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NEWSLETTER

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**"DOWN WITH THE
POVERTY PREMIER"**

In Ontario, Liberal Premier David Peterson was soundly defeated in the recent provincial election; his party ran on promises and "looking to the future". The people kept throwing the present situation in his collective face. Peterson even lost his own seat - truth hurts.

Here in B.C. Vanderzalm was all set to call an election and another scandal set the clock back again. He was caught in a web of lies when the people of B.C. learned that he never transferred ownership of Fantasy Gardens to Miz Lillian. One of the first things he did when elected in 1986 was to rezone part of the Agricultural Land Reserve, thereby increasing the value of his property. Zalm made about \$1 million doing it.

The truth of ownership came out after Zalm extravagantly whined & dined a Taiwanese billionaire's daughter with taxpayer's money - "vast

investment potential" - and the only property sold belonged to the Premier

In the last month or so the Socred pre-election campaign has also been paid for out of the public purse. All the travel expenses, hall bookings and so on for the socred 'town hall' (sic) meetings have been paid for with taxpayers money because when an election is officially called each party has to pay for their own campaign. Vanderzalm and the socreds can't seem to understand that they're not an aristocracy or that being good at looking good doesn't cut it. At meeting after meeting, rather than giving straight answers, spoon-fed political pablum to socred simps.

Peterson, in Ontario, tried to have a "no-issue" election. He was forced out of his ivory tower by organized and committed people from the health sector, teachers, women, child care, anti-racist activists, anti-poverty coalitions, public sector workers and labour boards.

Vanderzalm is facing no less and

knows it. Sacred ads have already started appearing on TV, giving shining fables of their "work" and ending with a slash at the NDP: "what if..." It's as though they think that no one but sacreds have memories or can read.

Following is not complete, just off the top of my head:

- Bill 19 and labour slashed; Bill 20 and teachers smashed; government forced off South Moresby Island after trying to maintain clear-cut logging and slash burning practices; Carmanah Valley is one of the last stands of virgin forest..Forestry & MacBlo working hand-in-hand to destroy it; welfare rates get the first increase in five years, then a cutback when under 25's couldn't get less than those over 25 and everyone lost; single parents cut by \$50 a month and declared "employable" after their youngest child is 6 months old but only half of the needed childcare spaces are even functional much less available or affordable; 49,000 people get a "prove you are seeking employment or be cut off" letter...anti-poverty groups, advocates and community agencies scramble to in-

form them of rights and appeal process, spending over \$5,000 to do what the government should have been doing; single parents are being forced to accept or provide unlicensed childcare; Bill 79 slashes even more independence from teachers with rules designed to screw any kind of fair collective bargaining process...and the SCANDALS!

Starting now and for the long haul, the basic material conditions of our lives have to be raised as a crucial issue: welfare rates & the minimum wage. Numbers and statistics are part of educating people but; to make it more than an academic exercise with politicians, personal experiences are best. All of you reading this, please write down what poverty has meant or done to your life and the lives of your family. These will be put in a pile with others and, with numbers and comparisons, used to show what the effects of Vanderzalm have been. Your name will be kept confidential if you choose. Drop off or send your stories to the Carnegie Newsletter.

Truth hurts.

By PAULR TAYLOR

Harcourt does a number

Staff Reporter

NDP leader Mike Harcourt says he's figured out Premier Vander Zalm's on-again, off-again election hints.

"I understand that when people ask him when the election is on he now says, 'Don't ask me. It's Lillian's business.' Har-



HARCOURT

court quipped yesterday at the IWA (Canada) annual Convention.

Harcourt had other suggestions

as to why Vander Zalm hasn't called the election:

- The Sacred cabinet checked unemployment-insurance rates and begged him to wait.

- His numerologist said things would look better in April 1998.

- He's holding out for an offer to coach the B.C. Lions.

- The paper shredders for his office are still on back order.

- He's only one short of the world record for scandals and resignations.

Of the sale of the Vander Zalm's Fantasy Gardens and the premier's conflicting explanations, Harcourt said, "It hardly seems fair. Vander Zalm pleads guilty to stupidity and

it's the people of B.C. who get sentenced to another six months of him."

He again attacked Vander Zalm for joining the fight against the goods and services tax two years after other leaders in Canada, saying the premier's motive is to try to divert attention from the Sacred's own unfair taxes.

"You and your family now pay \$1,400 more a year in taxes and fees courtesy of the current Sacred government," he said.

on Bill



The Downtown Eastside,
"A Residential Area"

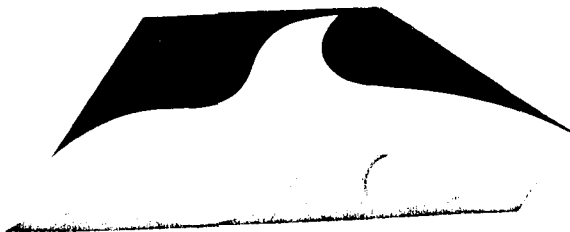
Editor,

There are over 10,000 people living in our community. The Downtown Eastside has a lot of people who have been long-term residents down here. We like to believe that it is a stable area, for Seniors and families with children. It's a community that has a lot to offer, such as co-ops, housing for seniors and a community centre. This is the Downtown Eastside, not "Skid Road" as the media continue to label it as.

Sure we have problems with drunks and/or bums. What community doesn't? We're at least trying to help them by providing housing, which sometimes takes care of the drinking because they now have a place to call home. The street is no longer a place to sleep, but a place to walk with pride.

So, when you come down to visit, look at the changes and not at what it used to be like. We are proud people in the Downtown Eastside.

Margaret Prevost



It was a dark and stormy night (with apologies to Edward Bulwer Lytton) as I arrived at Exhibition Park for the featured eighth race. This was the race, the biggest and richest race of the season.

The consensus said it was between horse 'A' and horse 'B'. With my highly developed system, my many years of expertise combined with a lot of prayers, I favoured horse 'C'. Everything I had went on this horse. I glanced at the ticket, clutched in my hot little hand, to see if it was correct. It was, for it read "Three Dollars to Win on horse 'C'."

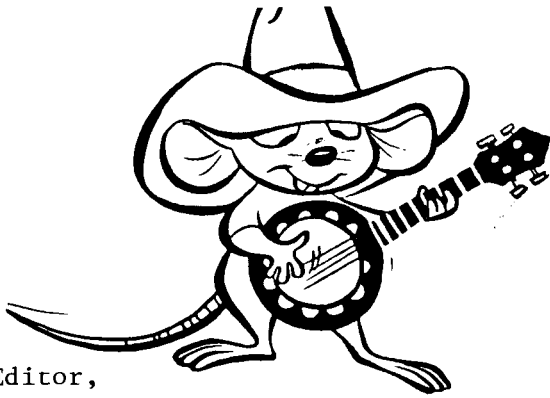
"AND THEY'RE OFF!" came the familiar cry. The horses thundered past me as each tried to gain the lead. I peered through the rain at the "tote board", discovering that horse 'A' was in the lead, followed by horse 'B' and..and..YES!! - my bet, horse 'C', in third.

As the horses made the final turn onto the homestretch, the mighty roaring of the crowd in the grandstand drowned out my shrieking. Horse 'C' was now in second place and rapidly closing in on the leader. Then it happened...

The jockey on horse 'C' fell off. Although my bet, horse 'C', streaked across the finish line first, any punter will tell you that a riderless horse is automatically disqualified.

It was a dark and stormy night as I started the long walk home in the rain.

By BILL TREMBLEY



Editor,

I'm writing to congratulate you on your endeavor to connect Citizens Concerned About Free Trade (CCAFT) and the Coalition Against "Free" Trade (CAFT).

Last issue you featured a report on David Orchard's speech at the Maritime Labour Centre. The report did justice in support of Orchard's anti-Free Trade speech. What I really liked was the posting of a CAFT Forum right next to a CCAFT membership.

It still boggles my mind why these two groups are (or seem to be) so bitter towards each other. I hear it has something to do with CCAFT wanting the NDP and the Liberals to Coalate against Mulroney's government. The Liberals want Free Trade and the NDP probably wants it too. Whatever the case, I don't understand why CCAFT & CAFT don't try to work out their differences. This situation seems to be just what Mulroney's doctor ordered - separation of the masses.

I say we should form an independent party and start offering more alternatives to the electorate.

Anyway, thanks for your article. Whether you did it by accident or not, I loved seeing the two organizations on the same page. If only they were together period, eh?!

By STEVE ROSE

LOST

I lost my job
so I have no money

I lost my keys
so I have no home

I lost my friends
so I have no one
to talk to

I lost my family
so I have no brothers
or sisters

one other thing I lost
was my dignity

All because I thought
drinking was more important.

anonymous



Editor:

Native land claims - to be or not to be; to settle or not to settle. If the answer is yes and a monetary payment is part of the settlement, where will government find the finances?

A friend recently suggested to me a way of accruing some funds to assist in Native land claims. If the provincial government won't eliminate the property purchase tax why don't they put a certain percentage of all the revenues brought in by this tax towards a Native land claims settlement fund? The claims are over land so it seems to make sense to me to get a settlement from the land.

Darren Lowe

(A letter was pushed under the door of the Newsletter office addressed to Susan Musgrave. There was no name of the sender. The only forgiving thing on the envelope was a line stating - "To do with as she wills". This is not a Post Office; mail won't be forwarded or time spent tracking down anyone through the Newsletter. Below is the contents of the letter. Ed.)

Do We Really Know Where Flesh Is

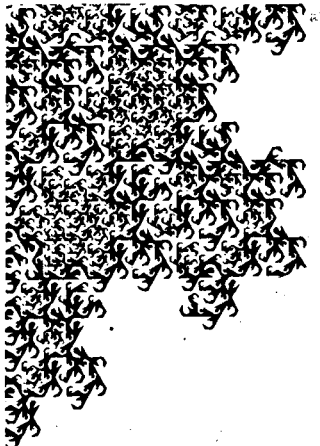
On "white" washed walls
The Shadows grow
In poppy'd patterns
Row on row

From ceiling to floor
Pushing up and both down
Through workman's hammers
Barred for the sound

Free from the sight
Of what goes on within
As marriage's bed
Rocks plaster thin

Jail-house gowns drape the hall
T.V. screens colour it all
As children that play say
"When we're grown,
we'll get married!"
And believe it or not
That happened today!

It happened! It happened!
In a mind to mind way



Editor,

In regard to the last issue about "the woman in front of Army & Navy"..

I felt a real concern, so I talked to a couple of police officers plus G. Salmond of Community Relations at 222 Main Street on Sept. 17.

What was explained to me was that if a person is picked up for drunkenness, he/she is arrested under provincial statute (law). One of three things happens:

1. If a person is not aroused when an officer pinches the finger tips or the pressure points on the shoulder (keep in mind they are not harming them), an ambulance is then called to the scene to take them to the hospital.
 2. If the person responds to the police tactic, he/she is asked where they have and if they are capable of making it home on their own. If the answer is "no" a paddy wagon is called to the scene to take the person to Detox, where the staff say whether or not they stay. If they decide to allow it, the person is kept until he/she is sober enough to take care of themselves.
 3. In some cases they are not accepted in Detox because they are too violent. In this case they are transported to city lockup. If they have hurt themselves while being violent and are in need of medical attention they are sent to the hospital by ambulance. If the injuries are not serious they go to city lockup where an on-site nurse attends to the prisoner's injuries and checks on all prisoners every twenty minutes. All prisoners are checked in the morning by a doctor if necessary.
- So when a person is picked up, they are well looked after. I hope that this puts the 'Downtown Eastside Resident' at ease.

Cruising Wheeler

Editor:

I was talking to a friend of mine who lives in the same housing development - she says we've been picked by some higher authority as a special project for recycling & it only takes a few minutes a day to separate paper, plastic, cans & bottles.

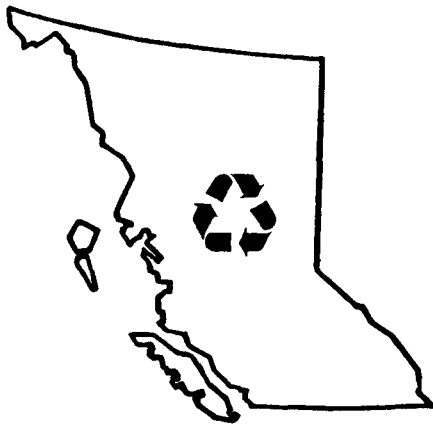
These we put into different bins to make it easier for the recycling industries to recycle them.

When I pointed out that things can only be re-cycled a few times - and that everything is still going to be thrown away - put into landfills etc. anyway, & that the most recycling can do is slow down the process a little, it seemed to make no difference in her enthusiasm for doing it.

When I reminded her how Vancouver had been picked for a "special Pilot Project" a few years ago by the international recycling corporations for the site of the world's first recycling conference where it was revealed that they make over 600 billion dollars world-wide on this business, that is now only considered to be in its infancy, it made no difference in her co-operative attitude.

When I mentioned the fact that packaging is continuing to invent further non-biodegradable substances & products & that all this is expanding with no significant changes on the part of industry, she said, "I know...but..."

When I told her the special pilot project we'd been picked for was designed to use us as an unpaid workforce for the convenience of a 600 billion dollar industry & at the same time to convince us we are doing something to save the planet & provide the housing project with good public relations, she got mad at me & said I was unwilling to have a dialogue. Soon after that she left.



Tora:

Entropy - everything, no matter what it is or what you do about it, decays, dissolves, breaks up & dies. Since it's a law of the universe, the pollution of industry and consumers is as much a part of the natural order as sunrise..and anything anybody does to slow down the process or change the way people think or act is futile. It's pointless to draw or paint or create anything because it will only become dust; writing poetry is a waste of time because it won't last forever. To get right down to it..why bother living when we're all going to die?!

Deep down almost everyone feels that they're special..that they're outside natural laws. Some of us write; some create art & poetry or contribute to our world or the world ...some think recycling is natural and makes contributing to it seem right..like being part of a solution.

Tobacco is at least a 600 billion dollar world-wide industry which is not making any significant changes despite all the health risks. But it's your right to smoke/pollute/die. The rest of us can go to hell. PRT

TORA



FROM FACTORY TO FARM

The most exploited animal in the food "factory" has to be the leghorn chicken. About 90 percent of the chickens produced are leghorns. They live out their lives in little cages, tortured by artificial light and dark, shot full of artificial chemicals, their natural instincts toward mothering stifled.

The organic farmers of CEEDS in the Cariboo are doing something about this, to make farming more humane. They are developing a breed of leghorns that run free and can nurture their own young. It has taken 15 generations of chickens before the old instincts were reborn. Watching these hens and their brood on the CEEDS farms is a real pleasure.

A unique piece of art in the display case on the third floor of Carnegie Centre captures the essence of this project. It's a sculpture of a leghorn hen with her chicks, and a rooster offering grubs and corn to the chicks to coax them out from under mother. It's a little known fact

FALL
The leaves are falling
Summer leaves are no longer green
They are now brown on the ground
There's a chill throughout the city
People are no longer dressed in summer attire
but sweaters, heavy jackets and mitts
At night the streets are no longer crowded
It's time to huddle in your room with a book
or have a few friends over for a game
'cause summer is over...winter has just begun.
Margaret



that leghorn roosters take an active part in rearing chicks. The rooster's role is to gather food to help the chicks meet the outside world.

The art piece was created by Nikki Spooner, a sculptor and painter who had a show of farm art last year in Carnegie. The piece was started in the Carnegie pottery room and finished on the farm. The Community Enhancement and Economic Development Soc-

ed on the farm. Nikki is a member of CEEDS - the Community Enhancement and Economic Development Society. CEEDS operates four organic farms and several other gardens in the Cariboo. It is a non-profit, communal group that is proving that humane, healthy farming methods can produce good, economic food.

Several Carnegie people have visited CEEDS over the past year, and taken part in the outdoor life. CEEDS welcomes visitors for a short or long period. Everyone helps out in farm chores and in sharing what the farms have to offer.

If you're interested in learning more about CEEDS, contact Muggs Sigurgeirson at Carnegie (665-2220).

City park gets year-round staffing

Oppenheimer program aims at jobless Spanish-speakers

By ROBERT SARTI

Neither rain nor snow nor budget shortfall shall stay Oppenheimer Park from its appointed task.

That task is to help keep the peace this winter in the downtown east-side.

Starting this week, Oppenheimer becomes the first neighborhood park in Vancouver to be open year-round with full-time staff.

The park staff intends to target the growing number of jobless Spanish-speaking immigrants and refugee applicants in the neighborhood.

But the city social planning department — not the Vancouver park board — will be paying the shot.

Mayor Gordon Campbell said an experimental multicultural program employing Spanish-speaking workers in Oppenheimer last summer proved a success in reducing tensions.

The summer program, financed in part by the Vancouver Foundation and run by the Carnegie Community Centre, concluded with a "friendship festival" in which about 300 Latino and native Indian parkgoers sang and danced for each other and served their favorite ethnic dishes.

"There are changing demographics in the park, and the community has identified its needs early in the game," said Campbell, explaining why city council agreed to continue funding to Carnegie for the park through the winter.

Community workers were concerned last spring by an increase in violent incidents and drug dealing,

especially around Main and Hastings.

A 26-year-old Salvadoran refugee was stabbed to death in front of Carnegie in April. No one has yet been charged.

At the beginning of summer, up to 60 young homeless Latino men — many of them refugees from war and torture in Central America — were sleeping in the park.

"They had (occupied) the park when we got there to start the summer program," said park manager Steve Johnson, 25, a Nishga Indian originally from New Aiylnsh in northern B.C.

"They felt we were moving in on their turf. But things went better than we expected."

Johnson said the summer program aimed to create enough room in the already-crowded square-block green space to allow all groups to feel at home.

Native baseball games and Latino soccer games were scheduled so they would not conflict with each other. A Spanish-speaking Alcoholics Anonymous group was started, as well as pottery and drawing classes, English language and literacy training and job counselling.

On his desk in the cubbyhole shack of an office, Johnson keeps a pair of binoculars — the better to spot drinking and drug use in the park.

"When they (drinkers) see me coming, they usually take off," said Johnson.

"We want to make it safe for the old people to be in the park. Bingo is a big draw for them, and they like to play chess, too."

The police presence on the streets around the park is also obvious.

As Johnson was being interviewed, three undercover police officers were making a raid on the women's washroom in the park.

The officers handcuffed two young women, questioned them for about 10 minutes, then let them go.

Later, the officers made their way slowly through the grass of the park, looking for drugs stashed for later use.

"They (police) never get the big guys," shrugged Johnson. "Just the

ones that pack (transport) it for them."

Park co-manager Pam Brown said prostitutes have started coming to Oppenheimer to get a break from the streets.

"We can offer a bowl of soup and a cup of coffee, and tell them where to go for housing or to get some training," she said.

Street social worker John Furvey said the park program is needed, but other social services must be expanded, including education and job training.

More than 13,000 Latin Americans have come to Vancouver in the past two years. At least 300 of them are believed to be involved in the street scene in the downtown east-side.

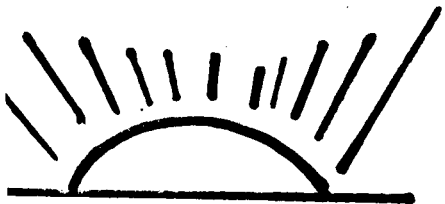
Elmer Leon, 32, from Guatemala, started hanging around the park shortly after he arrived in Vancouver a year ago. At first, he slept in an abandoned car, but now he lives in a welfare-level hotel nearby.

Leon faces deportation because his appeal for refugee status was turned down. While he waits for his appeal, he hopes to find work, but the prospects are bleak for someone with a poor command of English.

"I lived in the States, L.A., for three years, and there I worked every day," he said. "There you didn't need (immigration) papers. You were paid cash."

Leon said he appreciates the changes in Oppenheimer.

"I don't have any money to go anywhere. I don't have a car. I need something to do. The park is my recreation."



Kitchen Chatter

In the last issue of the Newsletter we started what will be a series of articles on the kitchen's policies & activities. Many patrons eat here on a regular basis but are not familiar with" - why we serve what we do

- how it is prepared
- why the kitchen doesn't prepare everything that many people like
- raw food quality & selection
- buying policies
- from where the money comes
- our recycling program and how we are attempting to be environmentally aware

- why we have a food service...

The most obvious place to start is why we have a food service in the first place and this is something we have been grappling with consistently. Two factors appear to contribute more than anything. They are: 1) We are a community centre serving the public and we have an obligation to educate people and to provide the most healthful and nutritious food possible; 2) We have limited staffing and volunteers and therefore limit the volume of food sold.

Possibly the most noteworthy and contentious change in the last few years has been the exclusive use of whole wheat bread products, much to the chagrin of white bread addicts.

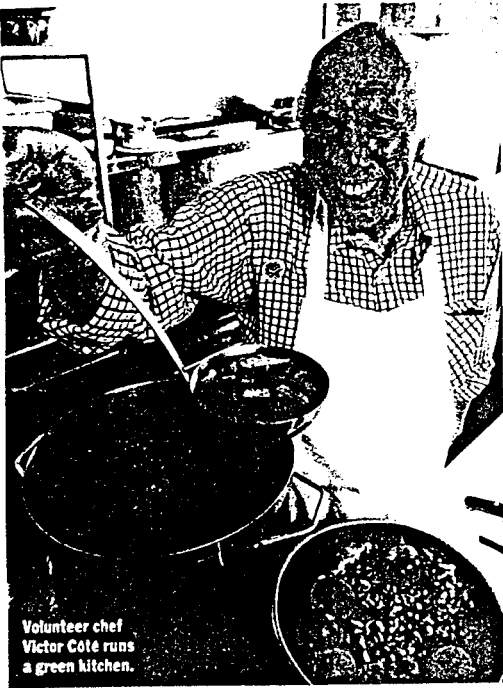
We assume that those who disagree the most are those who have a well-balanced diet and can afford the luxury of something they enjoy but is without any nutritive value. We feel that we must cater to those less fortunate who have limited funds and must eat nutritious food because they don't have much to eat, period!

Another important change to the menu was the addition of the vegetarian meal on Friday nights. Ed Buhr, a regular volunteer in the kitchen, started this trend almost 3 years ago and lovingly prepared these feasts for two years without missing a shift. In those days we were fortunate to serve eighteen dinners but often we are now selling on a par with the other dinners.

Sp, Ed has made a tremendous contribution toward satisfying the appetites of those who prefer meatless cooking and, to be sure, has converted at least a few skeptics who now realize that life can be adequately sustained

without eating meat everyday. Even Ed was somewhat skeptical himself a few years ago, but like many others of us, he has learned a valuable lesson - that old ways aren't always the best ways.

Next issue: What are you eating?



Volunteer chef Victor Côté runs a green kitchen.

No more paper plates

China replaces polystyrene as Vancouver's community kitchen goes "green"

Vancouver Food for the needy and homeless too often means throwaway plates in a dispiriting atmosphere. But at The Carnegie Community Centre, diners eat from china dishes with stainless-steel cutlery, herbs grow on the kitchen windowsill and the honeyed smell of homemade granola fills the air. A move to "green" the kitchen at Carnegie, which serves hundreds of Vancouver's poor every day, has helped the cafeteria turn a slight profit and boosted morale along the way.

Muggs Sigurgeirson, president of Carnegie's board of directors, says environmental action—from composting kitchen waste to phasing out plastic and polystyrene—came naturally to people who use the centre. "The consciousness was really high—we just had to put the structures in place." Organic kitchen

waste—about 90 kilograms a week—goes to a community garden for composting. Food and cleaning supplies are bought in bulk, with an eye to cost and environmental values. Paper, tin and glass are sorted and picked up weekly by a recycling company.

Buying dishes costs more initially but saves in the long term. Over the last 10 years, the centre spent about \$70,000 on polystyrene cups and plastic cutlery. Now, they invest in supplies that last.

For many visitors, says Sigurgeirson, the centre is like a second home. They come to read in the library, to play volleyball or just to have a cup of coffee. Concern for the planet starts in one's backyard—and this is theirs. "The people who use and work in this building have a lot of power. We can make a difference." WENDY STUECK

STARTS OCTOBER 6th!!

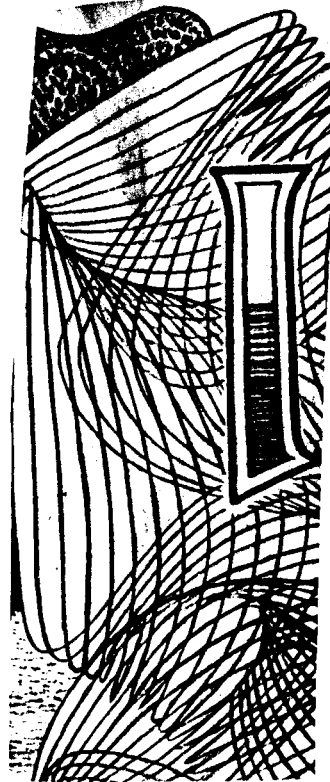
Downtown Eastside Family Drop-In

- Thurs. 10-2; Carnegie Theatre
 - Last Thursday of the month there is the Shopping Club, 9:30 - 1:30 from Crabtree at 101 E. Cordova.
 - Crabtree open Saturdays 10-5.
- FOR MORE INFO: Delilah or Pam 689-2808.

STARTS SEPTEMBER 23rd!!

Carnegie Adult Recreation

- Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.
 - Volleyball, Basketball, Ping Pong, Floor Hockey.
- (All in the Gym on the 2nd floor.)



When you Work for a Lunch Program

If you work for a school lunch program...

You will cry when a fellow worker burns out from the stress of daily survival

You will cry when you sit at the hospital with a friend's sick child.

You will cry when you hear stories of pain so like your own.

You will cry when you lose a battle with the politicians.

You will cry for joy when you win a battle with politicians.

You will laugh when everyone brings the kids to a meeting and they play among the agenda items.

You will laugh when a woman marries with great joy and hope.

You will laugh when the isolation of poverty breaks down and you are not alone.

You will laugh when a planning meeting is cooperative and productive and warm.

You will be angry when you see the effects of poverty in more lives than your own.

You will be angry when you read official statistics and reports and realize nothing is done unless your group tries.

You will be angry when politicians hear but do not listen.

You will be angry when hindsight teaches you a lesson.

You will grow strong when you tell your own poverty story and survive.

You will grow strong when you make a public speech.

You will grow strong when you write press releases.

You will grow strong when the group's action brings an editorial in the local press.

You will grow strong when you are patronized and ignored because your message for change is too uncomfortable to hear.

WHEN YOU WORK FOR A SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM YOU WILL CHANGE.

- Mary Wasley - Mary is a food program organizer out of Nanaimo. The sentiments in this poem can be applied to getting involved in ELP political acts.





FREE WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN - Fall 1990

These workshops are being held at the Women's Centre, Room 2720, New Westminster Campus of Douglas College. There is no pre-registration required. If you wish to attend, simply drop-in at the appropriate time. Info: 527-5148.

OCTOBER

Introduction to Interpersonal Skills for Women
Wednesday, October 3, 1990
1000 - 1200 hours. BETH MORRIS

Introduction to Dealing with Sexual Harassment
& Assertiveness for Women
Wednesday, October 10, 1990
1400 - 1600 hours. BETH MORRIS

Introduction to Stress Management for Women
Wednesday, October 17, 1990
1200 - 1400 hours. ALENA STRAUSS

Introduction to Time Management for Women
Wednesday, October 24, 1990
1000 - 1200 hours. ALENA STRAUSS

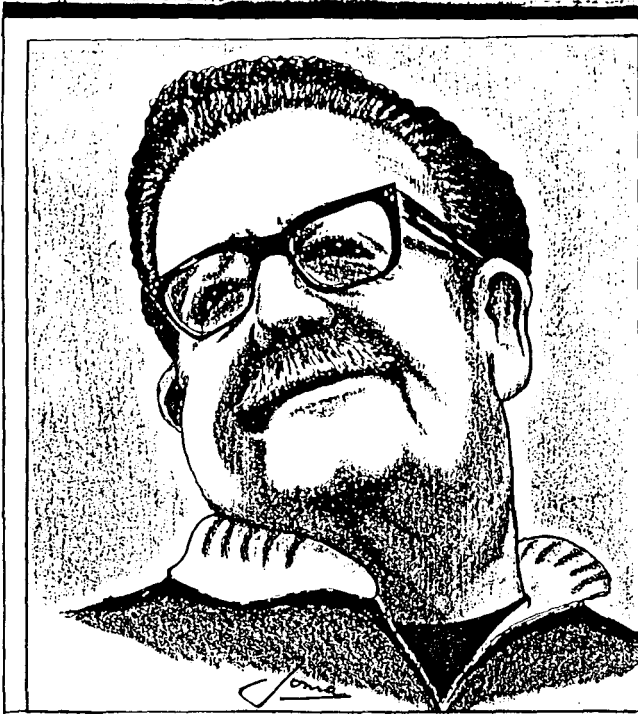
Surviving Single Parenthood for Women
Wednesday, October 31, 1990
1200 - 1400 hours. BETH MORRIS

NOVEMBER

Introduction to Job Search Skills for Women
Wednesday, November 7, 1990
1400 - 1600 hours. ALENA STRAUSS

Introduction to Career Planning for Women
Wednesday, November 14, 1990
1000 - 1200 hours. ALENA STRAUSS





Editor's note: Salvador Allende was elected as President of Chile. His social reforms, taking Chile away from control by multinationals, ended with a CIA-backed coup and the death of Allende. He spoke these words on National Radio minutes before he was murdered.

WORKERS OF THE MOTHERLAND, I HAVE FAITH IN CHILE AND ITS DESTINY. OTHER MEN WILL OVERCOME THIS DARK AND BITTER MOMENT, WHEN TREASON TRY TO SUCCEED. YOU MUST KNOW THAT SOONER THAN LATER THE AVENUES WILL OPEN TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE FREE MAN TO BUILD A BETTER SOCIETY.

LONG LIVE CHILE! LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE, LONG LIVE THE WORKERS!

SALVADOR ALLENDE

SEPTEMBER 11 - 1973.
SANTIAGO - CHILE

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AND MORE...

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TO THE CHINESE
PRO-DEMOCRACY STUDENTS

By WILLIAM LIM

(The poem is a thematic transliteration of the original written in Chinese, also on this page, following one of the classical formats.)

Yes, you told us
you are in pain,
for you didn't succeed
at having your ideas prevail
in Beijing that day.
Your clothes were torn
your faces dirtied
your comrades' limbs broken
lives lost,
and the statue of the majestic Goddess of Freedom
with the attractively Western look
which has become your symbol of hope,
laid in pieces on the ground

under those crushing tanks
and killing guns
at Tiananmen Square.

You fled,
with clenched fists skyward
amidst your defiant shouts of wanting to die
in standing up to those murderous octogenarians
who, after having stolen the fruit of the revolution
put back the lid of dictatorship
over that ancient land
set up again the system of corruption and privilege
to rule the people
and invited fortune hunters old and new
to join the feast of spoils,
laugh, like jackals,
behind the walls of the Zhongnanhai bunker house.
Yes, you said too,



私人利，假公益；自家怨，多诈诬。
犹特权嫌少，更因裂土。
又正言谕群廉耻，辞严檄文全呷醋。
名民泣，其实去民主，尽洋奴！
便平王宗敏暴残行，君何路？
乱嗽，声，凄厲，声，恐怖。
可嘆塵世，再又見，鬼魅塞途。
急如十霄泣吳市，醜過三桂求滿虜。

滿江紅
《評論「民運份子」》
林青華
一九九〇.六.溫哥華



you feel betrayed
that the West, which gave you
haven
whose democratic ideals you embraced
and in whose image you want to be,
is not charging into battle
like an avenging angel
and striking down that hated regime
at the same spot
where your fallen comrades once lay
alongside your broken Goddess;
so that a Democracy
tall, strong, and free,
could rise up on top of that crumpled heap
of trash and ashes.
But you never said a word
about how you're going to fight corruption
when you owe your status of privilege
which you want so much to keep,
to its practice.
Nor about how to seek opportunity
for all
when you demand to increase your own privilege
over others.
Nor about how to build democracy
when you disdain the common folk
and equate a life in their midst
to a denial of your human rights.
Could it be
that all those "freedoms" of expression
of information
of association
and of whatever else there may be,
are but a nice sounding label
for the power you really want
to speak in the name of the people
on whose back you want to build
your empire with the Western look?

over 175,000 unemployed in B.C. now. Say the provincial program works to get 20,000 more out looking. Does anyone escape poverty? The real effect is that more people look for few jobs and push wages down. Big Business and the right-wing governments want this system. Training programs can work, but only if they provide real training and if governments are committed to full employment at decent wages.

Right-wing governments are also planning to use social programs to reduce wages with the relatively new wage supplement idea. Quebec and B.C. have trial versions of it. Ontario is considering a massive program that would cost \$1.3 billion/yr. A wage supplement program could be dangerous in four ways:

- It would cost a lot of taxpayer's money that could be spent on health, education and better welfare;
- It would pull wages down for people at the lowest level because corporations, seeing that govts. are willing to pay their wage costs, would have no incentive to offer adequate pay;
- By making it financially viable for more people to work, the supplement would throw more people into the job market, to compete for work and pull wages down;
- The wage supplement, by reducing corporate responsibility to employees, leaves more money for profits. Corporations will be better able to gobble each other up, buy more machines, move to countries where labour is cheaper. In other words, with a wage supplement taxpayers could help finance the loss of their own jobs.

So those are three of the ways that the big corporate lobby groups and their friends in govt. are using social and welfare programs to reduce wages.

In the past, I think, people thought: social programs serve the poor; jobs serve the working who aren't poor. I hope I've showed that social programs help working people by providing bargaining power; and that we need decent jobs with decent wages to help the poor escape poverty. This means our interests are tide - women, low income people and unions. If one of our sectors wins, we all win.

By JEAN SWANSON

BRIEF

NOTES



MEASLES INNOCULATIONS

Public Health Nurses will be on-site at 223 Main St., the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society (DEYAS) space, between 4:00 & 8:00 on November 7 & 8, Wed. & Thurs.

The measles shots are for children and youth..no adults. For more info call DEYAS at 685-4488.

SENIORS TO SEHELTL!

Members of the Seniors' Support Group are off to Sechelt for a few days of camping. The trip departs Carnegie at 8:00 on the morning of Monday, October 15th and returns on October 18th by about 5:00 p.m.

Eligible seniors should see George Nicholas starting Monday, October 1st for signing up and getting tickets.

Downtown Eastside Poets:

I am writing to inform you of an opportunity to read your work on the air. CITR-FM has a new literary talk-show called "Hearsay". It's on at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. The card below has contact info.

Michaelann Dahlman

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Jim Green, organizer for DERA, presented Muggs Sigurzeirson, President of the Carnegie Association, with a print of the City Hall of Cardiff, Wales. The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of this city toured the Downtown Eastside recently and was impressed with the architectural similarity of the two buildings. He gave the print to the acting mayor of Vancouver who gave it to Jim.



A DIFFICULT SUBJECT

"I thought of you often/
but I never could tell you..."
Ferron

Simone de Beauvoir referred to Stendahl as a great feminist, because he knew that real heterosexual relations could only occur when men and women were equals in the larger political sense of having the same opportunities for education, employment, mobility, etc. The pervasive sense of unreality in the relationship between the army and the Natives of Oka, between officials and any one of us, between employer and employee are similar phenomena (though the sociological differences are acute).

On Friday, Sept. 21, the Take Back The Night march passed in front of Carnegie. I was in the games room where, as usual, there were no women. Listening to the parade pass I was suddenly envious of some thing, the way I am always envious of people who seem to have a deep sense of community..whether it's a tight knit Chinese family, a group of Natives engaged in sharp repartee, or, in this case, a number of women with a deep interest in one profoundly human thing.

The exclusionary element of such feminism is not illegitimate, nor even unnecessary. The point is that, among feminist often lesbian communities, which are almost universally more active, more productive, and more abiding than male homosexual communities (when in fact male homosexual communities exist as anything more profound than what could be the games room at Carnegie), there have arisen a number of thinkers and activists whose significance is general, and who are aware of this fact too offhandedly.

What is missing is the possibility yet of a mentor relationship between radical feminists and men, or between them and many women.

For those of us who value human knowledge, this is the real harshness of that exclusionary element - that many of the most astute examiners of existence and politics and society right now are cut off from us. Yet the possibility for relationships like the one I mentioned is increasing because those feminists are hinting that their responsibility is, on a level far deeper than those institutionalized responsibilities they reject, after all, to all people in all situations. Such a development could not have happened without that exclusionary element which was responsible for the construction of such vital and creative communities in the first place.

Perhaps there is a jealousy of knowledge here, and I am too short-sighted to see that the feminist isolated from men can influence society greatly even in the depth of that isolation. I don't think this is true, but I also don't yet see that men are capable of or much interested in being influenced by any women thinkers and activists, let alone by radical feminists, and if they are, that influence is coloured by the instituted inequality in our society.

We have their voices and can only listen with respect, if there is respect, to them. Historically, men have had almost exclusive control of the voice and demanded to be listened to..demanded the silence of their subjects. The officials demanded it of all, the men of women, the conqueror of the vanquished.

I have not infinite confidence but with desire it might seem that I do..and what I do might have (just a little while ago) seemed impossible.

By DAN FEENEY

The PROGRESSIVE UTILISATION THEORY - PROUT

Political Concepts

Here the term political is used in the broadest sense. It does not mean merely party politics or government administration but covers all the relationships in society which affect social progress. In this context, the fundamental principles comprise the essence of the political concepts in PROUT. The main ideas contained in each of these principles are as follows:

- a) "No individual should be allowed to accumulate any physical wealth without the clear permission or approval of the Collective Body."
 - 1/ Social Formation-Society should be structured so as to ensure the allocation of the minimum necessities to everybody and to take care of the problems of individual survival.
 - 2/ Cosmic inheritance - the universe is the common property of all. Property rights should be based upon a system of cosmic inheritance and not upon private or state ownership.
 - 3/ Freedom - individual welfare vs. collective welfare. There must be constraints on accumulation to ensure that everybody has sufficient minimum requirements, but there is unlimited accumulation of available mental and spiritual resources.
 - 4/ Accumulation - both the psychological urge and actual physical accumulation must be checked to prevent exploitation. The realisation of infinite happiness must always be encouraged.
 - 5/ Social Ethics - the problems of law and morality arising from the accumulation of physical wealth, and both individual & collective responsibility.
 - 6/ Government Responsibility - the duty of the bureaucracy, government and Board of Sadvipras is to ensure proper allocation of minimum requirements and incentives.
- b) "There should be maximum utilisation and rational distribution of all mundane, supramundane and spiritual potentialities of the universe."
 - 1/ Non-human Resource Allocation - problems relating to all forms of resource utilisation; what, for whom and how in all 3 realms.
 - 2/ Maximum Utilisation - the use of resources to provide the maximum welfare to maximum number of people for the maximum time period; also includes things like a progressive incentive system, the use of appropriate technology, etc.
 - 3/ Rational Distribution - accomplished by guaranteeing purchasing power to enable people to acquire minimum necessities, by an incentive system and by social and economic planning.
 - 4/ Planning - short and long-term projections in all vital areas of economic and social life (e.g. the amount of production in a particular area of manufacturing, the development of decentralised cities, etc.).
 - 5/ Methods of Utilisation - how to best utilise resources: e.g. keep them in their present form or change their form; use them now or save them for the future; transport them from one place to another, etc.
- c) "There should be maximum utilisation of all physical, metaphysical and spiritual potentialities of unit & collective bodies of the human society."
 - 1/ Human Resources Allocation - problems relating to the utilisation of human resources in all spheres (phy., metaphy., spiritual).

- 2/ Maximum Utilisation - the use of all human potentialities to provide the maximum welfare to the maximum number of people for the maximum time period. This includes things like ideas, creative potential, spiritual realisation.
 - 3/ Collective Development - the constant endeavor to expand both the individual and collective body/mind/spirit bearing, and the constant struggle by society to get established in universal humanism.
 - 4/ Education - all forms of expanding awareness and pursuit of knowledge. This also implies proper moral and spiritual education - education in all spheres of the unit and collective body.
- d) "There should be a proper adjustment amongst the physical, metaphysical, mundane, supramundane and spiritual utilisations."
- 1/ Adjusting the allocation of human and non-human resources - in order to ensure individual and collective benevolence there must be a proper adjustment provided by guaranteeing purchasing power, rather than by direct distribution. Also, subtler resources should generally be taken in greater measure when more than one kind of resource manifest together.
 - 2/ Administration - the system of government and the dominant varna must endeavor to bring a proper adjustment in the allocation of all resources for both the individual and collective welfare.
 - 3/ Sadvipra Leadership - proper adjustment in the allocation of resources depends much on Sadvipra Leadership.
- e) "The method in utilisation should vary in accordance with the changes in time, place and person, and the utilisations should be of a progressive nature."
- 1/ Social Dynamics - everything varies as per time, place and person, and so must the method of utilisation in a progressive society. Society is constantly changing, and it must always strive to be flexible and progressive.
 - 2/ Towards Spirituality - society must always endeavor to continually increase the scope for spiritual realisation.

These ideas form the basis of PROUT's political concepts and, together with PROUT's philosophy, theory of history and economic theory, form the fundamentals of the ideology of PROUT - given "for the good and happiness of all."

In fighting corruption, there should be a constructive ideal. Different civic movements in the States & Canada failed to give a benevolent service for want of a constructive ideal. They fought only for fight's sake. It is necessary, therefore, that ideal should be first, ideal second and ideal always.

Capitalism makes humans beggars; communism makes the beggar a beast. Those who lack in constructive ideal help the capitalists in their exploitation. Only criticising capitalism would not do any service to the people, rather it will help the anti-social elements in finding out or inventing more tactics for exploitation. This is our condition today. The leftist groups are engaged in criticising the capitalists, which is bringing no fruitful results, and the capitalists have captured power by infiltrating the ruling party. Ours should be a constructive ideal and we should mount a ceaseless and practical struggle against all anti-human and anti-social factors. We are to fight capitalism and not the capitalists.



TO CALL, OR NOT TO CALL: THE ELECTION IS THE QUESTION: WHETHER 'TIS NOBLER IN MY MIND TO SUFFER ACCUSATIONS OF DESPOTIC LEADERSHIP, OR TO TAKE UP A GLOSSY ADVERTIZING CAMPAIGN AGAINST A HORDE OF SOCIALISTS AND BY HYPNOTIZING EVERYONE WITH MY SMILE, SILENCE THEM.



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"Time to deal people in"

Too many people today think politicians lool after themselves and their friends first, and the people who elected them a distant second.

Integrity in government has become perhaps the major political issue in our province right now because of:

- * Public dollars used to promote the interests of the governing party, and not the interests of the people who elected them;

- * Cabinet resignations, firings, and otherwise forced departures unmatched by any Canadian government outside of Brian Mulroney's;

- * A justice system that is not seen to be fair and free from political interference;

- * A premier who uses all the trappings of our government to do his personal business - and then sees nothing wrong with it.

Is it any wonder voters are cynical about politicians?

We won't be able to change that cynicism until political leaders remember who they're elected to serve. I believe those who forget and take the public trust for granted will pay the price like never before. David Peterson found that out in Ontario.

I've spent a lot of time listening to British Columbians. I believe people see beyond expensive and empty promises. You're telling me that you're not asking for more and more, you're demanding better and better. The politician who believes he or she can buy your vote with your own money is in for a shock.

You're saying: work within a set of spending priorities. But the emphasis is on priorities, not spending. You want us to get the priorities right.

Instead of using lottery dollars as political slush funds, use the money for surgery waiting lists. Instead of



using government jets as a political taxi service, use the jets as they were intended, as air ambulances. And instead of giving away the Expo lands lock-stock-and-barrel to offshore developers, give British Columbians their chance to turn fantasy into fortune right here at home.

It's time for a change. It's time government clearly worked in your interests. And that starts by providing honesty and openness in government. It includes setting out a "people's agenda" and getting to work on your priorities - for taxes, good jobs, women's equality, decent education for our kids, affordable housing, and enhancing B.C.'s special quality of life for all our families.

I'm not promising miracles. But I can promise all British Columbians that we'll do our best to hold everyone's interests at heart, instead of the current government's friends and insiders.

I believe that if we deal people in - if we bring our government back to ordinary men and women, and honesty and public trust back to government - we can do great things in our province.

By MIKE HARCOURT



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Why the hell should I vote?

Reasons not to vote are easy to come up with: "It doesn't matter", "it's useless", "all politicians are the same". But I get frustrated when a joke like Vanderzalm can make my life miserable if he wants to on a whim.

I have a rage inside that burns when a forest gets raped, when rich people get richer at my expense, when someone who deserves better gets stepped on like a bug just so some dismal excuse can get what they have no right to. Things like single parents with a child 7 months old having to look for a job; when the worth of people I know is judged by how much money they have or where they've gone to school..on who they know instead of who they are.

What it comes down to is this: If I don't register, I can't vote even if I want to. If I register, I can still choose not to vote, but that leaves me saying nothing and not doing anything about my being poor--and poverty--about free education--and making this a better place for kids--even about not having a decent place to live--and about housing for all. It goes on and on and not voting says that I, at least, accept the way things are.

If you've gotten this far, you can likely figure how this ends; please go through the process..register..vote. Every person counts.

Thanks for your time.

PaulR Taylor

bingo
at
CARNEGIE
6:30
Wed.



NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTRE...

Learners and tutors got together last week for the first Learning Centre meeting after the summer. They told about their good experiences in the Centre and the value it holds for them.

The format of future meetings was discussed and the group decided to hold them on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, starting at 7 pm and ending at 8:30 pm. Each meeting will have a focus which will be explored in depth for an hour, leaving the rest of the time for general concerns and regular business.

If you would like to suggest topics for discussion, you can tell Lex, Mike, Claude or Colin or write a note and place it in the "Meeting Topics" envelope in the Learning Centre.

Everyone stressed the importance of the meetings and encouraged all tutors and learners to participate.

See you there!

Birth Announcement -

MONDAY, 24 September

"My eighth grandchild was born!"

Dear little baby
grandchild mine
I hold you,
and hug you
only 6 hours born.
The link
that continues
the world.

love, Grandma

To my people at Oka:

I have a real concern as to what's happening at Oka. I feel that the situation is getting out of hand. I do want to express that I was in support of what you were doing so that the "people" would not build on burial ground, and the right to get the land claims settled.

However, I feel that we should call in our ARMY. So you ask yourself what I am talking about. Our army is our ELDERS. It seems to me when something is not right or going right we always ask our elders.

Our elders have sense in that they do not (most times) get angry or upset. They always want to make sure the people get what they want by reasoning and working out the problems.

So I feel that it is up to the young people to ask for the elders' assistance in this situation. It seems that the so-called government is not willing to listen to our younger generation due to the fact they are "hot heads" - just like any Canadian-born person.

Your response to this letter would be most appreciated.

TAKE CARE BECAUSE I CARE.

Margaret Prevost



Surrender??

The Kanasetake people are an honourable people. They worked for all aboriginal peoples. Their battle was not won though. The violence that occurred to end the 78 day standoff is just another example of a bitter attitude directed at the aboriginal minority of this land.

The federal government did not address any of the concerns put forward by these people. The power policy of "might makes right" has won through to squash human rights in this country. Native Affairs minister Tom Siddon has made the comment that the federal government has made some mistakes. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, on the other hand, has refused to call for a public commission to examine the events that occurred.

Until the federal government begins to recognise the interests of the aboriginal peoples of this country, more of these types of occurrences will become evident. Land claims and social programs have to be taken off the back burner. The rights of the aboriginal peoples have to be talked about..they cannot be treated as adversaries. The cause is an attitude of neglect; many people, not only aboriginals, continue to suffer with the effect - being treated as 'second-class' citizens.

Our governments, both federal and provincial, must change and recognize new policies concerning the social structure from coast to coast. New policies and new approaches are needed to resolve these attitudes. If they are not dealt with we will continue to move towards a "police state". What will be the reaction towards rights then?

By WAYNE KELLAND

syllabic style

flowers and blossoms
to adorn us

pearls of beauty
many colours

to vision in
our minds total

tranquility
sunburst of rays
aglowing in
the vast glory
of plants
of Earth
of us

Frank Joe



The on going crisis continues, as the Mohawks and the Canadian Armed Forces wait for the decision from the Federal government.

The governments still don't recognize that the Mohawks have a right to the disputed area and were defending that aboriginal right; this is what the governments refuse to acknowledge.

If the Mohawks are guilty as the Bourassa government, along with the conservatives, believe, then the government should investigate this whole incident..right from the Quebec police storming the Mohawk blockade using all the fire power they could muster. During this invasion one of the Quebec police was shot. Evidence has it that no one is sure where the bullet came from. The Mohawks were quite prepared, answering their fire with a hail of their own bullets.

This incident cannot go unnoticed, especially if the army is ordered in. If there are criminal charges laid on the Mohawks, all other incidents need to be fully investigated.

One such incident is the stoning by the nearby community, who were in no doubt very upset, of the caravan of Mohawk elders and children as they drove through this assault of stoning, abuse, damage of personal property, etc.

Investigations done by Army Intelligence inform the people of Canada that many of the warriors on the Oka blockade are not Mohawk. Here the person called "spud Wrench" was a Mohawk. but regardless of **who** is on the blockade the issue remains that aboriginal rights must still be instated in the constitution of Canada.

Governments say they will not reason until the Mohawks lay down their arms and surrender to the army. This is typical for governments - to follow in the steps of past misjustices to the first nations of this country. They continue to say that this is the greatest democracy to live in in the world. If that is so, then we shall all witness how great this democracy really is...

By DARRYL WATTS