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FEAR IS THE MIND KILLER

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration."

Most of you reading this will do so a day or two before our long-awaited election on October 17th. This is being written on Thursday & Friday, so let's pull out the old crystal ball & predict the future in honest campaigning.

The NDP platform is pretty solid, relying on published policies & grassroots support. The debate on TV got a lot of flack, but Mike Harcourt isn't so panic-stricken that he'll reduce his statements to nothing but smears. He will reply to all concocted charges, exaggerations & outright lies of Rita Johnston & socred

rability.as calmly & firmly as possible.

Socred planning is already geared up for the biggest, most expensive fear & smear attack in the history of BC. The "socialist hordes" number, as laughable as it is, will be trundled out; screaming



ads about the devastation SOON-TO-BE-CAUSED (by the NDP?); and the main point in every sleazy trick will be money. The morality gambit didn't wash, touting education as a "priority" is a joke (ask any teacher), labour relations have been rendered poisonous with 4 years of Bill 19, referring to the "Social Credit Record" is a lost cause (Bennett & Vanderzalm!), so what do you do when there's nothing you can do??? ATTACK!

Ya see the whole plan, Stan, is to get everybody thinkin' 'bout how awful an honest & open government with the interests of ordinary people at heart would be for making tons of money. Ya get all the Big Boys to do their insidious fear-mongering with threats of lay-offs, relocations, monsters under every bed. Ya get Rita J. to either parrot prepared scripts or shut up completely. Nope, scrap that last bit, it's just not possible.....

Anyway, the weekend papers and TV and radio will be saturated with "paid political announcements", designed for one purpose: 'We socreds want everybody to stop thinking & forgetforgetforgetforget everything that's happened in the last 5 years! Right now!!'

(End Legislated Poverty & Women for Better Wages & the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities asked for responses to basic questions from each party leader.)

Q. Increase in minimum wage to 60% of average industrial wage (\$8.25)

Rita/socreds: NO "It should be understood that minimum wage jobs are not intended to be full-time employment for self supporting adults."



Mike/NDP: YES "We will raise the rate.. from \$5 to \$5.50 effective 1/1/92. Following further public consultation & review, we will adjust rates on a regular basis."

Q. Increasing welfare rates to at least the poverty line.

Mike/NDP: YES "...will move quickly to raise income assistance rates...a first step in our commitment to raise rates to the poverty line."



Rita/socreds: NO "Sharply increasing rates may provoke taxpayer backlash without addressing the fundamental problems--which include insufficient preparation for marriage resulting in marriage breakdown & poorly enforced child maintenance. (We won't raise rates since it's your fault - only single parents who can't budget get welfare - so we'll be) funding Marriage Preparation Courses (instead!).

Up to here you might get the idea that this report is slanted or biased or something!? So I'll shut up & use quotes:

On Handling Government Finances -

"Our achievements as a government..are the best evidence of what we would do over the next 4 years" (Rita J. on her govt's record \$1.2 billion deficit & increased taxes)
 "The socreds are either totally ignorant or deceitful!" (Graham Leslie, former socred Deputy Minister)

As Premier -

"Bad news isn't the problem. The problem is that bad news keeps getting out, says Rita J. A graduate of the Vanderzalm School of Journalism, the premier insists that the past 5 years wouldn't have seemed as bad if the public hadn't found out about what was going on." (The Province)
 "Rita unfortunately shows signs of being cast in the mold of her disgraced predece-

GST BEHIND BARS

Canadian Press

CAMBRIDGE, Ont. — The goods and services tax has finally made its way into Ontario jails — and prisoners at the Waterloo Detention Centre say there will be trouble because of it.

Prisoners were told they have to pay seven per cent more for tobacco, newspapers and other personal items after a ruling that they are no longer covered by an exemption for the provincial government.

Prisoners said the tax could cause trouble because it pushes the cost of pouches of tobacco, the most economical way to smoke, beyond \$10, the amount prisoners receive in a weekly allowance.

With GST added, pouches now cost \$10.65.



ssor, former close friend Vanderzalm. She displays a number of his negative qualities - political opportunism, narrow-mindedness, a tendency to make policy on the hoof, an inability to distinguish between govt. business & politicking." (Times-Col)

Sources of Party Funds

"Mrs. Johnston flatly refuses to disclose the sources of party funds, which will make life comfortable for the lobbyists & fund-raisers who supported her. She has no sentiment for open govt. & that too suits the establishment." (Vaughn Palmer)

"I don't see a problem with conflict of interest; I see a perceived problem" (Rita)

On Health Care

"I would not be opposed at all to the introduction of user fees." (Rita J.)

"We are aghast at Premier Johnston's intention to savage the universality of health services by introducing "reasonable" user fees. Most people with disabilities are low income, either marginally employed or receiving subsistence income. Given this harsh economic reality, what thoughtful, compassionate person could construe any user fee for medical services to be "reasonable"? (Garry Colley, BCCPD)

On the "Gravy Train"

"Reaction to the Premier's 3-day tour of the Interior was unanimous: It was ill-conceived, poorly executed, PR disaster."

The last one tells the story of Rita J.: she is a disaster. Soreds are clear on one thing - having a social conscience is a liability. Let me put a final word in - if you like Mulroney you'll love Rita J.

By PAULR TAYLOR



Roach roast

A German scientist is busy developing a new culinary delight — cockroach cuisine.

Cockroaches are more nutritious than beef and with the right cooking method will be a welcome new dish on the family table.

Among the scientist's specialties are cockroach soup, fried cockroach and cockroach-studded pancakes, says China's *Yangcheng Daily* newspaper.

Editor,

The reply to "First United Church" in the last newsletter was a masterpiece.

How fearful we all are, that the truth will blight our image of how we wish people to perceive us. Churches often appear to be "community-service-minded", all loving & forgiving & preaching good deeds, while someone on their own staff is being pecked to death behind their own closed doors.

Marie D.



Learning Centre News

Every September we encounter a flood of people wanting to register for courses in the Learning Centre. This year was no exception and it feels good to finally have some time to tell you something about the new people and programs in the Learning Centre. Over the last two years many people have worked hard to improve their academic skills and have completed the G.E.D. exams successfully. Many of these learners have asked to have credit courses offered here so that they can work towards a recognised graduation diploma. In response to these requests Social Studies, English, Math and Science courses are currently offered. Constance Brissenden leads the Social Studies, English and Creative Writing groups. Constance has a rich, diverse experience with teaching and group facilitation as well as continuing personal experience as a writer. If you have an interest in any of these areas please come and talk to Constance.

Two other new faces in the Centre belong to Debbie Bryant and Sharon Johnson. Debbie has just been hired as a Community Literacy Outreach Worker. She will be working to help create an awareness of the programs and opportunities available in the Learning Centre and in other agencies in the downtown eastside. Debbie has worked with many activist groups over the years and still holds a part-time position with the Native Education Centre. Sharon Johnson is co-ordinating the morning literacy drop-in program (Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:00-12:00) which offers a friendly, safe environment for learners to develop skills in reading, writing, and math with a focus on analysing literacy skills from a critical perspective.

There are many possibilities to explore, develop, and share skills and interests in the Learning Centre - why not come up to the third floor and talk to the tutors, learners and staff about getting involved.

Editor,

We would like to respond to the letter written by Tora, which appeared in the Oct. 1st edition of the Carnegie Newsletter. This was a critique of an article written by a man who discussed a poem by W.H.Auden.

First we would like to clarify the situation in the Learning Centre -

1. The poems of W.H.Auden are NOT studied in any of the courses at the Learning Centre, so we did not teach this poem to the 77 year-old man from China.
2. This man came to us with an assignment from the Vancouver Community College. He asked some people in the centre to help him with it.
3. We are confident that the staff & volunteers at the Learning Centre know the difference between literalism and satire.

We invite Tora and anyone else to come up to the third floor any time. It may happen that Tora and others will probably approve of the all inclusive, tolerant and respectful atmosphere that pervades the third floor.

Gail, Debbie and Floyd

5.
The biggest mistake I ever made
was when I let you go
Now we're back to being friends
My heart is aching so
I didn't want to hurt you
and I knew I shouldn't wait
Now the feelings you had changed
and I am just too late
I'll always love you just the same
no matter where you go
Because I can't forget you babe
you mean so much you know

Lady Hawk

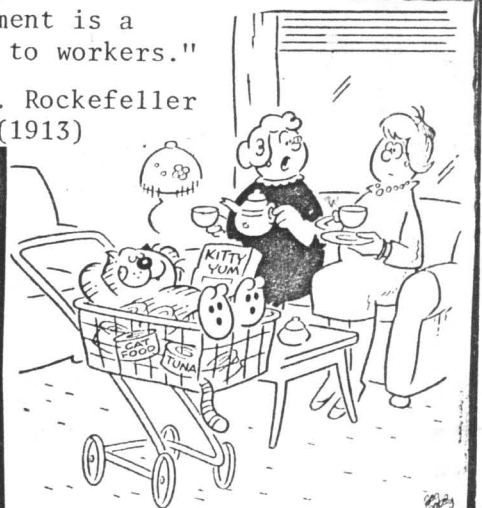
GO SOUTH YOUNG NURSE...

It should be said, unless you're already dead: "No way, Rita J." Even sick socreds lack hospital beds. Better go, B C, with the N.D.P.

Woodrow O'Loosjaw
(Village Voters Collective)

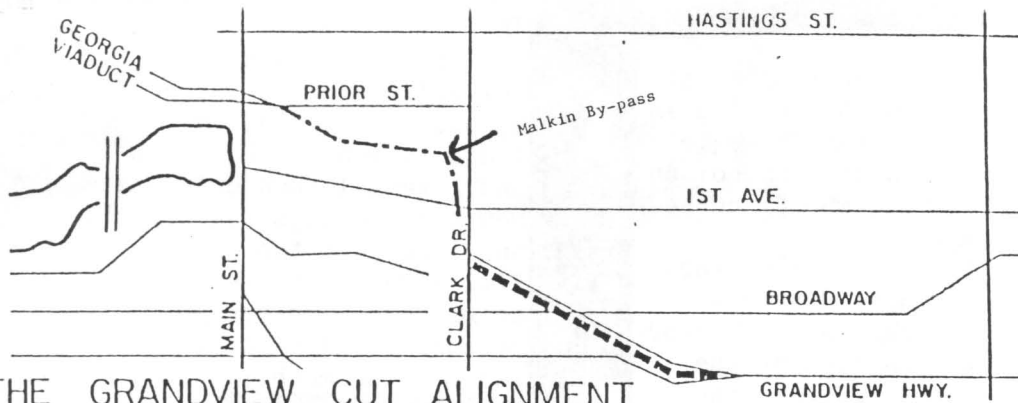
"Employment is a charity to workers."

John D. Rockefeller
(1913)



"IT'S HIS FAVORITE LOUNGER."





THE GRANDVIEW CUT ALIGNMENT

On Tuesday, October 9th, there was an "open house" on the city's proposal to build a freeway from Grandview to the Georgia viaduct, using the Malkin by-pass. Four city employees stood with the charts & pictures, ready to convince you and me that it would be the best thing since sliced bread.

An ad hoc coalition of residents of the Downtown Eastside, Strathcona & Grandview-Woodlands has been following this freeway thing for over 20 years, since the last time the City tried it with the proposed bulldozing of Chinatown. They lost.

Two reports were completed, because of public demand, and both the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) & Vancouver City Council have passed resolutions in response.

From Creating Our Future: Recommendation #16

"Develop a regional air quality & transportation strategy that identifies priority actions. Reverse transportation priorities so decisions are made to favour walking, cycling, public transit, goods movement & then the automobile. Reduce single-occupant commuting through encouraging carpools & providing high-occupancy vehicle lanes. Encourage the increase of commuter parking rates in downtown Vancouver to equal transient rates.

One of the 54 steps adopted by the GVRD's Board of Directors. Chairperson - Vancouver Mayor Gordon Campbell.

From Clouds of Change:
On October 16, 1990, Council adopted a

program of actions the city can take to address atmospheric change. One of the many objectives was to reverse decisions which encouraged the use of automobiles. Consequently, the following was stated:

"To reduce auto-related greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution & congestion in Vancouver we must achieve 3 objectives:

- * Reduce the number of automobile trips in the city & the region.
- * Increase opportunities for non-auto transportation including bicycles, walking, rail, buses, alternative vehicles.
- * Reduce the use of gasoline & diesel fuel in conventional buses, autos & trucks

The City's reason for the Malkin By-pass

- * Aging population with disposable funds
- * Low-income families
- * An increase in service employment -
 - generate frequent trips to customers (and vice versa)
 - irregular hours of work
- * An increase in smaller sized firms where it is most difficult to arrange ride-sharing programs.
- * An increase in commuters coming thru eastern communities

So, citing changes in demographics & in direct contravention to Creating our Future (GVRD) and Council's Clouds of Change, the Malkin By-pass proposal continues transportation planning which supports the status quo, is ecologically disruptive & detrimental to the Downtown Eastside, Strathcona, Grandview Woodlands & Mount Pleasant communities..

DERA, members of Carnegie & residents of these communities set up a table right beside the city's. On it were displays of information missing from the other one.

"(We) are against any expansion of the Dunsmuir & Georgia viaducts; namely the construction of the Malkin By-pass & the Grandview cut. There are four main reasons why we are against this proposal:

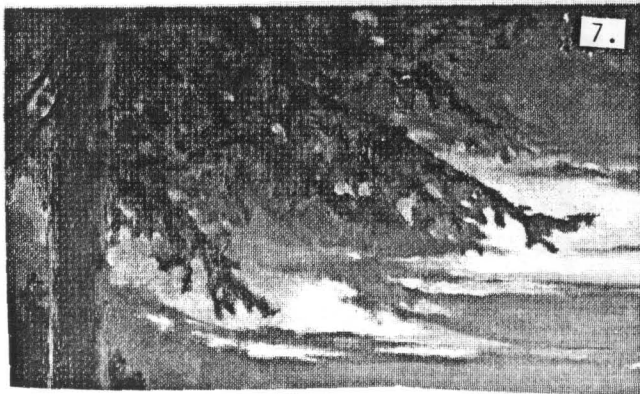
- 1) Increased noise & air pollution caused by the By-pass will no doubt have an impact on the quality of life of residents
- 2) The best use of the False Creek flats is to include a major component of housing.
- 3) The revival of the Malkin By-pass and the Grandview Cut illustrates a planning process driven by development. That is, Bosa Developments is pushing the city to choose a Malkin By-pass alignment, so that they can go ahead and develop their industrial subdivision.
- 4) We embrace a new understanding that high speed expressway's to a city's downtown core are no longer part of those qualities which make a city livable.

From Clouds of Change again:
Local Atmospheric Change

The release of atmospheric pollutants by human activity results in two local phenomena: smog & acid rain.

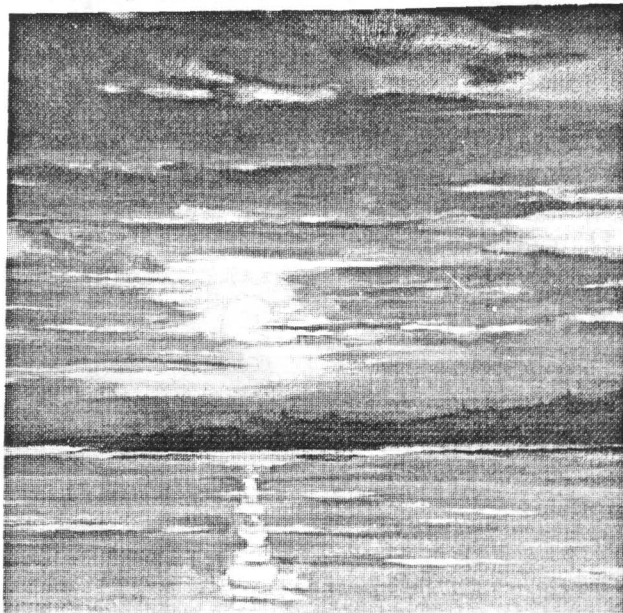
The combustion of fossil fuels, primarily from motor vehicles, produces a yellow-brown layer of pollution known as smog. It is especially evident over cities in summer months. Smog results from the reaction of nitrogen oxides & hydrocarbon gases with sunlight to produce ozone & other trace gases. Ground level ozone irritates eyes & lungs, making lungs more susceptible to infection & irritation from other pollutants, and also inhibits photosynthesis in plants.

Sulphur dioxide emitted from stationary sources such as oil refineries, cement plants & various industrial sources is an additional concern at the local level. Sulphur dioxide can contribute to increased respiratory illness & mortality; plant, forest & crop damage; and deterioration of man-made structures & materials. (Acid rain,



What we want..what is missing from the proposal displayed by the City..is the inclusion of viable transit alternatives & not just various roadway alignments. Transit is seldom analyzed as a more cost-effective, environmentally sensitive alternative; if anything it's mentioned as a mitigation measure until this environmentally destructive freeway (by-pass + cut) is finished.

We want to know if there has been an environmental process for the By-pass. If so we want it expanded to include analysis of long-term effects on pollution & air quality. "Creating our Future" has to be more than the name of a report; Vancouver is our home & it's future includes restraints on high-speed traffic.



When the mighty fall

To the Editor,

'Debate '91' was nothing but a farce. I saw three "adults" answer questions posed to them by journalists and Russ Froze of UTV..questions that weren't answered. I saw three "adults" pointing fingers at each other, one demanding numbers for promises that were made earlier in the campaign by the NDP.

In my eyes, should those numbers become available before October 17th, it would only mean more votes for either party, depending on where the money will or won't be spent. When running for a position of leadership it's important to show voters that one is confident in one's self as well as being honest in every way possible..to let the voters know that one is aware of what is going on around them.

There was one thing that Rita J. said that got my ear wiggling and my eyebrows up - the Expo land. To me it seemed that she was proud of this. What she forgot to mention was the people who died because of this, or those who became homeless. How much of \$120 per square foot went toward building homes for the homeless?

I would like to say to Gordon Wilson that I do have a mind & don't let anyone mess around with it. I am not disillusioned by either party.

**CONTROVERSY
STALKS THE
SOCREDS AS THE
B.C. CAMPAIGN
ENTERS THE
FINAL STRETCH**

BETWEEN THE FREQUENT EMBARRASSMENTS, THE SOCREDS WAGE WAR ON THE NDP'S ECONOMIC AGENDA

There was no mention of seniors when Mike Harcourt was discussing "user fees" but Rita yelled, "Stop scaring seniors Mike." It seems that Rita only reads between the lines what she wants to.

M.P.

Hard to get hard to hold
But in my dreams our lips have met
just wait dream boy I'll get you yet
Holy Father up above
Please protect the one I love
He's so handsome he's so sweet
He's the one who makes my life complete.

Lady Hawk



TRUCULENT
OBSERVATIONS.
By Garry Gust



Listen,



n, Dome Head, your Legal background
doesn't impress me one iota.
I could have been a lawyer,
but I had to quit school to
keep the wolf from the door!
May I remind you that the
last two Premiers were also
High school dropouts and look
at what they succeeded to do
to the Province.

Heck, Rita, you can **always** go
back to school. In fact, the
Carnegie Learning Centre has
free G.E.D. preparation courses.
Why don't you give them a
call????!!! -
665-2220

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Editor,

Berenice McDonough, in the Vancouver Courier, protests the postal workers' resort to strike action. She points with some apparent indignation at the hourly rates of pay & fringe benefits she states the postal workers enjoy, & the improvements they seek.

One can imagine the indignant flash of her eye & toss of her head when she notes: "There are a lot of workers out there in business & industry who would like to make this kind of money, but to do this they must take extra courses & work their way up the ladder."

Speaking of statistics, she doesn't cite any in presuming that "most of these jobs are classified as unskilled & could be filled by anyone who knows the alphabet & speaks English". Nor does she cite the source of her omnibus hourly wage rate.

At an omnibus hourly rate of \$18 an hour (her estimate if the postal workers win) the annual assumed income of posties would be \$35,000 - not uncomfortable, but not

princely either.

One has to ask to what extent have the "lot of workers out there" organised, taken the punishment of public denunciations in the press for their intransigence, spent hours of their time thinking, planning & executing, under universal harassment of their employers, the necessary meetings, canvassing, working out of publicity campaigns, & walking on picket lines under none too co-operative police surveillance & every conceivable trick of obstruction that employers can devise, to obtain wages consistent with rising costs of living.. & so winning the health & security benefits every worker should be seen as entitled to in a sane & healthy economy?

May I suggest that rather than decry the struggle the postal workers put up, Berenice would do us all a better service by pointing to them as an example of how "a lot of workers out there" might themselves be enjoying a more human standard of living than employers are inclined, voluntarily, to give.

In the meantime, how about checking those who devote themselves to maximising profits, at working people's expense, & raising themselves from millionaires to billionaires?

Beatrice Ferneyhaugh

How Fragile
People Are:

...And yet, you'll hear of local craft fairs held in air of aid; of volunteer drivers bundling cancer patients off to their treatments; of a couple eager to love the unlovable child: and you'll be affected, again, by the essential strength of people.

A Birthistle



DON'T KNEEL,
APPEAL

CALGARY POVERTY FOCUS GROUP
submission to the
CITIZEN'S INQUIRY INTO PEACE & SECURITY

Our focus on peace & security will deal with the everyday struggle of trying to thrive with the insecurity of an inadequate income.

In steps to avert this war on the poor the Calgary Poverty Focus Group's Mission Statement reads that "People are the wealth, the true value of a nation & are due, by innate right, human dignity & freedom. We will foster the empowerment & actualisation of everyone.

- We will work to eliminate poverty.
- We will work to attain access to the goods & services that are available to most other Canadians.
- We will debunk the myth that some people deserve to be poor.
- We will work for accessible, affordable & permanent housing.
- We will speak out through the media & other means available to us.
- We will challenge the political/economic agendas that do not acknowledge that people are the wealth, the true value of a nation.
- We will insist on public accountability.
- We will promote & develop our participation in decision-making & planning processes.
- We will ask key questions like "who benefits & who pays the cost?" in challenging the status quo.
- We will work for a disposable income for Canadians.
- We will support all efforts to advocate for our rights.

WE SHALL DO SO WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH

If the aforementioned principles & steps were applied, there would be no need for a war on poverty & Canada's wars with other nations would likely disappear.

But, to really answer the question, you have to ask what it is that the Rich & Powerful want these days?

I am going to present a report of an appeal by Lisa, a single parent with a child, Ben, who has Celiacs disease, who was denied social assistance & was homeless. This will illustrate the blatant disregard for human needs & the increasing insecurity more women & children are experiencing in their daily lives.

Three of us, members of the Calgary Poverty Focus Group, went with Lisa & her son to this appeal on Sept.5, '91. We were advised by another member of our group to tape record the proceedings.

When we entered the room we saw five extremely well-dressed women. They abruptly asked us our names & emphasising the MRS. gave us only their last names. When asked they refused to give us their first names.

Lisa told them we were going to tape record the proceedings. These women of the appeal board refused to allow it & the recorder was taken out of the room. After some discussion they decided that a court reporter could be appointed to record the proceedings but this would take 3 weeks. (Remember that Lisa was homeless with a child with special needs & was being denied her social assistance cheque. The appeal board knew it was impossible for her to wait the 3 weeks for a court reporter.)

One of the five was a social worker present to speak for the side of Alberta Social Services. She started to speak about Lisa as though Lisa was not present, as though she was an object. Lisa interjected & told the appeal board that she didn't have access to the information that was being read about her. The appeal board noted that this was also the first time that they had heard this information & this, in their minds, somehow made the presentation unbiased & fair.

It seemed to sit perfectly well with their consciences that Lisa & Ben were without income & shelter; as though somehow she deserved her poverty & insecurity.

So it had to be proven that she was deserving of an income.

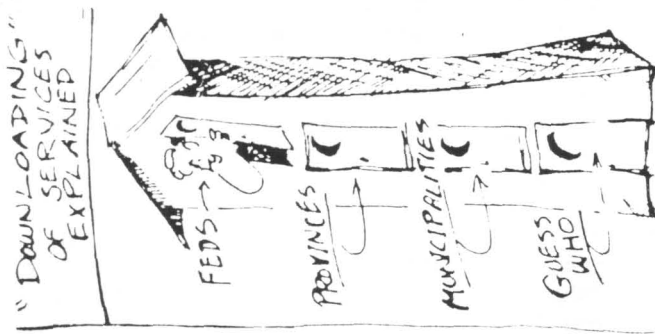
Questions were set in motion where Lisa had to justify all of her actions, impressing, by the way the questions were asked, that the value of her very existence was under judgement by these people. It was as though all along she was wrong, continually doing the wrong thing to suit Alberta S.S., & should therefore be punished by denying her an income & shelter. "Why didn't you know that the apartment you last had was in a rundown & unacceptable condition (the stove didn't work except for one burner)? It was clear Lisa was considered guilty.

After a series of such questions the board decided to grant Lisa an income of less than 60% of the poverty line as though this was acceptable, & accomodation money such that she would have to pay \$100 at least out of food money. This'll be a hungry winter for Lisa & Ben.

The board would not answer any question regarding their occupations or their 1st names. The board had no trouble using our 1st names & earlier, in the waiting room, we were all required to state our occupations. This was certainly not a board of peers. Both myself & other members of our group believe that persons affected by high rates of poverty should be appointed to the appeal board & choice of members to serve on the board should never be a question of political patronage.

Appeal boards should not even exist. Policy & regulations should not leave people homeless & without income in the first place. Lisa & Ben's case was clear.

If we remember the mortality rates for the poor how can we say that this is not a war against Canada's own citizens? How many lives are lost under these conditions. We must say that this is unacceptable & the United Nations Charter of 1948 & the Canadian Charter of Human Rights & Freedoms ensure that citizens must have access to food, clothing, shelter, medical care & education. Obeying both these Charters would ensure a better quality of life in a country as developed as Canada.



War on the poor in BC & Ontario

In B.C.

Jacobsen (Minister of SS&H) has been asserting that a single parent can get the equivalent of \$25,000 a year by being on welfare. In a letter to Barbara Templeman of Vancouver, he itemises the amounts a single parent with 3 kids is eligible for: Support - \$544; Shelter - \$600; Medical/Dental - \$120; School start-up & Christmas - \$15.83; Federal tax credit - \$322.07; TOTAL = \$1601.90. Potential Earnings Exemption - \$482.16; Potential monthly income = \$2,084.06 (!)

When asked how many single mothers actually got the full \$2084 a month, Jacobsen said, "We don't have the information here as to how many there are...."

All you single mothers on welfare who see \$2084 a month, raise your hand. What? No one is raising there hand? Here's why: medical premiums for a family on welfare are \$3.50 a month. While some people on welfare are supposed to be able to get free dental, it's much easier said than done. That's why people on welfare get their teeth pulled rather than filled. The medical benefits provided by welfare don't come anywhere near \$120 a month.

A mother would have to work full time at \$9.41 an hour in order to get an earnings exemption of \$482.16; the school start-up (\$15.83 to send your child to school!) is once a year..likewise the Christmas money; the federal tax credit is once-a-year too. The 1990 poverty line for a family-of-4 is \$27,927.

In Ontario

Toronto Sun & Financial Post columnist Diane Francis has been making quite a name for herself recently with her articles "exposing" Ontario's "rich..cash-for-life" welfare system. The 900,000 people living in sub-poverty misery on welfare will have been fascinated to learn that they recently received a 17% increase in their cheques & that the system is so generous (according to Francis) that anyone making less than \$45,000 a year would be better off on the welfare rolls. (She has since modified this to \$35,000 but sticks to her basic line about "abusers" milking the system.)

The Ontario Coalition Against Poverty has been busy taking on the myth makers. We picketed the Toronto Sun & have worked to ensure that a range of anti-poverty organisations & their allies have answered the Francis' allegations. Several complaints have been lodged with the Ontario Press Council. But the truth is that Francis is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to dumping on the poor (or the "parasitic underclass" as she calls us...)

But where does this hate campaign against the poor come from? Certainly there's no lack of bigots & local politicians to want to cut costs on the backs of the victims of the recession.

People like the Business Council on National Issues want to see a family of four better off on a \$5 an hour paycheque than they would be on Family Benefits. As free trade wipes out jobs on a massive scale & welfare rolls head up to the million mark, they become increasingly determined to cut even the miserable benefits being paid at the moment. Anything standing in the way of the Mexican Level Playing Field has got to go... (Editor's note: In Ontario, businessmen & the corporate-owned press have been attacking the NDP government because it refused to cut health, education & social services during a recession. 1,500 businessmen held a rally at the Ontario Legislature to protest the NDP budget.)

It all comes down to the demand by Business that payments to the poor be slashed so that we can all be herded into sweatshop jobs.

JOHN CLARKE

Miki to Riki

What is a Friend

A friend is one
Who takes me
As I am

One who laughs
With me
Not at me

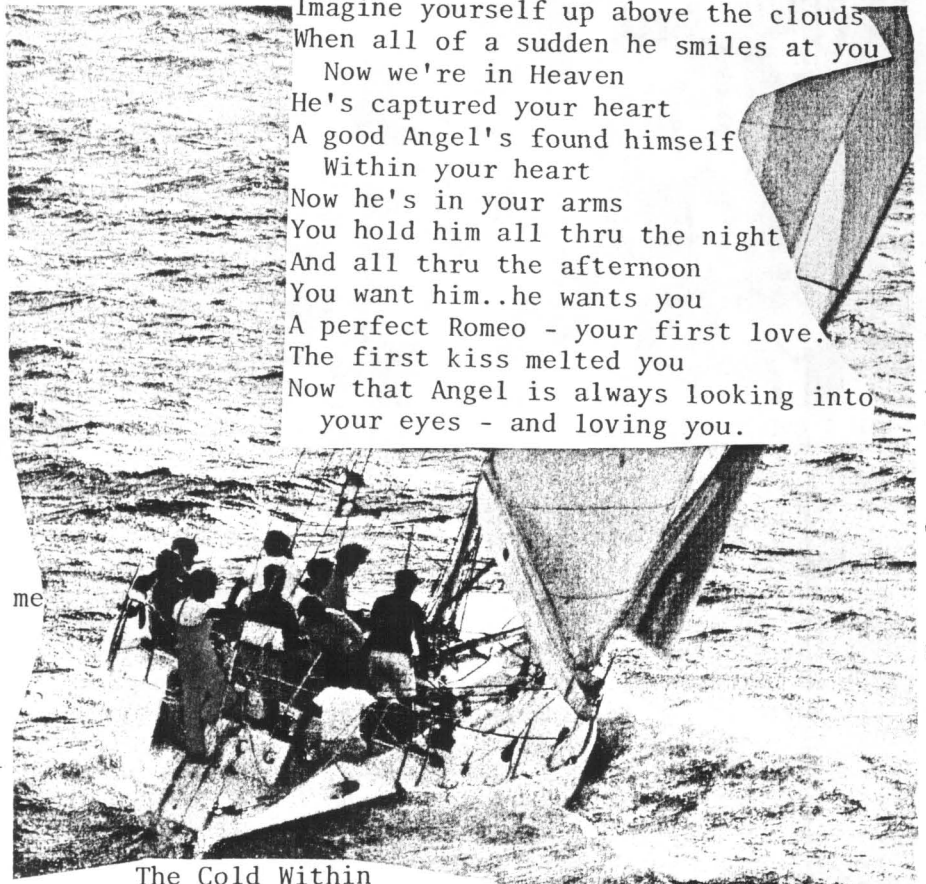
One who understands
With me
Not at me

One who cares
And shows me the way
To solve the problem

One who listens
And hears what I say
When I speak

One who doesn't judge me
And tells me I'm bad
I don't need the lie

One who is
Irreplacable

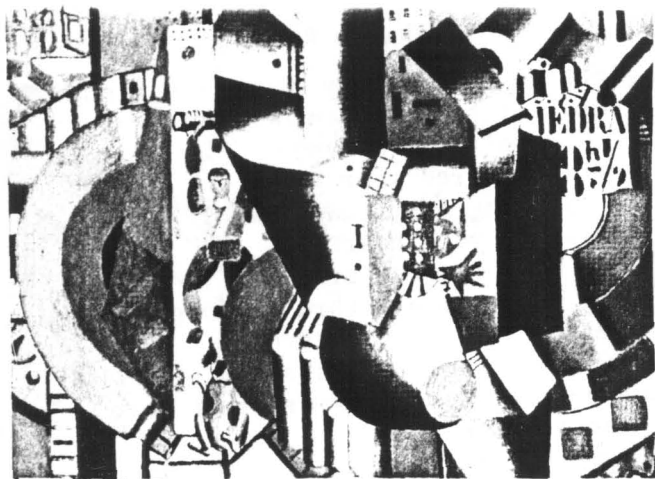
Dreamweaver

Imagine yourself up above the clouds
When all of a sudden he smiles at you
Now we're in Heaven
He's captured your heart
A good Angel's found himself
Within your heart
Now he's in your arms
You hold him all thru the night
And all thru the afternoon
You want him..he wants you
A perfect Romeo - your first love.
The first kiss melted you
Now that Angel is always looking into
your eyes - and loving you.

The Cold Within

Six humans, trapped in black and bitter cold
Each one possessed a stick of wood, or so the story's told
Their dying fire needed a log
The first man held his back, for in the faces around the fire
He noticed that one was black.
The next man looking across the way, saw one not of his church
He wouldn't bring himself to give the fire that stick of birch.
The third man sat in tattered clothes, and gave his coat a hitch
Why should he put his lot to use to warm the idle rich.
The rich man just sat back and thought of wealth he had in store
and how to keep what he had earned from the lazy, shiftless poor.
The black man's face bespoke revenge, as the fire passed from sight;
for all he saw in his stick of wood was chance to spite the white.
The last man of this forlorn group did nothing except for gain;
giving only to those who gave was how he played the game.
So their logs held tight, in death's still grasp, was proof of human sin,
They didn't die from the cold without..they died from the cold within,

Submitted by Marie D.



LAW & ORDER ROADBLOCK HELD IN ROGERS PASS

Again this year a multi-agency roadblock was organised & implemented by the RCMP on #1 Hwy in the Rogers Pass. Started on Sunday, 15 September, it was expected to run 24 hours a day with personnel from as many as ten federal & provincial agencies officiating. The RCMP canine division is also in attendance.

Sgt. Purse of the Revelstoke RCMP stated that his detachment was the organizing force behind this effort, although many detachments throughout south-central BC contributed personnel. As well, personnel from all over the province were attending for the various other ministries & all were bivouacked at Best Western Hotels' Glacier Park Lodge in the Pass. "The mechanical safety of vehicles on our roads is one of the areas receiving attention," said Purse.

Stuart Meade, of the Association for Vehicle Movement Safety, stated, "It gives legitimate efforts to enforce safety measures a black eye to be used in this way, as justification for such a massive assault on the public." Meade continued, "These roadblocks have been conducted over the last ten years. At first there were just a few police checking heavy trucks & this has now grown to the present, where the highway is blocked & the travelling public is corralled & run thru a gauntlet of enforcement personnel from any number of agencies."

Mr. Meade stated that his organization is apprehensive about allowing this approach to expand further. "What we are witnessing is the processing of the public to ensure that the concept of 'Law & Order' is seen to be upheld. If allowed to continue & expand, this will result in a fundamental change occurring in the way we police our country. Common & routine investigation at roadblocks for no specific reason will become the norm."

The Association for Vehicle Movement Safety is calling for mandatory inspection of justified mechanical criteria at government facilities.

On Unemployment & Crime..

The sanctimonious right wing always blames the poor for being poor. They come out with their simple simon phrases like 'they're too lazy to work'.. 'there are lots of jobs'...

These same right wingers never blame corporations for exploiting the plight of the poor. Corporations and the so-called "free enterprisers" have their grubby little hands out for hundreds of thousands, even millions, in subsidies.

Then you have the local vocal "free enterprisers": they advertize in the papers offering no wages, just telephone hooking jobs whereby if you are a good hooker you may get a commission if you turn a lot of tricks.

If one turns to crime, one is condemned to a lifestyle whereby the criminal keeps lawyers, judges, police, social workers, bureaucrats & prison guards employed.

When the corporate elite steals it is called mis-appropriation. When the police or prison guards murder someone it's called justifiable homicide. When a civilian kills a cop or a prison guard it's called a vicious murder.

Crime is good for all those thousands in the enforcement establishment - their job security is guaranteed with high unemployment.

By BRIAN WAGGET

Editor,

Stick your neck out - & risk getting your head shot off... I thought my poem "Practical Politics" in the last newsletter was a pretty good one, but then I saw it ripped in pieces & overpowered by a phony smiling face cut out of a Captain Morgan's Rum ad.

Whoever did the layout used the kind of imagery I've been talking about in my writing as subversive...the advertising stereotype, to neutralize or at least downgrade the sense of my poem.

The huge smiling face is not the real Captain Morgan - it's a face invented by an ad artist, much like the face of Santa Claus invented to sell coke.

Nov 3 1991
8:44

Please note -

I'm not the Jamie Baxter (Ms. Baxter) written about in the last Newsletter. Neither am I related to her!

Sheila Baxter

(A couple of people read the article fast..thought it was me.)

So "The Pez" has mental, behavioural problems. His money will surely protect him; he won't have to sleep out because of his behaviour.

So it proves if more sick people had money for decent shelter there wouldn't be so many homeless.

Sheila Baxter

But this face sells rum in thousands of ads - its smile is the smile of Vanderzalm - the phony smile of the salesman.

It's ironic that my last letter was complaining about another poem (by W.H.Auden) being misrepresented in the previous issue by a Learning Centre student - then I see my own effort screwed up by the Newsletter itself.

It's incomprehensible to me why anyone would use an image this way.

Maybe it's just another example of Carnegie's famous dysfunctional behaviour.

TORA

To the Readers

Many hours of my volunteer work go into this paper. My mind is thinking constantly on how to make the stories match a picture or vice versa. Under no circumstances do I try to distort a story or poem. I don't expect to see glamour or...

I try to present this paper the best way I know, with the help of your letters, stories & concerns. So what if I used an ad from a magazine? At least I'm not using the brand name of the liquor bottle, just the picture.

To a certain member of Carnegie (Tora) -if you can see in the eyes of pictures the notion of selling booze that's your problem.

A dysfunctional member.

3/3/91

And now peace has been restored. The brave or the cunning or the fearswept keenly proven. Love songs can again become important.

ABirthistle

MAESTROS OF MORALITY!

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Within the secluded secrecy of certain social credit nooks & crannies, I detect a strong sense of fervent morality which is definitely proposed as a sort of biblical dictum to be imposed (via legislative process) upon the masses of unwashed BCers as a means of converting voters to the "right cause". My oh my! What will they come up with next?! Aberhart's \$25 bribery that never did come to pass in the hungry 30s? The social immaturity of a sacred premier cannot be camouflaged in the comfort of a gravy-train ride covering BC whistle-stops.

The imagined infallibility of total morality embraced by "Johnstonites" and "Zammies" carries no weight with the substantially decent, honest, hard-working taxpayers. When sanity, rather than fallacy or fantasy, prevails, the forces and votes of the New Democrats will surely prevail in this election..a humanitarian BC premier will mount to the legislative steps in Victoria for the next 5 years., so that dire poverty & hungry school kids will no longer exist as lingering curses in our society.



The numerous defections from social credit ranks attest to the bottom line deficiencies & utter confusion that reigns within.

In addition to sacred disarray, consider their dubious Ontario quest for "tutored malcontents" boldly displeased on national TV for vicious vote-getting misrepresentations & draw your own conclusions as to the degree of panic in sacred ranks... typical sacred lies & hypocrisy unlimited.

The pretence of total disengagement from defeated (caught) sacreds will not hold water. Fact is that the same philosophy of legislating poverty remains in place - Number 1 again!

On a lighter note (& for mild amusement) it can readily be seen without any stretch of imagination that there exists a laughable comparison with Rita's finger-pointing at Harcourt and the Trudeau/Salmon Arm pointed arrogance.

VOTE NDP OR SUFFER ANOTHER 5 YEARS OF THE ZAMMEES.

HooHoo

"Behind every raindrop there's a story" said the old soldeir, sadness crowning his voice.

Silence is a strange, euphoric thing in a crowde, noisy bar, & it mingled unprejudiced. I thought an angel had descended upon the place; even the rattle of glass was stilled.

Have you ever seen grown men & women, embittered & disillusioned by life, fighting in a hopeless war..simply trying to better their existence, better

their chances of survival, better their lives.. finding peace amidst total chaos & self-destruction? I saw & felt it then, and so did everyone else. Have you ever seen people silenced by sadness, and yet there's a strange beauty in remembering - even the loss...the loss of a person's joy... A painful death in a person's life leaves a person without sentiment or intimacy..leaves a person without expression;..and yet in that bar, at that time, joy - that distant & illusive presence shone brilliantly.

Dave McConnell

Christopher Columbus - 1992

1992 is the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the Americas. Already the propaganda war has started. Huge business/government forces say Columbus was a superstar. He brought progress to an empty continent. He was the entrepreneurial spirit in full sail.

Native Indian people, black people and many others say Columbus represents the destructive forces of conquest & oppression. They say that genocide, slavery, racism & poverty have still to be addressed if our future is to be built on a healthy & just foundation.

"In a civilized country, Perkins, everyone disbelieves in slavery, everyone disbelieves in slavery & wants slaves."

We do not have to be slaves to any economic order.

In 1992 many countries are hosting big celebrations to mark the 500th anniversary of the arrival of "western civilization to the Americas." These celebrations include (1) a race to Mars among 3 solar-powered spaceships named after Columbus' ships Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria; (2) Expo '92 in Seville, Spain.

In the words of Winona Laduke, President of the Indigenous Women's Network, "It is in the face of this celebration of genocide that thousands of indigenous peoples are organizing to commemorate their resistance, and to bring to a close the 500 year long chapter of the invasion" We have the opportunity in 1992 to



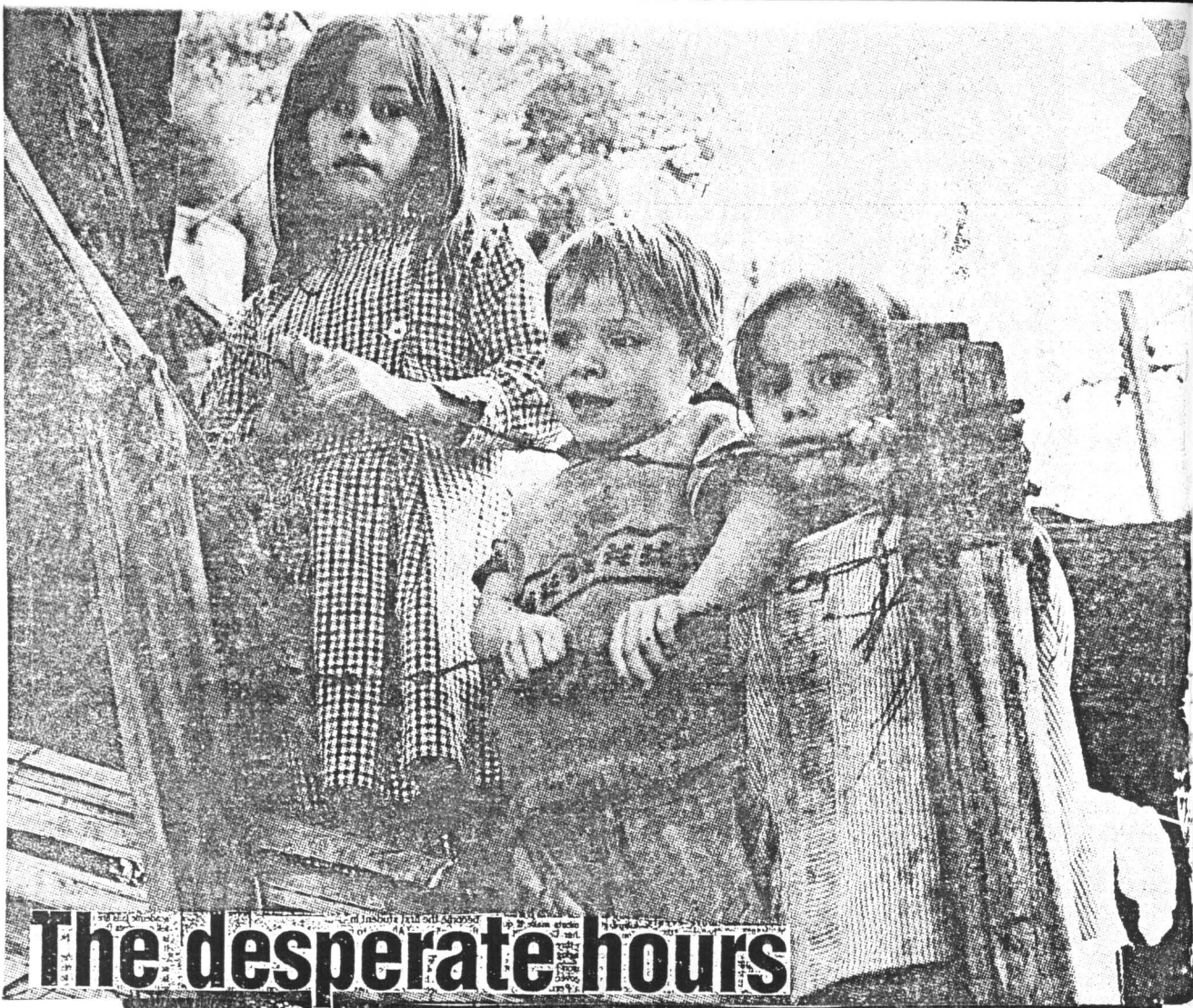
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The real issue is not Columbus himself, although he was a brutal character, but the violent economic order that destroyed entire peoples & the land on which they lived - and is still doing it.

Herman Melville, the author of Moby Dick, has said that it wasn't freedom but the will to conquer that lay at the heart of America. Robert Lowell, another American writer, explored this idea in his play, Benito Cereno, based on a short story by Melville. He has a character in his play, Captain Delano, on board an American warship off Trinidad (or Cuba, or Nicaragua, or El Salvador) say:

launch a new voyage of discovery - not into unknown lands or outer space - but into our own hearts. It is in the quality of our relationships to each other and to the earth that we will discover ourselves. 1992 can be a time in which we face honestly & courageously the great hurts that have been committed on oppressed peoples a;; over the world. We must ask ourselves what it is we serve and obey. 1992 can be a time, not of global economic wars where great poverty is created alongside great wealth, but a time of reconciliation and healing. There can be no peace without justice.

By SANDY CAMERON



The desperate hours

By Janice Turner 9.29.91

At the close of last September's World Summit for Children, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney fittingly noted that its success would be measured by future government action.

Basking in the international spotlight, he vowed that Ottawa would soon make good by announcing a number of measures designed to improve the lives of children.

A year later, the question begs: How has the lot of children in this country changed for the better?

Those who work with and for our children concede they are hard-pressed to point to any concrete improvements. Rather, they say, the situation for too many of our youngest citizens remains grim.

Much of the damage, they say, is being inflicted by policies that don't have the word "child" splashed over them: An income tax system that slams middle- and lower-middle-income families (The Tories have de-indexed the family allowance and child tax credit, and reduced the child tax exemption.); a sweeping new sales tax, regressive by nature; freezes and cuts in funding for health and social programs to the provinces; a made-in-Canada recession; and cuts in

Poverty is no child's play for the 190,000 young Canadians relying on food banks

unemployment insurance benefits.

In this country of tremendous wealth, more and more kids are getting their meals through school programs, shelters and soup kitchens.

More than 860,000 Canadian children under age 16 live in poverty. Each month, some 190,000 children rely on food banks.

"We seem to pay a lot of lip service to the issue (of children)," says Denise Avard, executive director of the Canadian Institute of Child Health in Ottawa. "But there's been very little action."

Canada has signed the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child, but has yet to ratify it. Federal, provincial and territorial representatives are still wrangling over to what extent Canada can endorse the treaty.

The convention sets minimum standards for the survival, health and education of children. It also provides for protection against exploitation, abuse and neglect.

"The message that this government is sending out is that children aren't all that important," Avard says.

Landon Pearson, a leading children's advocate and head of the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children, agrees with Avard that much of the afterglow of the summit has faded.

Pearson wryly compares the Tories' emphasis on deficit reduction, at the expense of children, to a family trying to pay off the mortgage by eliminating lunches.

Ottawa's new Children's Bureau, set up within the department of Health and Welfare, is not expected to unveil Canada's post-summit plan of action until the end of the year.

An expanded child care system, which the Tories insisted at the time of the summit

'The message this government is sending out is that children aren't all that important'

was an essential part of any family policy, has yet to be unveiled.

The entire child care community, including parents, feels frustrated and betrayed, says Barbara Kilbride, of the Canadian Day Care Advocacy Association.

"It's beginning to look like another broken promise," she says.

When the summit ended, the Progressive Conservatives spoke of future projects, including an expanded program to counter sexual abuse of children and family violence.

In February, Ottawa announced it will spend \$136 million over four years. The program was met with skepticism because of its four-year time frame. The bulk of the money is slated for the latter half of the program.

Avard questions whether this government will even be around to see it through.

"In that sense, it's a bit cosmetic," she says.

In response to Canada's dismal record in preventing child injuries, Ottawa launched KidsCare, a national safety awareness program.

During KidsCare's first year, consumer and corporate affairs promoted a national safety hunt for hazardous products and opened the KidsCare Home, where children and adults can learn about safety.

While welcomed, critics say awareness can't always take the place of safety legislation, formal training programs and a comprehensive child health policy.

Brian Ward, director-general of the Children's Bureau, stresses the Tories have come through on their commitment to reduce family violence and pointed to a \$296 million pre-summit, five-year federal program to discourage students from dropping out of school. The money was taken out of Ottawa's budget for student jobs.

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**MULRONEY'S CONSTITUTION
(THE EMPORER HAS NO CLOTHES)**

The federal election campaign has started. The so-called new constitutional package is the next election platform of the Mulroney Conservatives. A massive stripping of the powers of the central govt., a bone throw to every interest group, an enfeebled Charter of Rights, huge new powers to the provincial premiers...this is to be the new Constitution of Canada.

As with the Meech Lake Accord - much of whose working is repeated in this much bigger Neech II - the media & the opposition are singing right along. What we are witnessing is an orchestrated campaign to create a sound & fury that will divert public attention from the destruction of the Canadian economy & the transfer of our sovereignty to the US under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

But the nation remembers that 1988 was the great Free Trade election & that, due to a split opposition vote, Mulroney was able to impose the deal that most Canadians rejected. We were promised "jobs, jobs, jobs" under free trade. Instead, since January 1st, 1989, 500,000 jobs have disappeared, 20% of our entire marketing capacity. Instead of "secure access to the

largest, richest market in the world" Canadian exporters have faced more American harrassment than before the deal. The only place the promised "cheaper prices" are found is across the border in the US where Canadian shopping is up over 400% to the devastation of the Canadian retail sector. As for being "good for agriculture" thanks to the FTA, US wheat is flowing into Canada & being baked into bread while on the prairies piles of grain stand in the fields for lack of markets & the price in real terms is the lowest in our history.

Canadian sovereignty was not to be affected by free trade, Mr. Mulroney told us. Since 1988 Canada has parroted each foreign policy step taken by the US - from supporting its invasion of Panama, to ehlping destroy Iraq, to abdicating all defence of Canada's borders both in the Arctic & between BC & Alaska where an unchallenged US coast guard is terrorizing & arresting Canadian fishermen in Can.waters.

Precisely as the huge North American FTA is being negotiated with Mexico - which Mulroney in 1988 promised would never happen - the glare of the media is turned onto debating whether we should elect the Senate. What difference does it make if the Senate is elected when all real decisions over the Canadian economy are made in Washington?

Precisely as the Americans are planning a common currency for the North American Free Trade Zone (not the Mexican peso, not the Canadian dollar) Mulroney would like us to debate inserting a vacuous "commitment to the well-being of all Canadians" in the constitution.

Pierre Trudeau, who stands head & shoulders above the others in the constitutional arena & who held Canada together for over 14 years, said that we have a constitution set to last a thousand years. Is Trudeau wrong? If so why did a recent Gallup poll reveal that 55% of Canadians, including 49% of all Quebecers say they would vote for him. This compares to 15% nationally for Mulroney. Why should we believe Mulroney when he says our constitution needs 28 major changes? just for starters?

The spectacle of Mulroney, Clark, Wilson & the other architects of the sale of Canada to the US, now cloaking themselves with the mantle of her saviour, is too much to swallow. A population fed up to the teeth with Mulroney will not buy a new constitution from him - unless of course there is no opposition. The Liberals & the NDP, by agreeing to talk constitution - are falling straight into his arms.

The amazing thing is not that Mulroney would attempt this diversion, but that the opposition parties & dozens of groups who once claimed to oppose this government's agenda are falling over themselves to participate in this constitutional hoax while the greater danger - both to Quebec & the rest of Canada - of assimilation into the US via the FTA goes virtually unchallenged.

The Canadian house is on fire. While it burns out of control we are being asked to sit in the living room, along with the arsonists who set the fire & discuss future furniture arrangements.

If we do not put out the fire - which means regaining control over the Canadian economy & abrogating the FTA - fiddling with the Canadian constitution is meaningless. For example, under the new constitutional proposals Canadians are asked to debate, in all earnestness, giving the Senate "a mandate to ratify appointments to the National Energy Board". However, Chapter 9 of the FTA gives such sweeping control over our energy to the US that the N.E.B. has been reduced to a rubber stamp for the massive exportation of Canadian resources at rock bottom prices.

This is not to say that this new proposal to weaken the Canadian constitution, & whose effect will be to create 10 balkanized warring republics, should not be opposed. It should be. The Liberals & NDP, currently trembling in fear of the separatists in the West & in Quebec, could scuttle Mulroney's agenda (& that of the PQ & Reform) by simply refusing to go along.

What is needed now is a joint press conference by Jean Chretien & Audrey McLaughlin pointing out that the first fight is

to regain control of the Canadian economy; that in the national interest the Liberals & the NDP will abrogate the FTA and, in order to take the power to do so, will not run against each other in any riding.

This action would not only blow Mulroney & his diversionary constitution off the front pages, but would give much-needed hope to the population that Mulroney can & will be defeated.

The NDP could do more for the cause of national unity by withdrawing most of its candidates from Quebec & Atlantic Canada in the next election, to allow the Liberals to win seats there, than by all the pious constitutional utterances we'll hear from the opposition over the next two years. A similar one-time tactical Liberal pullout from most of the west would allow the NDP to sweep a large majority of the seats west of Sudbury.

This coalition government with 200 seats in the House would then have the clout to tell Washington that it wished to act upon the 6-month cancellation clause, take Canada out of the FTS & begin to rebuild an economy to meet the needs of Canadians.

If the Liberals & the NDP refuse to cooperate & split the vote as in 1988, they will hand the country to the Bloc Quebecois & Reform parties - both of whom support Mulroney on free trade with the US & on gutting the power of the central govt., & neither of whom will hesitate to form a post-election alliance with the Conservatives to complete the dismantling of Canada.

Yes, the rights of aboriginal people need to be recognised. So too do the legitimate rights & fears of the founding race of Canadians who speak French. This self-serving proposal of the Mulroney govt. will do neither.

The emperor has no clothes. The most discredited government in Canadian history, at the very lowest level of public approval ever recorded - has no mandate, credibility or legitimacy to chop, hack & completely rewrite the supreme law of the land.

By DAVID ORCHARD
National Chairman,
Citizens Concerned About Free Trade

Monkey and Orange Lilies: 'In his pictures, he was constantly challenging himself'

Oct. 26th



Rally and Trial of Brian Mulroney

Noon at Robson Square

with Maude Barlow of the
Council of Canadians, Talking
Tories Show, Dance with
Society for the Preservation of
Live Music

In this 'age of access' people demand a say. The resolve of vested interests to go ahead anyway, to swamp media with vast amounts of crap, to confuse issues with reports & reports & studies up the yin-yang is backfiring!

Elsewhere in this paper are stark examples of the contrast between what is said and what was or is being done. On an international scale, we have the \$54 mil con-job that resulted in "free" trade and subsequent GST..courtesy of the corporate cartel & mouthpiece Mulroney. Provincial crime has dangled 13 socred cabinet ministers in the public's eye, then the Zalm was finally caught. His particular brand of slapstick provided a rare insight into the mindset of most public criminals: he blamed the media for "causing" his down-

Goodbye Brian Party

fall, honestly (sic) believing that anything is okay if no one knows (finds out) about it!

Public process isn't a stifling mire of quicksand unless the majority of informed citizens tell whoever to blow it out

their ass. This is the crucial point - if the vested interests want to make lots of money & know it will cause suffering they go to any lengths to misinform us. Their reasoning - 'It's not' "if you don't know it can't hurt you"...it's "if you don't know it won't hurt until it's too late for you to do anything about it!"

The "free" trade con is the best example: Mulroney babbled about jobs & it's cost over 300,000 so far; protection of environment & culture and plants close or threaten closure unless pollution standards are lowered (or just move to Mexico where there aren't any);.....

PRT

"George Bush wanted a kinder, gentler country, so Mulroney's giving him Canada."

Labour & community organisations have designated Saturday, October 26th as a nation-wide Day of Action against the Mulroney government. From the Action Canada Network comes this:

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

The Mulroney government's policies are tearing the country apart. Whether it's the CBC, VIA Rail, medicare, marketing boards, equalisation payments or an independent foreign policy, the Mulroney Tories are determined to destroy all that makes Canada a unique & more caring society. It's time for Canadians from all walks of life & every region to say with one voice Enough is enough!

FREE TRADE & THE CONSTITUTION

The centrepiece of the Mulroney/Big Business agenda for Canada is Free Trade, first with the U.S., then Mexico & eventually with all of the Americas.

Canada's economy is being restructured along North-South lines. The result is massive job loss & growing inequality between individuals & regions. To top it all off, the Mulroney govt. is now travelling the country in the name of "national unity" to sell its constitutional agenda. Having restructured our economy along North-South lines, the Tories & business elite are now preparing to restructure Canada's political institutions. Pretending to acknowledge Quebec's aspirations for self-determination, the Tories

are planning a massive transfer of powers to all provinces. The few remaining ties that bind us together as a country are about to be cut. This is Mulroney's Free Trade Constitution.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAVE CANADA

Even though the dangers to our future are many, it's not too late. We can put an end to the Mulroney/Big Business agenda for Canada by resisting their destructive policies every step of the way until they can be run out of office.

In the meantime we must work together to prepare for the election of a government that will terminate the Free Trade Agreement with the U.S. & put in place an alternative trade & development strategy for Canada.

We also need a government that will recognise the legitimate concerns of the people of Quebec & aboriginal people without tearing the rest of the country apart. Then we will be able to prepare for the future by building on the human values that distinguish us as a society.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Community activities are planned across Canada. Whether you are a trade unionist, peace activist, feminist, environmentalist, aboriginal activist or a concerned individual, we urge you to participate in the events being planned in your area.

Make your voice heard. Stand together and take back Canada. Enough is enough!

CONTACT

For details on the activities in this area, call Ellen (255-0400)
or Jean (879-1209).

In Carnegie, come to the DERA meeting on Friday, October 25th, at 10:30am.

RELIGIOUS TRUTHS

TAOISM

Shit happens

ZEN BUDDHISM

What is the sound of shit happening?

PROTESTANTISM

Let shit happen to someone else.

BUDDHISM

If shit happens it is not really shit

ISLAM

If shit happens it is the will of Allah.

JUDAISM

Why does shit always happen to us?

CONFUCIANISM

Confucius say "Shit happens."

HINDUISM

This shit happened before.

CATHOLICISM

If shit happens you deserved it.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

JOIN THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

The crisis in Canadian democracy

Free-trade feud is a symptom

Jobs keep disappearing while country 'recovers'
Conservatives accused of abandoning poor

Why medicare may not last the decade
Few realize precarious state of health system

We don't need lectures on unity from wrecker of unity

COMMISSIONER 13

Prisons vs. women

Culture is 'up for grabs' in free trade talks: Hills

Ottawa to unveil plan to cut jobless benefits

PM showing CBC 'contempt' Watson charges

Native leaders have reason to be skeptical

Massive cuts to Via Rail considered well before budget, documents show

EDUCATION DENIED

Ottawa approves wheat imports

Muzzling dissent
Victims say budget cuts are targetted at noisiest critics

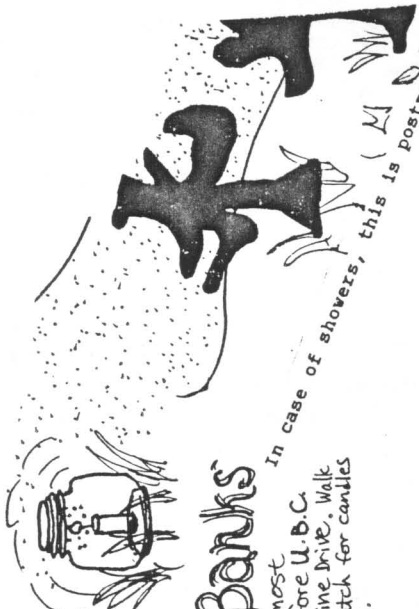
Arms sale bill must be killed

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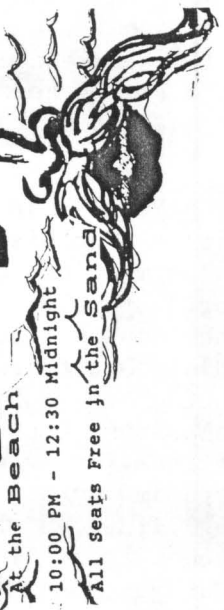
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF Poetry

BYOP (Bring Your Own Poem)
BYOC (Bring Your Own Candle in the Jar)



Spanish Banks

In the Western-most parking lot before U.B.C. on Northwest Marine Drive. Walk west to beach. Watch for candles leading the way.

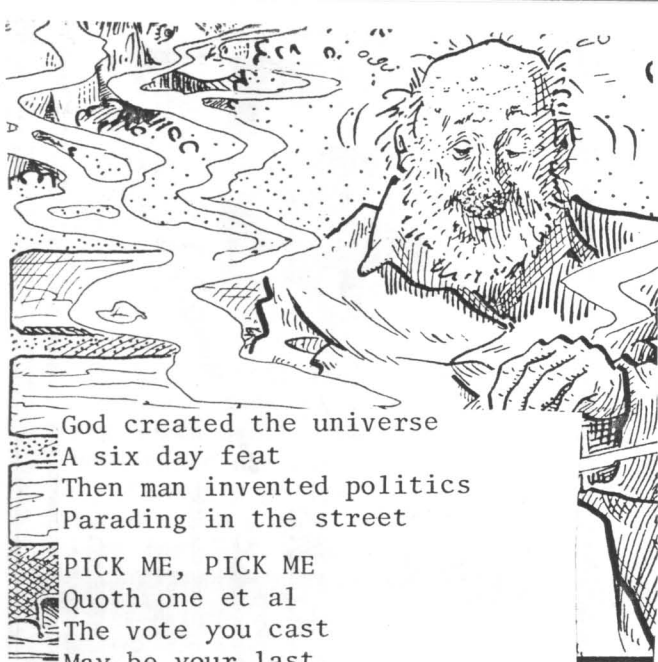


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10:00 PM - 12:30 Midnight
All Seats Free in the Sand

Performers:

- Peter Reade - Alice Texepucintle - Rudy K. Penner - Joe Ruggier - Isabella von Huendeberg - Yvon Chartrand And YOU!

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God created the universe
A six day feat
Then man invented politics
Parading in the street

PICK ME, PICK ME
Quoth one et al
The vote you cast
May be your last,
in your dying fax
Some must win & some must lose
It's you & you that choose.

So I shall be your green man
And not the forest fall
Except when it's necessary
To bankroll one & all
And I shall save the ozone layer
'tis but the yuppies prayer
I shall stand & promise one & all
To firmly hold the Party Line
and keep my thievings small.

T.L.

The well-adjusted citizen in society can pick up his newspaper and read about millions of people around the world starving to death, and not feel the least bit responsible. The well-adjusted citizen has developed an apathetic habit of not feeling compassion unless there are emotional ties to relations involved. 'Society' serves as a negative authoritarian word for creating illusions which serve to perpetuate the existing order.

Judges, police, politicians, guards and many more benefit directly by per-

petuating society's illusions under the guise of "Law & Order". When a judge sentences a man to prison, he often uses the illusion-producing justification phrase, "Society must be protected". This authoritarian phrase has been used so much that the apathetic citizens are conditioned to believe it.

Another favourite of the "law & order" advocates is the term "permissiveness". Whenever social changes are contemplated, the authoritarians worry about the existing order being changed and their fear of change provokes the fear-generating word "permissiveness".

The guards in prison are often heard appealing to the citizen's authoritarian-induced fears. When the guards' treatment of prisoners is questioned in the media, the guards' union comes out with their simple simon denials of doing any wrong, and mention that there is a "staff morale problem".

The public is conditioned to accept simple phrases & sentences from anyone in the enforcement field. Once the public hears the staff have a "morale problem", automatic support for the guards starts in the media. The authoritarian, fear-provoking statements from police, judges, guards & their vigilante supporters show how gullible the general public is.

The majority of people in society do not receive the brutal, dehumanizing treatment that minorities receive and what the majority does not personally feel, they will not believe happens.

Evil, whether local or elsewhere, is rooted in ignorance. It is no wonder that there is such poverty and oppression in the world - the majority in society does not feel. They think they feel but, trained in ignorance, they neither think nor feel. They merely act & react to society's apathy building, authoritarian myths.

By BRIAN WAGGET



Bud Osborn

for the kids who kill themselves because of braces

in elementary school the social studies teacher assigned seats according to test scores & the kids with the most correct answers were rewarded with seats closest to the teachers' desk

the competition was intense for those first few seats & it was always between the same white middleclass kids who wore the only braces & owned the only cashmere sweaters

& though all of us learned we were given many opportunities to change our individual positions in the classroom in reality there were no spectacular improvements nor unexpected failures

so I was prevented from sitting beside my best friend libby lutch because test results & guilt & fear kept me in the first dozen or so seats while libby sat somewhere in the deep end distant from the teacher's desk & attention

with the other poor white
& mexican kids
whose seats were often
empty
while they were
stooped-over in the fields
picking
tomatoes
for those of us
nearest the teacher's desk
who were discussing
early slavery
in the
united states

& I thought
the braces
were in my mouth
to keep me
quiet
about the other
disfiguring
teeth
eating me up
inside

thirty years later cuba tells me she was always in the lowgrade sections of classrooms in every elementary school she attended & referred to kids who looked like me as "the kids with braces" envying the prominent symbols of parental love & understanding so deeply that she came to hate her strong even teeth

The Other Guy

The other guy
Is always bad
And easily blamed
For everything

The other guy
Sure got his nerve
Coming here
And wrecking everything

The other guy
He should be shot,
He hurt my feelings,
You know!

The other guy
Has a real bad rep'
Going back to
The beginning of time

I almost caught him
Yesterday
When I looked into a mirror
And saw, the other guy.

Dreamweaver

* From an idea by Goerge Sheffield

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Don't forget to
turn off all
unnecessary lights
at 8:00 pm sharp.

Let
Words
Be

Let
words be
cat's eyes
lighting highways
late-night searchers motor down.

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Water on Wood

He is reconciled with his three grown children
In the fire-crackling, after-supper hours
of life,
they retrieve these old, worn, fabulous
dreams of his
and place them before him. And expect
they'll still do.
He stirs to the enchantment
the old dreams had always,
his hand
recarves the wonder of the old designs,
the loved contours -
warped, now,
stacked out back, these long ages,
out of the ways of people:
Barely recognizable now.

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