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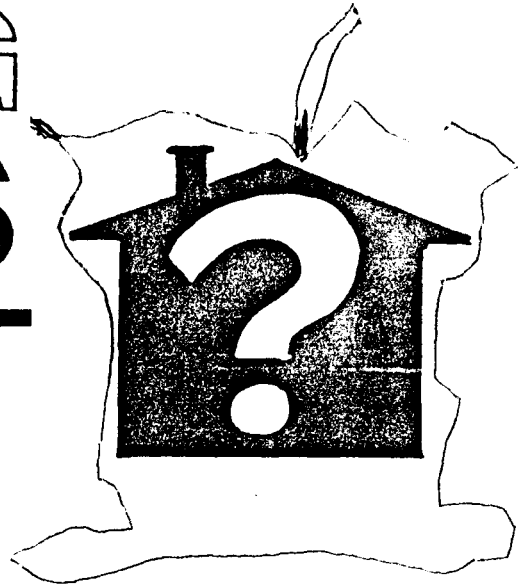
NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 1, 1990.

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HOUSING CRISIS



THE HARD CORE ISSUE

On Tuesday, October 30th, people filled the Robson Square auditorium ..literally. By 7:30 it was hard to find a place to stand. Vancouver is in a crisis situation with homeless families, single mothers & children and single persons "living" in parks and alleys and under bridges. The reason for gathering was to hear both JIM GREEN, the COPE/Civic NDP candidate for Mayor, and Gord Campbell, who has been playing Mayor for four years as head of the NPA - the No Principles Atall party.

Short and sweet: Campbell tried to

defend the record of City Council's performance and failed on every point. Now before you get the impression of this being biased or one-sided.. any person attending could only come to the same conclusion. Every answer he gave fell far short of even being an explanation. He kept referring to the "realities" and when that didn't satisfy anyone he constantly passed the buck to "senior levels of government". He did come out strongly in undying favour of "property rights"; which describes the NPA's philosophy on just about everything - money.

THE HARD CORE

As a stark contrast Jim Green won applause and support on practically all points. He even gave Gordie a tip on how to negotiate with the boogiemán Campbell kept referring to ..the "senior levels of government". Then Jim cited several examples where his strategy had worked and housing was the direct result. Campbell couldn't even back up his numbers when the Civic NDP tore into his; "Facts on Housing" - printed in newspapers all over the place. Each fact was prefaced with 'Under the NPA'...

- new demolition regulations were introduced on April 4, 1990. Since that time no new demolition permits for apartment bldgs. have been approved.
- discrimination against children in rental housing was eliminated.
- Vancouver had more housing starts in the last year than any city in Canada.
- the largest land bank for low cost housing was created in the city's history.
- the Shelter Allowance For Elderly Renters (SAFER) was increased by 15% or more.
- \$300 million worth of amenities for Vancouver in the form of parks, day-care centres, and schools were negotiated with major developers. All at no cost to the taxpayer.
- all in-law suites were legalized throughout the city.
- tenant rights and protections were expanded including the tripling of notice provisions and requiring that developers pay tenant relocation allowances.
- Vancouver won the Planning Institute of B.C.'s 1990 Award for Planning Excellence for the successfully concluded False Creek development plan

To which COPE/Civic NDP responded:

- * Under the NPA- 285 demolition permits involving 1345 housing units were issued between Jan. & Sep. '90. In '89, over 500 permits involving 1500+ units were issued. Housing loss continues.
- * The Provincial government, after NDP MLA Emery Barnes lobbied for years, eliminated discrimination against children in rental housing.
- * Toronto had more housing starts than Vancouver; also Surrey. Per capita, so did Burnaby, Coquitlam & Richmond.
- * During the Pt.Grey by-election NDP candidate Tom Perry proposed increasing SAFER rates. The sacred candidate agreed and finally the govt. consented.
- * To date 9 permits for family (in-law) suites have been applied for. 63 permits for permanent (secondary) suites have been applied for. There are 305 standing applications to phase out suites. The total number of secondary & in-law suites in the city is estimated at 26,000. Cost of the program to date is \$1,261,872 or \$17,526/unit.
- * Improvements to tenant protections only applied to those living in RM-3 zoned apartment areas. The majority of tenants are not protected and the NPA City Council has rejected zoning and by-law measures, such as demolition controls, to protect tenants.

To quote somebody, "When the credibility of an exaggeration smells like shit, it's a lie." The NPA slogan of "HARD WORK & DECENCY" is a joke.

Stay tuned..and remember to Vote!

By PAULR TAYLOR



HOUSE OF COMMONS

CANADA

Mr. Paul Taylor,
Carnegie Newsletter,
401 Main Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Oct. 15, 1990

Dear Paul:

Thank you for sending my office copies of the Carnegie newsletter on a regular basis.

I enjoy very much getting the news and think your newsletter is great. I have enclosed a cheque for \$100 to help with the costs.

Once again, congratulations on the great job being done.

Best wishes,

Margaret Mitchell
MP Vancouver East.



Always Heard but Never Seen

We are the unknown
the never seen
but always heard
Our job is never work
Though our work is our love
Always heard but never seen
It's always in need
And we always support & give
Always heard but never seen
Two month waiting line for what we do
When we don't have to wait we
get what we put in
Always heard but never seen

Sometimes people talk into the work we do
Get their voices above all the rest
It's expected to be that way they say
as we're Always heard but never seen

Steve Rose



Editor,

When the UBC boys sent notices around to the women of UBC...

The letters were rude, degrading and downright childish. For them to think that a public apology and/or a bouquet of flowers would undo their wrongs... Well I want those boys to know what they did is unforgiveable.

It's hard enough to live in this world without this kind of hatred.

It's a shame to know that one day these boys will represent our country as either a lawyer, doctor, scientist or a teacher to our children.

They have all placed the university in an awkward position, because the disciplinary actions have not yet put a dent in the boys' lives. For some reason the university authorities are finding it hard to punish the boys.

Margaret Prevost

To Carnegie Newsletter Readers:

Some persons in the Downtown East-side are opposed to the GST but a little calculation tells me I will be ahead financially if that tax becomes reality in 1990, provided the Social Services and Housing Ministry does not glomp onto any part of it. Whether they will or will not will be decided in Victoria when and if the GST becomes Federal law.

The GST will NOT apply to residential rentals nor to basic groceries. (It will not apply to chicken at the meat market but it will apply to chicken in a restaurant.)

Since the GST won't apply to rent, we need concern ourselves only with the Support and telephone of my GAIN cheque. These together total \$263.60 per month. I think I probably spend about \$100.00 per month on non-GST-taxable groceries which means I will have \$163.60 to spend on GST taxable goods and services. Seven percent of that amount is \$11.45. Over twelve months this totals \$137.40.

Revenue Canada sent me a notice saying I will get a \$95.00 refund-in-advance in December and a further \$95 refund in 1991 for a total of \$190.00. Subtract what I am paying in GST, approximately \$137.40, I will come out ahead about \$52.60 a year.

The 13% Federal Sales Tax will be abolished when and if the GST goes into effect and businessmen will be required to reduce their prices in order to pass on the savings to consumers. This will mean a further benefit to persons such as myself. If the businessmen do pass on the saving, tobacco, clothing, furniture, alcoholic beverages and many other lines of goods should go down in cost.

The \$190.00 I will get is the basic GST refund for a single person. The amount of the refund increases with income until the \$24,000 Annual In-

come point is reached when it declines sharply to zero.

It is easy to see that the fat-cat Middle Class is going to be the level of society hit hardest by the GST. That's your typical Social Creditor with a house, two cars in the driveway and an income from \$25,000 to \$100,000 a year. It is that class that buys most of the high-priced items and that demands the overwhelming majority of services. The poor often don't own cars and houses and boats and revenue buildings that demand upkeep. The Middle Class do and, if the GST becomes reality, costs of that upkeep will become taxable. No wonder the Middle Class and their man Vanderzalm are screaming.

The rich are not against the GST because their financial well-being is tied in with major industry and manufacturers are happy to see a coming reduction in their prices with the end of the 13% Federal Sales Tax - without a corresponding reduction in their profits.

It is worth noting that while the GST refunds will be paid in advance, according to plan, the Federal Sales Tax Credits are paid after-the-fact, so to speak. Therefore, even if the GST becomes real, we all still have a refund coming when we file Income Tax papers in January.

Let me say again, in my opinion, the poor who campaign against the GST might well think again.. They might find they are campaigning in support of the Fat Cats with their big cars and houses and against their own interests.

By ERIC ERICKSON

"I hate violence. I think all the violent people should be taken out and shot."

Erik,

The GST affirms what very wealthy people think - that taxes and the price of society should be born by everyone but them. "Fat cats" with a car and a house, the "middle class" are already being squashed with an e-er-increasing tax burden while the very rich get away free.

What I can't understand is how you find it easier to chortle over the gouging of someone who has money in the bank rather than accept the fact that this whole tax disaster is being rammed down everybody's throat by the people who own banks. The same people who make \$500 million in profits A YEAR and get tax rebates are widening the gap between themselves and the majority of people. In the '50s, corporations and individuals each paid about half of the income taxes. In 1989, corporations paid 11.9%..individuals paid 88.1%. Banks made \$7.64 billion profit and paid taxes of 2.48%. As the deficit soared between '86 & '89, corporate taxes fell by 22%. Levels of corporate concentration in Canada are among the highest in the world. In 1987, 25 enterprises controlled 1,116 corporations and owned 41% of all assets. The top 1% of all enterprises controlled 86% of all assets and made 75% of all profits.

You've called the people who back this obscenity and believe what they want you to believe. I'm sorry, but the logic of your letter is akin to being distracted with a two-penny toy while a thief picks your pocket.

The same people who saturated the media (which they own, too) with lies about the "free" trade deal are conning you again with all the sweet talk of how good this GST is. 87% of Canadians want FAIR taxes but you say you're okay..secure in subsidized housing with a pension. People

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by the thousands are being forced on welfare as jobs vanish, rents skyrocket, social programs are cut, medical aid becomes pay-as-you-go and no one gets an education without paying exorbitant fees. Maybe I'm mistaken but I thought advancing age imparted some wisdom.

Paul Taylor

Mr. Joseph Kuntz
134 Powell St.

Beer prices are determined by the suppliers, who set the cost price.

Taxes on all alcohol products are high because government believes some of the social costs of alcohol abuse should be paid from sales of the same products. These social costs (ICBC, WCB, police, medical plan, etc.) last year amounted to over \$1 billion, while Liquor Distribution Branch net revenues were about \$420 million.

Yours truly,
L.N. Dyer
Acting General Man.,

BUS TRANSFERS TO BE GOOD BOTH WAYS!

Starting November 1st bus transfers will be good for travelling both ways. You will be able to buy a bus ticket, get a transfer, ride to the store and use the same transfer to ride home. You have to use the transfer with 1½ hours of getting it.

ARE YOU ON THE CITY VOTERS LIST?

Call 873-7681 to see if you are. If not, you can still vote by taking some ID with your name and address on it to your polling station.

- * Be a Canadian citizen
- * Be 19 years old or older.
- * Been living in Vancouver 3 months

WHERE DO YOU VOTE?

Call 873-7011 for the address of your polling station.

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The Werewolf

The Moon was a sailed Yellow Galleon
 Riding high on an endless ebony sky;
 Midnight approaches..the witching hour
 is close at hand.

Soon the countryside - the glens, vales
 and hillocks will reverberate -
 with the eerie call of the Wolf.

Inside their havens, human mortals
 tremble in fear,
 Every door & window is double bolted,
 ..every creak and thud is noted,
 As the tireless orb crosses the vast Ocean
 casting dubious shadows on unsuspecting prey.
 Only the unnerving wail of a victim
 signals the approach & departure
 of the predator.

Soon a faint glow far to the East signals
 the dawning of another day...
 Time to go home and retire. Yes!
 It's been an interesting evening.

A. Milton

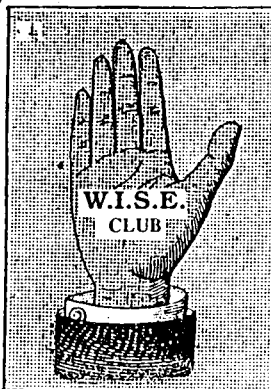
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Safe Labor *not* Slave Labor!

(From FLAWline, BC's Front Line Advocacy Workers' Newsletter)

MSSH is steadily putting pressure on "employables" to get jobs. FLAWs are finding that people are being cut off welfare for quitting jobs that force them into unsafe and kiyst kabiyr conditions.

"People go back to welfare and try to get back on," says Freda Maclellan, DERA. "50% of our appeals (sec.18) are because of bad working conditions."

MSSH is also putting pressure on MSSH Rehab workers to find employers to register for the Employment Plus Program. MSSH gives employers a wage supplement for employing people. Even with the wage supplement the wages are very low.

What about labour standards?

FLAWs hear cases of no coffee breaks, no lunch breaks, working in unsafe conditions without safety gear, and having to do work that will exacerbate ill health, i.e. heavy lifting for bad backs, etc.

What screening is done of potential employers for the Employment Plus Program?

"Not a whole lot. There is supposed to be a "supportive environment" for people who haven't worked for a long time and full-time work of 30-40 hrs. per week at a minimum of minimum wage for 6 months," says Imogene Jackson of Community Relations for MSSH in Vancouver.

"Employers phone in referrals and we post the referrals and that's it," says Pat Mettrick, Rehab Officer (RO) in New Westminster and promoter of the program.

Who's responsible for checking up on bad working conditions and sleazy employers?

"The responsibility always lies with the employee and client." Really? What about MSSH criteria for this program?

From a brochure about the program: "Employment Incentive will not be improved if there are any unresolved complaints about employers at the Employment Standards Branch, Ministry of Labour and Consumer Affairs."

"I tell people to make an employment standards complaint, or they won't have a chance of getting back on regular welfare" says Freda.

According to MSSH's own criteria, if there is an "unresolved" (labour) complaint, the employer should be opted out of the program. BUT, is MSSH doing this?

"If the complaint is really horrendous, I'll go to the Area Manager about it. I generally won't refer clients to employers that we've heard problems about, like a boss who is impossible to work for."

In other words, there is no formal follow up of employers. It's up to the time and whims of the RO in a thoroughly understaffed ministry. No human could possibly do it effectively alone. Therefore, even if a labour complaint is made, people could still be referred to bad bosses.

The problem is simple. Welfare is for business, not people, in B.C. These programs provide a cheap labour force with little accountability to the worker.

In effect, FLAWs and people on welfare are put in the position of monitoring the program for MSSH! Meanwhile, MSSH is playing the role of hob referral agency. Their commission is the pride of "closing welfare files."

"We're proud of this program," says Pat Mettrick. "It's a real tool for independence." In reality, the wages in this program do not bring people above the poverty line, even if they are singles without dependents. Secondly, the program, being only 6 months long, shifts people from the welfare dole line to the UI dole line.

"In effect, Employment Plus provides employers with slave labour and makes the government look good while exploiting people," says Jean Swanson of E.L.P.

POVERTY
is not a
question of
choice

What to do?

FLAWs in Vancouver think that MSSH should be more responsible in monitoring employers' labour standards in their Employment Plus Program. No person on welfare should be referred to jobs that contravene B.C. Employment standards.

Advocates

1) Keep track of these kinds of complaints on a paper like this:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Problem</u>
Jane Doe	Bad News & Co.	No safety gear

2) Phone Rehab Officers. Tell them that this is happening. Tell them to take this complaint to their management.

3) Get a copy of Workers' Standards frp, Workers Compensation Board and BC Employment Standards.

4) Tell FLAWline about the complaints.

Ombudsman

"In order for the Ombudsman to do an investigation, we need specifics," says Elizabeth Nicholls at the Ombuds office, "specific employers, names, conditions, etc. Send the specifics to FLAWline and we'll pass them on to the Ombudsman."

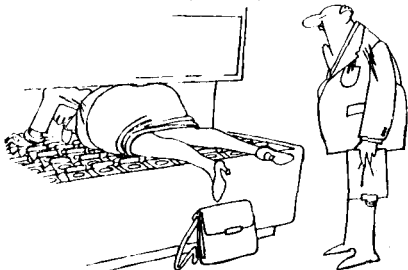
ELP is Moving!

As of November 1, our new address will be:

**#211-456 W. Broadway
Vancouver, BC
V5Y 1R3**

Our new phone # will be:

604-879-1209



"Madam... the dates on the milk are all the same."

THE YEAR OF LITERACY: WHERE HAVE ALL THE DOLLARS GONE?

In December 1989 the government appointed Provincial Literacy Advisory Committee presented its final report to the Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

In March 1990 the PLAC report received unanimous approval in Victoria.

There are 34 recommendations in the PLAC report with a major emphasis on developing community programs which would give the communities capability for action. There is no funding despite these recommendations.

There are only 22 new spaces in the entire province in post-secondary institutions for people to participate in literacy programs.

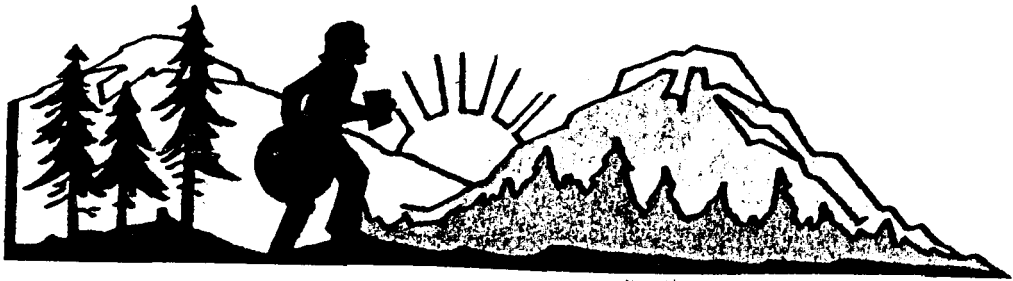
Funding for Adult Basic Education has decreased. Communities throughout BC are ready to begin literacy programs but funds aren't available.

The sacred government's position states only that no funds will be forthcoming; and only promises to review the need in 1991/92.

This position is unacceptable.

What We Can Do

- * Write or phone Bruce Strachan, Minister of Advanced Education.
- * Write or phone your local MLA to state that the government's position on PLAC isn't acceptable.
- * Ask your MLA what her or his position is on literacy issues and what they will fight for if elected.
- * Raise the issue of literacy at all pre-election political gatherings.
- * Write letters and/or phone in to radio talk shows to state your view about the lack of response to this.



Creating a disposable workforce

Carnegie's Learning Centre is a network for many kinds of learning and sharing. One-to-one tutoring is available for any number of interests ..from basic reading and writing to math to English as a Second Language.

A regular feature is the GED, a course where students can get their Grade 12 equivalency diploma. Many jobs are only available to people who have their Grade 12, and many training courses at the local Community Colleges, like King Edward and City Centre, have been geared to help as many people as possible get an education. In the last 2 years, V.C.C (Vancouver Community College) has experienced strike action by both teachers and building staff over many issues, the least of which was wages & benefits. For several years public education has been getting less and less in the way of funding from both federal and provincial governments. The move is on to privatise..to let employers set up training and upgrading courses.

Alberta has been going through this and Teachers' newsletters from there burn through the glitzy ads and promises of "Get a Step Ahead" and "The Career For YOU".

"Public institutions committed to excellence are now being replaced by private sector actors committed to self-interest." Governments and employers are showing that adult education has a low priority. As federal

transfer payments have been cut back, provincial money has been spent elsewhere, leaving colleges with higher numbers of students per teacher and the cutting of programs. All this is happening at the same time that private schools are using public money, in the form of student loans, to turn out more and more of a "disposable workforce."

Instead of acquiring portable skills and adaptability, companies and their training make a student good for just one job, especially if it's low-skill, and the worker(s) can't market it if they choose to leave.

It was precisely this kind of business that good public education defeated. Adult students learn as much as possible about as much as possible and have the power of choosing and adapting. Now, with the B.C. government - the socreds - the whole idea of education is being "adapted" to business. They want adult education run like a business where education is the commodity and adult learners are the consumers.

Paul Gallagher, President of VCC, has just announced his plans to "Reshape the Future of VCC", which include cutting over 300 places in regular courses and cancelling many programs. The following letters are by individuals extremely concerned with this socred disaster.



To: VCC COLLEGE BOARD
Re: RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF B.C.

The Carnegie Community Centre Association is extremely concerned about Paul Gallagher's report, Reshaping the Future of VCC. Over the past ten years, the Carnegie Learning Centre has served literacy and ESL students in ever-increasing numbers. At the present time, there are not enough positions in literacy and ESL to meet the overwhelming demand.

Paul Gallagher's proposals would only increase the number of students fighting for the programs they need to survive in a society that demands higher and higher levels of education. His proposals would deny thousands of students access to essential programs.

Education at all levels in our province is fast becoming a luxury for the rich rather than a right to which every citizen has free and easy access. Instead of cutting those excellent programs that you now offer, why not join with the many other organisations, such as ourselves, who are fighting for funding levels to allow equal access to education to all?

Brian Hetherington
Member of the Board.

Paul Gallagher, President
Vancouver Community College
1155 East Broadway
Box 24700, Station 'C'
Vancouver, V5T 4N4

It was with shock and alarm that we of the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association learned of your proposed 'restructuring' at VCC and the planned reduction of vocational, upgrading, entry level, and ESL programs without the participation of the students, instructors, staff, or members of the community directly affected by these changes.

In the Downtown Eastside we have many adults who are school dropouts, new immigrants and disabled. In fact, according to our recent residents' survey, there is a 47% chance that the typical resident of the Downtown Eastside has some form of disability. Also, over 80% depend on some form of social assistance for their income. Notwithstanding the fact that we also see this 'restructuring' as an incursion into the universality of education, access to affordable education programs is essential so that many of our residents can become contributing members of society and break the vicious cycle of social assistance and poverty so prevalent in the Downtown Eastside.

On behalf of the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association we strongly urge you, the Board of Vancouver Community College and the Minister of Higher Education to seriously reconsider these proposed changes.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Tom Durning - DERA

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POETRY

Elizabeth Thorpe

THE WHOLLY SPHERIT

when the spherit moves me
and I'm going home
when all around is fear, thee
shall come to take me home

when life escapes my body
and there's nowhere else to go
I'll lay me down and nod to thee
come, Lord, take me home

when no-one else will higher me
and friends are hard to find
I find myself in dire need
You shall lift my mind

when time decides to let me go
I'll run to Thee with joy
I'll find my energy in flow
like a river home to Roi

sticks and stones may
break my bones, names
will never hurt me. When I'm
sick, yet still alone,
You'll say you prefer me.

The people who adore You
shall be my trusted friends
When I feel I need You more
I'll know that on you all depends

Heaven, lovely as it is,
is not my final home.
In your footprints on the Path
I'll walk until I'm home.

We all want to escape sometimes
But this girl really wanted to escape
I mean really.
I woke up one night
and I heard this girl say very fast:
"GETMEOUTOFHERE!"
I knew the feeling
And I lay there and I wondered
if I had said that years ago in a
place like the place she was in. And I
got to thinking about Karma and I won-
dered if maybe I could help this girl.

But then I remembered I had tried
before and maybe it hadn't worked. And
I thought about God and whether he
really cared or was just sitting up
there in heaven on a throne and saying
"patience is a virtue" & "just wait a
little longer (5 years or so) and then
maybe I'll save you."

But I think now it's up to us and so
on and so forth and so on and so forth
and so on and....

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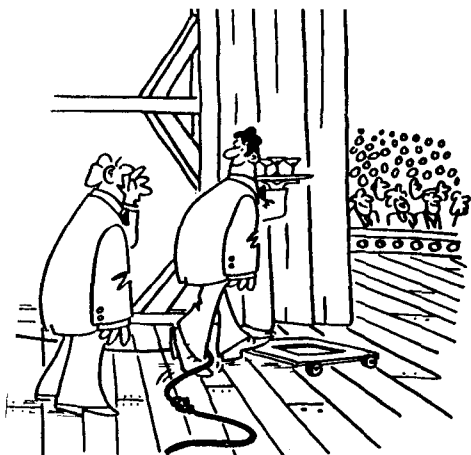
All I want is all you do not give
All I want is peace
All I want it just to live
All I want is a new lease
All I want is the chance to make it
All I want is not to have to fake it
All I want, will you ever see
All I want is the chance to be me.



Falling to Pieces

fragments, jagments of my self
figments, stigments of my self
I feel lost she said to him

Spies and lies
secret i.d.'s
Cries from Flies
strange i.d.'s
new i.d.'s
Guys and hi's
Buys and eyes
broken i.d.'s



"Break a leg."

BI I17
N34 bingo G41
at
CARNEGIE
6:30 Wed. 065

Editor,

I wonder how many Carnegie Newsletter readers know what Halkomelem is? No, it isn't Hawaiian for watermelon. Halkomelem is the native language which was spoken throughout the Lower Mainland for many, many centuries. In fact there are 31 different native languages still spoken in our Province but most are dying. Squamish has 24 recorded speakers; Sechelt has 15. There are less than 20 elders who still speak Halkomelem.

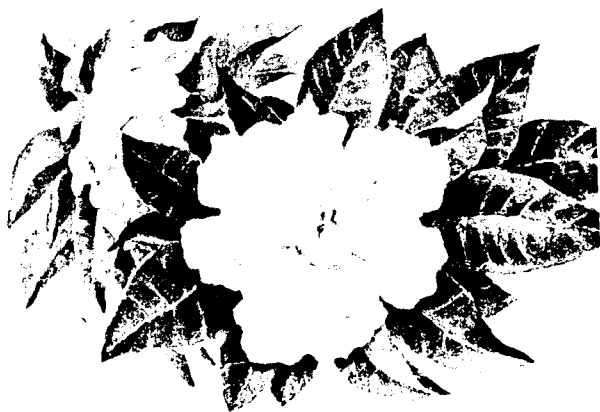
In 1986 the provincial government disbanded the native linguistics program and, despite a considerable number of promises, no replacement has yet been announced. This summer Native issues were at the forefront. Preserving a part of past native culture, which is a part of all Canadian culture, should be a priority of government. Write to Native Affairs minister Jack Weisgerber, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, V8V 1X4 and urge him to fund a native language preservation programme.

To lose this part of B.C.'s history would be a truly sad and tragic loss.

Darren Lowe



"Yes, but it's not exactly breakdancing, is it?"



Hello Friends,

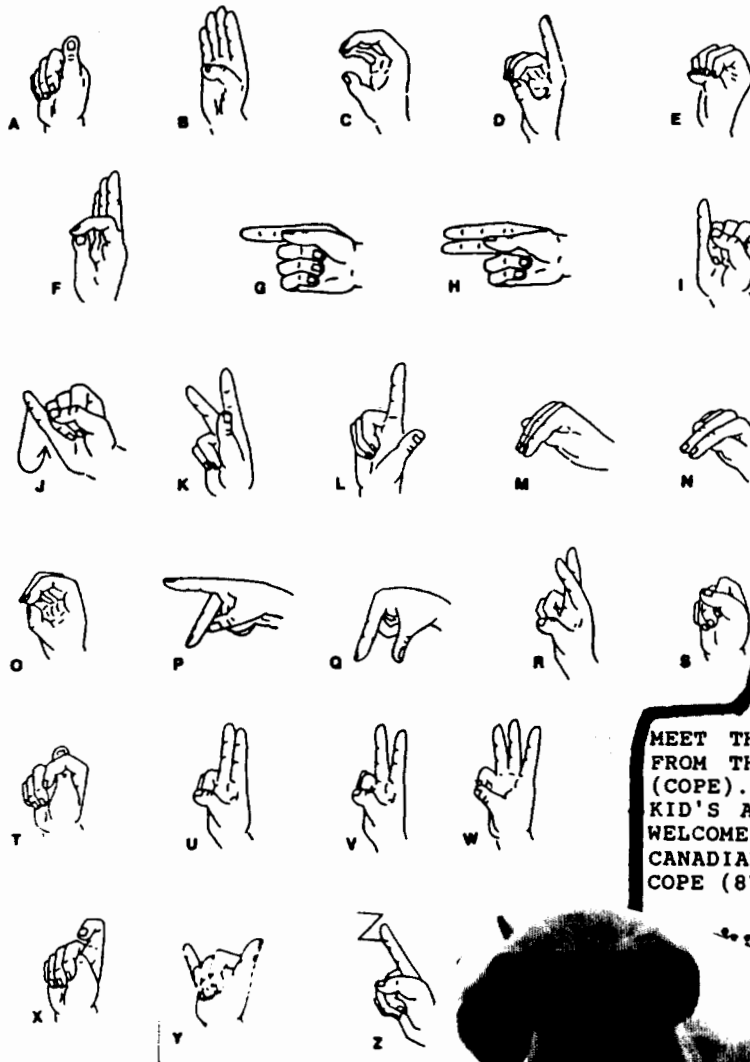
I want to thank you all for the Get Well wishes, while I was in the hospital. I'm on the road to recovery.

Your friend,
Margaret Prevost

THE INCLUSIVE CITY: COPE WOMEN SPEAK OUT

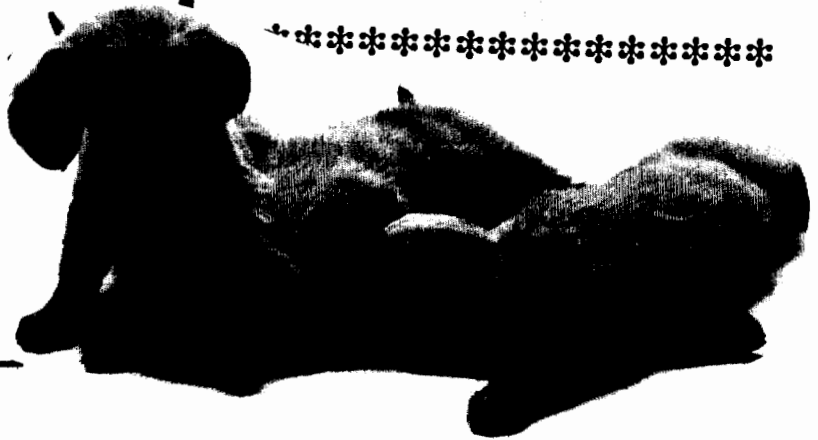
JOIN US FOR
BRUNCH FROM
11A.M. TO 1P.M.
SUNDAY, NOV.4
HERITAGE HALL
(15TH AND MAIN)

MEET THE WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR CIVIC OFFICE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PROGRESSIVE ELECTORS (COPE). JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST, ENTERTAINMENT, KID'S ACTIVITIES AND CIVIC ISSUES. ALL ARE WELCOME! SPONSORED BY THE CONGRESS OF CANADIAN WOMEN (CCW) (254-9797, 254-3066) AND COPE (874-6441).



The American Manual Alphabet

Drawings show a side view. In actual practice the letters should face the persons with whom you are communicating.



I have been learning sign language on the 3rd floor in the Learning Centre. VIDEHA teaches on a one-to-one basis. It's fun..not too hard. (I'm a slow learner.) It's nice to think that I'll be able to communicate with even more people.
- Sheila Baxter

Facts all wrong in poverty

Vancouver Sun Oct 10 1986

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S T E P H E N



HUME

LAST WEEK on this page, Ontario lawyer Karen Selick wrote about a few of her less resourceful clients. She used them as starting points from which to generalize about the poor.

The poor have too many children they can't afford, she concluded, her indignation over one anecdote implying a heedless, sweaty promiscuity among the lower classes.

The poor fritter away the largesse we bestow, she believes. If the poor quit smoking they'd have money for their children.

Blame Canada's hungry children on stupid, spendthrift parents, she implies — not her class, which never has children it can't afford and indulges only those vices it can.

This is the classic cant of the philosophical conservative identified by novelist E.L. Doctorow as "someone willing to pay the price of other people's suffering for his principles."

It's rooted in the idea of self-reliance as an absolute; but a grotesque self-reliance without reference to the broader community or the ancient and honorable concept of *noblesse oblige* — the belief that privilege entails responsibility.

If you're mired in poverty, it must be God's punishment or your own laziness. Therefore, it's up to you to repent of your poverty and haul yourself out by prayer and your own bootstraps.

Let's leave aside the ethical question raised by a professional who accepts fees for services and then displays contempt for her clients, whom she uses as public examples. Let's examine the argument that pins blame for poverty on the poor.

Selick's claim that child poverty

is increasing because the poor have too many children is at direct odds with the facts. Canada's birth rate has plummeted to half of its 1955 level. Our fertility rate, the measure of a population's reproductive capacity, is now the third lowest in the world.

Canadians, poor and rich, are not producing enough children to replace themselves. Without immigration, Canada's population would quickly decline to the level of 60 years ago.

Simple reading of census tables refutes the claim that the poor have too many children. The majority of Canadians living below the poverty

line, it turns out, are childless individuals — and 60 per cent of this group is female.

Of family units living below the poverty line, 64 per cent are childless couples or couples with one child. This, contrary to Selick's steamy fantasies about poverty, is typical of Canada's population at large.

Canadian families, on average, consist of three people, two parents and a child. Only 12.7 per cent of families were single-parent in 1986 — but 85 per cent of lone parents were female and 64.6 per cent of children raised by single mothers were poor.

Since childbearing patterns among the poor do not differ significantly from higher income groups, if numbers of poor children increase we are compelled to look elsewhere for reasons. Try another common argument: the poor's inherent laziness.

While unemployment is generally higher among the poor, this reflects geography more than work habits. The poor become the labor pool for seasonal employers and

cyclical industries — for example, the unemployed poor in Newfoundland outnumber their counterparts in urbanized Ontario by a factor of three to one.

Yet in urban settings the poor work hard. Half of all Canada's poor children live with a family head who works. Hard work, unfortunately, is not necessarily an escape route from poverty, particularly for women.

Of lone-parent families living below the poverty line, 94.5 per cent are headed by women. Many of the working poor earn the minimum wage. At \$5.40 per hour, annual income is \$10,530. In 1987 the poverty line for a family of four living in Vancouver was \$22,612. Meanwhile, at Canada's six chartered banks, for example, where female employees outnumber males by three to one, women earn only 57 per cent of what their male counterparts take home.

One key source of poor children, therefore, seems to be a male-dominated society's attitudes toward the value of women.

How about the charge that poor children go hungry because their parents squander wages on booze and tobacco? False.

The census shows families earning the minimum wage spend 80 per cent of their income on food, shelter, the household, transportation, clothing and health care. On average, they spend \$8.50 a week on tobacco and alcohol. B.C. fami-

lies earning the average income spend triple that amount on booze and cigarettes. These numbers show the poor as a rule to be thrifty, hard-working, frequently victimized by sex-based discrimination.

Inept as it is, Selick's analysis suffers from a more serious and pervasive flaw. It's that smug rejection of social justice that Doctorow calls "the gangsterdom of the spirit." □

Stephen Hume writes for this page Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

THE "LAST WEDNESDAY"

There's electricity and excitement
in the air,
As couples tightly clutch one another
so's not to lose one another.
Rent to be paid, debts to be settled,
bets to be covered, bootleggers to settle.
A quick count of the roll, my! how fast
it quickly dwindles...
Careful, it's only the first night.
One two more nights gotta play her tight.
'Cause Uncle Willie won't be
around for quite a few more nights.

Al Milton



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*For Elizabeth
we've practised ourselves more
or less to live
with it, the after all
not indescribable equalor of being
alone with hunger. because*

*an ocean of unknown propensities
labors beyond us, its work
toward a future of known
and flawed wordage, a head spins
cords of ceremonial deference*

*in abject rage without object
that puts a day
in its place, but years
are numb, ungloved fingers
stuck too far*

*into the music of
skies that might be
in the end, only weather's
frigid wires, and your deft extension
trapped in an ultimate gesture*

*of dismissal more capricious
than history or the inexpressibly sudden
dead lengths of god*

Dan Feeney



Vicious slap at single mothers

By **REG CLARKSON**
... retired social worker.

ON OCT. 2 *The Sun*, in an article by lawyer Karen Selick, presented a stereotype of the single mother on welfare. In its words and cartoon the article can only be described as vicious. It was entitled "Downright Irresponsible;" the cartoon showed a pregnant woman with three clinging children being pushed off a pedestal.

The sub-headline stated: "The reason we have so many poor children (in Canada) is because poor people keep having children." The article also said "... Middle-class people find it hard to blame the poor for their poverty ... The truth is that many poor people earn their poverty." Selick presented no facts to support these conclusions.

What are the facts about single mothers and their numbers of children and the causes of their poverty? The source for the following facts is *The Canadian Fact Book on Poverty 1989*.



CLARKSON

1. Canadian single mothers, whether poor or non-poor, produce very few children. In 1986, while 185,000 non-poor single mothers averaged 1.5 children, 240,000 poor single mothers averaged 1.7 children. Since more than 55 per cent of Canadian single mothers at any one time in the last 15 years have been poor, and for most of them it is temporary (2-3 years), single-mother poverty has to be situational.

2. Fewer than 10 per cent of poor single mothers receive child support from their children's fathers, which the article ignores.

3. If "poor people earn their poverty," why is it that besides 57 per cent of single mothers, 62 per cent of single elderly women and 40 per cent of single elderly men are poor?

If *The Sun* thinks poor single mothers deserve to be called "downright irresponsible" how would it want poor elderly women to be described: Damnably irresponsible? Or lazy bitches?

As important as the facts about poverty are, the real question raised by the article is, did *The Sun* practise bigotry when it published Selick's article? Bigotry is the presentation of a blind, intolerant prejudice. The article presented clearly a stereotype of the single welfare mother, which elicited the expected responses.

From my interviews, middle-class conservative women thought the article was harsh but very true. Social justice-minded women and women's resource groups were shocked and disgusted. Populist women found it disturbing but more true than false. Single welfare mothers found the article hateful; it humiliated them.

Sun associate editor Alex MacGillivray defended publishing the article by saying, "The article was written by a trained person (a lawyer), and the opinion page is meant to make people think." This sounds reasonable, but to appreciate the seriousness of *The Sun's* error it is only necessary to consider the reaction to a similar article pres-

enting for debate such stereotypes as East Indians living 10 families to a house; or Jews as greedy and selfishly controlling large amounts of money; or native Indians as lazy alcoholics. To publish these stereotypes for serious rebuttal would be bigotry.

The Vancouver Sun is an important, essential and powerful institution in Greater Vancouver, and therefore has a responsibility to work for the good of the community. In addition to its activities which inform, educate, entertain, and represent all citizens, it must protect rights and promote justice. With the publication of Selick's article *The Sun* didn't protect a group of helpless citizens; instead, it ridiculed them and wounded our community. Please heal this wound, give some pride back to welfare mothers, and increase the stature of *The Sun*; admit you made a mistake. □

U.B.C.

**The rapist's
treatment of
women is not
qualitatively
different than
my own**

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY!!!



End Legislated Poverty wants governments to end poverty. We need your help to make this happen. We want poor people and others across B. C. to get involved.

OUR GOAL

We want welfare rates increased to the poverty line. This is about \$1000 a month for a single person. We want minimum wage increased to at least \$7.50 an hour. We want to stop forced employment of single parents on welfare.

OUR THEORY

It will be hard to win these goals. It won't be enough to write one letter to the Premier. It won't be enough to have one demonstration. It won't be enough to go on a talk show. We need to show governments and poor people and our allies are smart. Governments need to know that poor people are getting mad. Governments need to know that we'll vote. Governments need to know that we want them to end poverty.

TURN THE PAGE TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO>>>>>>>>>

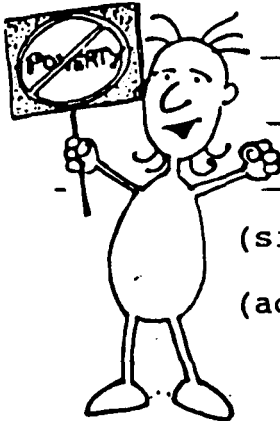
WHAT YOU CAN DO

STEP 1: On the next page is a letter to the Premier and Leader of the Opposition (Bill Vander Zalm and Mike Harcourt). Write down your thoughts on having to live on ridiculously low wages or welfare. Don't send the letter to Vander Zalm or Harcourt. Send it to ELP or give it to your local advocate. ELP wants to collect a bunch of letters. Later in the winter we will organize an event to present them to the political parties. We also want to make a book of them. If you write your address clearly, we'll send you the booklet when its done. If you know someone who feels uncomfortable writing, ask if you can help them write down their thoughts.

STEP 2: Sign the letters to Vander Zalm and Harcourt. Fold on the lines and tape or staple. Put a stamp in the corner. and mail to them.

STEP 3: Make sure you are registered to vote in the provincial election. If you don't have a voters card, call 660-6848 to get on the list.

DEAR MR. PREMIER AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION,
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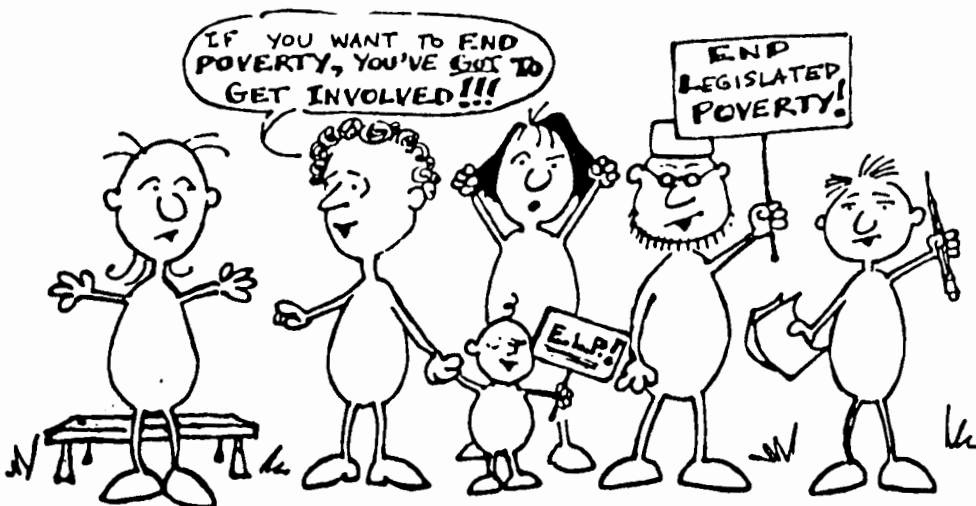
THANKS FOR WRITING THIS LETTER.

You are now part of a broad movement of low income people. We are fighting to get governments to end poverty.

End Legislated Poverty plans to make a booklet out of all the stories we get. If you write a clear address on your message, we will send you a copy of the booklet when it is done.

We also plan to take all the messages to the Premier and Leader of the Opposition later in the Winter. We want to use the messages to get higher welfare rates and wages.

Please give the message to your local advocate or anti-poverty group. Or you can mail it to ELP. Our address is #104 2005 E. 43rd, Vancouver, B. C. V5P 3W8.



DEAR MR. VANDER ZALM,

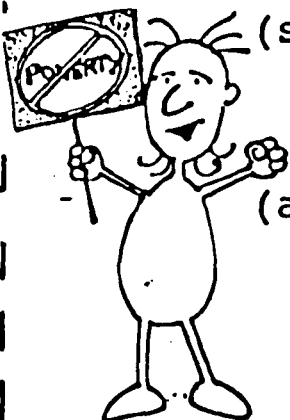
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I want you to raise the minimum wage to at least \$7.50 an hour and to raise welfare rates to the poverty line.

I am registered to vote. In the next provincial election I will vote for the Party and candidate who is committed to ending poverty and shows this with their actions.

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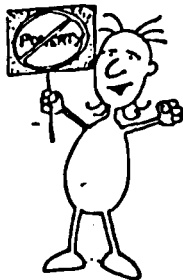
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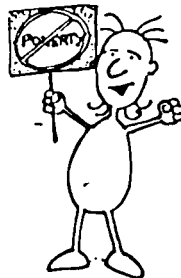
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NAME

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DATE

Senator Allan J. MacEachen
Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A4

Dear Senator MacEachen:

RE: PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

As a citizen concerned about the harmful effects of the proposed Goods and Services Tax, the Prime Minister's refusal to listen to Canadians, and his "stacking" of the Senate, I am asking you and the entire Senate to do everything in your power to defeat the GST.

In my own words:

Thank you.

Signature

Tape here

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Fold, tape, and mail this letter today!

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Senator Allan J. MacEachen
Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A4

No GST!

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The Pro-Canada Network

says there are alternatives to an unfair Goods and Services Tax—alternatives that will improve funding for important social programs and make our tax system fairer. Why not:

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- cancel entertainment deductions for business
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Who Killed Kate's Little Girl?

A news item in the Province, Sunday, Oct. 7, describes the trial of Kate Fisher, a 30 year-old single mother from Victoria who strangled her 3 yr.-old daughter. The psychiatrists disagreed about her mental state but said she had "psychiatric problems" for 9 years. 3 years ago a "combination of drugs" was prescribed that seemed to keep her "hallucinations" .."under control" they said... but 6 days before she killed her daughter, Kate's family doctor suggested she stop taking the drugs until she got the results of a pregnancy test. This led to a situation in which she started to "hallucinate" again...

Kate Fisher's testimony in court was that she saw the number 666 on the forehead of the family cat & then heard a voice saying her 3 year-old daughter was the child of Satan. She said she then drowned & strangled her own child!

Now, everyone knows instinctively the bond between mother & child runs deep...why she did it is a very important question..so important in fact that some people don't want to know the answer. The court system is only interested in establishing guilt (which she has already admitted) & fitting her punishment to the crime.

Courtroom testimony & psychiatrists' reports shed no light on the real inner situation that seemed to cause this tragedy. Ultimately we are left with Kate Fisher's own words - "the cat...the number 666...a voice ..."

At this point some people feel saddened - some think it's a "black joke" ...& everyone just assumes, one way or another, that Kate Fisher is crazy. We lock her up in an institution for awhile, re-prescribe drug therapy, etc. That's the way society prefers to deal with embarrassing questions: sweep them under the rug. In fact,

society has a lot of rugs (& drugs) set aside for the purpose of covering up the sources of "incomprehensible" situations, like Kate Fisher's anguish... a mother who kills her own child - a delightful little girl, no doubt, as all 3 year-olds are... yes, it's an embarrassing question indeed. Who, or what, killed Kate Fisher's child? - and why?

No doubt Kate Fisher will fit back into society at some point - "recover" from her "breakdown" - she will deal with her "trauma" somewhere down the line...but something important seems to have been overlooked. If we want to find out more about it, obviously we need to know something about this number, 666...where it comes from, what it means, how it got into Kate Fisher's head, who put it there & why. We all know that in the Christian Bible, Revelations describes "The Beast" (a symbol of evil to all Christians) as bearing the number 666... Most of us have encountered this strange phenomenon somewhere in our lives - so let's go to the library & do some research - what else can we find out about 666?

The Bible is a very old book - but not the oldest - so our search starts in ancient times, with the study of symbolic number systems ("gematria" the academics call it), a study that was for some reason sacred to our ancestors. This takes us into pre-Christian history. It turns out that 666 first appears in the dimensions of pre-Christian ("pagan") temples & medicine wheels. These marked sacred locations where important religious or magical ceremonies took place, on which the safety & well-being of large communities depended (at least, that's what the few surviving records of these times indicate).

Strangely enough, the number 666 turns up in many places - always acc-

ompanied by the number 1080. It turns out that these were, in pre-Christian times, the numbers of the sun (666) & the moon (1080) - & they were used according to anthropologists in some unknown way by our ancestors to "magically" attempt to "harmonize" or somehow balance the influences of the sun & moon (symbolizing the left & right sides of the brain) on the mental state of humans. (No kidding!)

What happened then? Well, today we have 666, the sacred solar number of these ancient people, our ancestors, condemned as a sign of evil by the most influential religious book of our times - the Bible.

A curse seems to have been added to Kate Fisher's mind, & to the minds of many people...she actually believes the "Devil" made her do it..or was it God who spoke to her, to warn her about her "evil" child?

This very definitely has something to do with the suppressed & violent madness of our times...& a child is dead..an innocent child.

Who will be punished for this crime? Certainly not the Christian Church! - only a madman would blame the church!

Society thinks I'm crazy anyway, so I really don't have anything to lose, but I do know some things about this society that it doesn't even know about itself...& obviously, doesn't want to know.



TORA



THE BASICS



Gerunds, clauses interjections,
participles, verb inflections.
nouns and...

What's that, Mr. White?

Yes, it's sad that kids can't write.

Pi, percent and numerator,
dividend, denominator,
subtrahend and...

What's that, Billy?

Balance cheque books? Don't be silly.

Fugue and rondo, treble clef,
scale, chromatic, key of F,
chords and rhythm...

Question, Pat?

Sing? We don't have time for THAT!

Synonyms, syllabication,
roots and blends, pronunciation,
speed and phonics...

What now, Corey?

Well, we MIGHT soon read a story.

Testing: Stanford, diagnostic,
comprehensive, hearing, optic
verbal, motor... Mrs. McGuire?

Learning? No, that's not required.

Cheryl Miller Thurston





The answer will emerge through thought and action. Perhaps a study of a good topographical map might help, undertaken by people engaged in Canada's productive life. Map #900A (among others), Thirty-seventh Edition, 1987 - or later, if available - issued by Canada Dept. of Energy, Mines & Resources, and titled Principal Mineral Areas of Canada, can help.

This map illustrates the location not only of resources but also the degree of industrial development and their location, including those in full production and those in earlier and planning stages, as of 1987.

Looking over this map, one can visualise the significance of the problems raised by the attempt to see Canada's future in strong, material and graphic terms: the First Nations' needs and demands, the urgent need for national unity in diversity, in balance and accommodation of different occupations and interests; the need for national unity and internal peace; for democratic legal procedures; the evidence as in the Globe & Mail ad on Sept. 6 stressing that "solution at the end of a rifle is no solution at all." That nation-wide support on the part of significant organisations and individuals already exists and is finding public expression (and that ad, as anyone will note, by no means covers all potential helpful organisations and individuals) is abherent to the straight materialistic view. Yet all lie at hand, ready to respond to the call to join together in applying study and thought to building Canada's future in peace, and based on full employment, and sovereign control of our country.

All that is needed now is the will to unite and communicate to arrive at a consensus plan for building a great future for this country of econ-

omic security for all, using advanced technology to preserve and enrich the land while making social fruitfulness more abundant.

This would require, it seems, taking up issues locally, regionally and nationally on all fronts and in all spheres and, working from the immediate to the general and remote in time, sub-dividing the map into sectors of negotiation and communication, embracing already community-conscious local organisations and individuals from the various inter-relating spheres - First Nation, labour, environment, church, cultural, etc. The start can be made from local commissions of study, investigation, analysis and planning to resolve economic crises at that level in terms of new all-Canada based, Canada controlled, Canada - serving development with an open-door policy of trading internationally on a mutually beneficial understanding and agreement in the interest of maintaining internal and international peace, good will & prosperity.

As local problems reach out for wider involvement in search of solutions, these commissions can form new connections on an ever-broadening scale to realise ultimately a nation-wide achievement of fruitful economic development arising out of domestic needs and directed toward assuring security of access to the means of earning a stable and comfortable livelihood through socially useful and ecologically sound activity either as employer or employed.

Urgent indeed is the need now for active cooperation at the local level among working people of hand and brain, in the fields both of production and service/professional populations, to strengthen soundly based historical knowledge of the potential in people and resources of the area, and the need and readiness for development to overcome and bring to an end plant closures without alternative sources of liveli-

hood being in place; ecology damage at the expense of the damagers, not the general public; communications and transportation neglect and abuse, paid for by those responsible for the neglect; and an analytical estimate for economic development, bearing in mind balanced relationships with the rest of Canada and the world. We start with what lies most immediately at hand.

Urgent is the need to look ahead realistically and be prepared for continued struggle, adequate defense against counteraction, and clear, strong but flexible and adaptive planning for rising domestic economy and the march toward full employment, preservation of the fruitfulness of the earth and sea and air, and of socialised labour power which, working cooperatively, can minimise to the point of extinction all pollution, including political corruption.

Let us move forward as a united creative people in a fruitful world at peace. Unity in dynamic diversity: A tentative program of action might include -

- 1) Strengthen the struggle of aboriginal people here in Canada and around the world for peaceful, negotiated solution of land claims, and the right to sovereign self-determination in friendly association and justice.

- 2) Build and unify the trade union movement (rural and urban)..including women workers on the basis of equality of opportunity and pay for work of equal value, with recognition of their specific needs as the reproducers of the essential element in all production and service work - labour power - to meet and throw back the drive from the extreme right to destroy them, or to force them into integration with anti-democratic, multinational and monopoly corporate bodies sponsoring military/police domination of our economy and politics. We



The necessity is for accent on the positive.

The First Nations in Canada this summer have all Canadians an outstanding example of what we in Canada and all genuine human beings around the world require for our collective survival and the survival of the planet itself.

Recognition of the earth as the indispensable homeland and rightful heritage of each and every one of us as our common heritage without which to press our feet upon and cultivate with loving, cherishing hands and thoughts none of us can move into the 21st century with any hope of a life worth living.

Peace, full employment and land to the people is the essence as I understand it, of what the Mohawk struggle at Oka and elsewhere this summer was all about. It is the call of the First Nations all across this country.

Peace, full employment and land to the people appears to me to be emerging as the universal appeal of the labour and democratic people of all Canada of native & non-native origin alike, or, rather of native origin not only dating back to the first on foot here but to those first arrivals here from Europe and Asia.

Peace, full employment and land to the people are inherent in the slogan of the leading peace forces of this whole country which are coming together in Conference this coming November 2-4 here in Vancouver at the call of the organizing group, END THE ARMS RACE, the slogan of which is: "End the Arms Race, Fund Human Need" and which this year adds "Save Our Earth", as it joined with Earth Day in the annual April 'Walk for Peace.'

With the taking into custody at Oka of over 40 people who came out of the treatment centre unarmed to be seized by the Canadian armed forces at

Farnham, Quebec, or fell into the hands of the Surete Quebec, the struggle for native and all human rights in Canada entered a new phase demanding even greater and much wider participation of the whole of the Canadian people, united and together pledged to win and hold in security for all: - peace, full employment and this our homeland, Canada.

To preserve Canada from a military/police take-over (as appears to be the Mulroney government's intent from its actions this summer here and in Iraq) it is urgent that a nation-wide defence organization and people's watch be established to ensure public and fair trials for all now in custody, or further arrested in connection with the First Nations struggle, and held by the Canadian armed forces or the SQ. Safe custody, access at all times to their chosen legal counsel, and the comfort of receiving messages of support from outside must be guaranteed to them.

Forces are present and ready to provide such supervision on behalf of humanity and justice as the country-wide display of support indicated, and which comes forcefully to public attention in the Globe & Mail..a full-page ad on Sept.6 headed: "A SOLUTION AT THE END OF A RIFLE IS NO SOLUTION AT ALL". Addressed to the Prime Minister it concluded: "WE WILL NEVER FORGET OKA".

This ad was signed by 49 major organizations concerned with peace and justice, including church, labour and community groups, and 150 leading individuals in various fields of profession, and was sponsored by the National Council on the Status of Women, Greenpeace Canada and the Canada Peace Alliance. Here is striking evidence of Canadians' desire for peace, democracy and justice under the rule of law, and freedom from fear, want and oppression.

It is urgent that the Defence and People's Watch be estab-

lished Canada-wide without delay, as the struggle continues in the courts and on every reserve throughout Canada. Arrests have not been confined to Quebec and fair and just trials in the full respect of persons and all legal rights must be assured to everyone in custody.

This urgent, not solely on behalf of those arrested this summer in connection with the struggle of the First Nations for human rights and sovereignty as nations; it is vital for the democratic freedom of every Canadian, and our security as a sovereign state.

Peace, full employment and land to the people now and in the future require this.

As of today, the concept of an alternative path into the future needs to be in the making.

As of today, consideration of the organisation of the economy of Canada as a whole, as an independent and sovereign peoples' democracy needs to be on the table for study and solutions.

What are the resources of this land now under our feet? What is its status, its level of development, its resources potential - both already in production and contemplated for production? How is production being organised and managed and to whose benefit, and how justly for both people and the land itself? How well are these resources being administered and the fruit of labour shared? What is the emerging economy of this country going to look like and function? To answer these questions, the collective, benign cooperation and mutual ood will of all will be required - First Nation, French and English, labour and church, and all the multiple immigrant populations that together make up this little miniature of the world's peoples.

To answer these questions one must take more than a passing glance at Canadian reality; one must study and examine and analyse it, detail by detail.

need maximum organisation of the labour, public advocacy and community service organisations; we need the securing and advancement of employment to maximum capacity now; we need to lay stress on the higher employment capacity of peace-time production, and consequent pressure for conversion now from war-supporting economic activity to peace-supporting economy.

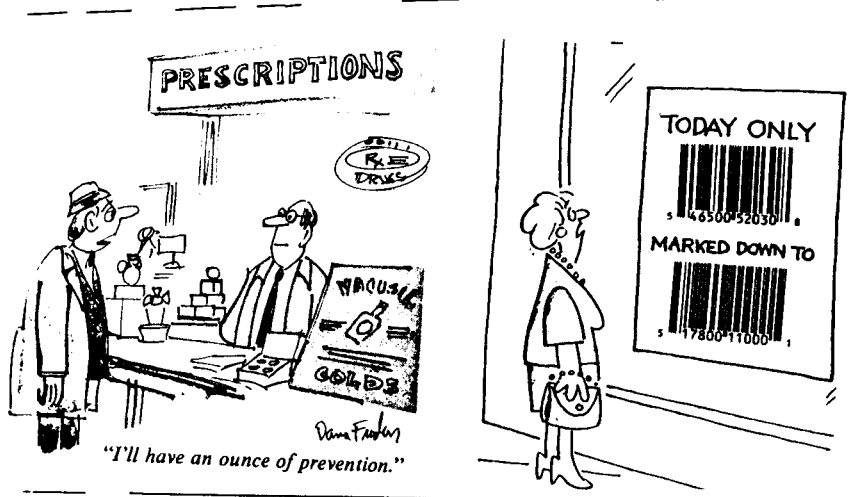
3) Forward coalitions of all working productive and public service forces in their fight for economic and ecological security and progress in our struggle for survival, who are now threatened by the all-fronts massive aggressive drive from the right, headed by the mulroney government, for absolute multinational corporate/military/police control of Canada, as part of their drive to dominate the globe.

4) Commence work now on developing all-sided cooperation of socio-economic, creative organisations to resolve the needs of civilised social and ecological survival and further development at the local, regional, provincial, national levels in favour of a strong, growing, self-sustaining domestic economy based on peaceful relations with all distinctive national economies and with trade for mutual benefit pursued according to an established code of exchange serving all concerned. "The Community as a Whole / Must exercise Control.. democratically.

SLOGANS:

Jim Green for Mayor.
 Bring the Forest Back into the City, and Fertility to the Fields.
 Let the Forests Flourish, and the Clear-Cutters Die.
 People before Profiteers' Superprofits.
 Full Employment, Empty Prisons.
 Not Drug Pushers; Community Builders.
 Construction, not destruction.
 Re-housing, before Demolition.
 Make our City a Happy Homeland, not a hopeless, homeless hell-hole.
 Piss on polluters - both economic and political.
 Unity in Diversity Will Win.
 Outlaw War, Promote Peace.
 A Solution at the End of a Rifle is No Solution at All.
 Prevention of Crime is cheaper than Correction and Reconstruction.
 Cost-benefit policy for whom? Profiteers? Or People?
 Big Business Swallows Small Business; stretches breadlines;
 multiplies homelessness: Put It Under Peoples' Democratic Control.
 Cooperation for Common Well-being, not killer competition for private advantage.
 The globe: A level building site, not a level killing ground.
 Sink the money market; float the commodity market.

By BEATRICE FERNEYHAUGH



CANADA IN CRISIS

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HAVE A GOOD .. DAY!

Condensed from
THE HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD
JOHN NICHOL

Once upon a time, we knew comfortably little about this world, but the marvels of scientific investigation have changed all that

HERE was a time when a man would get up in the morning, eat a hearty breakfast, say good-by to the wife and kids and drive to work to make some money. But we learn new things every day, and they are mostly bad.

Let us begin at the beginning. Orange juice is bad — too much sugar, and the citric acid gnaws at the stomach lining. Eggs contain cholesterol, which clogs the pipe leading to the heart. Bacon is even worse — animal fat!

Toast contains starch — very fattening. Butter has cholesterol again, and marmalade contains sugar, which will rot the teeth right out of your head.

Coffee can ruin your nerves and contribute to duodenal ulcers. The tannic acid in tea will convert your stomach into an old seal boot. Since water is full of chlorine and milk contains traces of strontium 90, your best bet is to have a beer for breakfast. But be sure to eat the can! Otherwise you contribute to pollution of the environment — and you need the roughage anyway.

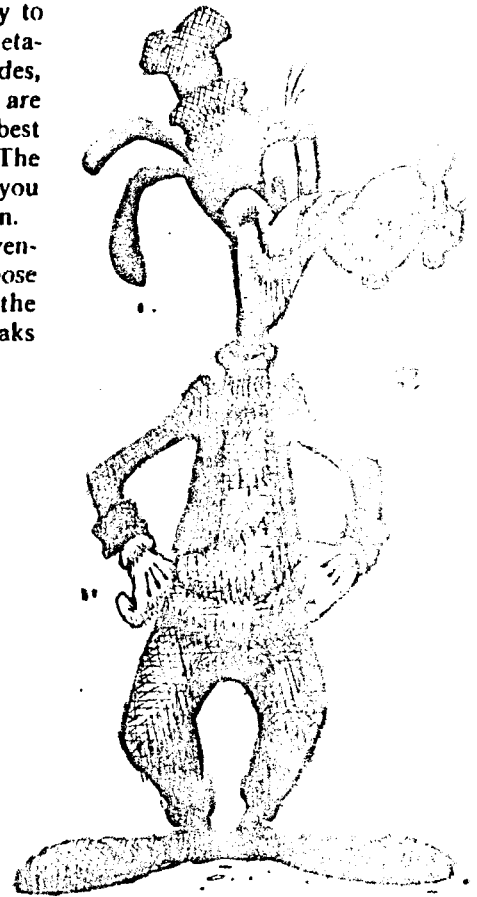
You can take the car or bus to work, but not with an easy conscience. Remember air pollution and the cities strangled by free-ways? Better walk. But wear a hat. Sunshine can cause skin cancer.

The rules for breakfast apply to lunch with equal rigidity. Vegetables are sprayed with pesticides, fish contain mercury and fowl are full of lead pellets. It would be best to settle for a gin and tonic. The quinine in the tonic will protect you from malaria microbes in the gin.

When you get home in the evening try some exercise, but choose carefully. Jogging damages the discs in the spine, walking breaks

down the arches and swimming damages the ears. Push-ups strain the heart.

Since you can't have any dinner, it's wise to take some Scotch whiskey as the sun goes down. Then watch some TV, and if you have a color set be sure to sit up really close. Then the radiation will sterilize you, and whatever your other troubles may be, your sex problems will be solved forever.



Zalm

Report from the Legislature

Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4 (604) 387-5571

Restraint

A month ago in their nightly "news updates," Bill Vanderzalm and his Sacred government proclaimed that B.C., unlike the rest of Canada, was "recession-proof."

Now, in their quest for an election issue, they've changed their tune and say a recession is looming. They've also turned to a familiar political tactic - cut public services with "restraint." Vanderzalm says a recession means lost jobs, hurt families, and unstable communities across B.C. He says his government wants 5% cuts in government programs to combat a "chaotic situation."

I strongly believe in government being fiscally responsible. But I've got serious questions about Vanderzalm's latest attempt to win votes.

First, while the Premier talks cutbacks, his finance minister says he's ready to "prime the pump" by spending \$20 billion more on capital projects. These guys should talk to each other and get their stories straight.

Second, do we really want arbitrary cuts in vital public services? I don't want cuts to environmental protection and forest management, cuts that will jeopardize the well-being of British Columbians. Let's get our spending priorities straight. Remember, last year Vanderzalm asked for across-the-board cuts in federal programs and Brian Mulroney took him up on his offer. Look what we lost - the Polar 8 and much needed funds for hospitals and universities.

Third, if this government really wants to show restraint, they should begin by restraining themselves.

There are a whole host of ways to cut out their extravagances:

- * Start with their taxpayer-funded nightly television ads. British Columbians could save at least 10 million tax dollars by cancelling these "news updates" and other political propaganda that do nothing more than promote Social Credit for re-election.

- * Stop using government jets as a political taxi service and start using them as they were intended, as air ambulances. We could save \$1.2 million, the amount the Medical Services Commission now must pay to charter aircraft for ambulances because Sacred ministers are abusing the jets.

- * Cut back the current government's 22-member cabinet, the biggest in B.C. history. We would see significant savings if, for example, parks was merged with environment, or Crown Lands with forestry.

It's time we got B.C.'s priorities right. British Columbians aren't asking for more and more, you're demanding better and better from your government.

At a time when we need positive leadership for the future, Vanderzalm offers pessimism and a return to the failures of the past. In the coming months, we can expect more fearful and extreme rhetoric as his government continues desperately searching for an election issue.

By MIKE HARCOURT

Vancouver's Environment: The Next Three Years

Public Forum on Environmental Issues in the Vancouver Civic Election

Sunday, November 4, 7 PM

Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street, Vancouver

**Waste Management
Air Quality
Transportation Alternatives for Vancouver**

Topics of Discussion: 

Panelists

- Bill Rees**, School of Community & Regional Planning, UBC
- Blair Redlin**, Researcher, Canadian Union of Public Employees
- Lenore Herb**, Society for Promoting Environmental Conservation
- Ann Hillier**, West Coast Environmental Law Association

Hear the Environmental Platform of Vancouver's Civic Political Parties

Discussion to Follow - Questions to the Candidates and Panelists

Decisions made during the next three years by our municipal politicians will be critical to setting Vancouver on the path towards environmental protection.

- * Will the necessary steps be taken towards ensuring a healthy future for our city?
- * Will a responsible waste management plan be put in place, with the primary goal of reducing Vancouver's waste stream?
- * Will action be taken to reduce dangerous automobile and industrial emissions? Will effective transportation alternatives be put in place?
- * Will the recommendations found in the report of Vancouver's Task Force on Atmospheric Change be implemented?

**Please attend the Forum, November 4, and don't
forget to vote on November 17**

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Canada World Youth is a development education program which offers young people aged 17 through 20 a unique experience in learning about development through exchanges with developing countries. We are funded primarily through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Participants live and work for 6-7 months with other young people from across Canada and from a developing country, doing volunteer work in fields such as agriculture, co-ops, and social services, while studying development issues and promoting cross-cultural understanding. All costs for the participants - food, lodging and transport - are covered by C.W.Y.

We offer young people the opportunity to experience first hand the realities of life in a developing nation, to learn about global issues, and to learn more about their own country. Participants have a chance to learn a second language, usually French or Spanish. They also derive work experience and a chance to develop group skills & cross-cultural skills. They experience the challenge of living and working in a new and unusual environment, in the company of peers from across Canada and the developing countries.

Canada World Youth is now accepting applications for our 20th program year, and I am writing to request your assistance in making this opportunity available to young people. (Information & application forms are in the Newsletter office and in the Learning Centre.)

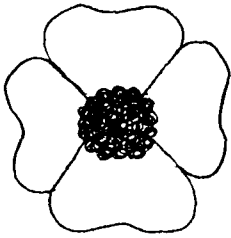
Margaret Jaszczewski
Administrative Supervisor

"When I give food
to the poor,
they call me a saint.

When I ask why the
poor have no food,
they call me a
communist."

- Dom Helder Camara





Commemoration

Whenever I see a travel advertisement or hear people chatting about their arrangements, memories of our journey stream into my mind. It had been in the early part of autumn that both our plans and our baby had been conceived. I recall studying the ad over and over, mentally calculating how much it would cost us. I sighed and jotted down the figure. 'Only one of us will be able to go,' I mused. David has a brilliant ahead of him, and besides with a baby on the way I don't see how I could ever make the demanding journey to Switzerland.'

An hour later David returned home from his prayer studies. After pouring some tea for us he sat down at the kitchen table and, in a gentle voice, asked me, "Would you like to live in Switzerland?" "Love, I've just gone over our finances. It would take all of our life savings to send even one of us."

"Not necessarily. Rabbi Stein heard through the well-nourished grapevine that there's a vacancy in a small village. He has even offered to request an advance on my salary in order for us to go together. Once it comes through it shouldn't take long to obtain our visas."

Two months later our documents were at hand. We still couldn't believe our good fortune. Our spirits continued to soar with the arrival of the gifts from my Canadian pen friend, Hazel. She had sent us some hand-made baby woollen baby clothing and a well-worn schoolchild's copy of Macbeth, our favorite English play. How well I remember the many evenings we spent reading it aloud while we relaxed after our meal. I still recall with a mixture of fondness and emptiness the

enormous feeling David put into his portrayals of even such minor characters as the porter:

"Here's a knocking indeed! If a man were porter of hell gate, he should have old turning the key. Knock, knock, knock. Who's there i' the name of Beelzebub? Here's a farmer who hanged himself on th' expectation of plenty."

The keeper of the gates of hell, indeed. Who would ever have known the foreboding of events that accompanied this play acting?

In the first week of February the arrangements were completed. On March 15th, a pale blue truck with yellow curtains would transport us and two other young Jewish families to the Hotel Poland. The Andersons, our next door neighbors, invited us to their home for a celebratory dinner. For once their twin daughters, Anya and Vanya, were unusually sombre. Mr. Anderson just laughed and put it down to the ever-changing moods of teenagers. He agreed that upon arrival at our destination we would send them a coded message as to our location. At midnight Mrs. Anderson filled our glasses with apple cider and we made a toast to enlightenment and peace. Then they presented us with a farewell gift, a small brassbound trunk. Onwards to our final destination - freedom!

At noon of March 3rd our dark-haired daughter was born prematurely. Due to complications I was strongly advised not to travel for several months under any circumstances. After much pleading I finally persuaded David to make the passage alone as Mrs. Anderson and the girls had kindly offered to care for us. Twelve days later there was a knock at our door. David showed his papers to the driver and was quickly whisked away. That was the last time I ever saw my beloved.

A year later Davida and I were celebrating her first birthday with a small cake. There was a low rapping knock at the door, as if the newcomer didn't wish to disturb those within. Anya and Vanya each held out three battered yet still edible potatoes. I invited them in and began to thank them for their gift.

"Please, auntie, we have only a few minutes. Don't tell anyone about this, we beg of you," Vanya implored.

"We work for the resistance. While coming back home some large boys tried to take the potatoes from us. We fought and screamed so much we were afraid one of them would come and see what was the matter. These are very special potatoes, but one even more so," Anya whispered.

Anya thrust one of them at me. "Would you like us to fetch Mama?"

Slowly I cut it open. I withdrew the tiny scrap of cloth and read the one-word message. I gave out a strangled moan and hoarsely mouthed "yes". The fragment fell to the floor with its message glaring up at us: "Auschwitz."

--This fictional story, loosely based on fact, is dedicated to my grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Mohr and Mr. William Morrison, and in Honour of my grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Morrison, who has instilled in her family the importance of Remembrance Day.

B.E. Morrison

come and play

THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



A civic all-candidates meeting with

**JIM GREEN
GORDON CAMPBELL**

and council candidates from
COPE, NDP & NPA

A HELPING HAND

We gave a helping hand to grass
and it turned into corn.

We gave a helping hand to fire
and it turned into a rocket.

Hesitatingly,

Cautiously,

we give a helping hand to people.
to some people...

--Miroslav Holub

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ELECTIONS, THEN THE NPA, THE NO PRINCIPLES ATALL PARTY,
WANTS YOU TO VOTE FOR THE OTHER PEOPLE.

Art Van-Lane



An all-candidates meeting was organized by the Friends of Stanley Park for Sunday afternoon at the West End Community Centre. The main topic was the \$40 million expansion of the zoo and the lie behind the question on the ballot asking for \$500,000. Former NPA Park Commissioner Bennett spoke about how much of a con job this operation is. All speakers pledged themselves to asking people to vote "NO" on the zoo referendum. No NPA candidate spoke for the zoo for the simple reason that not one NPA candidate showed up. Some democracy!

MEETINGS:

NOV. 1st: Both Jim Green and Gord Campbell will debate on the Rafe Mair Show from 11am - 12 noon on CKNW radio.

All-candidates meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, 12th & Kingsway, at 7:30pm. The topic for discussion is taxes.

NOV. 2nd: All-candidates meeting at Robson Square Media Centre, at 6:30pm. Urbanarian - planning development.

NOV. 4th: Public meeting at Heritage Hall, Main & 15th, at 7:30pm. Open forum with the focus on Waste Management.

NOV. 6th: All-candidates meeting at the Hastings Community Centre, 3096 E. Hastings, 7:00pm.

NOV. 7th: A meeting with members of Vancouver's Arts community, at King Edward Campus on 12th Ave., from 5pm - 6:30pm. All-candidates.

All-candidates meeting at King Edward Campus, organized by the Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood House, at 7pm.

The NPA and Campbell will have to show up at at least one of these meetings. JIM GREEN is gaining support by leaps and bounds. Expect the NPA & Campbell to swamp TV and radio with glitzy ads saying as little as possible about the realities of homelessness, lack of affordable housing, public process...