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ARE AT WAR
WITH THE LOSERS,
AND THE FIX
IS ON.
THE PROSPECTS
FOR PEACE ARE
AWFUL.**

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WORLD AIDS DAY

You are invited to attend the music video launch of I'M NOT AFRAID OF ME with Barbara Bryons, as part of World AIDS Day. Barbara (Aleut Nation) is originally from Alaska and is now residing in Seattle. She is a musician/songwriter and dedicates her first music video to all people affected by AIDS. The agenda for World AIDS Day at Carnegie, on Saturday, December 1:

10:00am Opening Prayer (Elder)
10:40am Music Video Launch
I'M NOT AFRAID OF ME
11:00 to Premiere of Video Interview
11:30am I'M NOT AFRAID OF ME
12 noon A talk by Barbara Bryons
1:00pm CIRCLE OF WARRIORS video
2:00 to Closing (Drummers & Singers)
4:00pm

SANTA'S COMING



Christmas around Carnegie!

The issue of December 15th will have a complete calendar of what the planning committee has in mind, but a few things will happen between now and then. Around the 10th, the Learning Centre will hold a Creative Writing workshop (check on the 3rd floor for details).

THEODORE, the harpist, will first play on the 11th, and the 11th & 12th will be when trees are brought in.

The 13th is the Volunteers' Dinner and the 12th, 13th & 14th will be decorating days!

The 15th is Carnegie's Kids' Christmas Party in the Theatre in the a.m.



EDITORIAL

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Small Wonder -

In the aftermath... sounds like a disaster report, but no - Jim Green did an exemplary job. Anyone reading the "political analyses" that ran rampant following the Civic Election gets a lot of numbers and percentages and comparisons and on and on and on.

The traditional borderline between east & west seemed to be clear cut with the "rich" on the west and the rest of us on the east side of the city. Jim gathered support in every neighbourhood, from people who had never voted anything but NPA since they were old enough to vote.

There were a few things that kept Jim from getting the majority of votes, including, as usual, the lower turnout of people who give little more than verbal support, and a little number that the N.P.A. candidates did on the morning of the election.

In Strathcona, between 10 & 12 on Saturday morning, every household and apartment in the entire area had a single piece of paper hand-delivered that praised the virtues of Campbell and his so-called "efforts" to make Chinese-Canadians equals, whatever that means. It was the same kind of NPA propaganda that flooded mailboxes and TV stations and radio for weeks before the 17th. It ended with a clear demand that people had to vote

for Campbell if they wanted to be a part of the future of Vancouver. 3.

Thousands of elderly Chinese citizens went to the polls. The vote was almost entirely uniform: COPE for aldermanic candidates, Campbell for Mayor.

COUNCIL: Campbell as Mayor (NPA)
5 Aldermen (COPE)
5 Aldermen (NPA)

PARKS: 4 Commissioners (NPA)
2 Commissioners (COPE)
1 Commissioner (Civic NDP)

SCHOOL: 5 Trustees (NPA)
2 Trustees (COPE)
2 Trustees (Civic NDP)

Campbell's acceptance speech was a strange echo of the issues that COPE had raised and campaigned on - neighbourhood involvement in planning, a compatible working relationship would be developed between local ideas and developers' plans, making Council more open and accessible to people...

Part of the difficulty is to try a full-blown campaign on issues that have grown over the years. What must be carried on now is to keep people as informed as possible on each policy & decision that Campbell and the NPA take on each issue. It was frustrating to have him run on at the mouth at all-candidates' meetings with pat answers to pointed questions and not have the details to blow holes in his rhetoric. It was confusing enough that only on blatant lies could his underlying agenda be perceived.

I'd call on COPE to keep every backtracking move by the NPA in the public eye, especially on housing and their "affordability" schemes. More and more people will be affected in the next 3 years with the elimination of their hoped for 'safety' from being part of any developer's nightmares.

Again, well done Jim.

By PAULR TAYLOR

The politics of Scam artists

GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN THAT IT DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN

Mental patients & housing

Since Riverview closed, many sick people have been left to manage alone.

It's been proven that much of mental sickness is a chemical disorder of the brain; genes are a factor too. Some sick people must take medicine to balance the chemical imbalance. If they are homeless - abandoned - and not taking their medication, some will act out..sometimes to the point of violence or suicide.

These people need housing that has some medical care built in. There is not enough of this type of housing. There is some but much more is needed.

These people are given the "hard to house" label. They are often put in small rooms over bars..all that most people on welfare can afford. When the stress of the hotel gets to them and they go off their medicine, they act out, are evicted, and finish up living on the street.

Let's stop blaming people for being sick. Shrinks, medical professionals and social workers make a good living off these sick people yet the problem of homelessness and mental sickness is still with us..and growing.....

By SHEILA BAXTER

Editor,

Within living memory, never has so much damage and havoc been wreaked upon our country by transnational corporate entities and their political lackeys in Ottawa.

Add it up: free access to our resources, foreign investments, and markets handed over. In return, closing factories and manufacturing, induced unemployment, attacks on social and health care programs and the poor; an increasing brain drain under foreign ownership; the ongoing "privatization" of anything that moves and makes profits including PetroCan and our national airlines and airports; a constitutional crisis and hiatus; an unmanageable "deficit" and leap-frogging national debt with no real intent to bring it to manageable levels. After all, indebtedness means profits to loan sharks and I don't suppose Wilson learned to antagonize the transnational banks while he worked on Wall St.

We have a "made in Canada" recession with more GST economic tax woes on the agenda and more cuts in our living standards. The indigenous peoples (including women and children) are treated to the business end of army bayonets and firepower over centuries old land grievances. Finally, but far from least, Canadian lives are placed in jeopardy without consultation with the elected Members of Parliament. They will be sacrificed to "defend" the holdings of interests of Exxon, Texaco, Aramco, Dutch Shell et al, in an "oil war" to subjugate the Arabic peoples. A short confab by Mulroney with Bush "the basher" did that trick! We could ask: Will this decision increase oil donations to the coffers of the Tory war chest to ease the pain of their 15% disappearing act in the polls?

Now our Rambo Warrior, "Fit and Fighting" Joe Clark. assures us that we will need a stiff upper lip to suffer the coming watery and sand graves for Canadian service people, and to hell with the U.N. Another Tory vision of our national interest!

"Destabilization" is a word coined about 1953, when the C.I.A. overthrew the elected government of Mossadeh, who had nationalized Iranian oil. As we know, the CIA has had a lot of practice since.

In the 1770's, when the British bought Benedict Arnold for 6,000 pounds sterling and a Commission, the Yankees called it "treason".

"Is it not time to throw the bastards out?" a U.S. hotline host says of the U.S. elections. For Canadians that means the transnational corporate political pack in Ottawa.

As a senior citizen, fifth generation Canadian and WW II veteran, I say "Amen"....let's get on with that job.

Ray Stevenson



Notosi (Sun)

SHUT UP!

What did you tell that man just now?
I told him to hurry.
What right have you to tell him to hurry?
I pay him to hurry.
How much do you pay him?
Four dollars a day.
Where do you get the money?
I sell products.
Who makes the products?
He does.
How many products does he make in a day?
Ten dollars worth.
Then instead of paying him, he pays you
6 dollars a day to stand around and tell
him to hurry!
Well, I own the machines.
How did you get the machines?
I sold products & bought them.
Who made the products?
SHUT UP, he might hear you!

The Hey-Way'-Noqu' Healing Centre

an Outpatient Addictions Program for Families



HEY-WAY'-NOQU' HEALING CENTRE
#206 - 33 East Broadway Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1V4

While I was laying in bed this morning being comfy, it occurred to me that the bad things that happen to people almost always happen to them while they are out of bed.

While they are up and about, people get hit by cars or fall down stairs or miss buses or get punched. People who are out of bed sometimes get hit by trains. When did you ever hear of someone getting hit by a train while they were being comfy in bed? While I've been in bed, I haven't even had a train come close to me, except when I was living in Kitsalano and the train that comes across False Creek used to go through the living room underneath my bedroom, judging by its sound at four a.m. But it never hit me, I know that much.

And who ever heard of being attacked by a Great White Shark while they were laying in bed minding their own business?

If you're in bed, you aren't likely to be carried away by avalanches, trip over curbs or get mugged or run out of air in the middle of a hundred-foot dive. If you are staying tucked away, you are even a lot safer from being arrested by the police. 99 & 44/100 percent of the people who are arrested are either standing up at the time or else they are sitting on a chair or on a bar stool or something. They aren't in bed.

I think after I turn this over to the Editor of the Newsletter, I'll go home and go to bed and stay there because it seems to be the only safe place. If you don't get to read this, you'll know it was because the Editor saw that I was right and now he's home in bed too, being comfortable.

Eric Erickson

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VANCOUVER INDIAN CENTER'S



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

Mon. Dec. 17, 1990
11:00am - 2:00pm
1607 East Hastings

DEVICES - STUNNING - WINGS - PUPES
MUSIC - GAMES - PRIZES

SPECIAL GUEST STARS PLEASE

Register your children by DEC. 7 1990

Bank of Montreal Violates Rights

If you try to open a chequing account at the Bank of Montreal the first question you will be asked is "Are you working?" If your answer is "no" you will immediately be refused a chequing account.

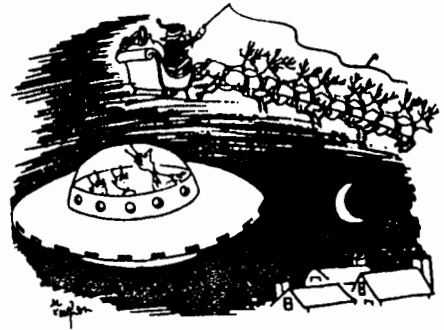
I have been told by two separate clerks that this bank has an official policy of refusing chequing accounts to unemployed people. I believe this policy is unconstitutional.

To deny someone a chequing account solely on the basis that they are unemployed is, I believe, a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

There are many members of this broad category - UIC, welfare recipients, unemployed, disabled people, seniors, students - who have never bounced a cheque in their lives.

Maureen Rivington

'TIS THE SEASON



"You fellows aren't going to believe this."

Countless people think Christmas is a special holiday. It's celebrated throughout the world because on this special day Christ was born. What I find so fascinating with Christmas is the preparation that everyone goes through to make it special for their families.

When I lived at home with my parents, we weren't well off. Usually the younger kids would get a toy or handknit gloves and a hat. Sometimes we would go to our community centre because Santa would come with presents for every little girl and boy. Somehow Dad would manage to buy a turkey (and a ham for those who couldn't have turkey), with all the trimmings and homemade bread.

On Christmas Day the first ones up are usually the children, because they are told that if they don't go to bed early Santa won't come with their presents. Before they go to bed they leave milk and cookies for Santa and, first thing in the morning, they check to see if Santa drank the milk and had his treat. Then they run to wake up Mom & Dad. Mom & Dad always say, "Give us a few minutes and we'll be there."

Sometimes the kids go to the living room and wait for the rest of the family. But if you are Catholics you get dressed to go to church if you didn't go the night before. Then, when you get home, you are able to open your presents and have breakfast. You call your friends or visit them to share what you got for Christmas.

Today, however, some families aren't

fortunate enough to have a turkey with all the trimmings, a tree with all the decorations or even a gift for their loved ones. It's not because they don't want to, it's because they can't afford it. Some are on welfare unfortunately; some don't even have a place to live. Their home is wherever they can find a place to sleep.

I have asked kids, "What do you think Christmas is all about?" Most responded: "Our families get together, open gifts and listen to Christmas music." I feel that it's very important that children be reminded that Christmas is not only for receiving gifts but also for giving gifts..to remind them just what Christmas is all about.

I have 3 wishes for this Christmas. My first would be for homeless people to have a place to celebrate the holiday, as well as finding a place to call home.

The second one is for all children to get that one special gift they wished for, because it's so important especially on Christmas Day. They are so looking forward to finding that one present under the tree.

My last wish would be peace throughout the world.

By MARGARET PREVOST

Kids! Go to the next page
to make your wish -

Let Santa know your wishes too

At this time of year, children everywhere are starting to think about Christmas wish lists. Presumably they've been good boys and girls all year and are now ready for the pay-back from the pole. The North Pole, that is. Santa City.

But what about you folks out there over the age of 10? Surely you too have a wish list for the new year. We want you to think of The Vancouver Sun's Life pages as an inside track to the elves. (Our circulation department assures us that they're all subscribers.)

Mail us your wish list. Before the 25th we'll publish a selection of your letters. If you wish your neighbor would cut his hedges so you could have your view of English Bay back; put it in writing. If you wish Santa could force Finance Minister Michael Wilson to lower interest rates, tell us about it. If you wish Brian Mulroney ... Well, enough said, you get our meaning. This is your wish list.

Send it in to us at Christmas Wishes, Life section, Vancouver Sun, 2250 Granville, Vancouver V6H 3G2. Be sure to include your name, address and daytime telephone number.



KISS AN ANGEL GOOD MORNING

Love
like water
and air
we shape
for life

The first time ever
I saw your face
I saw the sun rise
in your eyes!

Dancing Queen
only 17
Having the time
of her life
& love

Love to Love
thru
love

The fall is fallen
I want to know
Where is my darling?

I hit a parrot
with my carrot
The parrot said
I am dead.

Albert Huang

I need a hero
I need a hero 'til
the edge of the night
He's gotta be big
He's gotta be strong
He's gotta be larger
than life

A woman always
has the soft touch
as her lips meet
with yours
Sparkling eyes, my love

May the rays & the wind
soar & sing
Fulfill your wings
with Eternal Life
& love.

Always a woman.

Miki



The people

GAME PLAY

I seen the lights
For a higher power.

Freedom is all we see.

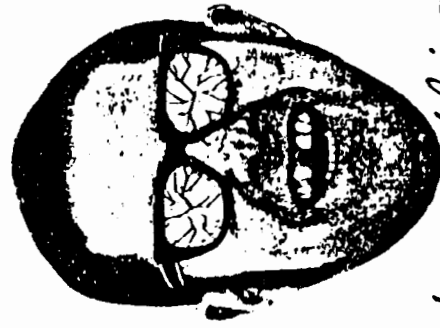
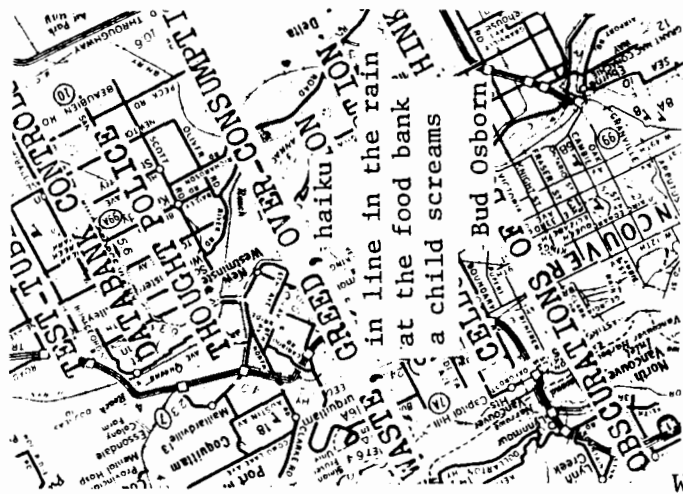
Let's have a scheme
to our dream scene.

The move's on
People get higher, not
lighter.

We got a solution
get it together.

Don't dream for
Freedom is here
Higher Power
TODAY.

Frank & Joe



*Keep smiling
BC!*

Remember Expo? Remember all the hot glitz flooding the media and, after it was all over, the actual price was tallied up - evictions, homelessness, lost jobs, loss of millions?

People without vested interests in this scam organized and tried to show the public what was coming. The victims were mostly poor people, seniors and the minimum-wage workers. A few corporations, notably Pattison et al, made hundreds of millions of dollars.

The fight against "free" trade and the GST are based on the same principles as the Expo fight: each of these things puts mega dollars in the pockets of rich people while the real needs of people and cities are ignored or given token crumbs.

Every victory in this ongoing war needs to be highlighted, so we can learn from one another and connect with good people. Witness the recent victory when the organization "Bread Not Circuses" helped defeat corporate manipulation aimed at getting the 1996 Olympic Games in Toronto.

Under the headline Who wins Olympic Gold? the following shows that Vancouver isn't alone in being snowed by the behind-closed-doors crimes planned by corporate officers and passed on to their lackeys, Campbell & the NPA.

Who wins Olympic gold?

Since 1985, a group of businessmen and their political friends have been scheming to bring the 1996 Olympics to Toronto. At an estimated cost of more than \$2.5 billion, it's the biggest and most expensive project in the history of our city. We've been flooded with pro-Olympic propaganda. Here's the real story...

FINANCES: THE PUBLIC PAYS THE TAB!

City officials estimate the Games will cost \$2.52 billion with a \$90 million deficit - others say the deficit could run to a billion dollars. Corporations will contribute \$245 million, Broadcast rights \$549 million, and ticket sales \$184 million - that leaves more than \$1.5 billion to come from public sources. Queen's Park (Ontario's government. All references to it in this are pre-NDP) has committed taxpayers to cover any deficit.

ENVIRONMENT - DELAYING SOLUTIONS!

Citizens for a Safe Environment was given city funds to study environmental issues and the Olynouc bud, Their conclusion: Toronto should dump the Olympics and concentrate on cleaning our air and water. The Olympics will do almost nothing to improve our environment - and they'll divert public resources from proper solutions for at least six years.

SOCIAL IMPACT- A BURDEN FOR WOMEN!

Women Plan Toronto was given city funds to study social issues. Their conclusion: the Olympics will create "real social and economic costs and risks for women". They say the Olympics should be dropped. A city-sponsored social impact assessment reported 45% of social agencies surveyed said the Olympics would present problems for their clients.

JOBS - WHAT JOBS?

The city's economic analyst reports "the employment expected to be generated by the Games will be mostly temporary positions", and most jobs will be "lower income". Most construction jobs will be in housing, which will be built anyway (see below). Corporations officially sponsoring the Olympics have laid off more than 10,000 workers since September 1988.

HOUSING - THERE'S NOTHING NEW!

We won't get a single new housing unit from the Olympics. Two sites already under development have been taken over. There's almost no Olympic money for housing - only \$75 million of the \$1 billion housing bill. Even with the province's meagre commitment of 1,000 allocations, there's no guarantee Olympic housing will be affordable to most Torontonians

Gold for them, a debt for us!

Olympic boosters promise the Games will bring billions in "economic revenue" - and they say everyone will benefit. It's the old trickle-down theory; dump money at the top of the economy and benefits will flow down. It won't work. Toronto has had almost a decade of economic growth, and we're facing a growing polarization between rich and poor. Food bank line-ups have more than quadrupled, poverty is booming, and even middle income earners

are feeling the squeeze.

The Olympics won't correct the inequities. Rich corporations and individuals will continue to prosper - and the rest of us will be left to pay the debt.

Instead of chasing after mega projects, Toronto should invest public dollars in public needs. The people of Toronto (and Ontario and Canada) will pay most of the Olympic bill, but we'll receive little in return: some already-promised housing, a new sports stadium (do we REALLY need another??), some short term jobs, and a huge financial tab.

STOP PLAYING GAMES WITH TORONTO!

BREAD NOT CIRCUSES

Elections can be a circus too. The one on the 17th wasn't a crushing defeat for Jim Green and COPE/Civic NDP. Jim got 11,000 votes less. Patricia Chauncey just missed getting on the School Board by 190 votes. There were only 2 polls unaccounted for when Pat was in the ninth spot and victory was being celebrated. An experienced eye saw that one of them was in the heart of Shaughnessy, where social "class" and money are the Holy Grail. Practically everyone who can vote does vote..and the returns usually are 600-NPA, 23-COPE.

Patricia is a vital activist and leader in getting school lunch programs in 14 schools in Vancouver, no simple feat considering the political stupidity running most schools.

"Schools are not run politically!" Were you born stupid, or do you have to practice? Schools are funded by taxes. Trustees are elected. Here is the fine distinction between politics and common sense. In elections the personalities of candidates for

the most prestigious positions are given the most ink, the most coverage and the longest time on radio & TV. Unless you are able to either get in the public eye or buy your way into it, you're stuck with being another name in a long list. People who know of the incredible work can be counted on for support.

While the campaigning was going on here, Patricia went to Edmonton for a conference on Child Poverty. There as here, provincial politics overrides common sense and kids go to school hungry. The federal money is being reduced to zero over the next 14 years (Bill C-69, now stalled in the Senate), the provinces are using this as an excuse to cut social programs (including education and welfare) and civic governments pass the buck back to the province who pass it to the feds and kids go to school hungry.

Patricia spoke in Edmonton of the necessity of demanding the political will to end child poverty from those in office or asking to be elected.

"Charitable responses are not adequate. We need to address the causes and examine the systems and policies that maintain poverty - taxation, minimum wage, childcare, education - and educate people where to start."

"Children don't ever recover from the stigma of being poor which, in our society, is equated with being a loser, and many will quit school as teenagers rather than be known as "poor". It's not surprising that 1 in 6 Canadians is illiterate when 1 in 6 Canadian children lives in poverty," she said.

Back in Vancouver, we'll have to wait until 1993 before getting a majority on the 3 divisions of civic government - Council, Parks & Schools.

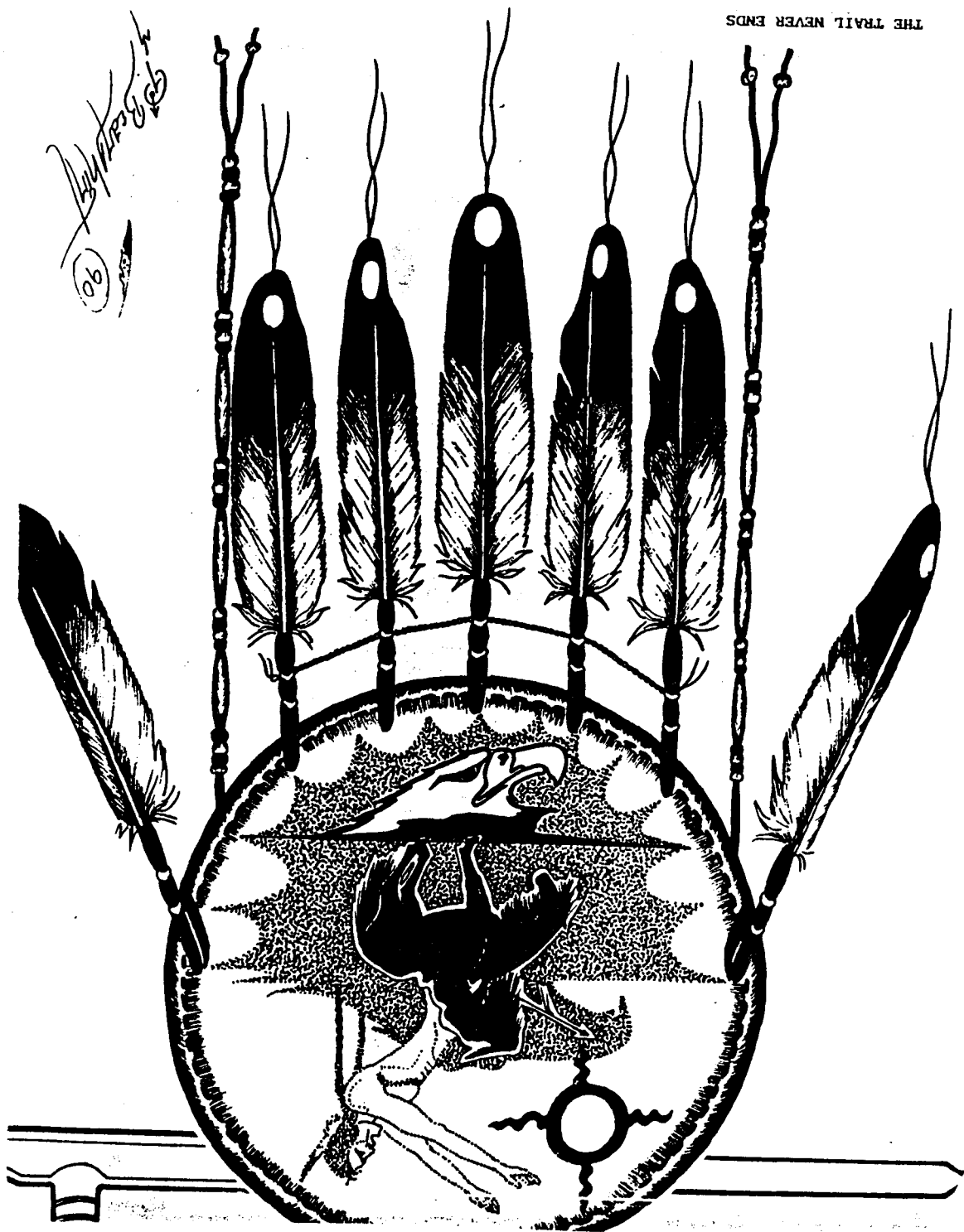
The Newsletter has been as wrong as much local media in the coverage given to civic issues. It hit home while I was writing the cover story for the November 15, 1990 issue. All the issues of affordable housing, honesty in government, waste management, a city for executives & tourists or a home for its citizens, and mega projects looming like thunderclouds on the horizon...all these and more are being directed by the same corporate agenda that stuck us with "free" trade & the stacking of the Senate; with the GST willy-nilly (so far); with losses of jobs & companies moving away; with affordable housing being torn down and replaced with luxury condos; with the bid for the Olympics in Toronto; with Expo in Vancouver and the Expo land sale fiasco; with single parents having their youngest child over 6 months old and forced to look for work with no childcare even available, much less affordable; with realities of poverty and the growing gap between rich and poor hidden and almost ignored by the media owned by the rich; with Vancouver being sold to non-local interests and costs and livability moving away from each other just like the rich & poor.

From the grassroots, we fight to make every issue crucial, to make each violation of and indifference to simple common sense as well-known and publicized as possible. The NPA hung on by the skin of its teeth, retaining only a 1-vote majority. The socreds have already started lying hysterically to confuse as much as possible before calling an election next year. Mulroney won't call an election until at least 1992, if he's not shot by then.

The whole ideation is to wake up! Action and involvement make the experience undeniable.

By PAULR TAYLOR

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The course of a Warrior is unalterable
 The challenge is how far he can go within
 those bounds, how impeccable he can be within
 those rigid bounds.

If there's obstacles in his path, the Warrior
 strives impeccably to overcome them.

If he finds unbearable hardships, and pain
 on his path he weeps. But all his tears
 put together could not move the line
 of his destiny.

Phil Bearshirt
 Siksika Nation



ONE COMMON BATTLEFIELD

Another Warrior died today
 His final battle lost
 To our people's most common enemy
 Addictions; FINAL cost.

While many may have seen his pride
 Very few understood his pain
 Or just how many times he tried
 To break free of those chains.

With those of us with whom he shared
 His spirit deep within
 He still stands in our circle
 As we remember him.

He left no final words for us
 But an image was revealed
 Of a warrior fighting to the end
 On ONE COMMON BATTLEFIELD.

How many more like him must die?
 How much death can we ignore?
 The enemy's going to kill us all
 Unless we stop the war . . .

For Phillip Bearshirt, 32,
 Siksika Nation.

Deceased October 10, 1990

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse
 D.B. Pawis and Brothers
 Calgary Native Brotherhoods

ANOTHER DAY IN HELL

The pain inside is, oh so real,
The feeling is that of cold, cold steel.
And that of sheer emptiness.

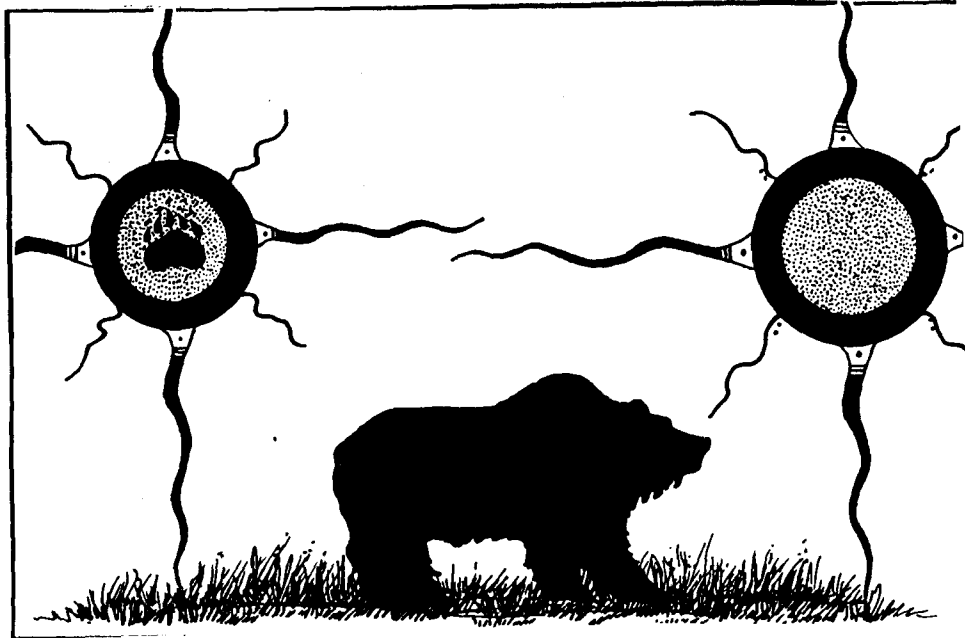
Four walls surround me,
Concrete all around preventing me
To see the real world outside this place.

The boredom in here is almost too much for one man to endure,
Once in a while the guard looks up to see that all is secure.
I feel like a trapped animal in a cage
Always being watched, observed, monitored makes me fill with rage.
They wait for me to break down and snap
They think I'll fall for their mental trap.
But my spirit is strong and won't be broken.
Especially by them.

I feel like I'm about to fade away,
Like the forgotten refuse from yesterday.
I wish I could run through forest and field once more,
I would run, and run 'til my whole body was sore,
But I know I can't.
I'm trapped in hell for what seems like forever.

Only time, time that goes by slowly will tell
How long I must endure this tormenting hell.
I can only wait, wait and pray for the faithful day,
I can return to the real world,
The world of the living.

John Milner



Editor:

An important conference on Native self-government in Toronto a couple of months ago received virtually no local news coverage despite having a very original concept of native self-government presented. Thomas Courchene, director of the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University, presented a paper recommending that the self-government issue be resolved by creating an eleventh province - a native province.

The land for this province would include all existing reserve land, including the northern territories. This would create a significant geographic base even though the land will be spread out across Canada. If one includes Metis and Inuit and non-status natives in the population you would have roughly 5% of Canada; a significant people base.

Natives would elect their own gov-

ernment; have their own legislature;¹⁵ have direct representation in Parliament and the Senate; attend with a voice and a vote at all First Ministers' Conferences; negotiate deals with other provinces; accept federal transfer payments to establish their own health, social service and education systems; form their own justice system and police force and have their own form of taxation. Quite simply, Natives would have their own form of government while remaining an integral part of Canada.

The more I read and ponder this proposal the more excited I become. I think this could be a starting point to actually resolving many different and difficult issues - from poverty to self-government and economic opportunities. Best of all, difficulties would be solved by native peoples themselves.

I look forward to reading in upcoming issues of the Carnegie Newsletter what your readers think.

Darren Lowe

Re: Morse



"Purchased in 1986, this painting cost the museum \$6 million, and the director his job."

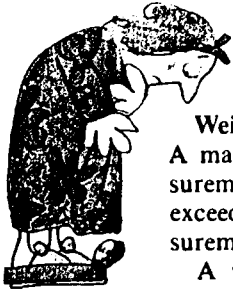
I'm sorry if I've hurt you
My silence was my time
You said my silence was killing you
So here's my version of the truth

In mourning, but not wearing black
In evening I appealed to God
"I've been known to make incredible comebacks"
I've graduated "cum laude."

I have a grade six education
But that's just a code
Sach Khand is my destination
When i'm the oldest of the old

Once again, I'm sorry
If I've caused you any pain
I'll try to make it up to you
When I'm the sanest of the sane.

Elizabeth Thorpe



Weighty Decision.

A man's waist measurement should not exceed his hip measurement.

A woman's waist measurement should

be less than 80 percent of her hip measurement.

Oh, people of the fire
Making war because of your desire
Stop and look at the little children -
Weren't you once like them?
Oh people of the fire
Thinking your tactics will take you higher
Try to feel the presence of the wholly one
Will you ever be like that?
People of the fire
The more you build your funeral pyre
The more it will consume you
Stop! Stop! Stop!

Elizabeth Thorpe



"I was only kidding, Agnes... I really do like them!"
GUSTAFSON MASTERS AGENCY



"Typical - the first Christmas and we have to spend it away from home."

Greetings from the Learning Centre!

It's party time! Our fifth annual Learning Centre Christmas bash will be on December 14. We hope to have it at the Four Sisters Co-op and'll know by Dec. 4th. All students and tutors are welcome; tickets and information are on Carnegie's 3rd floor.

Watch for creative writing workshops in early December. A regular Creative Writing class will resume in January.

If you haven't dropped in recently, you may not know that there is a job board, updated regularly. It's for community members and we can help you polish your resumes, cover letters...

As part of our community outreach

you'll see info tables here and elsewhere, describing the various programs offered.

Students and tutors have been meeting each Thursday afternoon. Some of the ideas generated will soon be published as a "Tutor's Survival Guide".

Thanks to everyone for making 1990 an exciting year. There's a lot of talent and commitment and caring here. If you or a friend are interested but haven't gotten involved yet, 1991 is on the horizon..climb aboard!

Gratitude and best wishes,
Lex, Claude, Mike, Colin, Kathie and
the rest of the gang.

THE CARNEGIE COMPUTER ROOM
IS FOR
CARNEGIE MEMBERS !!!

THE COMPUTER ROOM IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM
 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM, HOLIDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Classes are held for Carnegie Members and Volunteers, during which time the computer room will be reserved for the students. However, we encourage you to attend the classes and gain some valuable computer experience.

CARNEGIE COMPUTER CLASSES

Monday & Friday: For Volunteers Only!!!

Mondays from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Fridays from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

MEET THE MACHINE

This simple introduction to the computer will show you how easy they are to use.

Tuesday & Thursday: For ALL Members and Volunteers!!!

From 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM both days.

**COMPUTER LITERACY
 AN INTRODUCTION TO
 MICROSOFT WORD**

This class will teach you the basics of using Microsoft Word, an easy to learn wordprocessing program.

Saturday Classes: For ALL members and Volunteers!!!

From 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

INTRODUCTION TO MS-DOS

DOS is what makes the computer work!

This class will show you how to
MAKE DOS WORK FOR YOU!!!

From 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

FIRST CHOICE

SPREADSHEETS AND DATABASES

This class will introduce you to the concepts of spreadsheets and databases, and then we will show you how to make them using First Choice.

From 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

ADVANCED PROGRAMMING IN BASIC

This class will teach you the BASIC Programming Language and the hexadecimal and binary number systems.

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE OR OTHER COURSES, PLEASE TALK TO THE PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR, OR ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS IN THE LEARNING CENTER

Pulling the wool over your eyes is their business.

Telling you how they do it is ours.

Poverty didn't vanish with the good guy in Les Miserables getting a pat on the back or a kiss from his girl. That was the message that Vanderzalm wanted his loyal zombies to leave with..when he held his little "fund-raiser" charging 100 of the most zealous socreds \$2,500 apiece for dinner and a show.

On these pages are the latest numbers on poverty in Canada and in B.C. Bear in mind that these figures are only correct up to 1987..before the "free" trade agreement and the recession and then the GST and Bill C-69 (so far). The percentages of children and young adults are gross. To

anybody with half a brain, it's obvious that kids and the young are the "leaders of tomorrow"... but Vanderzalm & Mulroney & Campbell have each decided to make their opinions known: The good life - an education, opportunities, leisure, play...are for the rich, the well-to-do, and if that doesn't include you, it's your fault and too bad get lost crawl under a rock and die just stop whining 'cause we might make them feel guilty - by reminding them that the little voice they hear in their heads is the conscience. Appealing to the human side of these blanks is about the same as reasoning with an open-mouthed shark.

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SOCIAL REPORT CARD 1979-87

Unemployment rate

	% 1979	8.3	16.2	9.8	10.5	12.5	10.9	7.2	6.5	4.9	4.7	8.3
	% 1988	7.8	16.4	13.0	10.2	12.0	9.4	5.0	7.8	7.5	8.0	10.3

Average Incomea 1987

Households aged 15-24	\$s 1979	21,203	17,219	18,524	16,856	19,098	22,542	20,103	19,023	21,504	23,043	22,302
	\$s 1987	18,286	16,450	16,187	17,929	14,885	18,637	19,697	15,418	16,213	16,928	18,092
Individuals	\$s 1979	17,605	12,686	14,697	13,583	14,553	16,451	18,498	15,907	15,868	20,244	18,545
	\$s 1987	18,683	14,564	13,961	15,911	13,650	17,112	20,697	16,906	16,606	19,247	18,891
Families	\$s 1979	41,264	32,447	32,107	34,209	33,495	39,688	43,169	37,247	38,442	43,984	45,409
	\$s 1987	43,619	33,525	34,771	38,373	35,194	40,098	48,191	39,604	39,108	43,733	42,342
Households	\$s 1979	34,298	28,916	27,382	28,225	28,600	33,460	35,979	30,362	30,925	36,541	35,992
	\$s 1987	36,001	30,210	28,707	31,905	29,850	33,410	39,838	32,495	32,092	35,962	33,817

Poverty rate

Households aged 15-24	% 1979	30	38	31	35	31	29	34	32	27	23	28
	1987	44	51	37	45	55	41	42	49	45	48	42
Children	% 1979	16	26	23	19	22	17	14	19	19	16	12
	1987	16	24	14	17	19	19	12	21	18	19	18
Senior individuals	% 1979	67	85	80	77	62	71	63	69	67	69	63
	1987	48	64	37	41	54	60	41	48	37	43	50
Senior couples	% 1979	22	26	17	18	20	28	18	24	20	19	26
	1987	15	14	2	7	13	22	12	9	6	14	20
Families	% 1979	13	21	18	15	17	14	12	16	15	12	11
	1987	13	20	10	12	15	16	9	14	13	14	15
Female lone parents	% 1979	56	71	45	57	68	59	58	62	50	54	45
	1987	59	76	56	61	75	66	47	56	64	59	67

GAIN - Basic Monthly Rates, September 1990

Employable People (except single parent families & family members over 60)

Family Size	Support	Shelter Max.	Total Max.	Yearly Max.
1 Person	\$200	\$300	\$500	\$ 6,000
Couple	352	485	837	10,044
Couple, 1 child	423	560	983	11,796
Couple, two children	494	600	1094	13,128
Couple, three children	565	650	1215	14,580

Unemployable People, Single Parent Families, People aged 60-64

Family Size	Support	Shelter Max.	Total Max.	Yearly Max.
1 Person	\$250	\$300	\$ 550	\$ 6,600
Couple or Single parent & child	402	485	887	10,644
Family of 3	473	560	1033	12,396
Family of 4	544	600	1144	13,728
Family of 5	615	650	1265	15,180

Canada's unofficial poverty line

FAMILY SIZE	Community size				
	500,000+	100,000-499,999	30,000-99,999	LESS THAN 30,000	RURAL
1	\$14,078	12,365	12,079	11,011	9,583
2	19,082	16,762	16,374	14,926	12,991
3	24,255	21,303	20,812	18,972	16,513
4	27,927	24,528	23,961	21,843	19,012
5	30,513	26,799	26,180	23,932	20,772
6	33,120	29,088	28,417	25,905	22,547
7+	35,622	31,287	30,565	27,864	24,251

TABLE A.10
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Characteristic	Number ('000)	Distribution 100%	Incidence %
Employment status			
working poor ^a	56	23.5	n.c.
other poor	182	76.5	n.c.
Age of head			
less than 25 years	35	14.7	39.6
25-34 years	54	22.7	19.8
35-44 years	41	17.2	15.7
45-54 years	17	7.1	9.9
55-64 years	29	12.2	17.5
over 65 years	62	26.1	26.5
Family type			
couple/children	32	13.4	10.8
lone-parent/male ^a	4	1.7	33.3
lone-parent/female ^a	37	15.5	64.9
couple/no children	17	7.1	8.7
elderly couple	8	3.4	7.9
individual/elderly	51	21.4	46.4
individual/non-elderly	81	34.0	27.8
other family	8	3.4	6.1
Education of head			
0-8 years	41	17.2	28.1
some high school	123	51.7	21.3
some post-secondary	37	15.5	25.0
certificate/diploma	18	7.6	12.6
university degree	19	8.0	10.9
Size of community			
100,000 or more	158	66.4	22.3
30,000-99,999	24	10.1	16.1
less than 30,000	34	14.3	17.9
rural	22	9.2	14.8

238,000
19.9%
\$1,050
\$4,405
143,000
20.2%
1.9 persons

1. INTRODUCTION:

This Commission has been asked to "make recommendations to the provincial government for the improvement of health and our health care system." This is a laudable endeavor. However, the title of the Commission is "The Royal Commission on Health Care and Costs." The word "costs", by implication - at least to us - in the title of any Commission, board or committee's mandate means that this Commission will be looking to cut costs in our health care system. We state this, not in a mood of cynicism - for we hope our presentation will show that we are sincere - but in response to impending legislation: the Federal Bill C-69.

Bill C-69 is now in its first reading. However, if enacted, Bill C-69 would accelerate funding cutbacks for medicare, social services and post secondary education. Federal money paid to the provinces for these programs would be reduced each year, from its 1989/90 level of about \$9 billion to zero by the year 2004.

Bill C-69 would also, for the first time, place a limit on federal money for social assistance payments and social services in the three 'rich' provinces - Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. If federal funding is reduced the provinces will bear an increased financial burden which, in turn, could jeopardize the availability and quality of these programs and limit the help available to those most in need. In the area of health care, the institution of extra-billing or hospital user-fees (now prohibited under the Canada Health Act) are very likely. Every year, a lower proportion of our national wealth goes to medicare through national funding. Every year the

provinces have to find a little more money to make up the difference.

It is with these factors in mind that we present this submission to this Commission, for without federal and provincial commitment to preserving and improving the health care system - especially for the elderly, those living below the poverty line, and for those men, women and children with AIDS, dollars supposedly 'saved' now will only increase the burden on future

generations. The erosion of the universality of health care and the cutting back of health care funding discourages proactive initiatives (the ounce of prevention). Health care is an investment. Keeping our nation healthy should be a priority. Maintaining health, especially in the later years of life and with an aging population will become one of the most crucial challenges facing this province.

2. WHAT DERA DOES:

Before giving our presentation, allow us to explain the nature of our organization, its goals and successes, and our standing in our community.

DERA (The Downtown Eastside Residents' Association) was formed in 1973. It was formed by residents who were disgusted with the indifference, the years of neglect and the exploitation which increased their poverty and labelled their community "Skid Road". Residents organized in order to improve their neighbourhood and renamed it "the Downtown Eastside".

Over the years the residents have fought long and hard for decent and affordable housing, jobs, liveable incomes, community and recreational facilities, park space, safer streets (curb-

ing the carrying of knives - especially in bars - and the sale of alcohol substitutes) and community-based neighbourhood planning.

Membership in DERA is open to anyone who lives within the boundaries of the Downtown Eastside. Monthly membership meetings are held and these meetings provide a forum for discussion on community issues and concerns. Approved policies are then carried out by DERA's staff.

Over one-third of our approximately 4500 members are Chinese-Canadian. Accordingly, the meetings are in English and Cantonese. As well, we publish a monthly newsletter on topics of interest to the community and updates on what is happening and might happen in their neighbourhood.

Over the years, DERA has had many successes and we perform many functions - all for the betterment of the community.

3. THE TYPICAL RESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE:

To give the Commission an idea of the demographics of the Downtown Eastside, we have added a profile of the average resident from our resident surveys.

The Downtown Eastside is popularly referred to as "Skid Road", and often serves as a catchment area for many of the City's social problems. What is not widely known is that the Downtown Eastside is one of the most stable communities in Vancouver, with a strong community identity, a vibrant mix of cultures, ages and economic backgrounds and an established group of residents who are committed to maintaining and improving the community.

The typical resident of the Downtown Eastside is a Caucasian male who lives alone and is possibly disabled. He is 45 years or older and a recipient of social assistance, with a monthly income of less than \$580, this being 66.15%

- of the poverty line income. An average resident in 1990:
- 89% are males
 - 93% are live-alones
 - average age is 47 years
 - 46% were born in B.C.
 - 49% from elsewhere in Can.
 - 5% from outside Canada
 - monthly income of \$500
 - monthly rent \$300 or less.

The average resident has lived in the Downtown Eastside for 13 years. Most live in a housekeeping or sleeping room. 43% have some sort of health problem which makes it difficult for them to get around. The sleeping and housekeeping units in which most of them live are typically 100 square feet of living space within which there is a bed, a dresser, a chair and a sink. A growing percentage of units have a hot plate and a fridge. Rarely do such units contain wash-room facilities or a phone.

The above information is extracted from the results of our two housing surveys (1988 and 1990) done for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The 1990 survey has not yet received approval for publication from CMHC, although we do anticipate approval later this month (Nov).

The latest study found that, while changes in resident types are occurring, the traditional Downtown Eastside resident type, as outlined above, is remaining in the neighbourhood. The typical resident profile has changed marginally due to an influx of 'younger' people, including women and children, into the area. This was caused by the city-wide rental crisis of the past two years.

In our 1988 study there was a vacancy rate of between 13-26% in the 'residential' hotels which form the majority of our housing stock. In our latest study, the vacancy rate fluctuates between 2 & 3%. This 'slack' in the vacancy rate was taken up by younger people, forced out of affordable accommodation by rising costs. As well, an in-

creasing number of de-institutionalized mental patients have gravitated to the area, also forced out by rent increases in the surrounding areas.

Until lately, relatively little was known about the health status and patterns of health service utilization of area residents. Nearly one half of the residents questioned in our survey reported some form of disability. In our 1988 survey, serious disabilities were reported by about 15% of the people responding. We have also identified substance abuse, violence and vice as major problems in the area.

While the average resident is a Caucasian male over 45, more families are moving into the area, both out of necessity and by choice. While the residents fought long and hard for a waterfront park in the area, recreational facilities are still severely lacking. The Carnegie Community Centre provides recreational facilities, but its limited space - even though it is expanding - restricts the amount of service it can provide.

4. HEALTH STUDY DONE - RESULTS DISTURBING:

In July of 1990, a "Preliminary Study of Selected Morbidity and Mortality Indicators" in the Downtown Eastside was done by Dr. Jan Tollefson, a Resident in Community Medicine at the University of British Columbia. It must be noted that this is a preliminary study, but it provides an indication of the health and related problems we face in the Downtown Eastside. This study uses eight determinants or indicators of health status for assessment purposes...

- 1) Income and employment
- 2) Tuberculosis
- 3) Human immunodeficiency virus
- 4) Alcohol withdrawal requiring care at a detox unit

- 5) Children-in-care caseloads
- 6) Mental health caseloads
- 7) Homicides and other 'crimes against person'
- 8) Mortality, including premature loss of life.

The results of this study, while shocking, were not surprising to DERA. We had already sensed that we had an increasing number of social problems and the attendant health problems. We at DERA entirely concur with the recommendations of the report. We would also encourage further studies. As is evident from the study findings, the health problems in the Downtown Eastside are worse than in any other area of the City of Vancouver.

5. IN-DEPTH DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE HEALTH STUDY NEEDED:

DERA recently applied to several sources for funding to do a more comprehensive survey of health needs in the Downtown Eastside. The proposed objectives are:

- 1) to derive estimates of the burden of illness in this population;
- 2) to determine the pattern of health service utilization.

Aside from the study done by Dr. Tollefson, relatively little is known about the health status and patterns of health service utilization of Downtown Eastside residents. Research elsewhere indicates that relative deprivation, and this is the case in the Downtown Eastside, correlates strongly and positively to both higher rates of mortality and poorer health status, and it is thus anticipated that the study will uncover generally poor health status.

Other populations with similar characteristics to the Downtown Eastside tend to use fewer health care services relative to overall levels of need, and often do not seek care until conditions have become relatively severe.

One interesting focus of our proposed survey would be to

compare the health status of single live-alones, who comprise the majority of our population, with those in cooperative and social housing projects. We are certain that this would point to a strong correlation between proper housing and health.

We would also study the health experience of a subsample of area residents; how they cope when ill, and who they turn to for help.

We would examine the support and monitoring systems, and how people living well below the poverty line nourish themselves during periods of illness, when they are confined to their rooms.

We would also explore the level of substance abuse - especially alcohol (in the Downtown Eastside we have nearly 6,000 pub seats, or nearly one for every two residents).

While the funds for this study do not appear to be forthcoming, especially in the short term, we feel that doing this type of study is imperative. To deal effectively with health care, we must be aware of the totality of the problem. Chronic disease and substance abuse require constant attention if we are to deal effectively with the challenge of providing proper care, preventative measures and better allocation of medical and social services.

6. HOW DERA APPROACHES HEALTH:

In 1989 DERA was given a Seniors Health Independence Program grant by Health & Welfare Canada. The purpose of this grant was to enable us to improve the independence, self esteem, and general health of seniors (45 years and older - our typical resident). We view health as a totality, including physical, mental, social and communal health. This successful program is now in its second year.

ALICE: Under the aegis of SHIP SHAPE, DERA received a start-up grant from the Vancouver Foundation to initiate a program called A.L.I.C.E. (A Low Income Cooperative Enterprise). In December 1990 we hope to open ALICE, a low-cost general store for seniors and other residents of the Downtown Eastside. We will be endeavoring to keep the price of basic foodstuffs and cleaning supplies as low as possible for people on fixed incomes.

Nutritional counselling & education are another goal of this project. Those on fixed incomes, especially when ill or near the end of their monthly assistance money, tend to eat poorly (the toast & tea syndrome). Proper diet is important in maintaining good health, and as most of our residents live in residential hotels, cooking and food storage facilities are often lacking.

Corner convenience stores tend to have higher prices for canned goods and toilet and cleaning supplies. Bulk buying cost savings are

nearly impossible for those on fixed incomes. We will also be looking at a delivery service for shut-ins.

Health care does not, as the saying goes, 'stop at the skin'. Environmental, social and community factors are also important. These are the factors upon which DERA has historically, and continues to, concentrate.

Housing: Over the past six years, DERA has sponsored the building of nearly 500 units of social and cooperative housing, thereby lodging approximately 800 people. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment; good, affordable housing is in constant demand in the Downtown Eastside. We have nearly 3000 people on our active housing waiting list, and of these

approximately 550 are children. This represents a startling 80% increase in applications from families with children since 1986.

Proper housing is a critical factor in encouraging and sustaining good health. When long-term residents of residential hotels and other types of substandard accommodation are finally allocated decent and affordable housing, security of tenure, and a say in the care and maintenance of their domicile, self esteem, independence and health (physical and emotional) improve noticeably. Our housing staff have reported less substance abuse (especially alcohol), improved general appearance, more openness and a willingness to cooperate amongst those finally allotted decent housing.

(Having said the above, DERA extends an invitation to all or part of the Commission on Health Care to visit any of our housing developments. We also invite you to speak to a random sampling of the residents in these developments regarding their outlook on health, health related matters, substance abuse, ways of improving the health of the community, or any other topic which you feel falls within your mandate.)

7. DERA RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION:

(The following are not necessarily in priority order.)

A. HOUSING

1) An increased allocation of social housing units for the Downtown Eastside to provide a larger stock of affordable housing for those on fixed incomes. Especially needed are more long term care facilities for seniors. There is a backlog in the present system with long wait lists in referring facilities such as intermediate care and emergency housing.

2) The sponsorship of non-profit groups to operate hotels to ensure retention, proper care and administration of affordable residential units.

3) More co-operative housing for the Downtown Eastside, delivered through a modified 56.1 CMHC "type" program in conjunction with subsidies from BCHMC (British Columbia Housing Management Corporation) and/or the City of Vancouver. This program must allow a minimum target of 50% low income members in the co-operative.

4) Develop more appropriate and fully staffed housing and resources for HIV positive, drug addicted, homeless sex-trade workers.

B. MENTAL HEALTH:

1) Increased services for people with mental health disorders in the Downtown Eastside, such as outreach and one to one life-skills workers.

2) Proper housing for people with mental disorders. The Greater Vancouver Mental Health Service estimates that in Vancouver and Richmond alone, there are over 200 people with mental disorders on waiting lists for boarding homes. The Strathcona Community Care Team, which treats many people with mental disorders in the Downtown Eastside, states that it now takes as long as four months for these people to get into a boarding home, compared to a wait of three weeks only two years ago. As a result, many are forced to take inappropriate and substandard housing in the Downtown Eastside, if they can get it, and experience difficulty in staying in one place.

There are two emergency shelters for people with mental health problems in Vancouver - Triage and Lookout. They are both in the Downtown Eastside. Both are being forced to turn away prospective clients because of the pressure to accommodate those who have no shelter at all, but

don't necessarily fit their mandate. More shelters are needed, but locations in other areas of the city should also be considered. Locating more residential facilities in the Downtown

Eastside further complicates the area's problems, certainly does not aid recovery and results in many being victimized.

The lack of proper mental health follow up, monitoring and proper accommodation results in many people with mental disorders becoming victims of crime: assault, robbery, sexual abuse, etc. This causes them to be a further strain on the health care system, often requiring rehospitalization and/or hospitalization.

C. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

1) More physical recreational facilities are needed such as a swimming pool, more gymnasium space, another community centre and more park space.

D. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS:

1) More extensive community directed and culturally appropriate alcohol and drug treatment programs (especially in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver). Without the necessary facilities to provide 'in house' treatment, the cycles of dependency and abuse will continue. This dependency and abuse can cause physical deterioration as well as higher rates of crime, 'dysfunctional' families, family break up, more children-in-care, and a host of other problems which, if not dealt with, become chronic and lead to a further drain on our already over-taxed health and social services system.

2) Substance abuse education and awareness programs are needed.

F. OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

1) Increased outreach for the lonely and 'shut-in' adults and seniors.

- Because of illness, alcohol/drug abuse, physical or emotional impairment, economic deprivation, and/or lack of traditional social ties - a great number of our residents become 'disconnected' from available resources. According to most studies, these people become diseased, physically and emotionally impaired, and generally seek treatment most often when their situation reaches the chronic stage. Outreach and quasi-clinical programs such as more community health workers (physical & mental) and community health nurses, seniors' programs such as DERA's SUIP SHAPE and neighbourhood helpers programs are necessary if we are to intercede and promote proper physical and mental health.

G. CHILDREN'S SERVICES:

1) Steps should be taken to ensure that children are safe from verbal, physical and sexual abuse both inside and outside the home.

2) That there be a further development of services for the children of battered women.

3) That children in the school system be taught how to deal with violence and conflict and that neighbourhood programs be developed to assist children in learning skills regarding coping with their own violent behaviour or that of others.

4) That more short and long term child-care and respite-care services be provided to families in the Downtown Eastside.

H. SPOUSAL ASSAULT SERVICES:

1) That funding for treatment programs for the perpetrators of spouse assault be provided, in which issues of socialization and attitudes to power and control are dealt with.

2) That more trained and sensitive victim support services are needed for battered women.

3) There is a need to expand coordination of spouse assault services across the Province and communities should be encouraged to develop Spouse Assault Coordinating Committees.

I. WELFARE CHANGES:

1) That the minimum wage and welfare rate be raised to the Federally defined poverty line (at least) to reflect the actual cost of living in Vancouver. The long term savings resulting from such a move would more than pay for the short-term expense.

2) Set up a system of rent reviews and remove the division of welfare money into support and shelter components so that landlords do not automatically raise rents, thereby forcing welfare recipients to use food money for housing charges.

3) Provide medical and dental coverage for all persons on welfare to increase accessibility to health care.

J. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) That the health care mandate be broadened to provide more health promotion activities (prevention and early intervention).

2) The nature and design of services must be mixed to reflect the multiple causes of poor health. We need to establish a system of communication to ensure that separation of jurisdictions between Provincial Ministries does not continue to thwart efforts to promote holistic continua of services.

3) That community health coordination committees be established to ensure that delivery systems are guided by and reflect the needs of health care users, and that they develop both short and long term strategies. They should be backed by and include government representatives, and have enough power to be a force for change.

4) It is necessary to coordinate services and research in a community to determine

how they can design their own interventions. In the absence of local leadership or resources the health agencies should act as a catalyst for motivating community leaders, voluntary organizations and government service agencies to engage in an inter-agency approach to health promotion.

5) That educational materials be produced in plain language i.e. in a clear and concise manner to ensure that those with literacy problems can fully understand them.

6) All programs must include an evaluation component to ensure that they serve actual community-identified needs.

7) That funding be provided for multicultural services to be expanded and for the provision of multicultural interpretation programs for users of the health care system.

8) That governments and their departments stop taking short-term and myopic views of problems and their possible solutions and work towards more comprehensive and long-term planning that will affect the root causes of the problems (no more politically expedient solutions).



"Now, let's see, where was I?"

The attack of the naked mole
came as something of a surprise
Luckily, it had no reprise
But I was relocated into a
coven of witches
And they ripped open my stitches
The frugs they forced me to take
only made things worse
But they showed no remorse
But I did my time
And now it is their hands that
are covered in grime.
If my fate should become their fate
It might finally decide the debate
Over who is evil and who is good
But I doubt that anything will
be understood
Until the end of the time
That the punishment has fitted
the crime
precisely.

Elizabeth Thorpe



Carnegie Character Spotlight

VIOLET BESTON

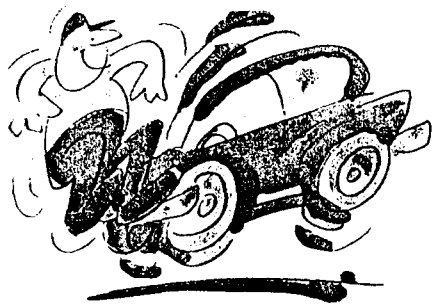
Violet is someone who plays at the Carnegie Cabaret every Tuesday night. Her piano playing soothes the soul and caresses your love for music.

Born in 1911, Violet has been playing the piano since the age of six and remembers performing for people whose fathers, husbands and sons were off at war in France in 1918.

During World War II she performed at the Dugout and remembers being picked up at least 3 nights a week in a jeep and sent to play at different Regimental camps. Every Sunday afternoon she would go to Jerricho Hostess House to perform.

All of this was volunteer and today she's a regular performer at the Cabaret. When asked what she likes the most about Carnegie, she says, "the socialability..you know, meeting people. There's no stigmatism and the abundance of talent among all the young people is really something. It's like living over again to perform. Three years ago I was in intensive care. I never thought I'd play again."

By STEVE ROSE



Checking Your Shocks. Bounce your car up and down with your foot. If it keeps on bouncing after you stop, you need new shocks.

To My Darling Wife...

Do Not Worry

The emergence rises from the depths
Uneasiness crawls through space
Darkness shattered by a cry
Do not worry, for I am here
Awake in care, I give up sleep
In a silent cry, I pray
In the silence of the night,
my rain falls
Do not worry, for I am here
Do not worry, for I am love
Do not worry, for I love you.

Alan King

BITTERS

Out there in the other lands
The cross-winds have blown strongly;
The tide's upon the beach
The surf keeps rolling on.
The corals are a reef
that many thought of fondly
And when the war was on the land
Many were found gone.

Yes, there in that faraway land
Words spoken on winds that blew golden,
Yes, there in that faraway land
thoughts were thought, I sooth
No one acts..they've known
grown much more bolden.

And we ask, were they to wile away their time
With murder, plunder, genocide, crime.
And lie to others that they might rule
Though they themselves lie dying in stool.

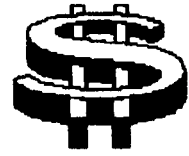
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If this is true, and many know
who have lived there,
Why? we ask, find they to strut in bliss
Stand they now their own destruction
and blood to let
With arms? Nay, only great armor
that they themselves have set.

I cannot help but in this restless quietness
Ponder back on days of other nothingness
Were they not too so inclined to remember then
Their countrymen also fell as bowling pins,
Struck by the ball thrown by a master of the game.

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Yes there in that faraway land.....

John Thay



But my hands are not suited for
I do not care to wield the
ice-cold dirk
I think I will be a witness
to the executioner's cry
My only question now is Why?
Elizabeth Thorpe

Editor,

Isn't it funny the way our democratic process works? When I was voting on Saturday I took a second to think about the system. I found it odd how we get one day to vote for municipal, provincial and federal candidates running for office. We get one day and they get 1,095 days (municipal) or 1,460 days (prov. & fed.)

Polls are usually open for 12 hours. Millions of people get 12 hours to go to polling places for provincial and federal governments, who then get 35,040 hours of power to decide our fate.

It takes the average person 5 minutes to vote..5 minutes compared to the 1,488,200 municipal or 2,102,400 prov/fed minutes within their mandate.

Of course the solution would be to shorten government mandates. The logical argument is that it's too expensive to change governments within 1½ or 2 years. The bureaucracy would be indescribable! Offices would be a zoo (not that most already aren't); employees at all levels would be scrambling to figure out who their boss is. So I guess we just have to live with it.

Campbell is on his third mandate. We've voted on 3 of the 3,285 days of putting up with him in City Hall.

Vander Scam is in the 1st mandate at 1,460 days and Mulroney is in his 2nd term - 2,920 days of enduring him. We've had 2 days to choose federally.

It's hard to conclude the point of this letter but in the long run voting is a rip-off. Now if there were referendums on any policy at any level of government..

then it wouldn't be so bad, eh?

Steve Rose



LETTER

(Editor's note: The following appeared in Business Week on April 24, 1948 in an article titled "Economic Consequences of a Third World War". Less than 3 years after the end of the second world war, Big Business said..)

MANPOWER CONTROL

Manpower regulation would be the overriding problem of World War III. We couldn't fight another war without dictating to everyone where to work, what to do, what to get paid for it. Reason 1: The supply of manpower would be a limit on production right from the start. So you could not afford to waste it. You would have to put workers where they are needed most, just as you would materials.

more than meets the eye.

We never really had to be tough about this in War II. In 1939 we had the benefit of 9 million unemployed, plus a lot of people working short hours or in poor jobs. The picture:

	1939	War II	Today
Armed force	0.4	11.4	1.2
Labor force	54.1	52.6	59.8
Employment	45.2	51.8	57.1
Hours/week	37.7	45.2	40.0

Reason 2: You must have mobility of labor. Any time you convert industry from peace to war, you have to move people from one place to another, from one job to another.

If you have large numbers of jobless, that's easy; they'll go to the jobs, on their own. But you don't have that today.

If you and draw people to new jobs with higher pay, that's easy too. But you couldn't do that again; as the chart shows on page 19, living standards would have to go down - not up.

The problem would be to find ways to control people, the way you control materials. After all, you never have to worry about the morale of an ingot of steel; it never gets mad at you.

War II ended before we had to get at all tough. So there are no familiar techniques available. We would have to work these out with a combination of fumbling and brilliant imagination.

But you can see a few features of a labor control pattern:

First of all, a national service system would have to be tied in with the draft of soldiers. It would be more than just offering a choice of

"work or fight"; the government would decide who works, who fights.

The decision would be based on individual usefulness to the war effort, not on how many children you have. So the decision couldn't be made by a board of your neighbors; it would have to be made by experts, bureaucrats.

Another thing we'd have to do, that was not done in War II, is flatly to outlaw strikes, treat incitement to strike as treason.

What strikes there were in War II grew out of job frictions, the ponderousness of government strike-handling machinery; the issues were essentially economic matters and were dealt with as such.

A strike during a war with Russia would be another breed of cat. Even if it were not Communist-started, the Reds would be attracted to it, keep it going, sharpen the bitterness - if they were allowed to. Such strikes, both in intent and in effect, would be sabotage. So we'd have to prevent them.

Could you even get grudging cooperation in all this from organized labor? Labor leaders would have to be assured in more than mere words that this isn't a plot to end free labor in America.

Obviously, cooperation could be obtained only by putting union leaders directly in charge of the program - giving them a responsibility and an authority in government never before approached in this country. That's what Britain had to do last time.

Civil rights of all kinds would take an awful beating of course. In a war with Russia, we would have a real fifth column, as we didn't when we fought Germany and Japan.

That means that, just as in the case of strikes.....

Editor,

Does the question not pose itself: What was US Big Business and government doing, less than 3 years after the founding of the United Nations as a peace-keeping organisation..while the Soviet Union lay devastated and not yet in possession of an atomic bomb, while the USA, untouched territorially by war and now by far the wealthiest & powerful country in the world... What were they doing, pre-occupying themselves with the "economic" consequences of a third world war?

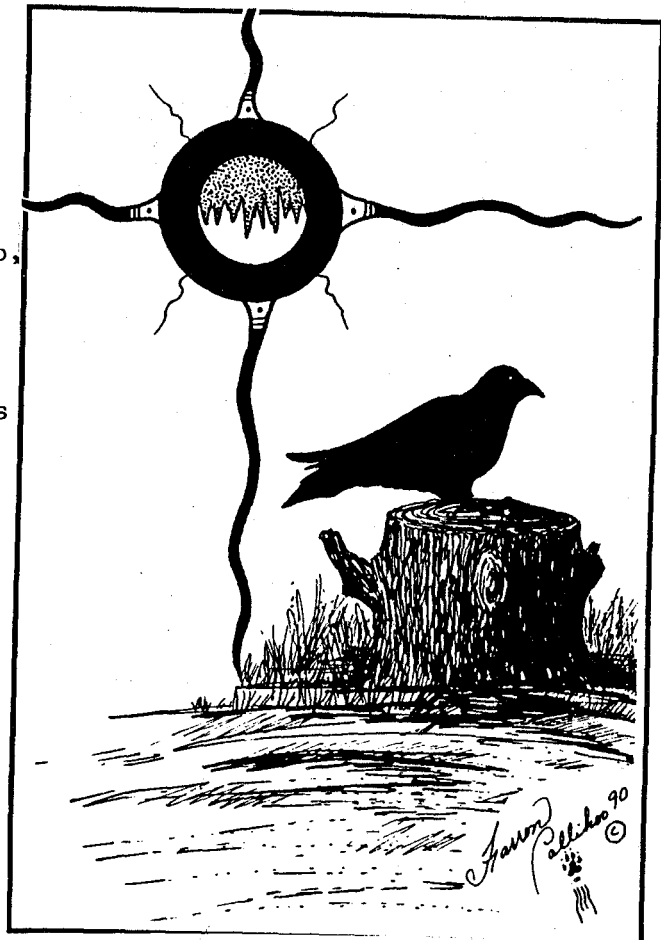
The question surely arises: Were Hiroshima and Nagasaki the concluding blows of the second world war or the initial blows of the third...the subsequent "cold war" period being merely the period of preparatory re-organising of the economy and social psychology necessary for the launching of the Third World War - full scale?

(The parallels between then and now are blunt as transnational corporations wage economic war.)

Today, it seems to me, we are all called upon to distinguish between a benign market economy based on constructive activity, universal in nature and intent, and a malignant market economy based on ruthless competition for advantage and domination. Where does human welfare lie?

I ask you.

Beatrice Ferneyhaugh



(written Nov.15)

self-determination

I wonder why I like Mr. Green,
Though the sight of him I've never seen,
Is it because everywhere is GREEN, GREEN, GREEN.

All my friends are claiming,
That only seeing is believing,
No matter how loud they are yelling,
I will surely be ignoring and voting.

(Dedicated to Gretchen of Carnegie Library,
who always help me with my english.)

Albert k.m. Huong

VILLAGE MOTIF

I do not know this day. It has come too quickly, like fall rain on the morning of the saddest ritual, like a foretold message in the impatient grey of sky.

At the akimbo inadvertancy of vision that catapults us to ourselves, there is a moment of boards and rain, fading light among the weeds beyond a doorless, tilted rectangle only the wind could have intended. Just inside the doorway, to one side, someone squats, nameless with thick contemplation of disabuse and fatigue.

There is no reason to be at such a place, unless it is to have the last pale light in one's eyes, to look across the waste place towards mountains, dark imperatives beyond the forest, and to momentarily be reflected light shivering in the wind like an old finger.


And the moment;s cold persistence suspends us likewise above the bottomlessness we discover ourselves to be. There, in the photographs perhaps the spirit that could live through anything has finally given in. They are too crisp. No one can look at pictures of village such and such after the army has had its way and still talk of that spirit.

The person alone in the shack one night at the edge of the city, the one lingering in a doorway long after the last possible excuse for doing so has gone, the one dreaming some secret connection behind the broken windows of a draughty bus left to rust, what are they that I feel that I must address them?

Maybe there was a swift shadow in the peripheries. Maybe fires will once more signify something other than holocaust. I do not know why I talk all the time, why I do any of these things I do, but there is something sadder than the pacific if I stop.

Daniel Feeney

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.. "The public trust is forgotten"

Casting a vote is an act of trust. By marking an X, you, as a citizen and voter, delegate your trust to an individual or party. It's their responsibility to work to maintain that trust.

Ask yourself if the Vanderzalm government has accepted its responsibility as guardian of the public trust. Two recent reports tell the story

On Nov.21, the Ombudsman's report on the justice system was released. It criticized the entire handling of the Bill Reid affair. Yet instead of acting to ensure BC's justice system will be fair and without interference, the Vanderzalm government tried to shift all blame onto the man who exposed the scandal, Sihota.

The facts are clear: When Bill Reid tried to give public money to his friend it was Moe Sihota who did his job and blew the whistle on him. When Bud Smith tried to tamper with justice, Moe blew the whistle again. And now, the government tries to charge the guy who blew the whistle with disturbing the peace.

Jack Reynolds and Bill Vanderzalm refuse to accept there was a problem. But as a criminal lawyer in the case put it: "If all officials in public office in the province conducted themselves as Mr. Reid did...we should shortly be at the level of public morality that existed in the Capone era in Chicago."

That's why the Ombudsman proposed serious changes to our criminal justice system. I can tell you a New Democrat government will implement every one of the recommendations to protect the independence of the justice system in B.C.

On Nov.23 came a 2nd report, this one Auditor-General George Morfitt's investigation into the privatization of computer services in the Attorney-General's Ministry. Morfitt found that the owners of Syscom Consulting were in conflict-of-interest, working for both the ministry and their own company. He cited the Attorney-General's Ministry for breaking its own guidelines and policies by awarding contracts to Syscom and others with neither open bidding nor requests for competitive quotes.

Once again, the Vanderzalm government was caught in a situation of conflict in spending the taxpayers' money. And their response? No apology or penalty. Instead A-G Russ Fraser pronounced the matter "cleared up." Back to business as usual.

This behaviour is totally unacceptable. How can we trust a govt. that displays an almost pathological inability to admit when they're wrong? What is most appalling is their failure to correct the situations until public exposure. Only the people can pass final judgement on a govt. that can't tell right from wrong.

By MIKE HARGOURT

Let's Eliminate ECONOMIC & Racial Discrimination in Canada

E.B.S.

This is a test, it is only a test....
The planetoid chimp society
the dominant chimp gets the prettiest girls
not the dumb tough types, but the chimps
that use their brains.

Fallen King, dreaming of power
Open your fierce charge, cause
panic in the group, those days are gone
Your days are gone
soon

Canada at WA R, are you ready
Food is munitions, I'll starve for PEACE
POM Thots for coffee, Flexi-hours
but does it reflect - the World
or mirror it?

I fell into the yellow between the Red and Green
Stop and Go - somewhere inbetween
at the end of my rope - I saw it all
A Republican style government
H I P P I E S a media creation
a generation in time - BE MORE KIND
MORE HUMAN KIND

Slidance on the streets above
Hermandad for sale, a fire sale
Communist types must be from the Gov't
almost got passed by one of
your (our) Prime Minister
The Ruble devalued, got into a depression
Vote for fun, I vote for everyone
Property Owners and rentalsmen all!!!
Peace Park and Grandview-Woodlands
Stone masonry - Ache Bha
They're robbing my room, again, as I speak
they're robbing my room, my mind, in my sleep
No fun anymore, not allowed - can't afford !!!

Hymn Sang

Yes, but does it rhyme?

No go

What is dominant?

What is subdominant?

Perfect fifth

does it sally forth?

No go

No, don't go

I cried for him

No, don't go

I sang a hymn

No, don't go

I wrote for Him

No, don't go

I whispered timidly

And he spoke the truth

And he gave up his youth

And he always did right

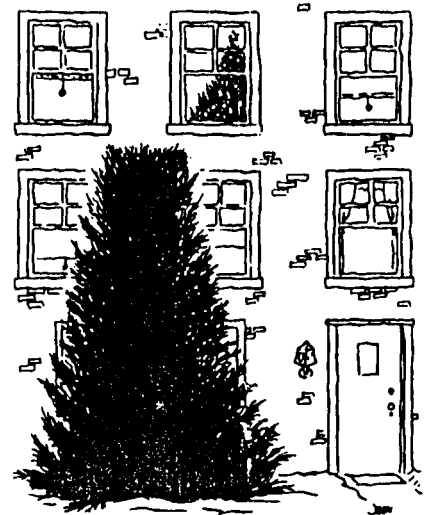
And he never did fight

And he forgave me

And Although he did forsake me

I still believe in hymn.

Elizabeth Thorpe



JONIK IN GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Just a note to fellow East Enders who will be spending the winter outdoors such as I have been - layered clothing and a small plastic tarp allow maximum heat...

It is truly agonizing, after all these latest years of rhetorical reform and consciousness, to see it being used to fuel the fires of those in power..to see them take another giant step in crushing the seeming ant hill of human rights and justice that has emerged, is emerging, trying to gain emergence.

It is hard to say what will come in the future. I thought with all my heart Jim Green would get in..the win might keep us from starting World War III..or possibly just one really positive reform would happen that could open the flood gates to human reality.

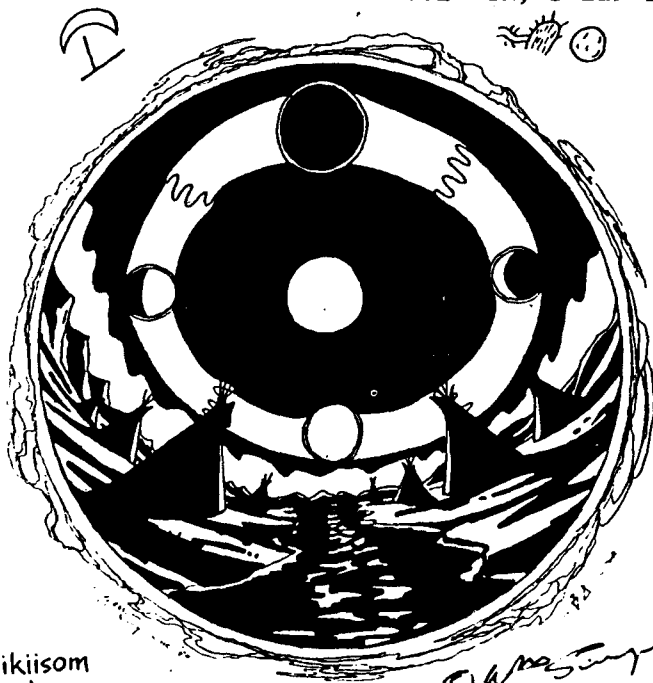
Unfortunately, Armeggedon..dark years..whatever..these are bad forecasts of a general nature for a poli-

tical climate that is none too giving.

So as Christmas comes and I start to gather all the money I can get, from selling everything I own (about \$400), I think I will go see Mexico before something really bad happens. Perhaps instead of starving and bearing the cold here, I will find peace farming the toxic lands of Mexico, Central America...that have long been dumpsites for U.S. industry.

I will survive, somewhere, perhaps not here, for George Bush or Gordon Campbell or anyone else cannot kill the spirit. Spirit lives wherever there is life and, as much as some people try to control it, they will find themselves caught in their own traps. This will bring them to the point of restitution and exposure will not stop at mere government policy-makers. They, the owners & controllers of the big machine, owe us big!!!

...Earth, Solar System, Milky Way.



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(Moon)

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Domestic violence grows

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP)—Thirty two Quebec women and children were murdered this year by their spouses, common-law partners, boyfriends or fathers.

Social workers are calling the recent rash of murders in Montreal—there have been 20 over the past three months—an epidemic. Most of the women killed were either attempting to leave their partner or had just recently broken up the relationship.

"If this many members of any other identifiable cultural group had been murdered in this short a span of time, you'd have had the army out in the streets," said

Mona Forrest, the director of Montreal's Women's Centre. "But because they were women, people treat their lives as expendable."

There is no explanation why the murder toll has been so high over such a short period of time. But many people blame the justice system, which they say leaves women vulnerable in front of their spouses.

Women are increasingly unwilling to put up with spousal violence, said Elizabeth Harper, treasurer of the province's association of centres for battered women.

And as long as the justice system does not drastically change, women who decide to leave their

abusive partners will be increasingly at risk, Harper added.

"The legal system is simply not keeping up with all of the women who simply no longer want to put up with men's abuse," Harper said. "And as long as the legal system doesn't change, the problem will just worsen because men will feel it's their right to beat and kill their wives."

Women are discriminated against at every level of the legal system starting from the police

"I had a client who came in to see me one year after her husband had broken her ribs," Schirm said. "He was fined \$200. She got a call from him recently where he said he's thinking of breaking her ribs again since it only cost him \$200 last time."

right up to the highest levels of the court system, said a family lawyer who specializes in representing battered women.

"Women are simply not treated equally in front of the law," said Montreal lawyer Sylvie Schirm. "A lot of judges are reluctant to listen to all the details of cases of violence. They're just not interested, unless the violence is of such an extraordinarily high degree that they just cannot ignore it."

According to Montreal police statistics, there were 5,359 reports of conjugal violence in 1989.

But the statistics only reveal a fraction of the real number. Only ten per cent of all cases of wife

battering are ever reported to the police, according to the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

And even when charges are laid—which occurs in slightly more than 50 per cent of the cases—first time offenders will get an average \$200 fine. Only repeat offenders are likely to be imprisoned and they can very easily have their terms shortened with good behaviour.

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Schirm said that public opinion has been building up over the years to call for tougher sanctions for wife batterers. But reforms are slow in coming.

In 1986, Quebec's justice minister ordered a crackdown on the violence. He sent out the order that police officers arriving at the scene of family violence had to charge the perpetrator.

Schirm said the recent rash of killings has increased awareness of the problem of conjugal violence, but that it has come at a high price.

"I'm worried that all this sen-

sitization to the issue will just die down," Schirm said. "How much longer will it have to go on before judges wake up?"

Judges and crown prosecutors should be required to undergo special training to help them understand the problem, Forrest said.

"The majority of male judges are ill-equipped to deal with cases of wife battery," she said. "Many of them will identify with the male perpetrators, rather than with the victim."

Schirm believes that many women break down in front of the court system and are not able to testify against their abusive partners because they are not prepared for the trial.

"The man is often better prepared to face the court than the woman is. He has been advised by his lawyer and told how to answer questions," she said. "On the other hand, the woman who is standing in front of a man who has hurt her has received no preparation."

Legal aid should cover the cost of preparing a woman to testify, and crown prosecutors should be specialized in this area of law, Schirm said.



Family Maintenance Enforcement Program Fight

In October '89, Federated Anti-Poverty Groups (FAPG) and women on welfare started to take the government to court, charging that the FMEP discriminates against women on welfare.

Since then, the Ministry of Social Services and Housing (MSSH) has exempted both plaintiffs from the program because of violent ex-spouses. Now the court says that because the women are no longer affected by the program, they can no longer be plaintiffs.

"The court is also saying that FAPG has no standing because we are not directly affected by the legislation. We argue that our members are affected by it," explained Gus Long of FAPG.

End Legislated Poverty says that if women are being pressured by MSSH to sign maintenance enforcement papers, they should say: "NO. I don't want to sign anything until I talk to a lawyer" and then go to the local legal aid office. If lawyers need more info on the FMEProgram, call Daryl Larson or Mark Benton at (604) 687-1831.

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