and selfish individuals.

Actually, they are the unfortunate "caged birds", that can no longer remember how to fly. (I have taken the liberty to change your friend's subtle metaphor.) An isolationist perspective as escapism does not pass the test of high-spiritedness. This writer equates high-spiritedness with the overcoming of personal adversity, sterile passivity and most significantly with a genuine pro-active humanism, not with lethargic self-indulgence.

By LAILA BIERGENS

SUBJECTIVE ALLOYS By Garry Gust
(MIDLIFE CRISES # 9)

I D, YOUR LIBIDO DEPARTMENT IS PREOCCUPYING TOO MUCH OF EGO'S TIME. DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD FINALLY CLOSE IT DOWN?

SUPEREGO

IT MAY BE MY DEPARTMENT, BUT ONLY EGO HAS THE POWER TO WILLFULLY TERMINATE IT.

ID

I WISH I COULD GET TO SLEEP. CAN'T YOU TWO BE QUIET.

EGO

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU DON'T CARE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, BUT THINK OF ALL THAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY NOT WASTING SO MUCH TIME ON THIS INCESSANT SEARCH FOR SELF-PERPETUATION.

SUPEREGO

WHAT OTHER PURPOSE IS THERE IF NOT TO REPRODUCE AND HELP TO PRESERVE OUR SPECIES?

EGO

IT FEELS GOOD?

ID

EGO, YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT WHEN THIS BODY WAS YOUNGER. BESIDES, OUR SPECIES IS DOING VERY WELL WITHOUT YOUR ASSISTANCE.

SUPEREGO

JUST THE SAME, I CAN'T LET IT GO; IT'S PRACTICALLY MY ONLY SOURCE OF MUNDANE INSPIRATION.

EGO

AND WHAT DOES IT INSPIRE? SILLY LOVE SONGS & EVEN SILLIER POEMS, WHEN YOU SHOULD BE DOING SOMETHING OF VALUE.

SUPEREGO

...I WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING OF VALUE SOMEDAY, BUT...

EGO

CHEER UP, EGO, MAYBE YOU'LL HEAR THE PATTTER OF LITTLE EGO FEET NEXT LIFETIME.

ID

Neighbourhood Notes...

Traffic & Safety - Buses going into intersections when the light has already turned yellow, semi's turning corners, trucks and cars racing in four (or more) directions... all at Main & Hastings. Barb Gudmundson is working to gather info and promote "Being a Defensive Pedestrian".

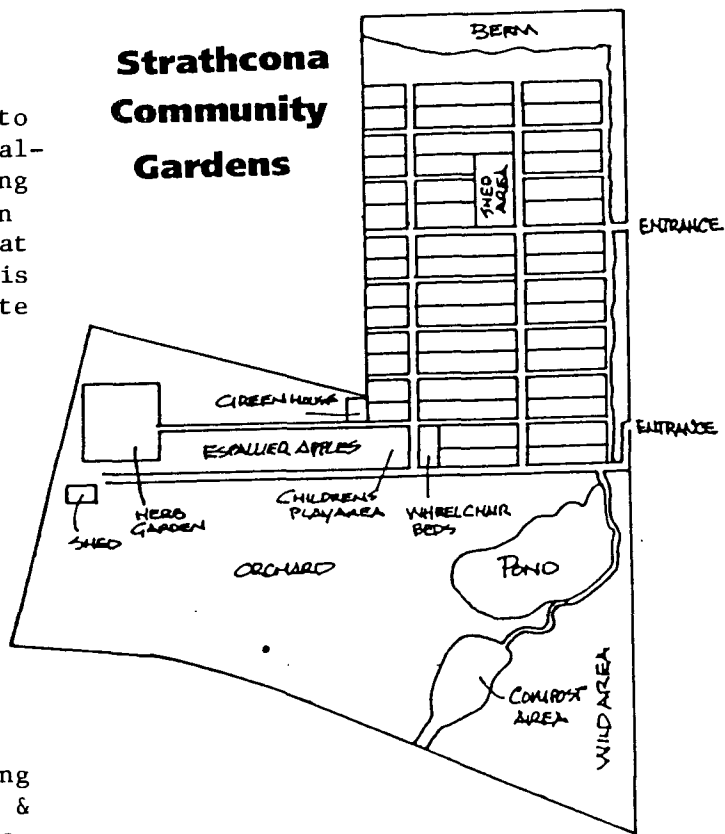
Land Claims - The Gitskan band from northeastern B.C. held a rally as their case concludes in court.

Alcohol - Three more business ventures, three more attempts to increase the use of alcohol in our community. The Vancouver Downtown Inn (formerly the American Hotel) wants to extend hours of operation; a Vietnamese restaurant wants to diversify its license to include dancing and live music and more drinking; & not to be outdone, Ralph Caravetta can't say what part of NO he doesn't understand as he keeps trying to be allowed to open a beer & wine store in the neighbourhood drowning with 80% of all the city's drinking pits within 4 blocks of Carnegie.

Helicopters - It's against City By-laws for all the lobbyists and business people flying back & forth to Victoria via helicopter to disturb residential sites. Complaints on the traffic going to the heliport at Crab Park can be directed to City Hall and the police.

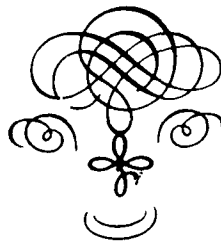
Gardening & Farming - The Community Gardens in Strathcona are the site of much work and sweat, especially on Saturday mornings. Anyone interested can drop by the Prior Street plots on this morning to get involved. CEEDS farms in the interior are open

Strathcona Community Gardens



for anyone to go and help with the work. They ask that people not get the idea that they are running a vacation spot. Farm work is never done..good people help.

Renovations - Another piece of red tape has finally let the long-awaited renos take another step. The work is going out to tender in July and a public meeting will happen near the end of that month to inform all of us what will be the schedules and work areas. We're gettin' there!



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THANK YOU ELIJAH HARPER

Manager, Town Pump,
66 Water St., Vancouver.

Hello

It has come to our attention that your establishment has no machines dispensing sanitary protection in the women's washroom.

This is part of a disturbing trend which replaces tampon and sanitary napkin dispensers with condom machines. Contrary to speculation, the condom machines in the men's room have not been replaced with machines offering feminine protection.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that no number of condoms can perform the function of a pad. While we admire your consideration in providing prophylactics, we should point out that, at any given time, while on the premises, more of your clients are likely to be engaged in menstruation than in sexual intercourse.

You may find this trivial, but it is a major inconvenience to your woman patrons.

Yours truly,
Barbara Daniel

The manner in which the demise of Mulroney's conspiracy was brought to defeat stands eminently to the credit of Elijah Harper who, with all the dignity of a First Nations' Indian culture, did refute the collectively perpetrated abomination of sold-out Manitoba white politicians with the quiet, calm and precisely spoken NO. He has endeared himself in our time as not only a hero but a great man of character who will long be remembered in the history of Canada.

Elijah Harper stands tall indeed and, along with Clyde Wells, deserves a place in the hearts and minds of all those who inhabit this country - both Native and white.

I say Elijah Harper has saved Canada from the disastrous consequences of the biggest (and worst organized) plot ever conceived by a group of elected representatives.

I say Elijah Harper, side by side with Clyde Wells, should be elected to the highest national executive posts in this land and co-operatively create an atmosphere in which whites and Natives will live in peace, harmony and brotherly love.

Wilfrid J.C.P. Barbeau, CD

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at
CARNEGIE
6:30 Wed.

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for Kids
Mondays 7-9 pm.
Saturdays 2-4 pm.
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The people of the South, from Cuba to the lower Americas, enter our awareness through television sets usually showing them armed and preparing to fight. We see young boys, proudly holding their M-16 rifles, trained to kill and die.

The people of the South seem to be under the domineering spell of Cuba's Fidel Castro, who has proven revolutions can be won. Capitalist interests were driven out of Cuba, but they remain as a permanent invader in the lower Americas. That's not to say that there isn't an indigenous group of capitalists in each "banana Republic" who entice the invader to protect their mutual interests.

So, here we have Cuba and the United States, in essence, fighting an absentee war in the Southern Americas where the blood is spilled through torture, mass murder and assassination.

Thinking this over, we may be disgruntled because a 12 year-old boy is a soldier. We may be very grateful that we are spared this hideous reality in Canada. Yes! Capitalism must be "good" if we have no armed soldiers shooting up our streets.

But, we have a conscience that may suggest to us that a 12 year-old soldier should be enjoying a boy's life: riding a skateboard down the street; learning to read and write; living without fear; growing up. He's fighting a system he probably doesn't understand, but it's OUR system that is screwing up this kid's life.

It stands to reason, even though most of us don't play a major role in the capitalist system, that by not attempting to change, adapt, or greatly improve it, we become mental mercenaries..... So, how do you change a system? The answer is forthcoming..as all answers are.

By GARRY GUST

New Democrats News Release

Victoria: B.C. New Democrats are bringing forward tough laws to stop members of the Vanderzalm government from using their public office to help their private friends, says NDP leader Mike Harcourt.

Harcourt says the New Democrats' "good government" laws being introduced this week would provide open government, police cabinet ministers' use of public money, and help put an end to the string of Sacred scandals that have plagued B.C. during Bill Vanderzalm's term in office.

"British Columbians have had enough of the Vanderzalm government's special deals and closed government."

"It's time cabinet ministers were made to use their public office and the taxpayers' money honestly, openly.

"Laws like these could have prevented the string of Sacred scandals we have seen over the past four years - from the Knight St. Pub lies to the Bill Reid lottery scam to Carol Gran and her secret flight logs (and Peter Dueck and the Deputy Minister of Health resigning over expenses...)

Harcourt says the New Democrats' "good government" legislation would:

- * establish tough new conflict-of-interest laws;
- * stop the resale of BC lottery tickets which has been linked to organized crime;
- * provide truly open government by establishing freedom of information for British

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tion for British Columbians to government documents and records;
 * require TV coverage of the Legislature debates and proceedings;
 * lower the provincial voting age to 18.

Other legislative action would be taken to:

- * guarantee fair and open public bidding process on all government projects;
- * stop political abuse and mishandling of lottery funds;
- * require full disclosure of campaign contributions;
- * require the release of air log records for government aircraft.

"New Democrats are laying out the ground rules for how politicians must handle taxpayer money, government projects and the public trust," said Harcourt.

"We're ready to provide British Columbians with a government they can trust - a government that represents everyone, not just the never-ending line up of Bill Vanderzalm's political friends."

Deciding who is good and who is evil is a chancey business. History teaches us that. Drawing the line between crime and sin is tricky, too. Black's *Law Dictionary* defines crime, but not sin. Historically man's early concept of crime equated it with "demonology." Criminals were "possessed." There was little or no distinction between crime and sin since established rules were considered God-given. In the sixteenth century, a workhouse called the Bridewell was built in London, and it housed the sick and old and destitute, as well as petty thieves and pickpockets, reflecting the common notion that "poverty was basically the result of immorality and not so much different from thieving." That so many of our incarcerated today are poor is an indication that four hundred years later we still cling to that notion, whether we like to be told so or not.

Until the 1820s in England, it was legal to whip a person for having smallpox. In a decision in 1862, the United States Supreme Court wrote, "To know the right and still the wrong pursue proceeds from a perverse will brought about by the seduction of the Evil one." Today we imprison people, at huge expense to the public, because they cannot get through the month on their welfare checks and cheat us out of hundreds of dollars whenever they can or whenever they must. For the satisfaction of delivering this punishment we pay a minimum of \$25,000 a year, and the punishment may be for two years or more.

Lila served two years for lying about a \$167 welfare check. She was offered one year if she would plea bargain, but she refused, went to trial and got two years. She still insists she didn't cash that check. "I think it was ma cousin done it, but I didn't get that money." When she had served her sentence, she hadn't learned anything about how to budget her pennies and get through the month with her four children on her welfare check. She can barely read and write and for two years she wasn't required to try. You and I both know someone who took a \$200 income tax deduction at least once last week for a business lunch. Is there any more reason for the taxpayer to pay for that lunch than for Lila's welfare check? I simply pose the question.

LEWIS VALLEY

Brought Dawson to his knees
 everywhere total extinction of the trees
 the giant trees Clearcut Safer

the Dutch Elm disease fighting against a west wind
 Balm of Gilead, Logan mountain Lupine
 Fireweed, Timothy grass seed so tall
 aroma blend landscape scent send
 Morning Glory, purple Clover
 Junegrass and stinkweed

Ecology turmoil, look to the weeds
 Look through the weeds inner city seedy

poor homeless and needy
 so many I don't know
 where the wild poppies grow
 a red & a white, so canadian

They Always Call Us Ladies
 - Jean Harris

Cedar, Hemlock, and douglas Fir
 washed up on Crab Beach shore
 Porkside Park Tocino
 Ironwood,
 arbutus, tenacity
 Lumber limbs beach on salt & sand
 Primrose, Chickroy, Foxglove, Foxtails

Exchanging a smile with you
and to hear the sound
of laughter in the air
and sharing each other's love

Micheal Dupuis

There are periods of time
when things aren't going right -
times when all the plans you've made
might appear to be out of reach...
But as I have come to know,
the darkest and most difficult moments
actually signal the end of troubles
and forecast better days ahead.
From our saddest moments
we are able to gain
strength, confidence and courage
and the knowledge that
a brighter day
is just over the horizon.

(Submitted by Margaret) E. Loni Milton

Skeletons
Knocking at the door
Answer it or not
Pictures of Death
run through my brain
scared ... no
Happy ... not sure
what will become of me

Micheal Dupuis

Cocaine Blues

A final blast
stretched to snapping
the ultimate sin
spins pain
flush to a dark mask.
Oblivion sinks in
grinning,
gunning off frozen stares
from the tip
of the iceberg.

Buji-nin

I fear to feel Pain
'cause my heart
is not a stone
And Bleeds
when touched unkindly

Micheal Dupuis

HOW NOW

If I were ten years younger
I'd join the Hare Krishnas;
Shave my head & wear a toga,
And hang out on the corner.

If I were Ten years older
I'd find a bunch of beatniks;
Painting, writing, toking time,
Defining just what life means.

Garry Gust

AMWAW

A man without a woman
wears the head of a Nomad
on the body of a statue;
he searches for the paradise
of an equal pedestal.

a Man without a woman
prays to the moon with his eyes;
exchanging solitudes with the
Master of intangible love.

A man without a woman
aches with the pride and
pestilence of a free,
unchallenged fire, devouring
its own duration of hope.

A man without a woman
is merely a half of another half,
but nothing is so simple
of a perfect total.

Garry Gust

PROUT

5 fundamental principles of PROUT:

1. No individual should be allowed to accumulate any physical wealth without the clear permission or approval of the collective body.
2. There should be maximum utilisation and rational distribution of all mundane, supramundane and spiritual potentialities of the universe.
3. There should be maximum utilisation of all metaphysical, metaphysical and spiritual potentialities of unit and collective bodies of the human society.
4. There should be proper adjustment amongst these physical, metaphysical, mundane, supramundane and spiritual utilisations.
5. The method of utilisation should vary in accordance with the changes in time, place and person, and these utilisations should be of a progressive nature.

The Progressive Utilisation Theory (PROUT) is given for the good & happiness of all.

P.R. Sarkar



RAMBLING GRIZABELLA

Tattletale winds
Whisper the truth -
The joys of a fool are cool.

Driftwood daydreams -
Blue monday sins -
Sleeping the day away.

Swan kade moon drops -
Rains of romance,
In the moment of a kiss.

I woke up then
Recalling you have gone
Planting the flower of your cheek.

Windchime warnings
Tell me the hour -
It's time to go where you're not,

To miss your rare smile
And hold you in one thought.
One lasting thought.

Garry Gust



VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 13, 14, 15 • Jericho Beach Park

Once again it's time for the Vancouver Folk Music Festival, the 13th Annual, to be held at Jericho Beach Park on the 13th, 14th and 15th of July. We want you to know that the Festival site is accessible to everyone who wants to attend.

Each year the Disabled Access Committee provides equipment and support services for Festival-goers with disabilities:

- * Show your parking placard to the Neighbourhood Committee volunteers for access to the special drop-off area in the East parking lot (enter via Point Grey Road); you can enter at the Concessions and Disabled Person's entrance from the parking lot or at the East Gate (on the 4th Avenue side of the Park.)
- * Disabled persons accompanied by an attendant can ask for the 2 for 1 ticket price. (Persons over 65 are admitted free to the Folk Music Festival.)
- * If you need assistance or information, on your arrival, you can ask at the Disabled Person's Entrance or at the East Gate, and a volunteer from the Disabled Access Committee will assist you.
- * Braille and large print workshop schedules are available.
- * Wheelchairs can be borrowed.
- * Washrooms and telephones are wheelchair accessible (there are four washrooms on site with access; please check site map at the Park).
- * A covered, raised platform at the evening concerts is provided.
- * Roped off areas are provided at each workshop stage.

If you have any needs or questions, please follow the yellow ramp to the Disabled Access tent.

- for further information -
CONTACT THE VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL
879-2931

I'M GONNA TAKE
MY GUITAR &
JAM.

S.S.

I WONDER IF
ARLO WILL
SHOW
UP?

WE MUST DIE
OUT ALL OUR
SIXTIES
CLOTHES

The political foot-in-mouth party-line subservience edicts of the inept Vansham government, as stated in the verbiage "Either agree with me or get out", is a sad though accurate reflection of the dictatorial mentality with which the BC socred caucus is afflicted. 'Tis of little wonder that several defections ensued while resentment built up against such dicta being delivered with such repulsive authoritarianism.

Perhaps in future Canadians will be more selective in their choice of leaders, in whom they place far too generous a measure of political power. This present BC premier was an absolute embarrassment at the Meech Lake Discord session where his discourse was largely a self-centered review of personal European experiences and far off the topic on the agenda.

Sorry but no cigar, Bill! Better stick to your daffodils where you are better qualified. Your Expo land giveaway is proof of your incompetence and the Poole handout of taxpayers' goodies is a scandal in itself. Our hungry kids' needs are far more than your friend. Don't teach your morals to BC workers.

We've far too long been left with a legacy of:

- FOOD BANK LINEUPS
- HUNGRY SCHOOL CHILDREN
- LAYOFFS & UNEMPLOYMENT
- YOUTH SLEEPING UNDER BRIDGES
- SENIORS BEING DISPOSSESSED/EVICED
- LANDLORDS GOUGING
- HOMELESS FAMILIES
- RISING COST OF BASIC NECESSITIES
- CONFRONTATIONAL LEGISLATION
- GANG DRUG WARS

HooHoo

axiom

The increase in the standard of living of the people is the indicator of the vitality of the society.

5 Basic Necessities -
Food, Shelter, Clothing,
Medical aid, Education.

SOMEDAY
Someday I'm going to grow up.
Someday I'm going to abandon my childhood dreams.
Someday I'm going to change the world.
Someday I'm going to fight.
I'm going to lose my identity.
Someday I'm going to lose.
Someday I'm going to be different.
I'm going to change my ways.
Someday I'm going to grow up.
Someday is a few hours away.
And it's ticking fast

Floyd Wong

Chinatown

Junkies
stick thin
motionless
in brittle night freeze
in lines
up on the corner
with death
pacing the ancient concrete
following her
numb to the nines.

Buji-nin

Protest over treatment of poor

By Maureen

Politicians often like to ignore the poor. But there was no ignoring them on June 14th when they set up shop on the lawn of the Ontario Legislature.

Food banks, legal aid clinics, community centres and anti-poverty groups came from Toronto, Hamilton, London and Windsor to protest what they feel is the Ontario government's lack of concern about poverty issues: housing, minimum wage, day care and welfare rates.

They demanded that the government create 30,000 new non-profit housing units a year, raise the minimum wage from \$5 to \$7 an hour, and double spending on day care.

NDP leader Bob Tae supported the protestors saying that a person receiving minimum wage today must work 87 hours a week to reach the poverty line, while in 1975 they needed to work 50 hours a week to reach the poverty line.

Rae emphasized that the government must fight continuously to eliminate poverty: "It's something you've got to keep on doing...if you don't keep on doing it, the system will not change."

(Editor's note: Across Canada, NAPO (National Anti-Poverty Organization) is the nucleus through which all of us can direct our moral courage. In B.C., contact Jean Swanson, co-ordinator of End Legislated Poverty, at 321-1202.)



I have been researching homelessness since April. It is much worse than people are led to believe.

Emergency Services used to have an office that people who were homeless could go to. Now they have to phone and be called back (if they're lucky).

I'm told that this system doesn't work well and people that are homeless are kept invisible by this "call me if you can" phone method.

The government doesn't want people with shelter problems to be visible - police move sleeping people on.

Because of the loss of so many low rental units through property flips, people are finding it difficult to get decent housing at low rents.

I will have a book published in the next 6-7 months on homelessness.

We must treat homelessness as a social problem, not a personal one.

By SHEILA BAXTER

Magic Sticks

The city garbage truck
grinds to a halt
at two o'clock on the dot.
See how easy it is
to throw your life away?
One word of a poet's memoirs
can make a single breath
seem a precious act of creation
while in our hands
a rose may be dying
even as this universe
inside my skull
is escaping
like yesterday's garbage
disappearing
through a whirling metal mouth
at two o'clock
on the dot.

Buji-nin

FALSE PROMISES...

"Social programs are a sacred trust..."

"A national child care strategy..."

"Air Canada is not for sale..."

"More money in your pocket..."

"Jobs, jobs, jobs."

But now the corporate bottom line is the only Mulroney government priority. No wonder business lobbied so hard for free trade.

So how can Mulroney get away with this? He can't if we don't let him! The more we know about Mulroney's real agenda for our country, the harder it is for him to sneak it through the back door.

Help turn things around. The Pro-Canada Network is a coalition of people and groups across the country who want to do something about the future of Canada.

Subscribing to the PCN Dossier not only helps keep you informed, but also gives needed support to keep the coalition effective.



"The government will sell the tax the same way we sold Free Trade..."

Brian Mulroney, August, 1989.

We've got to turn things around.
And we will!

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