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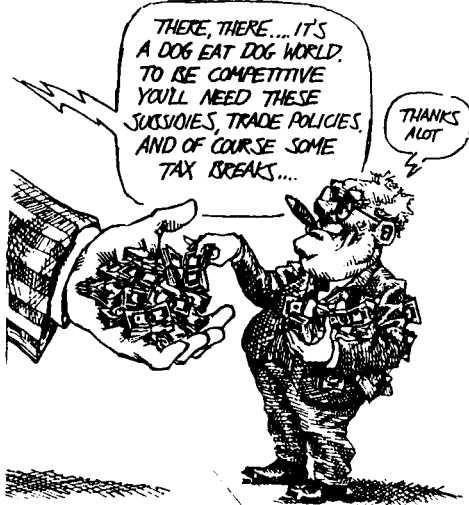
## NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 15, 1991.

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### "Deserving Businesses"



### "The Undeserving Poor"



## GOVERNMENT'S HELPING HAND

"When it came to a vote, [U.S. Secretary of State] Baker bought the Russians for an estimated \$4 billion in aid from the sheiks. He bribed Egypt's Mubarak with \$14 billion in forgiven debts. Syria's Assad... got \$1 billion in arms aid and a go-ahead to wipe out all opposition to its puppet control of Beirut—by massacre, Assad's favorite tactic, where necessary. Turkey was promised 8 or 9 billion dollars' worth more in U.S.

weapons, support for its application to join the European Community, and a big increase in its quota for textile exports to the United States. And for abstaining on the war resolution, China got a \$114.3 million loan from the World Bank and a trip around official Washington for its Foreign Minister...."

—editorial in The Nation, December 24, 1990.

To the Editor

How many lives will it take to satisfy one person?  
What final price will it take to stop this war?  
Who can we count on to stop this war?  
Where have the leaders gone?  
When will the last gun be heard?  
Why will it have cost so many lives?  
When will this war come to an end?



This war is over "OIL". This war is killing us emotionally and financially, affecting us in every way possible.

About this war, I am not at all happy with what is happening. But the one thing I can do is let my emotions be known.

It happened all because two bull-headed men could not agree over a price.

But now the families of the men and women are at war paying the price. Some have already got the bad news by the famous knock on the door. But worst of all, they have witnessed it on the television or heard it on the radio.. that some men and women have died or are being held hostage or are missing.

It's been very hard to grasp just what to feel or do about this war. Yes I feel sorry for the men and women who have been killed or injured; some of them don't even want to be there.

Yet there are thousands, maybe millions, wanting to be there where the action is, but not knowing what they are getting themselves into.

Then there's the environment we have to think about; all the plants and animals. There's the oil that is killing the birds and marine life because some idiots decided to take it upon themselves to pollute the water with this black stuff. They (plants and animals) had nothing to do with this WAR, yet you see on TV a bird drenched with oil, not able to fly away or a crab

not able to crawl to safety. It breaks my heart and brings tears to my eyes to witness many of God's creations suffering.

So what gives the President of the United States and Saddam Hussein and the United Nations the privilege to mess around with the emotions of the whole world?

There is no such thing as winning or losing this war because when it's over one side may think that they won. On the other hand, they have not because they have lost many good people. Also they now have a mess to clean up which could be devastating to many people.

To start all over could take many many years. You just can't pick up where you left off because it's no longer there.

For the children of the future, this is what they'll have to tell their children and grandchildren.

JUST WHEN WILL THE WAR BE OVER?

By MARGARET PREVOST

CHILDREN

## Crying Under Iraq's Siege

With Saddam Hussein's missiles roaring overhead, Palestinian and Israeli youngsters in the Holy Land share the same dangers but not the same fears



In a Tel Aviv bomb shelter, an Israeli boy swathed in protective gear waits out an air raid

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What the Hel?!

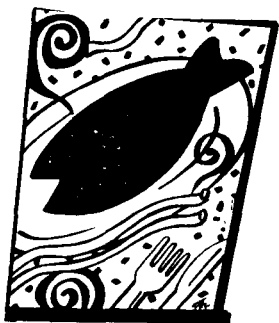
Hel is the name of an underworld Goddess. In my poem "The Singer" I make reference to "the shadows of Hel". The editor has, for no reason or for some unknown reason, Christianized this - "the shadows of He!" is how it appeared in the newsletter.

Articles I know often need to be edited for brevity or clarity, but I am opposed to any practise of editing or revising poetry, particular without the poet's consent. Didn't look like a typo to me.

So, lest you be consigned to the shadows of Hel prematurely, please consider only two editorial options in terms of poetry: to print, or not to print. (Harumph)

Blessed be.

Joanne Arnott



Joanne,

The options you suggest have been the only two at this Newsletter for some time. There was no conscious decision to edit or change or revise so all I can do is plead ignorance. When typing the poem, the word "Hel" looked like "He" with an exclamation(!)

I haven't remembered how to read minds yet so didn't give it another thought. What would help is if anyone submitting something with a purposely misspelled or unique word..to circle it on the original and I won't get creamed!

Editor

Editor,

It is clear that simple political accountability does not present a sufficient check against the abuse of power by government. The likes of Mulroney and Clark must be held accountable for their actions under the provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada. I've sent this letter:

Pierre Cadieux  
Solicitor-General of Canada  
House of Commons  
Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Cadieux,

I demand that charges be laid against the Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney and the Minister of External Affairs, Joe Clark, for violating the Criminal Code of Canada by

- a) Conspiring to commit murder and
- b) Being accessories to the commission of murder.

## BIZARRO



Evidence to support these charges is a matter of public record in that they have colluded with 27 other heads of state to wage war against Iraq with the full knowledge that such action entails the killing of unarmed men, women, and children in Iraq.

The "Rule of Law" in Canada states that the killing of unarmed human beings is murder. The "Rule of Law" in Canada cannot be abrogated in order to satisfy the "Rule of Law" internationally. If it can be, then the very concept of the "Rule of Law" as guaranteed by the Charter of Rights is meaningless and the leadership of the Canadian Government would have the legal right to act above the law.

As a citizen of this country I have the right to insist that the Criminal Code of Canada be upheld and that the constitutionally guaranteed "Rule of Law" be honoured.

Yours sincerely,  
Miles Mackintosh

Editor:

I was shocked to read recently that hospital beds are being closed because of Social Credit government decisions. People are literally dying in our Province waiting to get into hospital for surgery. This is a perfect example of how wrong and misguided the priorities if the Bill Vander Zalm government are.

For many years now we've heard about hospital staffing problems. How can we effectively start to improve the situation?

For one, we need a government which will acknowledge that our Province has a nursing shortage; not a hospital-bed shortage.

We need to reduce the amount of overtime worked by nursing professionals and improve working conditions and salary/benefit packages as an incentive to both hiring additional nurses and retaining the

employment entirely. In addition a concerted effort must be made to secure appropriate child care services for all hospital employees as a further incentive to employment.

The government should endorse the spring 1988 statement by the BC Hospital Employees' Union encouraging hospital boards to continue the practice of team nursing whereby practical nurses, orderlies and registered nurses work together as a team in a ward rather than the present situation where some hospitals are replacing practical nurses and orderlies with registered nurses at a 30% cost differential.

We need to establish a formal mechanism for nurses and other hospital employees, chosen by their peers, to have meaningful input into the decision-making process concerning hospitals and other institutions by giving them seats on hospital administration, financial and planning committees.

We must ensure that extended care facilities are realistically funded utilizing a formula of between 3.5 and 4 hours of nursing care per resident day; rather than the currently used figure of 2.5 hours of nursing care per resident day; a figure that was set back in 1964.

We need to introduce legislation similar to the proposed New York state bill to restrict the working hours of interns, residents and other hospital employees. This bill will provide for at least eight free hours between shifts, at least one full free day each week, no shift to exceed twenty-four hours except for emergency rooms, where shifts will not be allowed to exceed twelve hours. If you've been injured in a car accident would you want to be treated by someone who has just worked seventeen hours straight?

Treating hospital employees like people rather than statistics will be a good start. Treating these professionals like people who can provide needed input into the health care system rather than as the "opposition union which must be controlled" will be another good start.

Herman Litsky

## The Woman I Sleep With

The seductress, death,  
flies thru my emptiness.  
I question her authority  
and she vanishes, laughing  
like a teasing adolescent.  
Dark shadows cover my eyes  
with smokey black clouds  
from ancient fires.



Seeking a change of mood,  
I summon your face to the  
eye of my mind, and as my  
heart calms, I say I love you.

I soon fall asleep  
and my emptiness is filled  
by the sweetness of dreams,  
in which I do some of my  
finest living.

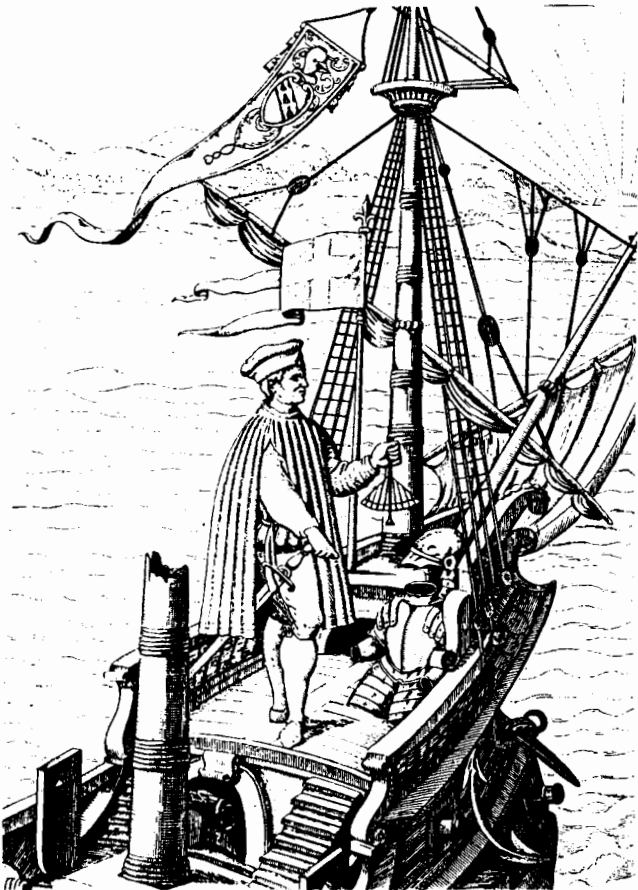
DEside Joe



## Peace

Heart stricken one big flash.  
Sirens blarin' .. distant red sky  
Can you explain?  
What is this vague picture  
of war cries...?  
Politicians remind me of lies,  
Play with their war toys.  
Riki tik tit tat boom  
Is this a mother's child  
gone & lost...  
how many must suffer  
before it's just another day?  
The sun falters now  
Distant tanks on desert dunes,  
Yet in another world  
You can hear children laughing  
..for hope & prosperity ·  
..for the end of another great war.

Frank Joe



To the Editor,

I'm real glad the authorities got the scum who was selling heroin at his deli. What makes me sick is the light sentence he got - 8 years and \$125,000 fine. The story said he'd made profits of \$430,000 in 3 months, and no telling how many people he messed up, or had working for him, or how much he'd made before he was busted. He must be laughing up his sleeve.

For the people he's hurt or killed, really, he should have gotten life and had everything taken away.

Princess Margaret



It's great to be back!

As you folks likely know, my feet and I recently went on a little vacation to St. Paul's Hospital. I was very pleased to be getting some badly needed medical attention but I missed Carnegie a lot. One night I was so lonely for the place and the people that I reread and reread the big card made by Al Wilson and signed by so many of you.

**40¢ a cup**

Now for the bad news!

Usually I try to get everyone involved in the major decision making at Carnegie. But I'm not going to be a hypocrite and pretend that there's anything at all democratic about this decision.

The City of Vancouver has been incredibly supportive of Carnegie and the Carnegie kitchen. The City Manager says every year at Budget Review that he doesn't want the kitchen to make a profit - its purpose is to provide good healthy food and pour money back into volunteer tickets and support for volunteers' programs.

Our kitchen is non-profit and that's why we don't have to charge GST. The only the City Manager demands of me is that the kitchen must break even - there can not be a deficit. Every year we ride close to the margin and last year (1989)

we had a \$4,500 loss. This past year(90) we're \$2,700 in the hole before inventory and it's my responsibility to do something about it. Our volunteer expenses last year were over \$30,000 in tickets and \$12,000 in dinners and out-trips.

Effective March 1, 1991 the price of coffee and tea at Carnegie will be 40¢ per cup. For that to work, all coffee & tea will have to go up - the kitchen, the Seniors, and Oppenheimer Park too.

I haven't made this decision lightly. However, this price increase will keep the costs of other items - juice, milk, sandwiches, dinners, etc. - exactly as they are now. Only coffee & tea will increase - by 5¢ a cup.

Volunteer tickets will still be worth 35¢, except for coffee and tea where it will be worth 40¢. A volunteer ticket will still get you a cup of coffee and Volunteers will get a deal - they won't be charged the extra nickel.

So, on March 1st, the price goes up. The decision is mine and I'm prepared to take the heat. If you've got complaints, don't bug anyone else. Come see me. At the very least I'll have spare nickels for a few days

DIANE MACKENZIE, Director

P.S.: I'd like to acknowledge the really fine job done by Donald MacPherson in my absence... however, he may be a little hard to control in the future. He told my son the other day, "I just got everything in order in Carnegie and your mother came back and screwed everything up!"



The Socreds have just announced their 1991 non-profit housing programme unit allocation for the Lower Mainland. This year the BC Housing Management Commission will construct 720 units in our region. In 1987 they constructed 735. In 1989 they constructed 760. Why the reduction during a rental housing crisis?

Darren Lowe

# Alternatives to war needed

To The Editor,

When I heard the news of war in the Gulf, I was not shocked or surprised, only sickened. I had never entertained the notion that politicians or the general populace had risen above the "naked aggression" we speak of and that our only solution for brutality was counter-brutality.

Humans have not learned how to deal with our aggressive nature, but rather reaffirm it in our children, particularly our males, thus producing the soldier that is "eager to go in", the politician who "exhausted all options", and the war-supporter who is "glad the waiting is over". Rather than a progression beyond aggressive alternatives, we mirror our regression when we attempt to "civilize" the language of war and mask the true realities. War machines now speak of "engaging targets", "surgical maneuvers", "taking care of business", "getting the job done", "taking them out" and "proceeding according to plan". They are very pleased with the success of the exercise".

Stop if you will, and picture your home and all your possessions ablaze. Stand in that scene,

in front of your home, with the crackle of excruciating heat and intense, billowing smoke. Imagine the horror you would feel. Now multiply that feeling by thousands of times.

Next, look at someone you love very much. Then, picture looking down at that face in a casket — very cold, rigid and still. Now, multiply that emotion by thousands of times.

Multiply by the thousands the degree of lost potential. Multiply by the thousands the amount of lost love.

This is what war is. They say war is "engaging targets" and "getting the job done". Does this change the reality? Do we have a right to gloss over the blood of innocents?

What is to be learned by this exercise? That we have not progressed past our earliest ancestors. We still rape and bludgeon. We still burn those we perceive to be witches. We have not developed alternatives to aggression, only a convenient morality to blanket murder and destruction and a language to colour bloody realities.



*Carmen Mendieta, the mother of seven children, was killed in a contra ambush in Nicaragua on December 2, 1987, exactly seven years after four U.S. church women were murdered in El Salvador. She was a member of Christ the King Parish, a sister community to New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati, of which the author of this meditation is a member. Jim Luken had just returned from a visit to Nicaragua when he learned of Carmen's death. —The Editors*

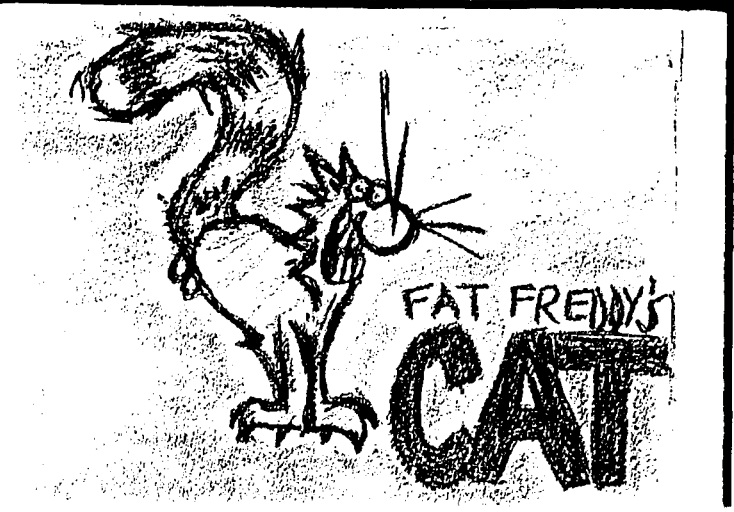
## MACGYVER

A while back the MacGyver show called Jim Green & asked him to read a script on homelessness.

"Sure," said Jim. "There are just 2 conditions: It will cost you a \$500 donation to DERA and I want you to recruit actors & actresses at Carnegie."

So that's how some Carnegie patrons became TV stars.

Watch for MacGyver on Monday, February 18th. You'll see some familiar faces!



Reality's Glimmer

Mussi Cho  
Sna chile ya  
Et tubas A'thia  
That there is a cave  
that exists under  
Tse town  
Mussi cho  
Utsi-yan  
who are so merciful  
Et e'su cho a'thia  
That there is beauty  
In what we do if  
We let it  
If we can see beyond  
veils that we see as  
Loneliness

That we see we need  
that we see as vital  
to this surface reality  
...as we see and accept  
as life.  
this veil that we accept  
As life.

Mussi cho, Utsi-yan  
Our Grandfather ---- who  
created all.....  
This true Reality  
which seeks to appear  
....thru Art.  
Mussi cho, Utsi-yan  
Which seeks to appear  
....thru Dreams



Mussi-cho, Utsi-yan  
Which seeks to appear  
....thru this Third Reality  
'twixt this so confusing  
surface reality  
"...which has trapped so  
many  
thru its deceptive mazes  
& Dream Reality  
Mussi-cho, Utsi-yan cho  
which also seeks to  
appear in our communion  
with our Relatives  
the Winged, the 4-legged,  
the Plants, the Fishes  
Mussi-cho, Utsi-yan



Our Creator who  
we love so much.  
Mussi-cho to see this  
lil' glimmer of Reality  
A lil' glimmer made  
possible thru the first gate  
we call....humility  
We can see my Utsi-yan  
what some of our 2-leggeds call  
....the edge of Nirvana  
There's so much to say  
for now to, say, too  
overwhelming  
You don't want to say  
...that glimmer itself  
so overwhelming  
Mussi-cho & A-hoh





Because woman's work is never done and is underpaid or unpaid or boring or  
repetitious and we're the first to get the sack and what we look like is  
more important than what we do and if we get raped it's our fault and if we  
get bashed we must have provoked it and if we raise our voices we're nag-

**MULRONEY'S SACRED COWS**

ging bitches and if we enjoy sex we're nymphos and if we don't we're frigid



and if we love women it's because we can't get a "real" man and if we ask  
our doctor too many questions we're neurotic and/or pushy and if we expect  
community care for children we're selfish and if we stand up for our rights



we're aggressive and "unfeminine" and if we don't we're typical weak females  
and if we want to get married we're out to trap a man and if we don't we're  
unnatural and because we still can't get an adequate safe contraceptive but  
men can walk on the moon and if we can't cope or don't want a pregnancy we  
are made to feel guilty about abortion and... for lots and lots and lots of  
other reasons we are part of the women's liberation movement.

(from BOA - good stuff.)

Dear Editor,

A year ago, I listened as Bill Vander Zalm came on TV to tell BC women that he is sorry if they don't understand all the good things he's done for them. In this year's 'State of the Province' speech, the Premier didn't bother to patronize women - he just ignored women altogether. We heard nothing about the economic hard times women endure as a matter of course ..and nothing on the fact that women are the first to suffer job losses in any economic slowdown. ..Zalm didn't talk about the 62¢ dollar women earn in the workforce. He didn't talk about the supposed commitment to pay equity or how it fit with controlling public-sector wages. It is as if ..Zalm is blind to the concerns of half the people in this province. ..Zalm's lack of vision extends to all social issues. What about child care for example? Or adequate provision and access to health care services or abortion choice? The premier's response was to cite soc-

ial spending levels as if they were box scores. But budgetary box scores don't answer the real questions taxpayers need to have answered. Is our money well spent and are we meeting the real needs of men and women in BC? People are questioning this government's spending priorities and rightly so. How does a \$25-million taxpayer funded doctor's pension reduce surgery and cancer treatment waiting lists? And how will a freeze on nurses' wages improve the delivery of health care in BC? Why is Vanderzalm's vision so narrow? Is he so preoccupied with his political survival that he can't get our spending priorities straight, or address the real issues facing people? I think that's part of it but the fundamental problem runs much deeper. Bill Vander Zalm is a 1950's politician lost and out of touch in the 1990's. He has never understood the movement toward equality between women and men, and he's not about to change now.

Darlene Marzari MLA

## This Note's For U

Far away, in the undiscovered country of Gandrum, live the Spiritwalkers who actually float - in a mental sense.

You see the main food crop of Gandrum is cannabis, and always has been. Thus, by common standards, the Spiritwalkers are always stoned but they don't know it.

A peaceful lifestyle has blessed the Spiritwalkers since the Paranoid Wars ended some 600 years ago.

There is virtually no disease in Gandrum, mainly because the custom of this country is to study and practice medicine as a hobby.

Thanks to very advanced computer aptitude testing everyone has a job they like, and can work at whatever pace suits them.

There are no politics and crime in

Gandrum; there is only one law:

"DON'T EAT ALONE."

The Spiritwalkers like being together so they can participate in Gandrum's number one passtime - the great sport of politeness.

Several months after a baby is born, every adult in Gandrum becomes its parent, ensuring each child is well nurtured until adolescence is reached and formal education begins.

Through the highest level of informants comes the news that Gandrum will soon open their doors for immigration. If any of you are interested in moving to this simple country, park your hookahs and meet at the corner of Main & Hastings on January 31, 1999, where a craft will come for us at 11:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

DEside Joe

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About the TV-fixing programme.....

In my little volunteer programme to improve or restore home TV reception for Carnegie patrons, I have so far been called out four times. My first client was none other than our very own Muggs Sigurgeirson.

At her home, I found that the cable connecting the VCR to the TV had simply come disconnected. So I plugged it back in and the set worked.

A simple problem but one that couldn't be seen without moving stacks of tapes and turning the VCR around. If Muggs had called in a technician, at best, he would have charged her for the house call. At worst, he could have hauled the set off to his shop and days later, brought it back along with a whopping big bill for Muggs to pay.

The second set I went to see was a very old colour TV that stopped giving a picture about three months ago, although the screen would still light up. In about 30 minutes, I got it working to the owner's complete satisfaction.

The third was another very old one. It was dark and silent and I couldn't bring it to life at all. The fourth was a little 12-incher that had been dropped on the floor and I could do nothing for that, either.

I was happy to look at all of these and sorry about my failures but I hope patrons will remember that I'm also ready to try to improve reception where TV's are providing a picture and sound but maybe poor quality. No charge - no guarantees.

Just leave a message for me downstairs at the Information Desk.

Eric Erickson

To all

Little one, little one, just barely two  
Two wobbly feet, and chubby hands.  
You look qll q4oune with 'innocent eyes  
Curiously wondering about each little sound.

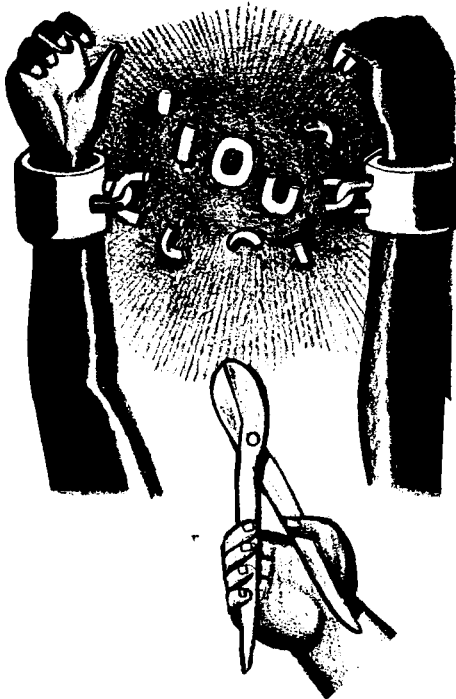
Life for you has just begun.

Right now as I hug you  
I'm so aware that far away  
Another child is screaming with terror  
and pain  
as around him bombs boom & explode.  
perhaps tonight he'll be killed or maimed  
living & missing a limb or an eye.

Little one little one  
Just barely two  
This poem of peace  
is for you.

If we don't become a world at peace  
you too will die from war.

Sheila



Dear Steve Rose,

We apologize for the February 1st publication of a reply to your article "Please, someone has got to help me!" Several changes are underway to ensure that such an incident does not occur again.

We encourage submissions from everyone. The material we receive, including comments on our policy, help us and the whole community become more aware.

Thank you for your contributions to the Newsletter and also for your input at last night's meeting.

Sincerely,  
The Carnegie Newsletter Review Panel



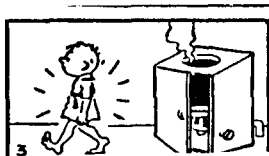
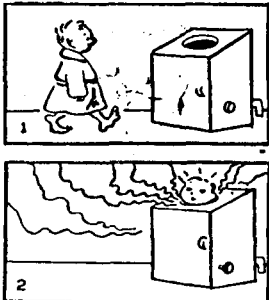
Greetings -

As Canada is now fully involved in the Iraq war, many Canadians are worried that their opposition to an offensive role of Canadian troops is not heard. For this reason, I am enclosing a petition that I would urge you to circulate and send back to me. Please be assured that I will present your petition in the House of Commons as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help in giving citizens of Vancouver an opportunity to voice their opposition to our present involvement in this conflict.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Mitchell MP

(Note: The petition is at the front desk on the 1st floor.)



# Poor suffer in war

To The Editor,

The Child Poverty Action Committee has struggled for years to get money for a food program to feed hungry school children in Vancouver.

We haven't been able to convince the provincial and federal governments to contribute any money to these programs.

How much does it cost to buy a bomber or send a Canadian soldier to the Persian Gulf for a day?

It costs \$500 million a day for ammunition for the Gulf War. It costs about \$50,000 a year to feed a school full of children. Obviously our government doesn't make good economic choices.

We as poor mothers would rather have the government spend money on a program that will nourish than a war that will kill other mothers' hungry children.

The Conservative Government should clean up its own back yard and end poverty before it cleans up after the Americans.

The Child Poverty Action  
Committee

To our readers,

Over the past four years we have started to develop an editorial policy which simply says that we print anything of interest to the people in our community and that we do not print personal attacks or material that is libellous, sexist, racist or condones brutality.

We welcome your suggestions, contributions, criticisms, cartoons...

The Carnegie Newsletter Review Panel

# WOMEN FOR BETTER WAGES

## WHO ARE WE?

Women for Better Wage\$ is a coalition that has individual and group members. We are women active in unions, community and women's groups and anti-poverty groups. We meet monthly to discuss better pay for women and to plan actions that will help us get it. We have organized a lobbying trip of women and children to Victoria, and a meeting with Social Credit MLA Carol Gran.

Women for Better Wage\$ will pay bus fare and childcare expenses of women so they can afford to attend our meetings.

## WHAT WE WANT

Women for Better Wage\$ wants more money for women.

**WELFARE:** Welfare rates should be raised to at least the poverty line so women can afford to live in dignity and have enough money to give their children what they need. The poverty line for a single parent with one child is about \$16,000 a year.

**MINIMUM WAGE:** 80% of people who work for minimum wage are women. The minimum wage should be raised to \$8 an hour. This is about what it would be today if it had increased with the cost of living since 1975. The present minimum wage of \$5 an hour leaves even full time workers about \$3000 a year below the poverty line for a single person or a single parent with one child would be \$10,000 below the poverty line.

**CLOSE THE WAGE GAP:** Laws should be passed that end wage discrimination between men and women. Wage discrimination based on irrelevant factors such as gender, race, or disability should be illegal. Working women, whose wages now average about 60% of men's, should get more

money without suffering through the time and expense of job evaluation. Employers should be required to set aside a certain amount of money to raise women's wages. Some people call this pay equity.

## WHY WOMEN NEED MORE MONEY

Poverty for women and children in Canada is increasing. The major reason is that women's wages are too low.

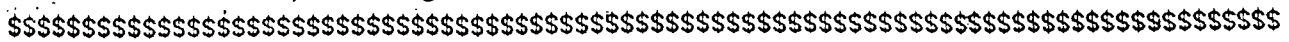
- 65% of single female parent families in BC are poor.
- Single parent women often end up supporting children on 60% of the wages men make or living on inadequate income assistance rates.
- 71% of the elderly poor are women.
- Poor people :
  - drop out of school sooner.
  - are unemployed more.
  - go to prison more.
  - get sick more and die sooner.

Single parent women often end up supporting children on 60% of the wages that men make. Poverty causes a host of problems. Poor people drop out of school sooner, are unemployed more, go to prison more, get sick more and die sooner. Poor women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside die 17 years younger than other women in the City and have the same life expectancy as people in Guatemala.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Get involved with us or with other groups that are fighting to get more money for women. Call 879-2996 for information about our next meeting.
2. Contact your MLA and support our demands for welfare rates, minimum wage and closing the wage gap.
3. Vote for politicians who support our demands.

Produced by Women for Better Wage\$



# Who Pays For War?



Poets  
for  
Peace

Teach-In  
on  
Spending  
for Peace

with

with

- \* CARNEGIE POETS
- \* HADANI
- \* KEN LESTER
- \* FIRST NATIONS  
DRUMMERS &  
SINGERS (TBA)
- \* OPEN MIKE

Saturday  
Feb. 23  
7 pm

# Carnegie Centre Main & Hastings

The cost of one Canadian missile would buy lunch for a schoolful of hungry kids for five years.

Nine minutes of the war would pay for open-heart surgery for every emergency patient in B.C.

Half a day of war would clean up B.C.'s pulp mills; three days would reforest every clear-cut in B.C.

with

- \* Ald. Libby Davies
- \* Pat Chauncey (ELP)
- \* Meredith Wadman  
(Converting war toys)

Sunday,  
Feb. 24  
2 pm



On Feb.6 the Federal Spicer Commission, intended to hear opinions of Canadians on what national course Canada should take in the future, met in Vancouver. I was invited to attend and 14 others, similarly invited, and one member of the Commission were there.

Besides making some verbal contributions, I presented a typewritten brief which the Commission member said she would share with her fellow-members.

The following is a summary of it:

Like Canada, the Soviet Union is a nation made up of differing nationalities. So long as all of them shared the common national purpose of "building Socialism" those nationalities appeared content to stay together. However, when Mikhail Gorbachev put an end to that national purpose, the Soviet federation began to come apart.

The lesson this offers us, I said, was that varying nationalities brought together into one country (such as the USSR or Canada) need a common national purpose, one shared by all, to hold them together.

Canada has no national purpose, I said, and is no more than an economy taking place within a geographically-defined area.

I went on to say that the present Gulf war results from the chaotic and undisciplined international arms trade which saw Iraq able to build up massive stocks of modern weapons, including poison gas. I blamed the arming

of Iraq on political blunders and shortsightedness on the part of many nations and greed for profits on the part of individuals and corporations/

I pointed out that Canada's record on the international scene, including its provision many times of peacekeeping forces has gained it the respect of most countries of the world.

I urged that Canada's peacemaking activities should be expanded. I suggested that Canada take the lead in the United Nations in urging formation of a UN committee that would monitor and control the international arms trade, which until now has been completely uncontrolled. That committee, I said, should also monitor the state of UN member countries armed forces and compel a halt to their arming before they reach the over-armed state reached by Iraq.

I suggested that Canada continue its efforts in that direction with an aim of first controlling, then reducing and eventually eliminating the arms trade between nations with a final goal of a world without arms - a world where international problems were solved by mediation and negotiation rather than war..where countries would solve internal problems by democratic means instead of armed oppression of their own peoples.

I expressed my conviction that, thanks to modern communications (satellites, TV, etc.) all Canadians would know of and come to feel a part of Canada's peacemaking programme taking place on the international stage. That programme would give Canadians of every nationality a sense of having a shared national purpose, a national identity as a nation of peacemakers. This would serve to hold Canada together, I said.

By ERIC ERICKSON



LOVE

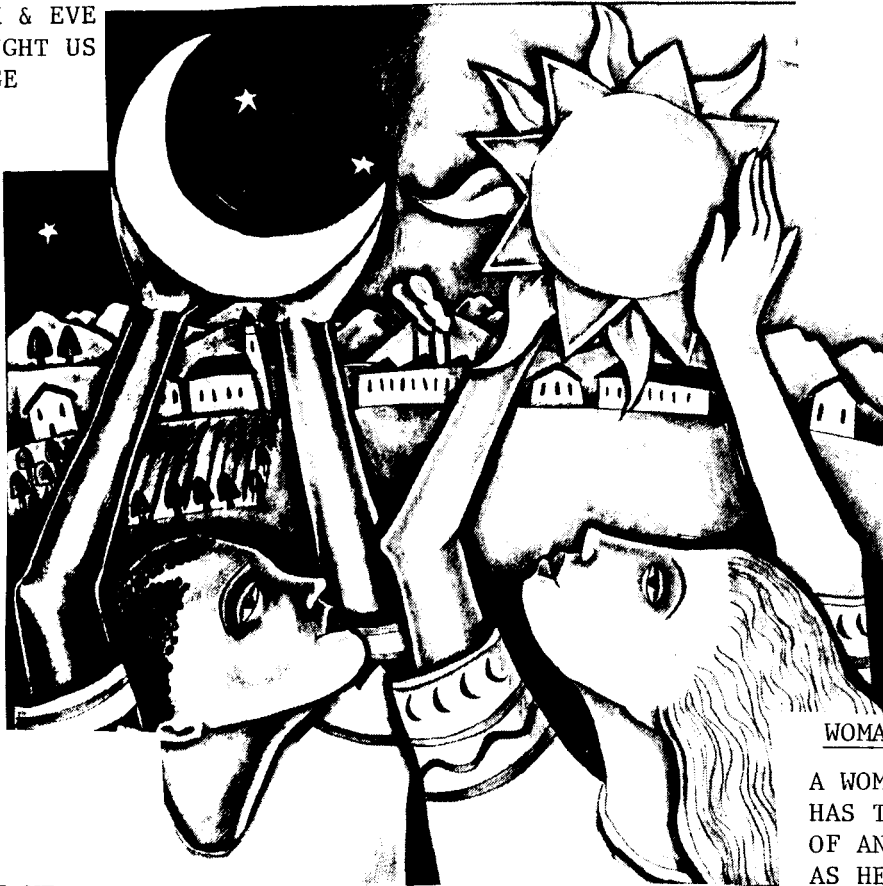
LOVE  
LIKE WATER  
AND AIR  
WE SHARE  
FOR LIFE  
AND LOVE  
AND MUSIC  
AND THE ARTS  
AND ADAM & EVE  
WHO BROUGHT US  
KNOWLEDGE  
TO LOVE

# POETRY

by

SUNRAYS

MAY THE SUN RAYS  
AND THE WIND  
SOAR & SING  
TO FULFILL  
YOUR WINGS  
WITH ETERNAL  
LIFE & LOVE



WINDSONG

WINDSONG  
TAKE ME  
WITH YOU  
AS FAR AS WE  
CAN SOAR  
THRU THE  
DREAMS OF BEAUTY  
AND SONG  
OF THE KNIGHT RAVEN  
& NIGHT OWL;  
AND THE EAGLE  
OF THE SKIES,  
AND THE FALCON  
OF THE RAINBOW

WOMAN

A WOMAN ALWAYS  
HAS THE SOFT TOUCH  
OF AN ANGEL  
AS HER LIPS  
MEET WITH YOURS;  
SPARKLING EYES  
MY LOVE  
WHAT A FEELING  
WITH AN EMBRACE  
WHAT A FEELING  
WE SHARE TOGETHER  
LOVE TO LOVE  
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By LAWRENCE WILKINS  
(Kitchen Volunteer)

Racism is a concept which attributes differences between human beings, whether such differences are real or imaginary, to biological causes. How are such attributions made and in what forms are they manifested? Are these attributions constant temporally and spatially, or do they vary between different cultures? Further, what are the criteria which one would use to discern a person's race? Is this criteria constant, or is it subjective depending solely on popular, social parameters. Simply put, are racial traits produced genetically or is one encultured to ascribe to the appropriate racial stereotype based on one's physical features or ethnic background? If one is encultured to ascribe to a particular racial stereotype what are the means by which such an event takes place? What role does this media play in such a process? What is the social outcome of such an enculturation process and what consequences are encountered by those who are affected by it?

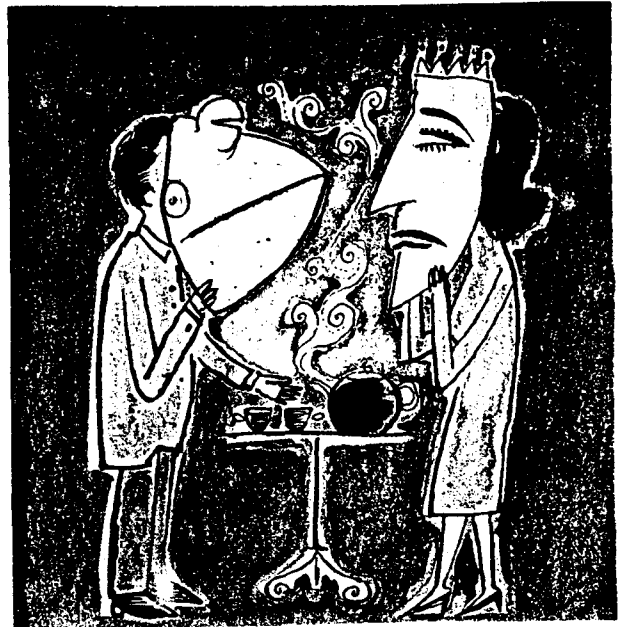
The human mind, to more effectively process the immense amount of data it receives, constructs schemata to structure the data into a more easily understandable form. When we look at or perceive something for the first time, or indeed every subsequent time, we automatically categorize it. The same process is applicable with respect to human beings. Unfortunately such categorizations are usually crass generalizations that lead to misunderstandings concerning, or misinterpretations of, the original topic. This process also occurs with respect to humans.

The generalizations that appear in western, industrialized society are concerned primarily with the colour of one's skin. This has resulted in classifications like yellow, black, white, red or brown, but such broad categories are inapplicable because "...colour classifi-

cation does not identify groups as races" (Leinward, p.17). The use of the word 'race' is in itself not an appropriate term. It would be accurate to use the word ethnic. "...ethnic is derived from the Greek word ethnos which originally meant a tribe, people, nation or group." (Montagu p.4). Ethnic groups share a common cultural heritage and, assuming that any such group co-existed in a common environmental region relatively isolated from other genetic pools, they would over a period of time tend to exhibit shared physical characteristics.

The three anthropological classifications of humans are Negroid, Mongoloid and Caucasoid. There does not exist within any of these classifications an ideal type. For example, Negroid may include many diverse physical traits from dark skin with kinky hair to pale skin with long, straight blond hair.

Similarly, Caucasoids may include peoples of the sub-continent or Australian aborigines. Unfortunately, western society uses a decidedly less scientific means of classifying humans into groups. These groupings also include many subgroupings which are erroneous in nature on the idea of race.



One such subgrouping contains the idea that one's race is equateable with one's nationality. Thus ethnic traits are attributed to people who live within nation states even though they may be part of a completely different cultural background. It is in this way that we are enculturated to believe that all Italians are all members or relatives of the Mob. That they are all named Vinni, or that all Italian women either look like Sophia Loren or a 100-pound sack of potatoes with a mustache. The same principle is applicable to Irishmen, who are perceived as two-fisted drunkards, or to Canadians, who are either huge lumberjacks named Jacques or Anglos who suffix their sentences with the phrase "eh". These former examples illustrate a human propensity for categorizations that are ultimately more obscure than that of simply colour. A similar generalization occurs with respect to religion.

Jews are often referred to as a race. This is not true. They are a religious group and as such the physical and cultural characteristics of the members of the Hebrew faith are as diverse as the lands from which they come. Yet, according to popular misconception, Jews are money-hungry and easily identified by their hooked noses. Perhaps the first modern reference to the Jewish stereotype appeared in "The Merchant of Venice", by William Shakespeare. The character "Shylock", a Jew, is portrayed as "...an evil inhumane, greedy moneylender whose lust for gold is all-consuming" (Leinwand, p.30). A similar characterization appears in Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" in the form of the character "Fagin" who teaches children to pick pockets and steal for him. Even though "Fagin" is slightly endearing (at least I found him so) he is nevertheless played as a social outcast.

The subgroupings that have been discussed so far are more popularly known as racial stereotypes. Perhaps the best known racial stereotype in North America is that of the Afro-American male. This stereotype is also an example of one that has not remained constant over time.



Prior to the American civil rights movement a black male in the U.S. was perceived by white, middle America as stupid & shiftless & lazy..perhaps best personified by the character of "Jim" in Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn". Since the civil rights movement blacks have been perceived as hostile and aggressive. Another stereotypical perception of the black male that has changed with time is the notion of athletic superiority. The previously held stereotype was that blacks were inferior athletically in comparison to the stereotypical white. For example the primary objection to the great baseball player Jackie Robinson's playing in the then all-white league was not so much that he was black but that they feared he would lower the quality of the great American passtime.

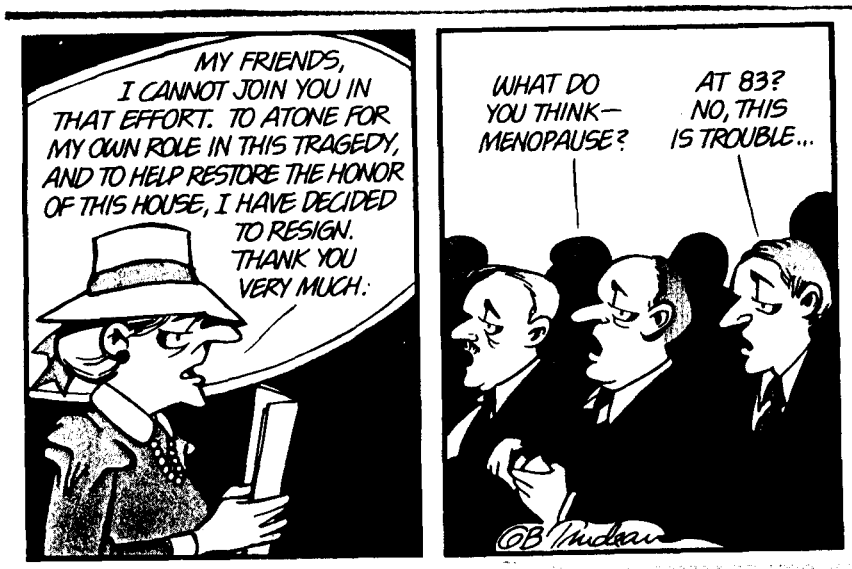
Often people are enculturated to assume stereotypical roles based on the race that one is perceived by others to belong to. A large part of this enculturation process must be credited to the media. In our present society most of our characterizations are created by television. We thus view urban blacks and other ethnic minorities as violent and dangerous.... pimps, drug addicts, or angry garbage men who rob banks and rape white women. Television also creates the opposite and largely polarized version of the black, American male in what is popularly known as an Oreo-cookie characterization. Visually black to sooth the militant, he is one who acts in a manner that is guaranteed not to offend the old pair at home. It is for this reason that a person like the late, great blues guitarist

Stevie Ray Vaughn was billed as a white blues guitarist. The fact that Mr. Vaughn was an excellent and intuitive blues guitarist was due to his life experience and not to his parents' genetic structure.

Whatever the manifestations of racism it is important to mention the causes behind the diversity of human appearance. The primary cause is biological adaptation to the environment and a genetic selection based on those adaptations. For example the different shades of skin colour may be seen as a biological response to the amount of ultra-violet light that the body receives. The body, to counteract the effect of the light produces a pigment in the skin called melanin. Thus one would not be surprised to learn that a Sudanese goat-herder has a different skin pigmentation than does a fishmonger in Bristol. It is also important to point out that one does not simply cross the street, river, mountain range to find that everybody looks different. There are no distinct boundaries with respect to superficial human appearance. Changes are gradual in occurrence. Although certain biological traits may be more adaptive to living in the environments in which they are found, it does not indicate a quantitative or qualitative ability for having what it takes to

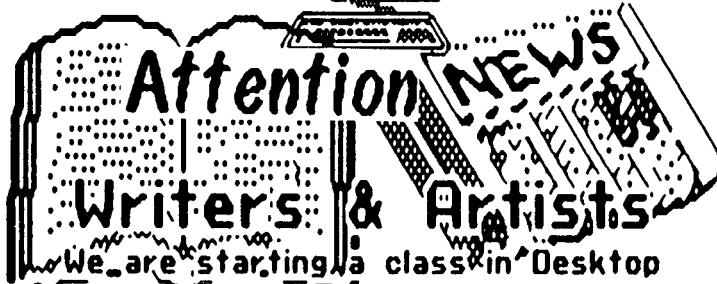
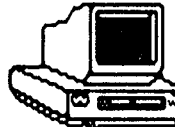
be human. We may all have been created in God's image but God never had to spend 30,000 years hunting monkeys in equatorial Africa.

"Modern concepts of populations and genetic processes can not be reconciled with the traditional division of the species into three or four major races" (Harris, p.103). For this reason humans can't be typified by such perverse terms as black or white. Seldom are things ever just black or white in any realm of thought, let alone with respect to such complex creatures as human beings. If one draws an analogy between humans and trees, one sees that there are indeed many different kinds of trees; some are quite similar in appearance..others not so, each having developed in the environment in which it was able to adapt and flourish. Yet we do not doubt that all are trees nor do we, for the most part, place judgements of worth on the trees in any other sense than that of the pitiful one of monetary. They are all just trees. From Yellow Cedar, to White Pine, to Black Oak, to California Redwood, all like humans combined to make up differently forested areas throughout the world. Differences between human beings should be celebrated, not subjected to libel and ridicule.



From the Learning Centre...

If you need help with reading, math or writing, come by between 10 & 2 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There is someone who can help. 1999



We are starting a class in Desktop Publishing in March, for people who want to publish their works using computers. This will be a 5 week course. For more info, please ask Floyd in the Computer Room or the Learning Centre.

## BY taum

Across the Persian Gulf - Dawn is breaking  
Agression met force, a last resort failed  
War swift, decisive, Brutality, mistreatment  
Captors - our troops and Congress on our behalf  
Caring, the lessons learned  
Students massacred in Tianamen Square  
Priests slaughtered in Central America  
Demonstrators shot in Lithuania

Some countries prosper behind the Shield, Defence  
Israel refrained but is provoked  
President said New World Order our own house crises  
Recession bankruptcy, out of work, economic future  
well being, families our future vitality  
Advanced weapons  
High speed, growth, rising standard of living  
Safer World, Safer streets at home, State local level  
Food, Education, Frontline War  
Health, Incurrence, best care, longterm elderly care  
Do more with less, Deficits - tax cuts for those  
earning \$200,000 or more while the Working people  
do the fighting, dying - high talent -  
Here everyone has a chance, willingness to work  
No guarantees, equal chance to succeed  
a half million people bear the burden of battle

### Incoming Skuds

impact cratering, too weak the hot sun  
Ramadam two weeks Rasalhaque, Ophiuchus  
Serpent bearer, Year of hte Lamb  
Aldegaren et la lune, Eastern Red Cross  
Hawks and Eagles, Patriots!  
We the People is our strength  
Join us in Democracy

Cold War is over - Hot one began  
Desert Storm baren hot desert land  
World peace sortie, Allied attacks  
Interest rates Collateral damage  
Gone golfing in Arabia,

Dictator round-up from Barrio to  
Desalinator - war begets war -

our cause the Burdens & Blessings  
of Freedom for Duty together the  
American people of the USA thankyou

Thankyou for the attrition wrought  
Gasmasks, Storehouse Parking lots  
Pin-point accurate Smart bombs  
Local skirmish UN-COLA pact

God was visiting the Earth today  
Just in Spirit not materially

## Time for Change

(The following was written by a friend, a 75-year-old student of English as a Second Language)

The day before yesterday was Mary's birthday. Her husband, Alex, had arranged a party in their home for the purpose of celebrating his wife's birthday and invited a few friends to enjoy it.

Before the party, those guests were sitting on the chairs and had a chat. Ruth was one of the guests. She talked with Mary in a low voice in secret. She said to Mary, "I hear information about a community school that will be opened in the near future—to teach the immigrants English and a trade skill in order to help them to get jobs easily."

"Is it true?" asked Mary. "I am not kidding you," Ruth answered her, "that news just comes from the horse's mouth." Mary said, "It is certainly good news for me if my husband would allow me."

A few days later, in the early morning, Mary took a walk to Stanley Park and sat alone in meditation. She knew that Alex was a man who was not only stubborn but also critical. He could not permit her to go to school again. She planned to carry out an efficient method to nag him day by day until her husband gave up his idea.

Three weeks later Mary came across Ruth in the cafeteria of King Edward Campus. Ruth asked, "Mary, how did you persuade your husband to let you go to school?"



Mary said, "I nagged him every day until he couldn't bear it. You know that he is a hard nut, but now that nut was cracked by me. He lets me go to school. I may say that I got a big kick out of it."

After listening to Mary's brief speaking, Ruth said, "Time for change; you should catch up the time. You are truly to be admired. I knew you would do it from the beginning. Congratulations!"

"Thanks. I am most grateful to you for your help," said Mary.

After the coffee break, Ruth goes her way and Mary goes hers.

By SHANG LUNG LIAO



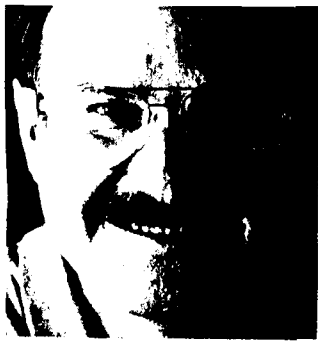
### Pauper's Prayer

I've abdicated the joys I've known  
To bury the shedding skin of change,  
Guided by the position of stars  
Shifting in perfect phase.

I want to climb out this easy rut  
And stand on solid ground,  
And send my spirits soaring  
To reach beyond my bounds.

But if I should come tumbling down  
And the pieces still don't fit,  
The journey will be proof enough;  
I've not yet begun to quit.

DEside Joe



"Facts get in the way of latest  
Sacred promises"

In the Sacred government's ongoing search for voter popularity, B.C.'s premier used his recent TV show to address our province's economic slow-down. Already the TV and newspaper ads paid for by taxpayers have begun promoting this government's latest re-election scheme.

Given the very few specifics provided, it's hard to take the Sacred promises seriously. There wasn't enough depth here to call it shallow. I think most British Columbians have a right to ask, "Does this vague speech protect my job and my family's paycheque?"

Let me provide you with a few facts to help you make up your mind:

"We will impose a freeze on taxes."

This government has frozen Sacred tax unfairness into our tax system. Since 1986 there have been 784 fee hikes for basic services including 229 new fees. Families like yours have been the Sacred government's fastest-growing source of revenue. For every \$10 of BC income tax you now pay, corporations pay \$1.90.

"A disciplined framework for fair wage settlements in the public sector" and "a freeze on salaries and benefits for members of this government and its senior public officials."

" The ideal time to practice wage restraint is in negotiations, at which this government has failed taxpayers miserably (witness the doctor's pension). The gap between public and private sector wage settlements has narrowed to 0.7% (6.8 compared to 6.1) without Bill Vander Zalm's interference. There seems to be a Sacred double standard when it comes to restraint. The same night Vanderzalm was demanding lower salaries for nurses and other public sector workers, it was revealed Sacred cabinet ministers have handed their own political aides salary hikes between 12 and 20% in just the last six months alone.

"Total budgetary spending will be tied to growth in the economy."

Days after this promise, government officials still didn't know what the premier and his finance minister meant by economic growth. If we assume it's BC's GDP (gross domestic product), this government's spending increase of 12.2% for the budget year has already surpassed the predicted GDP of 8.4%. Recently the growth forecast was reduced to 7.4% and some spending cuts ordered, but no matter how you slice it the Sacred government is not an example.

Obviously the facts haven't gotten in the way if the latest round of Sacred promises. Once again, this government is acting on political, not public priorities. The sooner BC has an election, the sooner we can put the interests of working men & women on the front burner and get to work on your behalf.

By MIKE HARCOURT





TO THE EDITOR OF THE CARNEGIE NEWS LETTER:  
 WE HOPE YOU WILL PUBLISH THIS LETTER WHICH EXPLAINS WHO WE ARE AND OUR  
 PROPOSED ENDEAVOUR FOR RESPONSE FROM YOU AND YOUR READERS.

### WHO WE ARE

● MY NAME IS STEVE AKINS, AND MYSELF AND FLOYD WONG ARE ORGANIZING A PERIODICAL  
 ● NAMED THE BEACON.

● FLOYD HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE FOR OVER 15 YEARS NOW, <  
 ● WHERE HE WAS RAISED AND HAS WORKED AT VARIOUS JOBS. HE HAS ALSO BEEN A <  
 ● VOLUNTEER FOR THE CARNEGIE LEARNING CENTRE FOR OVER A YEAR AND A HALF, CO- <  
 ● ORDINATING AND TUTORING IN THE COMPUTER ROOM. FLOYD HAS BEEN VITAL IN <  
 ● RESEARCHING AND ORGANIZING THE BEACON AND HAS UTILIZED HIS VITAL TECHNICAL <  
 ● ABILITIES.

● I, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE LIVED IN VANCOUVER FOR A LITTLE LESS THAN A YEAR  
 ● NOW; AND ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN TO MANY CITIES, I WILL NEVER FEEL MORE AT HOME  
 ● IN ANY OTHER PLACE. I ALSO HAVE SOME GOOD COMPUTER EXPERIENCE AND HAVE BEEN  
 ● REGULARLY TEACHING CLASSES AT THE CARNEGIE FOR SOME MONTHS NOW. ALSO LIKE  
 ● FLOYD, I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HELPING TO ORGANIZE THE BEACON AND HER  
 ● RESOURCES.

● WE FEEL GOOD ABOUT DOING POSITIVE THINGS FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY,  
 ● BECAUSE WE FEEL OUR COMMUNITY HAS GIVEN US SO MUCH.

### THE BEACON (THE SHINING LIGHT)

THE BEACON, IN OUR PERSPECTIVE, IS A SHINING LIGHT AND HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT.  
 WITH THIS PERSPECTIVE IN MIND, WE PROPOSE TO KEEP OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY  
 INFORMED OF THE BENEFITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO US THROUGH A NON-PROFIT  
 PERIODICAL (OR NEWSLETTER), FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE BEACON WOULD LIST SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY. IT WOULD ALSO  
 HAVE A DETAILED VIEW OF ONE OR MORE OF THESE SERVICES PER ISSUE, AND PROVIDE  
 ANY HELPFUL INFORMATION IN CONCERT WITH HER THEME.

UNTIL THIS DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER PERIODICAL THAT HAS SOLELY CONCERNED  
 ITSELF WITH ALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SELF IMPROVEMENT. WE INTEND TO  
 KEEP OUR READERS WELL INFORMED AND UP-TO-DATE.

### WHAT WE HAVE AND WHAT WE NEED

● THROUGH THE HELP OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WE HAVE ALREADY RECRUITED, WE HAVE  
 ● ACCESS TO TOP QUALITY PRINTING EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER WE HOPE TO EVENTUALLY  
 ● OBTAIN OUR OWN EQUIPMENT AND BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING.

● WHAT WE PRESENTLY NEED ARE PEOPLE.

● PEOPLE TO SEEK AND OBTAIN THE INFORMATION WE WISH TO PUBLISH.  
 ● PEOPLE TO WRITE ABOUT THIS INFORMATION IN A MANNER THAT CAN BE  
 ● EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY THE READERS.  
 ● AND FINALLY, ARTISTS TO HELP PORTRAY THIS INFORMATION CREATIVELY.

● WE NEED THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS. BUT MOST OF ALL, WE NEED YOU.

● A MESSAGE CAN BE LEFT FOR US AT 667-3706 OR 254-3339





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Dear Editor

I've been reading your paper for about 3 years now, and have enjoyed the wide variety of stuff every time. It's really nice to get something interesting to look through, never knowing what to expect.

A couple of issues ago there was this story by Steve Rose and after reading it I was kind of upset. I've been involved in Native/Government "negotiations" off and on for about 20 years and heard the questions Rose asks again and again. It is almost always someone who hasn't had patience or the interest to even try to see the Native side; questions asked seem to be based on ideas of Native life and history taken from "white" history books and cowboy movies.

Rose said that his history and roots should count; that he feels as oppressed as any Native and that his ancestors had as hard times as Natives but he has next to nothing in the way of redress for his grievances. Natives make land claims and to him this is somehow unfair, like saying, "Where's the justice in this?"

In the next issue Bob Kiyoshk wrote a response. For the first half anyway he slammed Rose and, by carrying it on in your mind, all the "white" people who say in thousands of ways: "You have no right to ask or demand anything. I/we suffer too." Kiyoshk tried to control his outrage. Being a Native, he knows the centuries of suffering Natives have gone through... hunted for sport, massacred by the thousands, given small-pox laden blankets, traditions and ceremonies outlawed, land stolen and occupied by "white" people, families broken up with the residential school 'program' where Native children were whipped for speaking their own language...and the

questions Rose asks don't give much more than token acknowledgement of this. He equates his troubles with Native troubles and Kiyoshk, in my opinion, saw this as comparing an icecube to an iceberg.

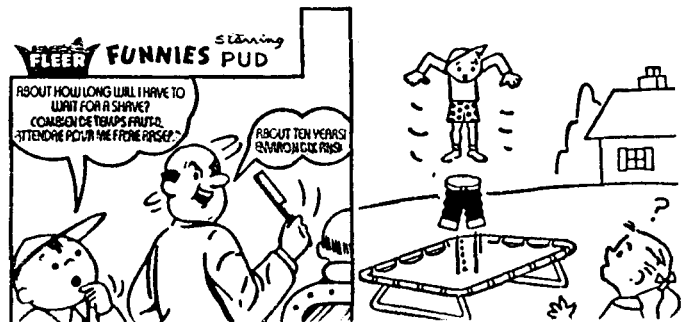
Now I can see where Rose may feel he is "just asking, just wants to understand" but Kiyoshk, like thousands of Natives, has been fighting the real battles for years and it seems to me that he didn't want to start at the outer layer of another onion and peel it carefully. Natives have been profoundly patient but their travail has been going on for FIVE HUNDRED YEARS.

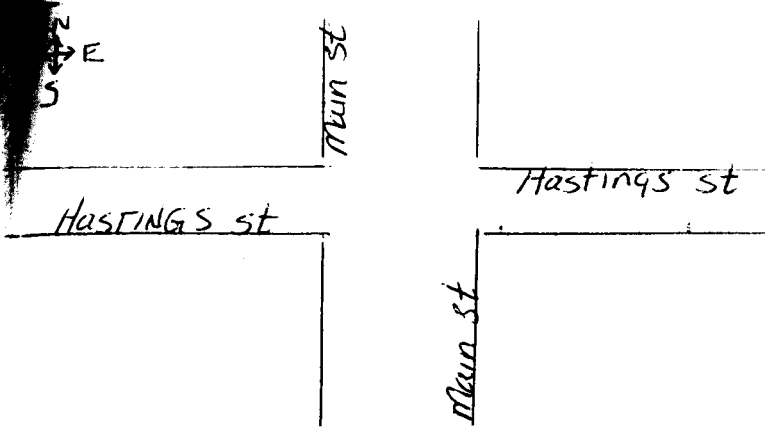
An apology has been demanded but no apology is needed. I think the Editor did a real good service by printing Kiyoshk's article. We all have to take a long hard look at the assumptions we base our questions on.

'Mac'



Those who would repeat the  
past must control the  
teaching of history.





VOLUNTEERS! We choose where we go on the free day-trips, outings and so on. See Atiba or Nathaniel for the list of suggestions & possibilities.



MAIN STREET/HASTINGS STREET INTERSECTION

Because of concerns about the safety of our corner, the Association's Community Relations Committee, the Senior's Support Group and many others made suggestions and demands for immediate changes to City Hall. These resulted in a letter from M.P. Brown, Assistant City Engineer in Transportation.

- (1) No more left turns if you are going south on Main.
- (2) If you are going toward downtown on Hastings and want to turn left onto Main, there will be a flashing arrow.
- (3) If you are going north on Main and want to turn east onto Hastings, you will have a right-turn arrow.
- (4) The times between red lights is longer to let walkers get clear.
- (5) Buses that run yellow lights: this will be watched by police & transit.

Mr. Paul Taylor  
 Editor, Carnegie Newsletter.

Dear Mr. Taylor

In the Feb. 1st/91 Newsletter Sandy Cameron had a most interesting and well-written article on the "Politics of the heart."

In another article by Bob Kiyoshk, he refers to "our Editor for editing out some very derisive adjectives that Mr. Rose had included.

How is it that if as Mr. Kiyoshk says, you edited Steve Rose's article to eliminate certain unfortunate comments about the Native people, that Mr. Kiyoshk knew what was edited, or as he just surmising.

On the other hand, Mr. Kiyoshk uses derisive remarks in referring to Mr. Rose.

As Editor of the Carnegie Newsletter you were redundant and I find it reprehensible that you chose to eliminate certain words or statements from Mr. Rose's article but it would appear, deliberately neglected to omit such derogatory phrases by Mr. Kiyoshk.

If the Newsletter is desperate for news or articles that you as Editor have to print some of the garbage that appears from time to time, and in particular, such name calling.

I realize there's such a thing as freedom of speech and freedom of the press, but is uncalled for in print and should be totally unnecessary. Little wonder that the Newsletter hasn't the respect or taken too seriously outside the community.

If you choose to include such words or name-calling as referred to at least be fair by printing both sides of the story, with or without editing, by both writers.

Sincerely,  
Ed Burroughs

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Bob Kiyoshk dropped into Carnegie a few days after Steve Rose's article was printed. He asked about who was the author and said a response was sorely needed. I mentioned the exclusion of the "unfortunate comments" and, upon learning this, Bob's commitment to respond got firmer. I told him the deadline for the next issue and left it at that. It didn't occur to me that the edited parts were sacrosanct..secret..and others besides yourself have criticized this. It happened, but knowing what Kiyoshk is up against in his work, I didn't feel compelled to hide the nature of the comments from him.

Bob Kiyoshk is a director of a new transition house for battered Native women in Vancouver, working with the Helping Spirit Lodge.

I haven't remembered how to read minds yet, but knew that such casual use of "unfortunate comments" was a daily reality for him and many Native people. In his response, Mr. Kiyoshk used Mr. Rose's format of putting "white" in quotation marks to, as he said later, show that it wasn't his terminology but was used in the same sense as he felt Rose used it.

Native Land Claims..the entire arguments and explanations in favour - are questioned innocently by many people; they are also questioned "innocently" by many others. Bob concluded that Steve was in the latter group and responded in a manner that he felt was appropriate at the time.

Reaction has been about the only response to either article so far. The questions are in many peoples' minds. Some are put with the hopes of learning..some are put with barbs and hooks already attached.

If you feel that something in the paper is garbage that's your problem. Everyone has a right to express opinions and it's rare that a piece of writing or poetry is not printed. Most people read what they write before submitting it however.

A final point about the respect accorded the Carnegie Newsletter: In the 4 years that I've been editor it's gone from 16 pages and 300 copies to 24-40 pages and 700-800 copies... It's gone from being read by some people in Carnegie to being read by people all over Vancouver, in the Lower Mainland, in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, the States, Mexico, England, and it's been seen in Israel, Germany, New Zealand and China. It's course in two schools, two Adult Learning Centres, and has a mailing list of over 20 individuals and 8 organizations...all of whom have made donations of from \$10-\$300 to express appreciation and pay for postage.

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