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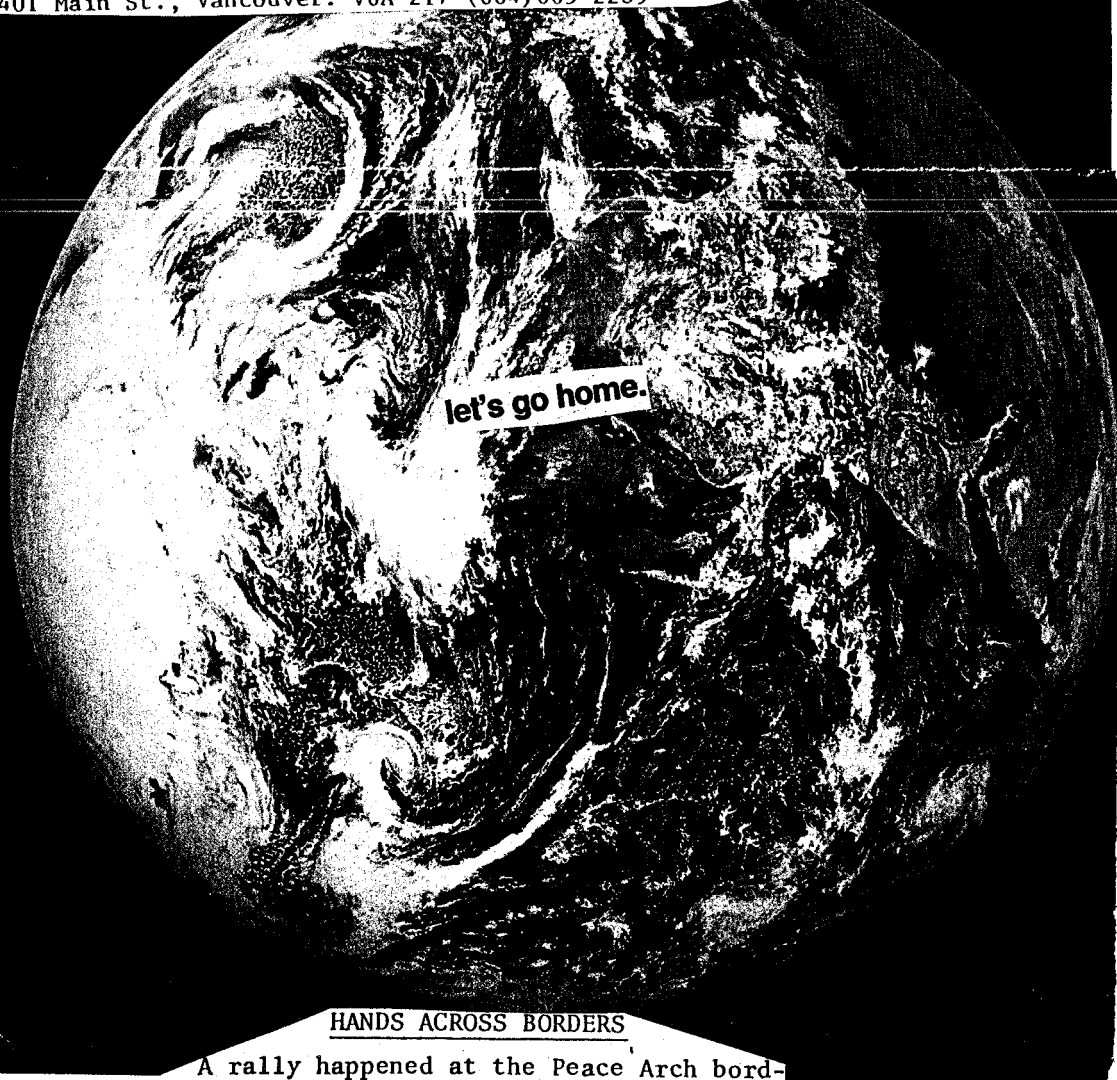
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NEWSLETTER



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HANDS ACROSS BORDERS

A rally happened at the Peace Arch border-crossing on Sunday, 18 October. People attended from Canada, the US & Mexico to make a united statement against the North American Free Trade Agreement. Following is a report that appears in ELP's October Action Line:

Saying NO



Jesse Jackson speaks against NAFTA

The rain was pouring down as brave souls gathered at the Hands Across Borders Event at the Peace Arch on Oct. 18th. Union organizers, anti-poverty activists & farm workers attended from Canada, Mexico & the US to protest the NAFTA. They came to listen to a line of speakers who described the destructive corporate agenda that is shoving free trade down the throats of working people & the poor around the world.

Speakers were accompanied by More than a Paycheck & the Rebel Voices. They sang songs, including BC's Poverty Line song, & celebrated our collective struggles with music from all three countries.

The speakers included labour types, environmentalists, Audrey McLaughlin & the very funny Elaine Bernard from Harvard. Miriam Palacios spoke on behalf of the Action Canada Network. She also introduced Jorge Calderon, a PRD (Mexican opposition party) human rights worker who described the Mexican government's terrible record in both human & worker's rights. He spoke of this struggle in life & death terms.

Jesse Jackson was the next speaker. The sun started peaking out from behind the clouds & the children, sensing excitement, stopped whining & lugging at their soggy parents. In a powerful & hypnotic voice, Jesse Jackson told the story of two rivers - the Rio Grande & the St. Lawrence - and talked about the trade deal. He described the rich history of the people on all sides of the rivers & of the degradation of the

rivers by corporations who care more about profits than about children dying from leukemia, hunger and disease.

He said that a trade deal would be okay if it was fair. Fair trade would mean that workers aren't violated, that environments aren't violated, that there'd be health care, choice & equality for women. Fair would be the wealthy paying their share.

He pleaded with people to hold fast to their values in troubled times. There were many struggles that came before this one & now, more than ever, "We need to turn toward each other..not on each other."

"Don't hate Koreans, don't have Mexicans, don't hate the Taiwanese. All of us are facing an aggressive assault on our living standards & this assault is called free trade," he said.

He described the trade agreement as a "Fast track downward to the bottom line". He said it was about de-development & was a policy of deprivation. He explained that free trade was part of the agenda to cut wages, to privatize gov't services and to lower safety & environmental standards. He noted that in the meantime schools were closing & 40 million people in the States are without medical insurance. He said the big international companies are now dismantling the Canadian medicare system.

The trade deal is about Mulroney & Bush getting public ratification for private deals that only serve to lower everyone's standards. Jackson said that Bush is using the "more jobs" argument. More doesn't mean better. "Once there was full employment for African American people and that was called slavery," he said.

When the speeches were over parents gathered their children & walked with the others towards the Peace Arch. Our children witnessed people from all 3 countries singing "Solidarity."

Reverend Jesse Jackson said to them, "For those weary in the struggle there is hope. There is a new generation who can work for health care & decent jobs. It is time to reinvest & rebuild. It is time to raise the standards for people around the world, not lower them with bad deals like this."

By PATRICIA CHAUNCEY

to another bad deal.

WIND CANNOT READ LAUNCHED AT CARNEGIE

On Tuesday, Oct. 6th of this year, Carnegie Centre held a launch for a book called "The Wind Cannot Read".

It was the biggest thing & the Carnegie Centre was proud to share it with the rest of the world.

The poems & stories are from different cultures & ages. It took three years to make this book.

All the writing was from the city & from around the province of B.C. It is amazing how many people contributed to this book.

The people who came to the launching of this book were from CBC radio, King Ed., First United Church Learners & the Women's Centre.

It gives me great pleasure to say thank you to you all for coming. We couldn't have done it without you.

Cyril Eckstein

The Siege Here

Was certain the position we were to take was aloof, formal, commendable. We would be capable of great unthinkings, excruciatingly exact persona in our new poises, far beyond criticism from moral or political warrants. Our jobs, you know, are etched transparencies into which we fit ourselves our odours, our prismatic blur of being.

Lines drawn, the fortes gather themselves to the front, each individual a link in the chain composed of opposing sides. The meeting of resistances always compromises the integrity of both sides, or rather the integrity of both sides is in the stasis of opposition itself in the twinning mutuality of definition & dependence.

The siege is capital & the psychological

The Buddy System

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With a buddy you can eat til you burst, drink til you puke & laugh til you cry. Better yet, with a buddy you can cry til you laugh. (Nyuck! Nyuck! Nyuck!)

In-Tune Buddies:	Business Buddies
Paul & Art	Black & Decker
Jan & Dean	Johnson & Johnson
John & Daryl	Smith & Wesson
Peter & Gordon	H & R (Mrs. Block's boys)
Me & Julio	Bartles & Jaymes
Rock & Roll	Ben & Jerry
Country & Western	Benson & Hedges
Rhythm & Blues	L & M M & M A & P
	Abercrombie & Fitch

Lunch Buddies	Bossom Buddies
Bread & Butter	Henry & Kip
Ham & Eggs	Kate & Allie
Peanut Butter & Jam	Lucy & Ethel
Franks & Beans	Mutt & Jeff
Spaghetti & Meatballs	Tom & Jerry
Liver & Onions	Madonna & Sandra
Salt & Pepper	
Oil & Vinegar	
Cheese & Crackers	
Scotch & Soda	
Chilli con Carne	

Same-Body Buddies
Lawrence Talbot & The Wolf Man
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde
Bruce Banner & The Hulk

retentiveness & fascination with the effects of this capital & its structures on the individual is the empty middle through which the opposing links travel in their own solipsistic circles.

What does it mean to break the chain?
time lies deep in your silence
a coiled, rusty chain
beneath it in the ground
the final whimsy

Which you might have difficulty locating crabby as you are with artifact personalities, dirty coinage. The boundaries that are your self-definition, your 'integrity' are fantasies of sense ("Safety") in life where "danger" is perceived as a chain of possible unplanned scenarios around your neck.

By DAN FEENEY

Where It's At - Downtown

By Gordon Clark
Staff Reporter

The man who turned Vancouver's "skid row" into the "downtown eastside" is stepping down.

Jim Green announced his resignation yesterday as organizer of the Downtown Eastside Residents Association.

But Green, 49, isn't leaving the neighborhood he's fought for over the past dozen years.

In six weeks he'll take up duties as organizer of a new community-based bank being established by Finance Minister Glen Clark.

"It's kind of funny for a guy who has trouble balancing his cheque book," said Green, who lost a bid for mayor against Gordon Campbell in the last civic election.

Green said he's wanted to leave DERA for about two years because he wanted new challenges.

The new bank will use union, pension, church and government funds to help finance community developments, Green said.

"The basic principle that we'll try to adopt is using ethical investment funds in the community, especially in housing initiatives.

"We would hope to bring people from the community together to set up a board that can present interests of the community."

The bank will also offer chequing and savings accounts and loans for the neighborhood's mostly low-income residents whom large banks have refused to serve.

The bank is modelled after the South Shore Bank in Chicago which helped transform that neighborhood, he said.

Green recently visited Chicago with Clark and others to study the bank and its principles.

Jim Green has resigned as the Organizer for DERA (Downtown Eastside Residents' Association). He had been in this job 12 years & was stated at the monthly membership meeting in Carnegie, this announcement was "let out of the bag" the day before.

Jim will be working with DERA as a consultant for the next 4-5 weeks on ongoing housing projects, as well as helping to train & orient the new organizer.

Since the trouble within the DERA organization in the early spring this year, there have been many changes in both the financial systems used & the structure of board/employee/management relationships.

No one has been "appointed" as the new organizer. There is a Personnel Committee which makes job descriptions, a Finance Committee to examine all aspects of funding & budgets, a Fundraising Committee to perform the function its name mandates, a Restructuring Committee to propose different/better methods of internal change, a Hiring Committee to post positions & interview applicants. At least 2 committees are involved directly in hiring a new organizer, beginning with Personnel & a job description, then Hiring itself.

There will be an interim manager for a few weeks & the staff in the office & at all DERA-managed buildings will carry on with their usual competence.

An organisation called "SAVE THE WORLD FOUNDATION" made a donation of \$5,000 to DERA; they'd had a fundraising event & got more than they'd hoped to get, so gave the 'extra' to DERA. Hopefully a fundraiser just for DERA will happen, if they agree to help. The DERA Housing Society & DERA need to raise \$120,000 this year in order to maintain the present level of services.

WOODWARD'S & IGA closing down...

At this final general meeting with Jim Green as organizer, he raised the sudden announcement of the closing of the IGA Food Floor, last day being Friday, Nov 13 and Woodward's itself on Jan.31. About 4 years ago, DERA began lobbying gov't & a number of business organizations with a proposal of making the building into a multi-use facility: housing, medical & health clinic, childcare service, retail stores, community services & market. The worst scenario would be to see the site boarded up for years; the 2nd-worst would have it become the site for more highrise & highrent condos with no community input (like the Baso development on Main).

The hardest-hit by this closing will be seniors & residents who used the building as a daily-needs reliever.

It's the future of this facility that DERA & our community must direct.

By PAULR TAYLOR

Aboriginal gov't fight leaves war as 'option'

By Shelley Browne
Special to The Province

PRINCE RUPERT — War is an option to force Canadians to recognize aboriginal self-government, says Miles Richardson of the Council of Haida Nations.

"I'm not saying it's a realistic option, but it is an option."

Richardson told a panel discussion on self-government at the 13th annual assembly of the North Coast Tribal Council that nations around the globe turned to civil war and fighting to settle differences.

He said while natives "are not going out and looking for another Oka," they have been "stomped on for too long," and must assert their sovereignty and nationhood.

"The critical time . . . is now," he said.

"We have the biggest opportunity since those sailboats first came to our shores to have native self-government recognized."

Richardson said this aboriginal fight did not die with the failure of the Charlottetown accord on Monday.

He said the accord "was the product of our continuing determination . . ." for recognition.

Take the first step...

To make an 'X' on a piece of paper, then sit back to wait & see what happens -

To be disappointed, even outraged when nothing does happen that benefits the 'X' maker -

These are signs of total political idiocy, practiced by Canadians, Americans, British . . . to name only 3 parliamentary democracies.

Only when the vote is backed by a Right of Recall, as protection from their own deputies/politicians, is the parliamentary system of any meaningful value to us.

With this right of recall it would be inherent on people who vote to have knowledge of the logical development of our society - usually termed 'progressive', so correct & flexible tactics could be employed to reach goals.

Practice without theory is blind, inept.

Theory without practice is futile... a windbag's paradise!

Just to make these last wisps of wisdom more interesting, Goethe wrote, "Theory my friend is gray but the Tree of Life is forever green."

G.W.L.



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The beatings began in distant times when men were lord & master; slaves, wives, children were made to obey. Sons learned & the practice was handed down.

Decades ago Simon beat his wife
Beat his children, beat his wife
Questions were asked, nothing done
But changes were coming to
The 'practice' handed down

Marriages fell
The law changed
But still
A trail of destruction
Inherited
Perpetual

Dora Sanders



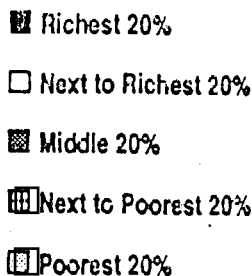
Finding our Voice is like realizing we're alive. We're each like a baby..alive but crawling, still massively dependent on Mom to just stay alive. Growing is learning what we can & creating our personal code to live by.

The best ideation: I am pure.

Income is distributed unevenly in Canada. The personal income of the poorest 20% of Canadians is 4% of the nation's total income, while the richest 20% of the population get 43% of total earned income. (F.1)

Wealth can be thought of in terms of land, personal property, stock holdings & so on. The wealthiest 20% of Canadians hold 69% of all Canada's net wealth. The poorest 20% of Canadians haven't any net wealth because their debts are larger than their assets. (F.2)

Who Gets What in Canada—Income



Who Pays Taxes?

As a result of federal Conservative government tax changes since 1984, a family of four with an annual income of \$24,000 pays more than 40% more in taxes, while a wealthy family pays 6% less in income tax.

While the tax burden is settled on the shoulders of individual taxpayers, profitable corporations pay little or no taxes. A larger & larger amount of federal gov't revenue is coming from individual income tax instead of corporate tax. (F.3)

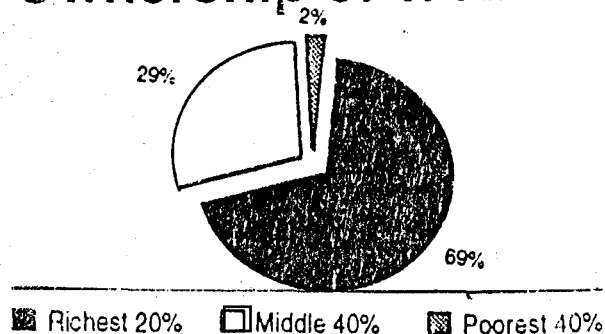
Big Business gets tax breaks. In 1987, 118,162 profitable companies with a total of \$25 billion in profits paid no tax at all. (F.4)

There may not be simple solutions to all of Canada's economic problems, but there are some policies that would clearly improve the lives of most Canadians. These include fair income taxes, taxes on wealth inheritance & capital gains, closing corporate tax loopholes & clamping down on corporate tax cheaters - and cancelling the "Free" Trade Agreement.

Ontario Coalition for Social Justice

Figure 2

Ownership of Wealth



It's pretty scary having to fight for the unity of Canada alongside people you'd just as soon lived somewhere else

Figure 4

<u>Corporation</u>	<u>Year</u>
Bramalea	1989
Brascade Resources	1989
Confederation Life Ins.	1989
Great Lakes Groups	1989
Suncor	1989
Weldwood of Canada	1989

<u>Pre-Tax Profit</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>
\$123,100,000	\$0
\$157,500,000	\$0
\$103,100,000	\$0
\$126,400,000	\$0
\$72,000,000	\$0
\$110,900,000	\$0



Knothead says...

It seems to matter somehow if we've chosen this life or not, when you consider our insistence on being somebody, having an identity.

...so who sent us here? Are we trapped in this lifetime against our will?

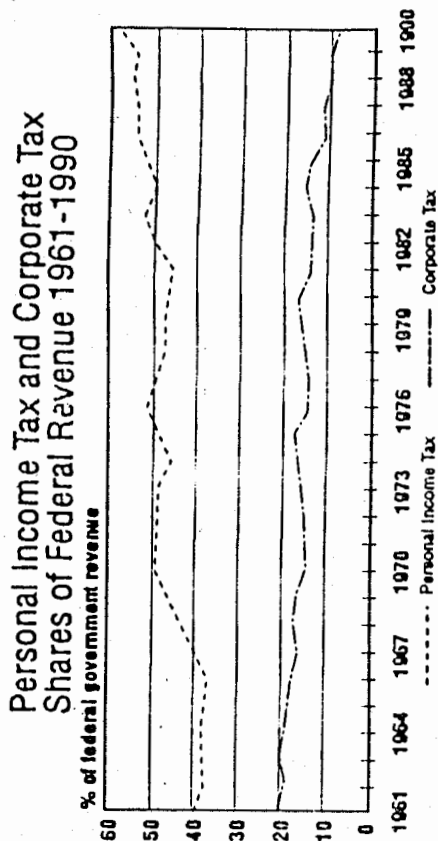
Either the interrelationship of a bunch of chemicals, which is our body, creates an illusion that somebody's home- or somebody really is here, taking advantage of this animal space suit to walk around in & live like this on something called a planet, experiencing time, space & personal history.

The 20th century is hard ground to take root in. If we are chemicals creating an illusion of identity, our existence is nothing more than a strange drug trip - a roll of dice in the test tube of space decides our fate.

Do we have the ability to think for ourselves? Or are "our" thoughts just the buzz we get off the accidental combination of things we know little or nothing about?

It seems to matter what you believe - there's the experience of chemistry the universe puts together & takes apart, and there's the driver of your own vehicle, free to deliver this biological machine on any road. Meanwhile the universe says: don't

Figure 3





forget, you also can be that nobody - an illusion created by chemicals.

...are we nothing & something at the same time? Is this what's called a paradox?

(PARA: Beside, past, beyond; DOXA: opinion - "A thing conflicting with preconceived notions of what is possible")

Maybe the universe is an uneven playing field of illusion beginning from & ending in oblivion (OBLIVIO-ONIS: "To be forgotten or dis-used") - are we picked up, used, reused & cast aside, for all eternity?... If we are, doesn't that make our existence totally meaningless & unnecessary?

Who is the user? How can an illusion of identity be used & for what is it useful? ...is there any real lasting value to human history - are all these daily soap operas going anywhere at all? Are we only the changing dream of sense surrounded by solid sleep & oblivion, like the shake says: "such stuff as dreams are made on"...

Some people seem to be able to do nothing right, & others to do anything they want to with apparent ease. Some claim to have mental & emotional communications with everything around them & others feel confined to their own thoughts & perceptions. If we could get rid of all false or illusionary experience, would we have then destroyed ourselves completely? If the only truth available to us is illusion, don't we have to just continue on as if it's true?

Why is it that some things stay the same no matter what you do to them while others change the minute you touch them? Has some thing (nothing) forgotten its nature to the point where it believes itself to be nothing (something)?

The universe will let us see, but it will not let us be. We're given a series of situations, each one offered then taken away again. The over-all plan seems to be "Keep them moving" - never allowing "permanence" of identity or final selfhood to occur. Is time hostile to permanence, & must we now give up our addiction to it?

TORA



The referendum dance is a familiar dance for anyone who has ever watched the evening news...or read any paper..anywhere. Whatever way you vote or think or what your politics or feelings are, the dance is always the same. 'Well folks you've got two ways to get screwed; which way would you prefer?'

To me it sounds like a carnival barker yelling about selling you 2 balls for a buck in a game that's fixed, and if you hit the target (unlikely) you win a cup that's been glued 46 times & will break before you get out of the area....

The advertizing is saying "why fix it if it ain't broken?" and I say, "Yeah, in some ways, in people's hearts it's broken but you don't know how to fix it so quit lying to us."

For a long time people have been thinking there's a Canada for the rich (people or provinces), then there's a Canada for the poor (people or provinces). For a long time people have been living with this. If you want to stop a bill from being passed you have to have the resources - people, power & money. If you endorse a bill it's the same thing - people, power & money. In this referendum thing, governments may get a little more or a little less, but ordinary people get next to nothing yet token politeness convinces us we're getting more to say, more power. I know damn well gov't doesn't give anything away, especially political power. I saw one person (a politician I believe) say that to fix the economy, to fix Canada, you first have to fix the entire system of government. Well, that's what most people have been saying for decades.

Gov't won't lose any power, people won't gain any power, and still the gov't does

King of Road.

not work as is... People are again stuck with "Well, that's all we've got because we haven't got anything else....."

What a wonderful thought!

We've got something everyone knows does not work. We're being asked to be content to buy a car for lots of money that won't start & will never go anywhere... & keep it for 4 or 5 years in spite of it not working. We do it all the time, every time we are lucky enough to vote.

By DAVE McCONNELL

Common questions and answers about Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security

Reprinted from "Steelabour" by Lucky Rao

Q: What amount does the Old Age Security (OAS) pension pay in 1992?

A: OAS pays a maximum of \$374.07 to anyone meeting the residency requirements and who is at least 65 years of age. The first cheque arrives a month after the pensioner's birthday.

Q: If a person never worked in Canada, is he or she entitled to OAS?

A: Yes, as long as he or she meets the residency requirements.

Q: What is the residency requirement?

A: As of July 1, 1977, the federal government introduced requirements applicable to people who were under age 25 on July 1, 1977, and to anyone who was not a resident prior to that date. The rules say that:

a) A full OAS benefit is payable to anyone with 40 years of residence after age 18;

b) A proportionate amount is payable to those who have at least 10 years of residence, but less than 40 years. For example, someone with 20 years' residence would receive half of the full benefit.

Q: If a person is 65 but does not have 40 years of residence in Canada, is he or she entitled to any pension?

A: Yes. The payment will be based on the number of years of residence, as long as the individual has a minimum residency of 10 years.

Q: When should a person apply for a pension and where?

A: The application of OAS and Canada Pension Plan (CPP) should be filed anytime at least 6 months prior to a person's 65th birthday. Look in the blue pages of the phone book (Government of Canada) for Health and Welfare Canada - Income Security Programs.

Q: What is the maximum payment under the CPP?

A: The CPP was introduced by the Federal Government on January 1, 1966. Anyone who paid the maximum contribution up to December 31, 1991, is entitled to \$636.11 per month. Anyone eligible for the maximum of both CPP and OAS gets \$1,010.18 a month.

Q: What happens if a person or couple have difficulty surviving with the pensions and have no other income?

A: It is recommended that they consult with Health and Welfare Canada (Income Security Programs) and apply for supplement. They will be advised of their entitlement, if any.

Q: Are disabled workers entitled to anything from CPP?

A: There is no clear answer here. Total disability must first be confirmed by a doctor or specialist and the individual must apply for disability benefits under CPP.

Q: What is the monthly disability

meaning which is defined in Section 42(2)A of the Canada Pension Plan Act:

Severe: "a person is severe only if by reason thereof the person in respect of whom the determination is made is incapable regularly of pursuing any substantially gainful occupation."

Prolonged: "a disability is prolonged only if it is determined in prescribed manner that such a disability is likely to be long continued and of indefinite duration or is likely to result in death."

Q: Is there a period of time for which a person must contribute before being eligible for disability benefits?

A: A person must have contributed for five of the last ten years, or two of the last three years.

Q: What if a person is receiving long term disability or WCB benefits?

A: If an individual is receiving LTD or WCB benefits, they can still apply for disability benefits under CPP. However, the LTD amount may be deducted.

Q: If the disability benefit is denied because of medical evidence, what is the next step?

A: If an individual believes that he or she is totally disabled, medical evidence in support of that claim must be provided. Appeals of CPP decisions are often lengthy.

Q: Are the children of people receiving a disability pension eligible for assistance under the CPP Act?

A: There is a benefit of \$154.70 a month for each child up to the age of 18. If they attend university after age 18, they must apply for benefits themselves, and the payments will continue until the age of 25, provided they do not marry.

Q: What happens to payments when the contributor dies?

A: Surviving relatives can apply for survivor benefits. If the survivor is over 65, the payment will be \$381.67 per month. If the survivor is between 45 and 65, the pension is a flat rate of \$119.70 (1992), plus 37.5 percent of the deceased person's pension, to a maximum in 1992 of \$358.24. Any orphan children under 18 will receive \$154.70 a month, which will continue to age 25 provided they make application and are not married.

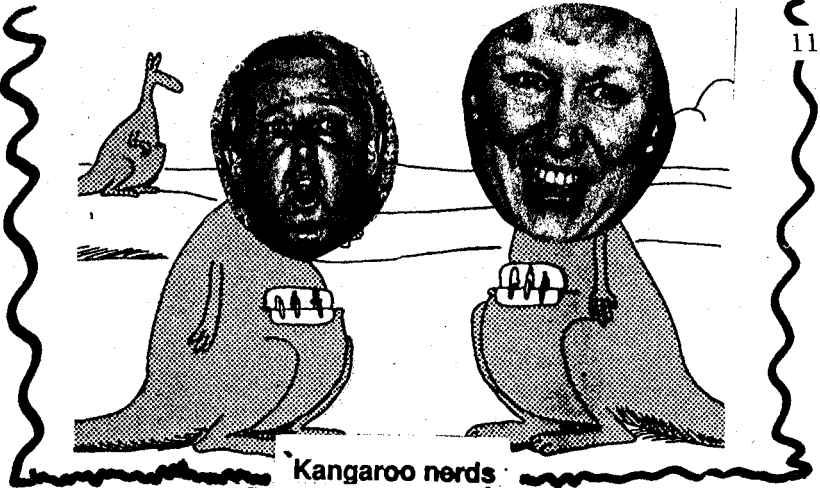
Q: Any other survivor benefits?

A: There is a lump sum death benefit to help pay for funeral expenses. The maximum is \$3,220.

Q: Can a person who contributed but isn't working receive CPP benefits at age 60?

A: Yes, but the monthly pension is reduced. Note also that a person can work up to age 70 and pay into the CPP.

Q: What happens if an individual returns to work while receiving CPP benefits?



Kangaroo nerds

I see a present danger to our people, aboriginal title & rights; to the independence of our traditional territories; to our survival as a distinct nation that's been self-governed since time immemorial.

As aboriginal people, self-government was always with us through our totem poles and songs, dances, the handing down of a chief's name.

Canada's gov't is playing a cat & mouse game with the Canadian people, but it boiled down to "who's going to win?".

The only people suffering mentally are me & you. There is no ending to the controversy on constitutional issues..women's rights, health care, people with disabilities & aboriginal rights. The political people of Canada are certainly self-determining with this referendum.

The best of luck "Canadian People" on your vote. Thank you for letting me share my views on the constitutional referendum.

Kneekap

Constitutional Referendum Debate

What is a constitution. It is the fundamental law of an institution. In reference to Canada it is the law of the nation.

A referendum is the submission of a proposed law or other issue to a popular vote ...on Oct. 26th it was the day for us to surrender our nationhood & self-government. They wanted us to accept an undefined "Constitution of Canada" for our future generations..our children & grandchildren.

Canadian politicians are not playing with a full deck of cards & as an aboriginal person I believe the Creator gave humankind authority, & leadership to all different colonies of this world but in Canada both authority & leadership are in the hands of the Prime Minister & the Premiers



Diane MacKenzie, our beloved director, was gritting her teeth when the City gave her the job of getting input from residents of downtown south about starting a 'mini'-Carnegie there. The first snafu* came when the storefront site for this, on Granville, didn't have the proper zoning!

Okay - Diane wound up at 609 Helmken and has a phone number: 665-2391.

A bare-bones report had one old guy amazed at his new housing in the Continental Hotel, telling Diane that the City should now locate a liquor store right downstairs so the old guys wouldn't have so far to go.

On more of a representative note, info on what's here at Carnegie is being circulated with the question "Is this what we need in Downtown South?" "This" includes a library, learning centre, gym & weight room, pool tables, seniors lounge, cafeteria, music, art & photography, cards and games, newsletter, out trips, information about community services & an alcohol-and-drug-free place to hang out.

Do you live in a hotel or rooming house?

There are free copies of the STANDARDS OF MAINTENANCE By-law in the Newsletter Office in Carnegie. If you are having any problems with heat, sprinklers, windows that don't open, doors that won't close, plumbing, lights, cockroaches, etc., your legal rights & standards are clear

INFORMATION & REFERRAL for TTY Users

Information Services Vancouver (ISV) has expanded its information & referral services to accomodate TTY (Teletypewriter) users.

By calling 875-0885, deaf & hearing impaired callers are able to obtain info on &, if needed, referral to social & community services which are available in Greater Vancouver. e.g. home services, adult day-centres, health clinics, transportation, subsidised housing, legal advice clinics, self-help groups, recreation centres, youth employment & much more. Free & confidential.

False Creek North/Canucks' Arena Proposal

You are invited to attend a meeting on the proposed rezoning of a 5.4-acre site located between the Georgia & Dunsmuir viaducts for the new Canucks' hockey arena.

Proposed is a 20,000-seat arena with retail along Abbott Street & a 19-storey tower containing offices, a media centre & a fitness club.

Please join City staff & the developer's architects to review & comment on this proposal at this public meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 1992

TIME: 6-7:30 pm (open house)

7:30-10 pm (public meeting)

PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre
50 E. Pender St.

If you would like additional information please call Bryan DeBou at 873-7043.

"We Can Make a Difference"

regarding the City Plan for the Downtown Eastside area & neighbouring communities, and especially in the development of the new Canucks' Hockey Arena proposal. There is no way of halting this arena, but we can be part of the development process.

This is our community & we are qualified to give our opinions to the developers. For example: if people are going to come into events there with their cars cluttering up our streets & polluting the air, it's only fair that people living here should have priority for jobs at this arena; where are all these cars going to park?; what will happen if BC Place Stadium & the Arena are having events at the same time?

We are a 'company' with many ideas. We need to voice those ideas at meetings regarding developments in our community. MP



The End

Lovely as a summer's day
Into my life you came,
Awakening forgotten feelings
too numerous to name.

The days were very short
and the nights very long,
Each moment spent away from you
was a moment that went wrong.

We laughed, we cried,
and said how much we cared,
then suddenly the time flew by
and took all that we shared.

You said this is the end
that's how it's meant to be,
I miss you so already
are you ... missing me?

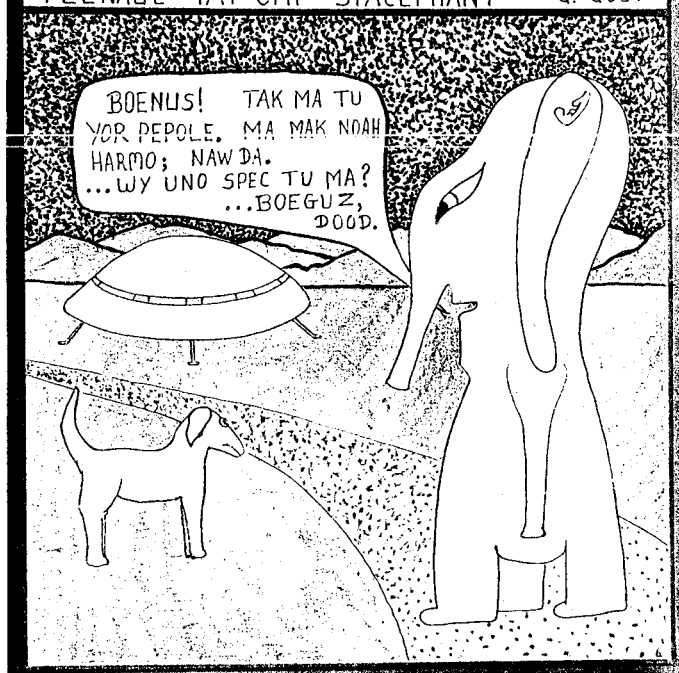
Brent Armerod

Dear Downtown Eastside Poets,
I have recently moved to Kelowna..in
with relatives. I found out about your
group through the BC Writers & Literary
Arts Directory II. This is good news!

We have a lot in Kelowna & definitely
share a kindred spirit. I'm doing 'better'
now after being poor for the last 9 years;
soul starvation to the point of despair,
relentless loneliness, poverty of desola-
tion, galvanized hunger & a thin thread
of hope. I know each of these friends
brought on by a personal set of circumst-
ances. So without going into any more de-
tail, I think you will understand my int-
erest in knowing more about your organiza-
tion as well as you as individuals. Write
to me - B. ULMER
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TEENAGE TAI CHI SPACEPHANT

G. GUST



THIS DARK AND CHILLING WIND

A dark damp wind
Chilling not bones
but replacing joy with forboding
Stalked silent as a cat and
Enshrouded every town and city
on earth

Even those who had no written
word or radio knew it.
Their shaman had no magic
For This evil
And fear grew silently

The mothers sensed it
and instinct was not recognized
By the men
Who called the shots
Hysteria they said
And ignored or locked them up.

Not so many years
And the sweet smell after a rain
was gone
The bursting joy of life
Folded into itself
And the crisp clean taste
Of winter apples
No more.

The meanings of words got lost
Words like honour truth & beauty
And other words replaced them:
Preferred shares B
Dividend number 11

Once great forests
Were left great scarred wounds
Unable to heal

Pure waters
Lay seething cesspools of filth
And twisted horrible death - Erie

The rains fell,
Their nourishing & cleansing magic
Turned rancid
Poisoning lakes, soil,
Eroding other works of humans
Michaelangelo

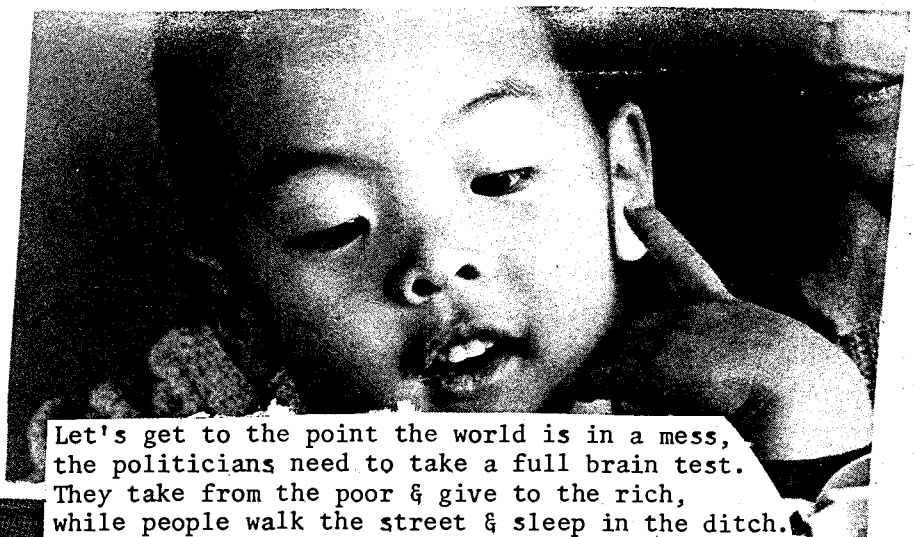
The full smell of the air
In Spring
A memory
Replaced with foul stench
Promises of sickness and
Pointless death

And how this dark & chilling wind
Was exalted
So tremendous
Its power of destruction

The need to ignore
to insist demand
That it completely engulf
And destroy
Each blade of grass
Each singing whale
Each bird, beast, plant
And their babies too

Was so great
The fear was choked
And the children born to it
Understood computers
Knew not the courage borne of love
The strength of truth
So there was no fight..

Langstaff



Let's get to the point the world is in a mess,
the politicians need to take a full brain test.
They take from the poor & give to the rich,
while people walk the street & sleep in the ditch.
What kind of way is this for people to live,
when government is rich and refuses to give.
They say they are broke and don't have money,
this is not true and not at all damn funny.
You see the money buying things we don't need,
this is a sure fact yes indeed.
Money is also spent on things you never see,
charity starts at home that's the way it should be.
We go further in debt as each day goes by,
it's only a matter of time then we will fry.
Something has to be done before it's too late,
we can't let politicians determine our fate.
Who are they to call all the shots,
when they sit on their asses like a bunch of crackpots.
There are not enough people running the world,
now we are cast into a giant hurl.

If we don't clean up the world very soon,
you can bet that evil dollar that we are doom.
We all know it's money behind the waste,
if it weren't for money we wouldn't be in such a haste.
As we chase the greenback day after day,
things will slip away and that's the way it will stay.
We got to show a genuine concern for the right to live here,
or it won't be long before we're gone I swear.
It's only a matter of time we can't go on like this,
we will never know the future or what we will miss.
We have to do it for the children of tomorrow,
or there will be nothing here but a lot of sorrow.
Don't think it's okay because you had your time,
if you think this way believe me it's a crime.
There is a future somewhere for all of us,
if we do things right this'll give you a plus.
No one has a right to destroy the earth we live on,
you're lucky to be here were just a pawn.
We should be thankful we have such a place to live,
now we should join hands and be willing to give.

All nations must come forward to take a stand,
and work hard at bearing down on the master plan.
We can't get nothing done by being at war,
this only confuses things that's for sure.
Everyone must speak out for what they think,
or this beautiful place will forever shrink.
People are very scared what's happening everywhere,
you can't hide from yourself so you have to care.
Show your compassion to the earth and all things here,
make it known that this should be clear.
Let it out loudly to the people who are in power,
soon nothing will grow not even a flower.
Stop the raping of the land and all the crime,
if we don't stop now there will be no time.
Help the animals survive before man kills them all,
if you don't we'll all take the fall.
If you won't help don't be a clown,
show some respect for yourself and take a step down.
We are tired of the promises politicians always make,
show us something real stop being fake.

Let's get together and find a way -
to make a better place day by day.
No one should be hungry everyone should have a home -
not left out on the street to forever roam.
A world like this is too good to go to waste -
we must clean it up and show better taste.
It can only be done by us the man -
we must join together and take a stand.
It can't be later it has to be now -
we will put our minds together & figure out how.
If we can do this and clean up the place -
it will then show that we are actually a human race.

Martin Lucas



Come in

\$17 million invested in jobs & training for people on welfare

On Oct. 5 Minister of Social Services Joan Smallwood announced \$17 million in new money for training & jobs for people on welfare.

Welfare rates are still abysmally low, but at least these changes put more money into the hands of low-income people. This is important at a time when there are more people on welfare than ever before because of high unemployment caused by Free Trade cutbacks in UI & a shift towards more service sector jobs. The BC gov't as a whole needs a cohesive "full time job at decent wages" job creation plan.

Jobs & training

New jobs in tourism & forestry The jobs in tourism are project oriented, paying about \$7/hr for short term locally defined projects, such as building park trails in towns. The jobs in forestry are silviculture based, paid for by the Ministry & contracted out by the Ministry of Forests. Most pay between \$7 & \$9/hr & have some training component to them, like first aid.

Analysis There are 2 problems with this job creation scheme: The jobs will probably not lead to full-time work & the wage ceilings are too low. For example, most "silviculturists" are treeplanters. One of the few benefits of treeplanting is the potential to make good money in a short time. Wages at \$7/hr downgrades the earning capacity of all planters. Seasonal work means that people have to go on UI after. If the wages are low, UI benefits will be really low. Many people will end up back on welfare because there is no long range full time work available.

Partnership with private employers This is a wage subsidy program that is supposed to lead to full time work. With this new program, employers have to pay \$5.50/hour & the Ministry will pay \$3.50/hr for a wage totalling \$9/hr. This wage also applies to young people under 19. With the old program employers paid less & people got lower wages.

Analysis The move towards higher wages and equal wages for youth is encouraging. However, wage subsidies should not replace full time work at decent wages. Wage subsidies maintain low wage ceilings & cost gov't money. Legislating a higher minimum wage would make the private sector responsible for paying decent wages instead of the government. People on welfare would then be able to work at decent wages full time without subsidy & taxpayers' money could be used for more useful things, like universal childcare.

Job creation More than 200 projects have been funded this year under the Regionally Initiated Special Employment Projects (RISE). Most of these jobs pay between \$7 & \$10/hr.

Bridging to jobs

Work transportation costs Single parents can now have an additional \$50/month to meet transportation expenses to childcare. The money could be used for gas, bus and other transportation needs.

Start-up costs of up to \$200 when a person on welfare starts a new job are now available. This is meant for incidentals like haircut, sundries & other job start needs.

Alcohol & Drug Counselling may be funded as a training preparation service up to \$500 to be paid directly to the person or to the organization of her/his choice. Part time training may now be approved to help accomodate the time commitments of single parents. This is new in policy though many offices have been allowing it already. It means parents can also be involved in both earnings enhancement programs & training programs.

Community participation To encourage community participation, the gov't will provide a monthly allowance of \$100 to people on welfare who volunteer in non-profit organizations to gain work experience but who are not ready for full-time employment or training. There is no time limit as to how long a person can be on this program. There is a minimum of 10 hours a month to be put in. The money is paid once per month to the person on welfare.

Analysis These bridging benefits recognize the diverse needs of people on welfare & show commitment from this Ministry to increase flexibility at the local level, putting more income in the hands of poor people & sensitivity to different people's needs.

People on welfare interestin in any of these new perks or programs..ask your Financial Aid Worker about them. If you don't get anywhere, talk to an advocate. Advocates For more information about the job programs, contact the MSS Regional Director. For more info on these new policies & programs, call Glen Tasden in Victoria at 356-5989. If local MSS offices are being difficult, tell him.

By PAM FLEMING

letter to Norman Stark, President,
Port of Vancouver Corporation.

re: Columbia St. pedestrian overpass -

We are pleased with your commitment to access for people with disabilities to the central waterfront park.

There have been many studies & meetings & clearly the Columbia St. overpass with stairs/elevators is the only real option. Thank you for your pledge of 50% of costs. at the Oct.22nd meeting.

Don Larson

PEOPLE

* SUPPORT LETTERS *

Tim Agg needs our support. His Review of Legal Aid Services in BC recommends cutting the criminal tariffs by 10% in order to do more poverty & family law. It also recommends enhancing the advocacy & information programs. This could mean direct funds to advocacy groups!

Criminal lawyers will not approve of having their tariffs cut. The average billings of the top 200 criminal lawyers - \$158,849 - the highest billings from one lawyer for family cases last year was \$321,800. This means that one lawyer made more than 2.5 times the entire legal aid budget for information & public education services for BC!

Send the Attorney General a letter of support endorsing Agg's recommendations. You can bet the criminal lawyers are fighting these changes. Let the AG know that the community is behind these changes today.

Write to: Colin Gableman, A.G.,
Room 232, Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

You can also write to the Legal Services Board or Board members, such as Sue Egers or Robin Loxton. Phone 660-4600 for more info about how to proceed with this part.



Zones of Tolerance

Perhaps the earth is a zone of tolerance for life, & we are zones of tolerance for the unconscious self.

Perhaps Vancouver is a zone of tolerance for people in a province owned & run by forestry companies (& people from out-of-province who brought their "wealth").

Perhaps the Downtown Eastside is a zone of tolerance for poverty, & the Carnegie a zone of tolerance for gregarious outsiders & impoverished political hackers, & for the difficult employed (staff) & for the credulous (tutors).

Perhaps newspapers are zones of tolerance for the caricatures of event, the thought-balloon comic strip news story (which has little to do with WHAT HAPPENED &/or HAPPENS).

Perhaps television is a zone of tolerance for the cynical trivialization of life. (No one lives like the people "on TV", & all the people "on TV" live the same lives.)

Perhaps bestsellers are zones of tolerance for anal sadism, dreams of suffocating wealth, & a deadly kind of Norman Rockwellish nostalgia for a rusticism that never was.

But if any of this is true, these zones are retrospectively defined & occur as consequences of various "not conscious" forces. Intent is not necessary. When an attempt is made to manufacture a zone of tolerance, the process becomes identical with proprietorship.

By DAN FEENEY

CAN WE TAKE THIS JOKE SERIOUSLY?

Can politics change its skin? Can leopards re-arrange their spots? Can the "righteous" stop gnawing the bones of the "sinners"? Can Canada stop criminalizing the everyday activities of its citizens?

Nothing seems to delight law-abiding "citizens" so much as children turning in their parents for smoking marijuana, not paying taxes, or something...& those sinners who drink alcohol or smoke cigarettes must be punished with more taxes!

...isn't that right?...isn't that according to the law? - & aren't you a criminal if you oppose the law of the righteous?

Where is the benevolence of the elected leaders? They're in love with macho posturing & sit-com thinking - this is no innocent snake in the grass shedding its skin to become a butterfly. This is hard-sell politics - a monstrous puppet that plays itself over & over again on television, striking all the romantic chords to promote a marketable version of history, starring Pierre Berton (mirror mirror on the wall, who's the richest patriot of all?).

Hooray for the United Empire Loyalists! Hooray for Anne of Green Gables, the Voyage of Columbus, & the sophisticated heroes & heroines of romantic European immigration - The Maple Leaf Forever! Hockey Night in Canada! The Jays make the Series! ...the lost city of gold starring Burt Bollocks & Bunny Boobs.

...& this is what they want us to vote for? Well, not exactly - what they want us to vote for is economic policy, law & order & "good" government - isn't that how it goes? But some of us were actually born

UNITED WE STAND...

What? You're still not satisfied?!!!



FLASH: BUSH GETS PRESIDENTIAL PARDON

Between gypsy moths & new constitutions, we've had our own personal concerns to be worried about. But a few months down the road you can bet there'll be another stupendous, colossal, nauseous News media production that goes on & on til it finally fades away like a dull fart.

It's got to be something BIG, like Ross Perot & Brian Mulroney being chosen by the Transnationals to form a new country called the United States Of Canamerica-exico.

The new nation's flag will be an upside down maple leaf wearing a sombrero and a big gold sheriff's star with 53 points.

Canamericaexico will have a puppet king & queen - Ted Turner & Sinéad O'Connor, who will tour the country and interview each other at town meetings.

BC's new name will be San Franhollywood, and its new capital city will be Squamish.

So there you have it, the future ; or something close enough. Makes ya wanna go live with the Eskimos.

Garry Gust

here-I mean, in Canada (yes it's true) - some of us are more Canadian than Mulroney & Clark & Kim Campbell put together. - so why do they keep bombing us with commercials for our own country? Why do they keep demanding that we "buy into" it?

Isn't it because they want us to think Canada is just another product they can stack on their political shelf & sell to the highest bidder? Somehow we're required to "buy into" our own birthright - a new version of it the United States can approve of? They want us on-side?

Why do these political people insist they represent us? Most of us can't even be bothered to vote anymore. They can't represent us any more than some advertising executive in New York City represents us by trying to sell an image of Canada to a bunch of tourists.

These political leaders are only money-elected mouthpieces for the industrializing & moralizing, holier-than-thou empire

of the night with iron spiderwebs of business as usual stretching from pole to pole.

On this web, men & women in iron suits climb up & down dreaming of a cost-effective future. Nothing can stop them except their own minds & those minds have been conveniently mislaid somewhere so the idiot inside the suit can go bungee jumping in the big iron playpen with Uncle John Wayne & the captains of industry. This is a pathetic excuse for human existence - dumb animals in smart suits - politicians who do themselves up every day for consumption by "constituents".

Money must be put in its place. Its purpose is not profit. Its purpose is not to create investment capital. The purpose for which money was invented & still is useful today, is to symbolize material value - nothing more! That's all it has a right to claim...the only honest money today is cost price - to its point of consumption - that's all.

As far as quality of human life is concerned, every other use of money is counter-productive. The progress we need is evolution, not innovation.

But real estate is really what keeps the iron spiders alive - they just love to buy & sell square feet. Nobody can run non-profit because the land-holder or space merchant sneds his number one slave around every 30 days to collect the rent - & it's enormous, you bet - hundreds, thousands, millions & billions, turning over every month. Pay up or die enslaved Canadians! Dance to this tune, brother citizen! The great nation will suck you dry & spit you out on the slag heap of history. By then it will have introduced your children to the same process & they won't know what hit them. Economic slavery tightens the screws & laughs in your face, you believers in the fair, just, decision makers of politics!...ha ha ha ha ha!

...what's that you say? - troublemaker? - madman? - criminal?

Why yes, of course, I thought you knew. I'm the one you love to experiment on. You give me all your wonder drugs, all your fast food, all your lineups & taxes - all your do's & don'ts. - me & my crazy crimi-

nal friends, natural born citizens of Canada, who see through your sit-com propaganda for a 'new world order'. - I know, I know, you just want my vote & then it's back to the closet, take these drugs & shut up!

..well it just won't work anymore.

TORA

YOUR RIGHTS ON THE STREET

Literacy is an idea that covers a lot. Most times it means being able to read & write, but knowing how to do these can still leave many of us illiterate in computers, medicine, tenants' rights & legal rights, to mention a few.

Have you ever heard yourself or someone you know saying "Isn't this illegal?" or "Isn't it my right to ...?"

People using both Carnegie & the Learning Centre here came to a free information meeting on Oct.20 to learn answers to a lot of basic questions on rights & what the police can & cannot do. Jim Quail of Legal Aid was at the front of about 40 people, talking about various areas of law that we're confronted with - assault, loitering, trespassing, vagrancy, causing a disturbance, drug & alcohol laws, being stopped, searched, and so on.

The first caution Jim mentioned was having a right is one thing..enforcing it is something else. Much of the questioning had to do with someone's personal experience where their rights had been violated. At the same time, we all rely on the same police to protect our rights & safety from being assaulted, robbed or cheated. Another basic Jim stated was that anything is legal unless there is a law making it illegal. No one's opinion can make what you choose to do illegal on the spur of the moment unless there is a law in effect prohibiting it.

Mentioned were 1) the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, guaranteeing rights against discrimination, of freedoms of assembly & association, of speech & the press etc. There are also limitations to these if what you do endangers someone else, like using your right of freedom of speech to

spread racist garbage or shout "Theatre" at a crowded fire,(!); and 2) the provincial Human Rights Act that gets more specific in terms of housing, services....

Individual accounts show that police often use the individual's illiteracy in legal rights & proper procedure to perform searches, detentions, etc. that they have no legal basis to carry out.

The basic premise is that you have a right to enjoy life, & can't be hassled unless the police have reasonable grounds to question you. If a crime has been committed in the area & you fit a general description of who was involved, you can be stopped & questioned. If you aren't under arrest, you can ask to be charged if they wish to question you or, being arrested, have a right to know what for and to keep your mouth shut until talking to a lawyer. If you've ever seen a cop show on TV you know about your "rights".

The number of people who came to this meeting indicates a lot of interest in this kind of information-sharing, so another meeting will be on soon, maybe on welfare rights, tenants' rights, your rights on the street. If you would like a meeting on a certain kind of law, the Public Legal Education Society holds a number of free classes all over the city. Ask at Carnegie's front desk or in the Learning Centre for their pamphlet.

By PAULR TAYLOR

Wired

They trim the trees
Growing above the wires, and
Between the wires
To make it safe
For nearby apartments
Pedestrians

To make it safe
for hydro & cable & phone lines

What will catch the fumes
Of buses, trucks, cars now?
Not the shortened trees
Stunted, less beautiful
Roots covered by cement.

Dora Sanders

(Note: Dr. David Suzuki wrote this piece about Toronto, but Vancouver can easily be substituted for rapid urban expansion)



Working on a film about the Toronto watershed I interviewed a number of people who generated this sense of excitement & hope. They indicate that at all levels of society, there is a shift in our thinking leading to new ideas that could eventually affect the way we live & our expectations of what quality in our lives means.

Ecology is the study of organisms and their environment. The discipline informs us that we, like all biological beings, cannot be viewed as separate from our surroundings or the things that support us. We humans are totally dependent on water, air, soil & other life forms for survival. Their condition determines the quality of our lives - everything is interconnected.

This understanding underlies the "ecosystem approach" adopted by David Crombie (former Mayor of Toronto) in his analysis of the Toronto waterfront. Seen this way, economics & the environment aren't viewed as mutually exclusive or competing since they are interlinked & interdependent. It is absurd to suggest we can only afford a clean environment when the economy is strong because the two cannot be separated this way.

The ecosystem approach also dictates that Toronto's (Vancouver's) waterfront can't be administered in bits & pieces within different political jurisdictions & bureaucratic subdivisions. It has to be treated as a complete entity within a perspective of very long time periods. Crombie told me that when he talks to people from politics, business, environmental groups & other areas, the ecosystem approach is not questioned. It's taken to set the basic ground rules. He reports a real enthusiasm & will to act, the major concern being how to implement this approach.

His impressions suggest environmentalists have been able to get across a widespread understanding & acceptance of the basic concepts that must dictate future policy & actions. The level of discussion must be raised beyond the usual one of parochial territoriality & vested interest.



Greater Toronto (Vancouver) is predicted to grow by 50% by the year 2020, but where will the people go? As people move further out to suburbs, the city itself inherits a lower tax base. Inner city conditions decline while growth at the city's periphery creates ecological imbalance, low density sprawl across agriculture land & greater dependence upon the car consumes rivers & swamps & woods. The challenge is to reverse the flow & attract people back to the city.

There is a need to enact demanding legislation to ensure protection of ecological values around the city. Developers say they can work within such laws as long as they are clearly delineated & applied fairly.

At the same time, qualities making cities such magnets to people must be enhanced. That means rediscovering a sense of community & making streets of the downtown core safe & attractive, with lots of social and cultural opportunity. Highrise apartments are not the solution for many reasons. So, instead, smaller houses on smaller lots with 30-35 people per acre would encourage neighbourhoods...also local shops rather than shopping malls. Most opposition comes from local politicians who recognize the potential erosion of their power base.

New thinking includes practical proposals to return an ecological balance - exciting ideas for ecologically benign homes in the revitalized downtown core & methods to rehabilitate urban waterways. The apparent receptiveness to these ideas across a broad spectrum of citizens is the most hopeful news I've had in a long time.



YELLOW GIVES ME THE BLUES

He/s goners man, no visitors
 he/s in the next room (womb)
 Carnarion Milk, Man!
 Young Guernsey Mose/s dismay
 bell hop to the doorbell
 where there is War there is trouble
 another local fray
 Loud racket fracas
 WorldPax Romana
 if you get yours from Eden
 don/t wast is L.P.
 teachers distribut the school supplies
 a million dollar high school
 devalued by the free trade congress
 constitutional instabilities
 Like a Culture by decree
 with Aboriginal consent.
 talk
 write
 endless repetitions
 Call

TaumDante



The eagle knew the lay of the land very well, indeed, so he wondered at a strange two-legged creature rushed towards a large ravine; a straight drop of several seconds flight - Strange creatures these! So he circled & watched & waited.

Off in the distance he could see clouds of dust & many two-legged creatures (seemingly to prey..perhaps to eat..the first two-legged creature running from them, also going towards the ravine. The eagle could smell the rain a few seconds, flight away.

Slowly the eagle circled as the lone creature fell over the edge, as the rain and thunder started, as the other creatures fell into the ravine.

At this point the eagle, in his wisdom, decided to get the hell out of there. Later the eagle wondered what he would understand from this experience..other than when it rains they chase each other (heree he shakes his feathers) supposedly to eat each other, but instead of eating they jump off cliffs. He also figured that, perhaps, they're not good eating.

He also thought, that perhaps this activity was better left to those more qualified in this particular area.

By DAVE McCONNELL

To The Youth

Getting sick of lies?
 Feel powerless?

You have the right to a future on this planet. You have a right to the resources of this country. You have a right to be included in decisions affecting your life.

Demand answers from your teachers and parents. Demand action & take action on your behalf to stop the arms race, stop the destruction of the environment & stop the disastrous economic policies.

You don't need to know all the facts & figures to see the direction we're going. It is plain to see that we are becoming a mentally retarded society..that our present course of development is giving birth to monsters.

You don't need to be an expert to have a valid opinion. You don't need to be 19 years old to have some say in your future.

The barriers are in age, sex, class, dress, race & religion. The future is beautiful.

Mary Shepard

REFUGEES IN THE '90's Conference:

Bill C-86 and stranger things

By Doug Kellam

Thanks to Amnesty International and the Vancouver Association for Survivors of Torture (VAST), I was able to represent DERA as a delegate at this conference.

Delegates representing professionals, community & refugee groups & government agencies came from every corner of this far flung land of ours to attend the 3-day event which was held at the Plaza of Nations on October 14-17.

Delegates spoke on a wide range of refugee issues including counselling survivors of torture, strategies for integrating refugees & legislation & compliance with the United Nation Charter of Human Rights. In other words, the conference covered both practical & political concerns.

The highlight of the conference was Vancouver Refugee lawyer Phil Rankin's critique of the new legislation concerning refugees outlined in Bill C-86. This Bill could become law by mid-November.

Mr. Rankin pointed out numerous problems with the proposed Bill, not the

least of which is the fact that the authors of the Bill didn't consult refugees, immigrant groups & those working with them during the creation of it. This alone is reasonable grounds on which to oppose it.

However, Rankin didn't stop at that; he went on to give a point by point criticism of the more notorious parts of the legislation. Ultimately, those opposed to the bill argue that it will exclude genuine refugees from Canada. This is hardly progressive lawmaking. Our best laws are based on the notion that it is better that the odd guilty person should go free than that the innocent be punished.

All indications are that the federal government has introduced this "get-tough" legislation in response to increasing racism & concern over immigration. Concerns which the Tories' greatest western political rivals, the Reform Party, are capitalizing on. In this context the Bill is not reasoned & considered legislation so much as it's political "damage control"

Given this I urge DERA members to join their voices with The Vancouver Refugee Council & other like-minded groups in opposing this Bill & calling for an open & consultative process to address the issue.

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"I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE NEEDY.
I GLOAT OVER THEIR MISFORTUNE CONSTANTLY."

\$pare Change: "Context" means the bigger picture. Community outrage surged when the first edition of this rag campaigned on a DEEDS trip - saying it is our 'fault' for being poor, that we have to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps & start our own businesses, don't give pan-handlers a dime but tell them to become street-corner hawkers of \$pare Change!

Cute little circular scam. Sheila Baxter wrote to VanCity, which had a full-page ad in the 1st paper. It remains her & the Carnegie Association's concern that solutions in the larger context of social change were & are being ignored/swept under the carpet of "market forces" by the editor of this so-called "Vancouver Civic Affairs Street Newspaper." The following reply was received:

Dear Ms. Baxter:

I am the new Executive Director of the VanCity Community Foundation & am responding to your letter of Sept.30 to R. Allan.

I would be happy to respond to your request to clarify VanCity funding & support for "Spare Change" & I'd also appreciate the opportunity to discuss your perspective on this publication.

David Driscoll

(Enclosed with the above was a copy of a letter sent to Michael McCarthy, editor of \$pare Change, dated the day after Sheila's)

Dear Michael:

At the time that you asked for VanCity's involvement with Spare Change, you provided a number of letters of support from DERA, DEYAS, AIDS Vancouver & many other local community organizations.

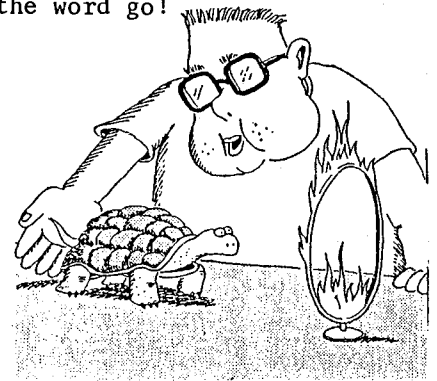
Those indorsements appear to not only have eroded, but to have reversed & resulted in some censure.

Our participation, by way of advertising in the first two issues, was an expression of our desire to back the community of which we are a part. We had not committed financially to continue beyond two issues, but do feel that there is a need for resolution. We had intended our participation to be a source of assistance & not a basis for continuing conflict.

Please advise of your desire to be part of any resolution & on what basis.

David Driscoll,
Executive Director

One further note - several of the organisations & people whose articles were in the 1st paper wrote severely critical letters to McCarthy. Not one appeared in the 2nd edition. In televised interviews, McCarthy tried to deflect criticism, saying he'd purposely put in his 'judgements' to stir things up. Cute. Corporations & right wing fanatics must've loved it - get poor, homeless & disadvantaged people fighting among themselves...get this paper to drive a wedge between people in their own communities from the word go!



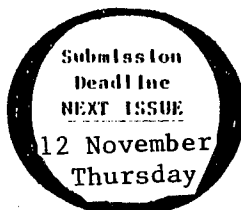
"Through the hoop, Bob! Through the hoop!"

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Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets daily at 101 W. Cordova, 10-2:20.

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- * any welfare problem
- * information on legal rights
- * disputes with landlords
- * unsafe living conditions
- * income tax
- * UIC problems
- * finding housing
- * opening a bank account

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DERA's General Membership meeting is on the last Friday of every month in Carnegie Theatre, starting at 10:30am.

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TEN POPULAR ECONOMIC MYTHS

MYTH 1: Export-based economies are secure.

Export-based economies are fundamentally unstable & the most vulnerable to economic fluctuations. Globalization simply allows local companies to move their production to the cheapest pools of labour in search of profit, while labour has no comparative freedom to move across national borders.

*Prout recommends economic self-sufficiency as the key to economic security: minimum export of raw materials, local manufacturing & agriculture, services for local consumption & international trade based on barter rather than currency.

MYTH 2: "Survival of the fittest" is the key to economics.

Economic Darwinism, the theory of economic winners & losers, inevitably produces economic decline for everyone. Although self-interest initially creates some economic dynamism, more & more people get left behind in poverty, eventually creating a huge disparity of wealth. The two fundamental causes of depression that arise from this situation are an excess concentration of wealth resulting in economic stagnation & exploitation, & a decrease in investment and production.

*Prout recommends cooperative economics with wealth taxes to reduce the accumulation of wealth by a few, & guaranteed purchasing power for everyone.

MYTH 3: Free enterprise is good for society as a whole.

Free enterprise means freedom to maximize profits, rather than the freedom for all to participate on an equal basis. Economic advantage remains firmly within the wealthy elite who work to eliminate competition through mergers, acquisitions and monopolies.

&Prout recommends economic democracy in the form of worker-owned business organizations, regional economic planning & local utilization of local resources.

MYTH 4: Income tax is fair & progressive.

Income is only a small component of wealth. Income tax is generally unfair to the unwealthy & is routinely evaded by individuals & corporations.

*Prout recommends replacing income tax with a consumption tax, in addition to placing restrictions on the accumulation of assets through a wealth tax.

MYTH 5: Government nationalization is a good solution.

Nationalization fails because of dependency on remote, inefficient bureaucracy which is resistant to change. Nationalization is another form of monopoly.

*Prout recommends the decentralization of economic activity using worker-owned and managed cooperatives as the primary means of organization of producing/distributing.

MYTH 6: The profit motive is key to economic activity.

Globally, the profit motive leaves a legacy of poverty, stagnation & instability as fewer & fewer individuals & nations remain economic winners.

*Prout recommends a consumption-based economy. A sustainable & progressively increasing standard of living can be obtained by guaranteeing purchasing power & minimum necessities to all people. Material incentives would be established to encourage efficiency in production & distribution. Intellectual and spiritual resources can be more effectively developed from a base of physical security.

MYTH 7: Nationalism is essential to self-identity.

Nationalism is a means of separating the world's people along geographical lines. Economic exploitation is easier where people are divided & subjugated by dogmatic sentiments such as nationalism, patriotism and regionalism. Businesses & politicians use these sentiments to maintain power and control.

*Prout recommends uniting people on the basis of a universal bond, while encouraging respect for all cultures.

MYTH 8: The earth has infinite resources for human use.

Modern economy relies on the creation of artificial needs, over-accumulation & life styles that are ecologically unsound. People often view themselves as separate from the environment & believe that natural resources & other species are unboundedly available for exploitation.

*Prout views natural resources & other living beings as having their own essential value, beyond the perceived utility by human beings. Sustainable development for human beings is connected with the welfare of all creatures & the environment.

MYTH 9: Canada & the U.S. are true democracies.

Governments are unable to overcome the pressures of the business lobby & define their agendas in terms agreeable to corporate interests. Democracy is held for ransom by party politics which further the self-interests of the wealthy at the expense of ethical leadership.

*Prout recommends that candidates publish policies prior to elections & be held legally accountable to these policies. Citizen boards should be established to regulate social conditions currently run by politicians.

MYTH 10: People are content to be merely consumers.

The greed-motivated psychology of sales is not shared by the population at large. When not bombarded by intense advertising, people search for a variety of non-material experiences such as education, culture, music, art & adventure. Consumerism suggests that people search for happiness in material accumulation. The result is economic exploitation.

*Prout recommends redefining progress to include intellectual and spiritual development. True human values & ethics should be brought to the forefront in making political & economic decisions & overcoming the material exploitation currently in vogue.

By GERRY MOORE & RICK HOBBS
(appearing in Prout Journal.)

PROUT stands for Progressive Utilisation Theory. Capitalism & Communism are theories too. Prout is a wholistic, socio-economic theory that has common sense as its applicator & spirituality as its foundation. Below are the five fundamental principles. Each has undergone both academic & practical analysis. An interesting event happened recently - 3 Proutists travelled to the former Soviet Union's eastern republics at the invitation of senior gov't officials. Prout was accepted as the basis of their new social order within 3 days. Said one: "You are the first foreigners who didn't come here to take what we have"

1. No individual should be allowed to accumulate any physical wealth without the clear permission or approval of the collective body.
(Collective doesn't mean a large gathering of people in a democratic model)
2. There should be maximum utilisation & rational distribution of all mundane, supramundane & spiritual potentialities of the universe.
3. There should be maximum utilisation of all physical, metaphysical & spiritual potentialities of unit & collective bodies of the human society.
4. There should be a proper adjustment amongst these physical, metaphysical, mundane, supramundane & spiritual utilisations.
5. The method of utilisation should vary in accordance with changes in time, place & person, & these utilisations should be of a progressive nature.

"Capitalism makes humans beggars; communism makes the beggar a beast."

P.R. Sarkar

400 UNITS FOR MENTALLY ILL

I am concerned that some of your readers may think the B.C. government does not recognize the great need to address the housing concerns of people with mental illness ("Housing system fails mentally ill," The Province, Oct. 18).

This year we increased funding to mental-health services by over \$50 million, a 28-per-cent increase, much of it making sure patients moving into the community have a decent place to live.

Part of this money is going to create 400 semi-independent living units, bringing

the total to 3,200. As well, 100 new places are being developed for former patients of Riverview Hospital. Along with that goes a full package of support, everything from employment counselling to recreation.

Not everyone will get the housing they need. But this problem developed over time. It will take time to turn things around.

Elizabeth Cull
Minister of Health and
Minister Responsible for Seniors
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Police released a composite drawing yesterday of a man sought in an attempted attack on a 17-year-old Courtenay teen two weeks ago. The teenager got away and Nesbitt did not rule out a connection with Shaw's death.



Drawing of suspect in recent attempted attack.

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