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Welfare close to collapse, minister says

KEITH BALDREY
Sun Legislature Bureau

Smallwood claims ministry
will end up \$70 million in red

VICTORIA — B.C.'s welfare system is close to the breaking point with record numbers of people requiring income assistance, Social Services Minister Joan Smallwood said Tuesday.

"In B.C. today the situation must be described as grim," Smallwood said. "There is a danger of a permanent underclass being established."

Smallwood cited government statistics that paint a graphic picture of a province struggling to get out of an economic slump that has left hundreds of thousands of people close to the poverty line.

More than 300,000 people — that's one in 10 British Columbians — are on welfare. That includes 100,000 children, or one of every eight.

In the past year, 50,000 more people joined the income assistance rolls and a similar number is expected to be added this year.

The social-services ministry will end up \$70 million over budget, Smallwood said, attributing the rapidly worsening situation to growing unemployment, a global restructuring of the economy and a pro-

longed recession in most of Canada. "The system as it exists now is not serving British Columbians or the government," she told a news conference called to prompt a "public dialogue" on the issue.

But she rejected suggestions the increase may also be at least partly attributable to lax rules governing the payment of social assistance.

"We have very purposely tracked the effects of any policy change, and I'm confident the trend was well in place before this government was," she said.

Smallwood said the federal government's reduction in transfer payments has hurt B.C.'s ability to pay for its income assistance programs, which this year cost \$1.5 billion.

She said a national review of Canada's 30-year-old system of federal-provincial cost-shared safety nets should be immediately conducted. As well, she said a provincial advisory council has been appointed to recommend reforms to the system.

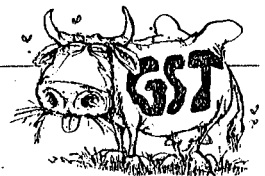
She acknowledged that under her stewardship, the number of people receiving social assistance has increased dramatically.

Some of the high costs have been driven by an influx of people to B.C. looking for work. Last year, about 6,000 people who had resided in B.C. for less than one year received welfare here.

Jean Swanson, of End Legislated Poverty, said the huge welfare case load results mostly from federal government economic policies, free trade, and changes to unemployment insurance and funding for social and health programs.

"More than 500,000 jobs were lost to free trade, and those jobs will not come back," Swanson said. "I think we're seeing the effects of (Prime Minister Brian) Mulroney's discredited policies."

Swanson said welfare statistics effectively put the lie to other statistics that boast of an improving economy.



CARNEGIE Kitchen Korner

Greetings & welcome to the third edition of 'Kitchen Korner.'

One of the most common questions asked of the staff is "When will you be open?" or "How come you're never open when I come here?" In fact, we are open most of our regularly scheduled hours. They are: 9-1, 1:30-5pm & 5:30-9pm (give or take a few minutes on occasion). I must add that, by & large, our concession is open & serving our patrons delicious hot mocha, java coffee & large fresh baked blueberry muffins.

If we are closed, it is usually because the volunteer who is scheduled for that shift cannot make it in. Try to remember that these hard-working people are not required to be here, and as many are not exactly spring chickens anymore, (sorry George!), these 4 1/2 hour shifts can be very draining. Please keep that in mind the next time you are patiently waiting in line.

Something that we want people to be aware of is that we are not a restaurant, but a training facility; the fact that we create great food is secondary to the function we are meant to fulfill. Some people volunteer to acquire skills to help them find employment, while many are here because they love being able to help.

About training: Marty is the Volunteer Programmer & coordinates a sandwich-making class every Monday morning in the kitchen. On Tuesday she gives a full kitchen orientation from 2pm - 4pm.

Catriona gives a kitchen orientation on Monday at 2pm.

Nathaniel is the Volunteer Programmer Assistant & on Thursday shows people how to handle a knife & coordinates a kitchen crew. Friday he gives new cash/concession volunteers their orientation.

On Friday from 9am to 12 noon, John conducts a soup-making class & acquaints people with general kitchen principles.

Later this month Felix is going to begin a baking class & we expect an enthusiastic response to that one.

So please, if you wish to help out and

maybe learn a few things about the workings of a busy kitchen, please contact the programmer or any of the kitchen staff & they will gladly get you started in the right direction.

Next time, we'll tell you about the "Carnegie Food Policy", how our menus are decided on & what it takes to put out a great three course meal for \$2.50.

'Til then...happy eating!

P.S.: This month's volunteer dinner falls on St. Paddy's Day so of course we are having Irish Stew & all that goes with it (except the beer). Get your free tickets from Nat or Marty.



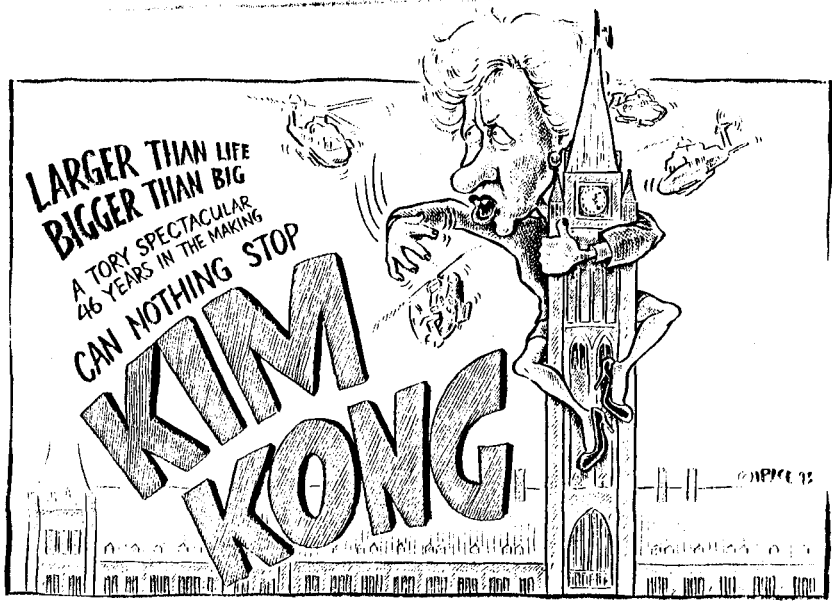
Carnegie Centre Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

On behalf of ELP & everyone who participated in our December "Justice Not Charity Rally", I would like to thank you very much for your kind donation of chili to feed fifty people. The chili was excellent and served many hungry people who came out to the rally.

The rally was a success, receiving some positive media support as well as uniting people at a stressful time of year. We are very glad to receive support from community groups such as Carnegie & hope to continue to work together for change.

Yours in solidarity,
Joanne Keelan,
on behalf of E.L.P.



**HAVE YOU EVER HAD
ANY PROBLEM WITH THE
POLICE?**

**IF YOU ARE A NATIVE PERSON
THEN COME TO A SPECIAL HEARING OF THE OPAL
COMMISSION TO VOICE YOUR CONCERNS**

**WHEN TO MEET: FRIDAY 10 A.M.
MARCH 19, 1993**

**WHERE TO MEET: THE CARNEGIE CENTRE
401 MAIN STREET
IN THE THEATRE ON THE MAIN FLOOR**

**PEOPLE WISHING TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS
PLEASE CALL TOM AT: 525 - 4980
OR VIOLA AT: 660- 4655**

ATTENTION DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE RESIDENTS!

WE'RE HAVING A MEETING HERE:

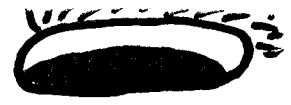
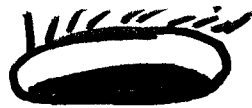
WHERE: CARNEGIE CENTRE

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: NON-SMOKING ROOM, 2nd Floor

TOPIC: PLANNING OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE



...such as changing all the boarded-up buildings into something useful. We need a reasonable shopping store, daycares & most of all affordable housing for seniors & single parents & people of our community. Come on the 17th & bring your ideas. Hope to see you there.

THRU THE GRAPEVINE

Garry Gust

The Democrats are in office for two months and bang: two skyjackings, the World Trade Center gets bombed, and religious fanatics have turned militant.

But the economy is stabilizing.

...& furthermore, Sister, if women were allowed into the Priesthood who would want to be a Nun?

If the PNE goes ahead with legalized gambling, are we ready to move?

Yeah, the boys in vegas will be coming up for a Family reunion.

Do you think Judy & Gordon have been practicing safe sex?

The two main things that make Jean Chretien look good are Audrey McLaughlin and Kim Campbell.

Parrdun mie boardumb
Butt mie tung iz tide
Eye lawst mie marrbells
Cuz eye shought tu whyd.

This is an update on City Circle. Some-time in January a group of people got together & talked about what is needed in our neighbourhood. Recommendations were sent to the City.

Since this meeting I've received oodles of paper from City Planners; the most recent being what happens next with motions & recommendations made by City Circles.

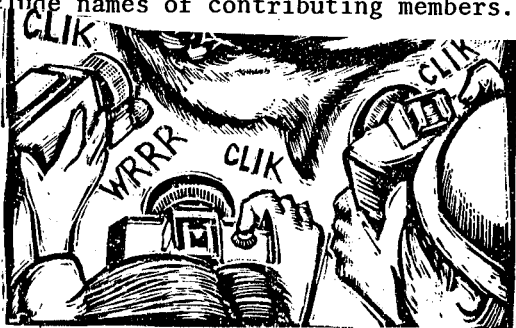
Dates to Remember:

MARCH 19-21 and 26-28

City Circle co-design labs. Reps of City Circles must book a co-design lab now by calling Neil Bailey at 873-7807 or sending a fax to 873-7808.

APRIL 2

Deadline for ideas book. CityCircles & individuals wishing to have ideas published in the Ideas Book must submit a 2-page summary to the CityPlan resource centre no later than 5:30pm on Friday, April 2. Submissions received before April 2 would be appreciated. City Circles are reminded to include names of contributing members.



VANCOUVER NATIVE HEALTH SOCIETY

This is to announce the opening of its daytime medical clinic on Monday, March 1.

The Clinic will be open each weekday from 10am to 4:30pm & will accept patients on a walk-in basis (no appointment).

These medical services will be available to all persons who do not have BC Medical coverage but who need to see a doctor.

For more information call 254-9949.

The Vancouver Native Health Society will be offering an 8-week program - Aboriginal Women Lifeskills Program (for street level sex trade workers). Interested individuals can apply at 451 E.Hastings St., Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm.

APRIL 17

Themes Day. An opportunity for members of City Circles to review submissions & suggest appropriate themes for presenting and discussing ideas for CityPlan.

APRIL 30 / MAY 1-2

Ideas Fair at Robson Square. Up to 10,000 people are expected to visit the Ideas Fair, CityPlan's biggest public event. The Fair will feature exhibits & displays, speakers & authors & "the most substantial expression of citizens' visions for the future of Vancouver ever assembled. Here is your opportunity to see many great ideas & "vote" on what you think Vancouver's future should be."

JUNE 5

Ideas Forum. This forum for members of City Circles & other interested citizens is the main opportunity to identify the principal issues & choices which need further consideration in CityPlan



Dedicated to
Jerry Sentino.

A CONFLICT

Restless nights ahead; dreams of soft words said,
He listened to me with his eyes.
Tears of seawall sadness; tides of rippling madness
Shores of loneliness weep between signs.

Lured by his spirit

I must be the fool.

Scared to come near it
Can love be that cruel?

Where there is trust,
Foundations are laid.

If love casts out fear,
Why be so afraid?

Do we care to rekindle
The warmth love first knew

or allow it to dwindle
What's a moment or two?

The ground work is done.
All bricks are in place.

The bond has been sealed.
Mighty, is it's base.

Wisdom comes freely for I am in pain.

Freedom to break this self-blaming chain.

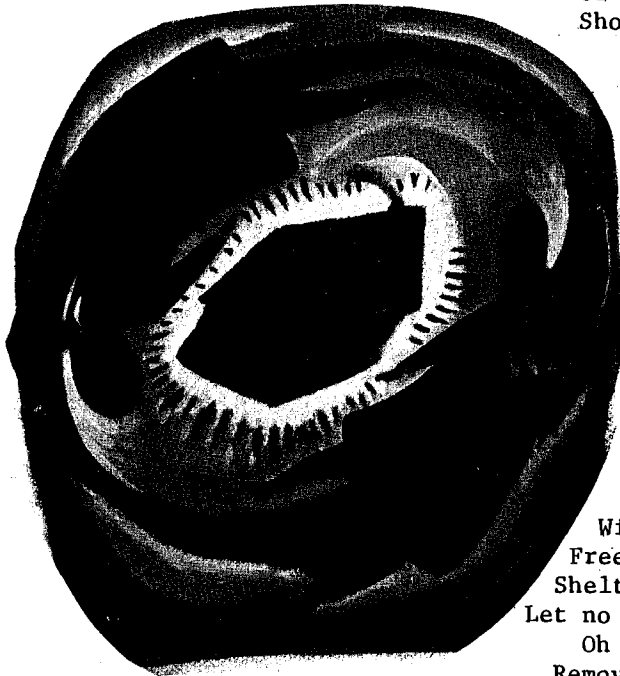
Shelter my heart with your gentle kindness.

Let no man trespass for light causes blindness

Oh Lord, may I never put you to shame

Remove my ambition from hurting your name.

Rita Woodman



Carnegie Reading Room Gets Wired

Big things will be happening in the Library from now until summer... We'll keep you up-to-date via the pages of the Newsletter. Here's what is planned:

March & April: - patron name put on computer file

- books barcoded

May: - begin to use new computer file

- check out books by computer

June: - begin to use computer file for all books in Van. Public Library

- issue VPL cards in the Library

Don't worry, nothing will change for you when we begin to use the new computer file! If you have a Carnegie card now your name will automatically be placed in the new file. If you are a new patron, all you need is name ID & we will place you in the file too. No fines will be charged on

overdue books & lost or damaged items may be replaced in kind. Books will be checked out & in by laser scanner & recorded in your file.

For library staff, all this means is that we can keep more accurate records & get rid of our very large file of cards.

Later in the summer we'll begin to use a computer file of all the books in the VPL Central & Branch collections. A terminal will be placed in the library for your use & instructions given on its operation. You will be able to bring in books for yourself from all these locations & check them in & out at Carnegie.

We will also be giving out VPL cards, so you can use your barcode number to reserve books. For a VPL card you will need to show 2 pieces of ID, one with your current address.

Getting wired means better service for you & complete access to all the books in the Vancouver Public Library system!

Port of Vancouver park offer falls far short, east siders say

ROBERT SARTI

Vancouver Sun

There's no way Margaret Prevost wants to profit from somebody else's misfortune.

Prevost has been battling for five years to get proper wheelchair access to her own neighborhood park on the Vancouver waterfront, Crab Beach.

Now the Port of Vancouver says it will help pay for a \$1.5 million pedestrian ramp — but only if it can take a piece of another waterfront park, New Brighton, in the far northeast corner of the city.

"They can't buy us off to hurt another neighborhood," Prevost said in an interview Thursday.

Prevost, who is vice-president of the Carnegie Community Centre Association, has been chafing ever since the port replaced the grade-level crossing at Columbia Street with a three-storey-high overpass.

The offer — in a confidential report to city council obtained by The Vancouver Sun — is the latest wrinkle in a controversial plan to build a truck route to serve the Alberta Wheat Pool.

The road would eat up 1.3 hectares of parkland, but because of federal Fisheries restrictions, the amount of landfill that can be created to replace it will fall short by the equivalent of six city lots.

The port would also transfer legal title to the waterfront Devonian Park in the far northwest corner of the city to the park board.

The proposal is being panned by residents in the New Brighton area and by the park board.

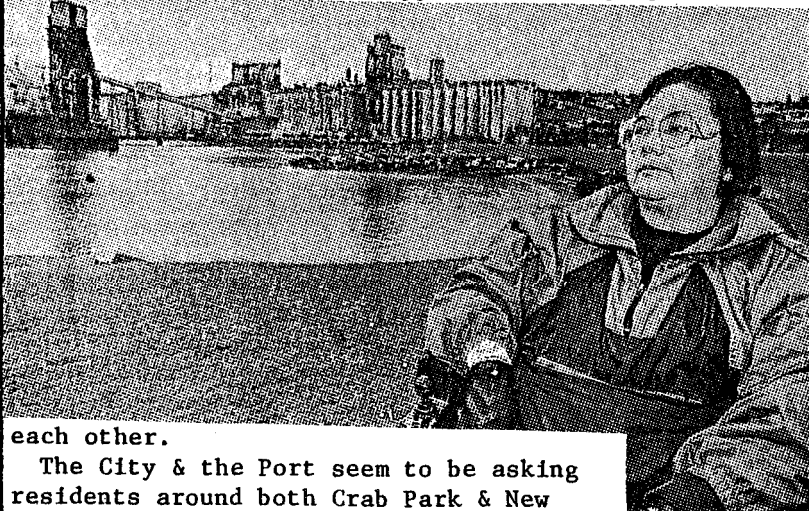
Marian Olivieri, a director of the Hastings Community Association, said residents opposed the truck route in the first place.

The board has scheduled a public meeting on the future of New Brighton Park for March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Hastings Community Centre, 3096 East Hastings.

Editor of Vancouver Sun:

It's no surprise to me that the Port of Vancouver & the City of Vancouver would talk about our welfare without notifying us of their recent 'decision'.

The City has a new project called City-Plan. As part of this people all over Vancouver are getting together to discuss the needs in their communities. Ideas and goals are then brought to the City for discussion. "WORK TOGETHER" is the motto & it's not supposed to set people against



each other.

The City & the Port seem to be asking residents around both Crab Park & New Brighton Park to get in the ring & see who comes out the winner.

It's the old cliché: GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL ...you can get out only if you agree to our decision (New Brighton Park), plus a fee of \$200.

MY GRASS CRADLE

The brilliantly etched poems and prose meditations in My Grass Cradle chart a woman's quest "for the whole/gut truth." By turns searing & celebratory, revealing a child who struggled with ogres & a woman who battles them down, this is writing about being worthy, about claiming a place on this earth. Interwoven through the book are powerful, visceral poems with chant-like refrains, such as "Song About", a lullaby caught in a mother's throat. Joanne Arnott courageously delves into the grief & rage of childhood poverty & abuse, and overcomes generations of denial to reclaim her mixed Native & European ancestry. Her journey is articulated in precise, arresting images, as in Enchantment & Freedom:

Bending to the task of seeing,
loving, embracing who I am
I find stinking bones and a rage
much larger than myself
an idiot child divine revulsion
and immortal rage, none of which
I am able to contain

Joanne Arnott is a counsellor/activist & mother of two. She lived in the Four Sisters Co-op for 3 years & is currently living near Vancouver.

The book, My Grass Cradle, is available through Press Gang Publishers at 603 Powell Street.



Editor,

It is a pleasure for me to read about the unique relationship between Carnegie and the farmer community Ceeds. This marvellous harmony between poor people of the city and poor people of the land gives me a new hope for the future.

I am always more convinced that our society must undergo a radical, revolutionary change-over, and the poor people will start this revolution.

Rich corporations and wealthy people are trying to keep the status quo* as long as possible. Their greedy behaviour is very fast increasing the numbers of poor.

The big change is not too far away...!

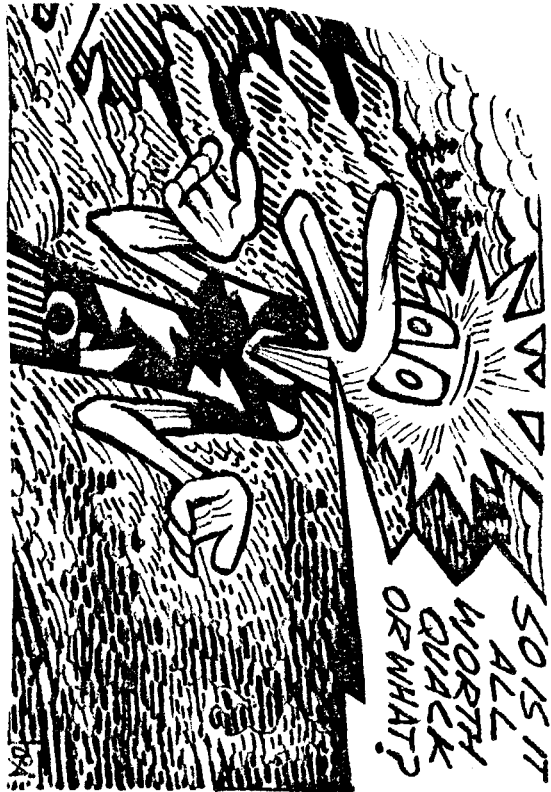
With my best friendship,
Etienne Szekely
Rossland, B.C.

* Systems, laws, agreements as they are now to keep power & control in the hands of rich corporations & the wealthy.

THE WINDOW

Restless nights ahead,
Dreams of soft words said,
affections smoulder within.
With peace at his side
in her he confides
and
silently she listens,
Tangled lives left loose ends untied,
Why?
Outside his window it's grey,
Close to her fire she prays
for a key of light
to open a door.
Rays of hope
will first send
measures of time
that can't end
a friendship
that began just days before.

Rita Woodman



INVESTING IN PEOPLE 9. Maintaining Public Services

In February the NDP gov't in Victoria sent its "Budget '93" to the people of BC. The front page headline - New budget to protect vital services & invest in people. 'Reaction' is not exactly the right word to describe the response of those people who have a great commitment to the provision of public services. Since the NDP were elected there have been working groups of people in Health Care, Social Services, Public Schools, Post Secondary Education & Government Services who have worked to bring the many difficulties of 16 years of the sacred disease to new beginnings... to change the very nature of how gov't & citizens work to make BC an example of progressive change.

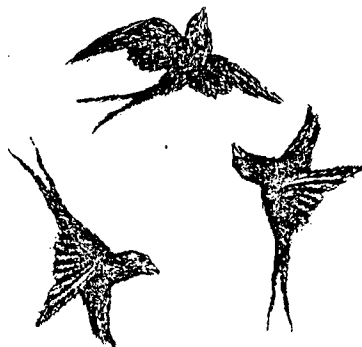
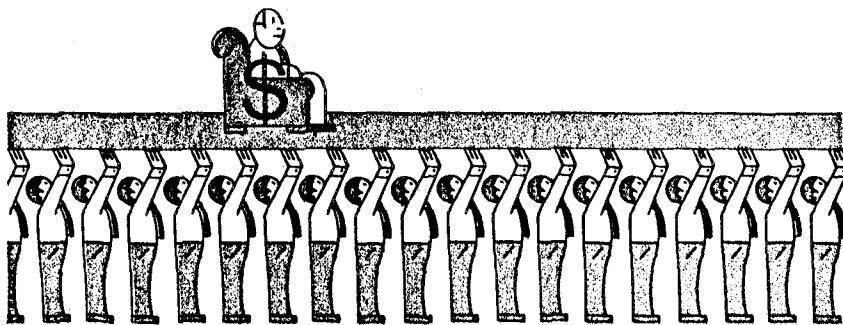
It's been frustrating. The NDP seems to have a mania about deficit reduction, translating from the standard right-wing, corporate rhetoric about reductions & cuts to reduce spending - to do more with less.

Over 100 representatives from public sector unions, social agencies & community groups attended a conference on March 6. The goals of the conference were stated:

- * To provide information about & analysis of the BC gov't's fiscal & budget policy.
- * To develop alternative proposals that provide for the basis of the protection of public services.
- * To give confidence to members of union & community groups to take part in the debates about economic & social policy.
- * To provide materials for participants to use for presentations & discussions in a variety of venues.

Each sector's rep seem to speak, starting in the morning session, with barely controlled anger, leavened with experience from the sacred years of bullshit.

JOHN SHIELDS spoke of the losses of jobs, cuts & privatization restraint brought in the early '80's. Contracting out to private firms was necessary only as gov't began to put private interests ahead of public delivery of essential services. Corporate rhetoric about public spending has been repeated so often that people are now taking this crud as true.



DEBRA MCPHERSON revealed the invisible but obvious price that nurses have been paying for cuts in the provision of health services - increased work for less staff at the same wages, as women & low paid workers subsidise a healthcare system that is top heavy.

RAY WORLEY gave stark numbers to show how our children are being short-changed by reductions &/or stagnation in educational options. Each year teachers get larger classes while funding is clawed back with staff reductions.

JANICE BEST spoke of university/college access being restricted to those with the ability to pay, not to those with ability. More & more the onus is on individuals to pay for higher education, rather than society as a whole.

BERNICE KIRK referred again to gov't being subsidised by poorly paid workers providing essential services. Through a mania of deficit reduction the gov't is cutting services, even though "what we desire for ourselves we wish for all" is the underlying thread of all people's hoped-for spending of tax dollars.

KATHY CONROY parodied the rhetorical New World Order with a simple fact - being part of anything new means a commitment to being able. There is serious disparity between the numbers of people in need of basic skills & English as a second language & the training & classes to acquire them. Waitlists are so long that many schools have abandoned them.

GORDON SHRIMPTON pointed to the parallel of increased enrollment (& increasing of refusals due to overcrowding) & funding cuts in universities. Qualifications are heightened, leaving people out that should be in.

JEAN SWANSON spoke of the harsh realities of poverty: higher infant mortality for poor infants, people dying sooner in poverty & the enormous social costs inherent in this systemic deprivation. She gave some of the 'good' things that the NDP has done to right years of so-called neglect, but the 'bad' reflected what the other speakers referred to again & again - promises that were far beyond realised change. The "free" trade agreement & NAFTA lock us into seeing public services as commodities rather than rights.

CARNELA ALLEVATO presented the reality of what being working poor means - being at the bottom of the hierarchy in terms of pay, responsibilities & burdens. Women, making up over 85% of the cleaning & maintenance staff in public institutions, are the most vulnerable to any shifts in funding priorities.

COLLEEN FULLER shared many examples of how privatisation is a determining factor in policy. The announced closure of Shaughnessy Hospital is a case in point: large multinationals are lobbying for contracts to provide health services that are done less expensively now. This puts tax money into private hands while public services suffer. The FTA is quickly transforming the Canadian health system into the American 'pay-as-you-go' version where most people can't get any health services (47 million with no insurance).

MARJORIE COHEN, a professor of Women's Studies at SFU, spoke at length of how the language of the corporate agenda has permeated our thinking, where deficit reduction is now synonymous with spending cuts,

job loss & increased unemployment. Young people & older workers face the same consequences - no jobs, no future. Consultation means dialogue before, not after a decision is made, yet people on the front lines of delivery of most public services, seeing the realities & knowing what real changes would be most beneficial, are not asked to be part of any decision-making. Marjorie was clear on coalitions of unions & community groups being the basis for fundamental change, especially change in how money is spent & setting priorities.

GIDEON ROSENBLUTH is a shrewd ol' codger who is head of the NDP's economic advisory people. He made what is always "left to the experts" understandable. Seems that economic theories & predictions are usually wrong. He talked of governments; when they tell us they can't spend more, they are saying one or more of three things -

1. They are not willing to rearrange priorities within present spending limits.
2. They are not willing to make additional funds available through taxation, higher royalties on our natural resources, higher profits at liquor stores, etc.
3. They are not willing to make additional funds available by borrowing.

He spoke of how embarrassed Couvillier was, when he was Minister of Finance, to find that instead of a deficit he had a surplus. This put lie to the sacred ploy of "having to cut back" when in fact they had reduced taxes on their corporations.

Seems that the NDP have been steered in one direction by lobbying/threats by big business - deficit=disaster. Unemployment, inequality, destruction of public programs & social services & the environment are secondary to reducing the debt/deficit no matter what. When the gov't says we can't afford an essential service, they seem to fail to take into account that the service is still needed. Gideon drew stark parallels between the US & here, showing that the BC gov't is taking some of the same lines as the feds, where the only good programs are those that follow the same line of thinking that produces similar programs in the States.

The kind of thinking needed is not to be frightened by big business & their 'gloom & doom' tactics; to look at the cycles of business; to not make straight-line assumptions that having a deficit is automatically translated into higher tax or cuts. He had many suggestions, but made some simple statements: tax the rich & those with the ability to pay, educate people on what taxes do; get financial matters, especially gov't & business rhetoric, into plain language & let motives show through.

NEIL BROOKS was the keynote speaker. He is the associate Dean of Osgoode Law School in Toronto."1. The taxes we have now are not so bad, paying for much of what we value. 2. The rich & corporations have to pay their fair share. 3. All of us need to be made to realise that taxes are the foundation of the services we value so highly & want improvements in.

The mood inherent in all speakers was a "wondering", as in "how could they expect us to respond to this bullshit?!" Bitter medicine is something that the very rich & right-wing, elite capitalism has been force-feeding normal people for a long time. When the people met again to close the conference, reports from various workshops also had the same themes:

- * Educate the public in plain language;
- * Demand a real process for meaningful roles in decision making;
- * Expose right-wing, business rhetoric for what it is, expose the mythology;
- * Payments of public services by people through taxes & corporations pay fairly
- * the FTA/NAPTA must be scrapped
- * NDP gov't's support must be based on trust & involvement, not promises.
- * Coalitions must become permanent bodies to carry on these struggles

All in all the meeting was pretty good. The test now is how well the NDP MLAs who were there will do in taking the growing anger, resentment & frustration of thousands of people, people who worked hard to get them elected, & translating it into trust & continued support.

as watching the news one nite
 Nothing unusual in that
 Getting my daily intake of horror
 When suddenly I noticed the word
 - competition - 3 times in a row.
 In the newscaster's speech - with
 the alternative "competitive edge"
 So I paid close attention.
 Proceeded to count up 20 of them
 In the first news section
 What? in 10 or 15 minutes?

Thoroughly disgusted, I knew not why
 I tuned out again--only to be
 Set up with a new thought train:
 This is one of our main underlying
 GLOBAL ATTITUDE PROBLEMS--this
 "All Hail the Almighty Competitive Spirit"
 Cuz it comes with the implication
 That if you "can't make the grade"
 By their standards, that means
 Inherent weakness=fault=blame=
 Failure=not worth helping or loving=
 Don't deserve it either...



I mean "stiff upper lip, old boy
 Survival of the fittest and all that."

No! We need not more competitive edge
 That, leading to Greed ever more
 Got us in this Global mess!
 What the world needs now is co-operation
 Co-operation and love sweet love.
 Human kind the Mental Being
 Love meaning--extended.
 Families cultures and traditions
 tolerance, understanding and
 Appreciation of diversities--
 Networking, sharing, caring and giving
 It means taking the time
 To Reach out and LISTEN
 And you just might find
 You get what you need--joy
 To learn and teach, grow and feel grand!
 Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
 Just say no--down with competition!

Upwards, onwards. Yes! Co-operation!!

Lynne Gemeroy

CUTS \$9 MILLION
 SENIORS

CUTS \$12 MILLION
 ADVOCACY, CULTURE

CUTS \$14 MILLION
 FISHERIES, FORESTRY

CUTS \$108 MILLION
 CBC

CUTS \$532 MILLION
 SOCIAL HOUSING

CUTS \$3 BILLION
 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

CUTS \$6.4 BILLION
 CHILDCARE

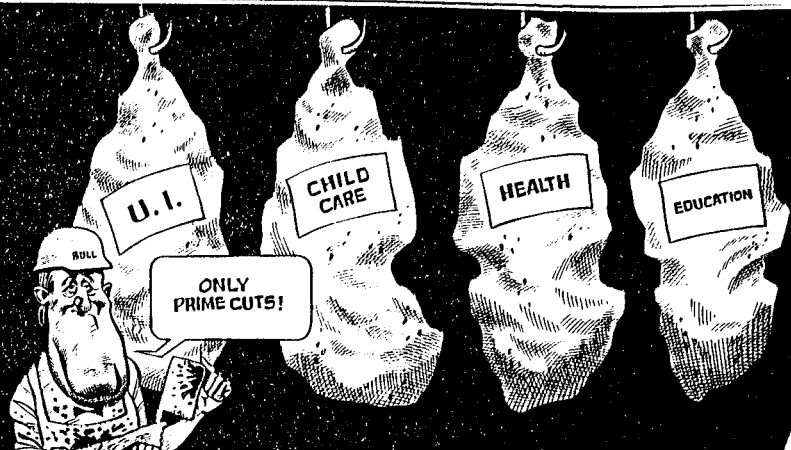
CUTS \$22 BILLION
 HEALTH, EDUCATION



*It's absolutely mandatory that we come into
 partnership on this planet.
 It's not going to work if we don't.*



MULRONEY'S SACRED COWS.



Politics is a word that can either make you shake your head in an "I don't want to hear it" manner or make your ears prick up

* Mulroney resigns. The Tories counted on this to change the way they'll campaign & how they can, if all else fails, point to Mulroney as the "cause" of all the lies & broken promises & thievery & job loss & cuts to our social safety net.

* Mulroney resigns. People throughout the country try to feel good but it only lasts for a few minutes. Nothing's changed

* Mulroney resigns. The Tory government introduced the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in the House of Commons on the SAME DAY. Coincidence? Hardly. All media is focused on lyin' brian, both TV & print will be covering it for days/weeks & the thousands of pages of this new economic & social constitution for Canada can be slipped in.

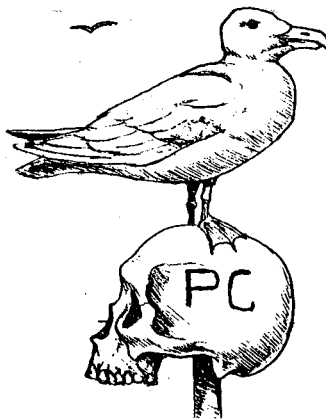
* Mulroney resigns. Most media, certainly all national media, is owned by 2 transnational corporations. Coverage of NAFTA has been fragmentary reports..this meeting happened..that report was from the Minister's Office..the talks are continuing.... yet a real, honest look at what this deal will do to the foundations of our lives is shied away from as though the truth was a plague.

* Mulroney resigns. He quit, walked out, as part of a larger plan. He's set for life, but his payback for what he's done will also go on for life. It's not paranoia to talk about a corporate agenda. The public face of the "environmentally consc-

ious" corporation is a classic example. All of you who have ever worked in logging may find the ads about "Forests Forever" hard to swallow without breaking out in a huge belly-laugh! Ever seen a clearcut? Corporate giants like MacBlo are talking about tree farms forever, not forests. With millions of people dying of starvation every year, another corporate idea is to make wheat into gasoline. "Structural Adjustment Programs" are causing poverty the world over, fact, yet Canada is now adjusting the structure of our way of governing, our social fabric, our patterns of life & culture, to make way for the new world order that only a tiny number of corporate owners & their political hacks have even the slightest clue about. We're supposed to sit back, watch it happen, & get the result after it's all over.

Read between the lines. Keep "politics" in mind; enlightenment is the most worthy goal but it's the hardest to attain.

By PAULR TAYLOR



fight
the
Tory
agenda



Ron Logan

P.R. Sarkar on

Human psychology is universal in nature, but human expression differs according to culture. This cultural diversity reflects the need for any group of people to adapt to local conditions. The language of the Inuit is rich in terminology for describing subtle differences in the qualities of snow and ice, while the tongue of the Bedouin is equally rich in its descriptions of the different qualities of sand.

This expression of local culture should not be stifled unless it has clearly harmful effects. The destruction or suppression of culture is highly detrimental to the wholesome development of a people. It can be the cause of several debilitating mental complexes, including psychic demoralization, defeatist mentality and inferiority complex. These complexes are common among the indigenous peoples of the

Einstein said:

"We can't solve problems with the same thinking we used when we created the problems."

CULTURAL SUPPRESSION

Western Hemisphere, people whose cultures were decimated by European colonization. Alcoholism and suicide rates are many times higher for Native Americans than for other groups in America, and there are reports of indigenous Amazon people so despondent they simply sit down and wait for their death.

Cultural suppression is often linked with economic exploitation. When people learn to regard themselves as inferior and lose confidence in their potentialities, they become easy prey for exploiters. Sarkar called this process "psycho-economic exploitation." Mental complexes are first created in people's minds, then profit is made on their labor, their resources, and their consumption of foreign produced and unwholesome products. Here again, the situation of native peoples of America provides examples. Navaho

laborers were employed by uranium refining plants in the Southwest, where they were subjected to highly toxic work conditions (Most now suffer from cancer or leukemia). Oil and mining corporations gained drilling and mining rights on reservation lands, plundering resources with callous disregard for the land. And native peoples consume an excess of tobacco, alcohol and junk foods.

Psycho-economic exploitation is typically conducted in such a subtle manner that people are hardly aware of their oppressed condition. They welcome in foreign corporations, make due with their low wages, much of which gets spent on Coca-Cola, Big Macs and Hollywood-produced videos. This is obviously advantageous to those who profit from the toil of others; if people are unaware of their exploited condition, there is little

Women will be up front and the men and children will follow behind because the men have created so many problems. The Mother, the producer of life, will have to clean up this mess. If the men won't do it then the women must.



Black Hawk

chance they will rebel. Commenting on the insidious role complexes induced by cultural suppression play in human exploitation, Sarkar said: "The inferiority complex is the most deadly disease of the oppressed mass. . . . The defeatist attitude and inferiority complex will first have to be eradicated before a healthy socio-economic unit can be formed."

Sarkar not only demanded an end to cultural suppression, he also called for a strengthening of indigenous culture. A strong culture nurtures healthy personalities and vitality of spirit—the qualities people need to assert their rights and confidently create their own destiny. Once a group of people possesses a vital culture, it can stand with equal dignity amongst all other groups, and each can then cooperatively direct its potentialities towards common human goals. *

Even the cultural arrogance and racism of English colonists could not fully prevent them from being astonished at finding the Native American society in such a free and peaceful state.

PROUT JOURNAL

PROUT
FOR PERSONAL & PLANETARY
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The Prout Journal, Subscription Dept., 242 East Main Street, Suite 47, Ashland, OR, 97520

This article is excerpted from Ron Logan's upcoming book on the philosophy of Prabhakar Rainjan Sarkar, founder of PROUT.

It is proper for human beings to struggle for political freedom, for social emancipation; but if their cultural backbone is broken, then all their struggles will end in nothing—like offering clarified butter to a sacrificial fire which has been reduced to ashes. If one's spine is shattered, it is impossible to hold one's head erect.

P.R. Sarkar
Neo-Humanism:
The Liberation of Intellect

Come on... let's
celebrate!
The Cold War
is over.



Dear Friends,

We are writing to invite your organization to join the Action Canada Network BC.

The ACH-BC is the provincial counterpart of the Action Canada Network (formerly the Pro-Canada Network). The ACN is one of the largest & broadest coalitions of labour & community (women's, environmental, senior, religious, aboriginal, cultural & other) organizations in Canada. We represent over 10 million Canadians.

Originally formed to fight the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), we have broadened our focus to battle the GST, cuts to Medicare, NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement) & the attempt to restructure Canada by the global corporate agenda. The ACN is leading the extra-parliamentary fight to prevent NAFTA from destroying the economies, environment & social fabric of Canada, Mexico & the United States.

NAFTA & the FTA are designed to permanently shift power away from democratically elected governments in favour of global corporate interests....global corporations are loyal only to their bottom line. Under the FTA hundreds of thousands of jobs have been lost. Under NAFTA it will be worse.

THE FTA CAN BE ABROGATED, BUT ONCE NAFTA IS SIGNED, EVEN IF ABROGATED, NAFTA WILL STAY IN EFFECT FOR TEN YEARS.

We all must act. The Progressive Conservatives-(Tories) are trying to ram NAFTA through as quickly as possible.

The ACN is committed to bringing together progressive Canadians & their organizations in common cause for Canada's future. We believe in fair trade, not "free" trade. We know that your organization shares our vision of a democratic & equitable future for our children, for Canada & for all nations. Neither labour nor community groups can achieve success on their own.

ACN-BC wants you to join us in building an even stronger, more effective provincial coalition with roots in every community in BC. We are setting up a provincial office in order to help us in our ongoing work (speaking, distributing literature, planning conferences, briefs to the gov't & setting up coalitions in other parts of the province).

We do not have a dues system but we ask that participating organizations support our work to the best of their abilities. We encourage unions to contribute 10 cents per member. As well we are looking for donations of basic office equipment such as a computer, modem, fax, xerox machine & filing cabinet. We need your help. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

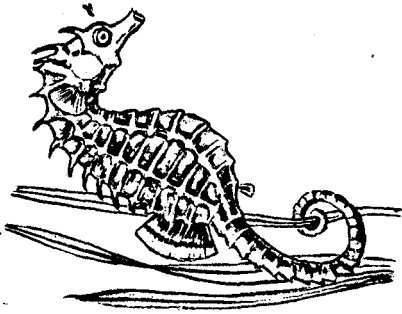
If you & your organization recognize the need to build a truly national voice in your community & want to be part of the process of working towards a People's Agenda, we want you to join us.

Please don't hesitate to call 736-7678 to join, to ask for a speaker, to get information about NAFTA or to make a donation, no matter what size, to this crucial campaign. Write to us at #211-456 W. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1R3.

MIRIAM PALACIOS & ELLEN WOODSWORTH
Action Canada Network B.C. Co-chairs.



"This is our first recession together"



Private charity won't end hunger

People with money will be able to observe Hunger Awareness Week in Vancouver from April 10 to 17. Events will include a gourmet Taste of the Nation benefit dinner with assorted fine wines, including a special private-label Taste of the Nation BC wine; an 8-kilometre run with a pancake breakfast cooked by Taste of the Nation chefs; a gala fashion show, & cooking classes at several Lower Mainland schools.

The purpose is to raise money for food banks, food runners & other private hunger relief agencies. As for poor people, they will observe Hunger Awareness Week by not eating adequately - as usual.

This will be the third year that the American-style Taste of the Nation extravaganza comes to Vancouver. It is no longer simply a well-meaning attempt to solve the problem of hunger in Canada. Behind it lies a view of our society in which our national commitment to a decent standard of living for all our citizens is weakened by the power relations of private charity. The Fraser Institute, a business lobby group, defined those power relations by saying, "...since it (private charity) is voluntary, it can be cut off if contributors feel it is doing more harm than good." (On Economics & the Canadian Bishops, P.17)

In other words, private charity is a means of control & dominance over low income people. This view is undemocratic because a decent standard of living is a right in a democratic country. After all, the provincial governments of Canada signed the 1976 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. This covenant commits our provinces to acknowledging "the right of everyone to an ade-

quate standard of living for himself & his family, including adequate food, clothing and housing."

The Great Depression of the 1930's clearly demonstrated that private charity cannot cope with public emergencies. In Canada today over one million people rely on food banks & approximately 40% of them are children under the age of 18. That is definitely a public emergency, and it brings great shame to our nation.

In a project that spoke directly to the hunger crisis in Canada, a coalition of 28 BC organizations called End Legislated Poverty (ELP) drafted, in 1992, a report called "Waste of a Nation - poor people speak out about charity." In this report poor people allowed that their need for food banks was stronger than the humiliation they felt in having to accept private charity. They did not attack food banks, nor did they ask people to stop donating.

What the people who wrote the report asked for was to end the need for food banks. They challenged people who weren't poor to join them in rejecting American-style social programs where food & housing were provided for the poor at the whim of the rich. They challenged all Canadians to work for a society of full employment and decent income where citizens didn't have to depend on left-overs from the tables of the rich in order to survive.

Here are some suggestions that will help Hunger Awareness Week become more authentic. Instead of a gourmet feast for the Taste of the Nation benefit dinner, serve macaroni & cheese, & serve water instead of wine. Have as the main speaker a person from an anti-poverty group that works for social justice. Have a group of people fast for the entire week as a gesture of mourning for our country because it lacks the political will to care adequately for its own citizens. Work with those who are poor to end the need for food banks by reaffirming our commitment to a Canada of full employment, with adequate incomes for those in & out of the paid labour force. Seriously discuss all the ways we can end legislated poverty in our country.

By SANDY CAMERON



FILIPINO-CANADIANS ORGANIZING FOR ACTION

RACISM AWARENESS FORUM

Sunday, March 21st, 1993, 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Native Education Centre
285 East 5th Ave. (@ Main St.), Vancouver

Speakers:

Barbara Binns (Educational Consultant): *History of Racism in Canada*
Cathie Gottfriedson (Native Okanagan Women's League): *Native People & Racism*
Sunera Thobani (National Action Committee on the Status of Women): *Systemic Racism*
Hassan Yussuf (Canadian Auto Workers Union): *Racism Awareness Among Union Workers*
Alan Dutton (Canadian Anti-Racism Education & Research Society): *Organized Racist/Hate Group*

Partial List of Endorsers:

- * B.C. Organization to Fight Racism
- * Canadian Hispanic Congress
- * Canadian Anti-Racism Education & Research Society
- * Canadian Auto Workers
- * Committee for Domestic Workers' and Caregivers' Rights
- * Coalition of Minority Women in B.C.
- * National Action Committee on the Status of Women
- * Trade Union Research Bureau
- * Vancouver Status of Women

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A response to "A Proposed Strathcona/
Downtown Eastside Community Impact State-
ment" (March 1, 1993 issue)

I, too, am a Strathcona resident. The proposed impact statement does not reflect my views. I, personally, do not include myself in the "all" residents disturbed by the "detritus of needles & condoms, the noise, the increased rates of break & entry, & the intrusive & threatening behaviour of drug dealers, prostitutes and clients."

I don't share what I consider assumptions in the statement, such as "It has become a neighbourhood under siege from the impact of the street trade in drugs and prostitution & its destructive effect on the quality of life of its residents," & that "the idea of attempting to keep persons, who are actively engaged in illegal activities associated with prostitution & drug trafficking, away from the most sensitive & stressed communities makes sense." Makes sense to who? Not to me, that's for sure! And who thinks that "mainstream residents" (& what does that mean?) are able, let alone unable to "support, guide or have a positive (what is that?) effect on their "less able" neighbours? I definitely don't define myself as 'mainstream', yet I certainly do not see myself less able than anyone I know. Actually, although I co-exist with the anonymous writers of this impact statement, I personally find that "they" are more of a problem for me than those they are considering "offenders". I guess each of our views reflect our location vis-a-vis "the neighbourhood."

I consider the people referred to in the statement as "offenders" with "problems" as people too, with lives of their own, trying to stay alive. I share the public space of Strathcona with them. I have two children & I feel that one way they can educate themselves is by experiencing this neighbourhood as it is. As a parent I can help them acquire the knowledge they need so they can make their own informed decisions on how to relate to situations they encounter in this neighbourhood. I believe that my quality of life as a Strathcona resident is vastly improved by an honouring of the unrestricted character of the neighbourhood, without interference or regulation. Perhaps some residents may have more "property" to protect than I. Perhaps some residents believe that they need to protect their children from exposure to the Strathcona environment. One option is for these 'some' residents to move out of this area. Or, they could wear blinders on their eyes, & pay individuals who are "able" to see the neighbourhood, to lead them around. Or they could take the time to have clean-up parties with their kids to pick up all the condoms & syringes. Or they could open up a room in their home for "drug traffickers & prostitutes" to hang out & do their business off the street. Or, 'they' could get together and establish a "public" Strathcona drop-in centre where "drug traffickers & prostitutes" could feel welcome. And, perhaps 'they' could get rid of the material possessions I assume they have a need to protect. I bet their homes would not be broken into as often. Or they could use some of their money to support some of the people trying to make a living off the streets. (Yes, just hand it over, in say \$50 in cash, with no strings attached.)

I believe that there are many ways to look at this issue. I'm not asking other residents to share my views. I don't believe that I am right. But I do believe that it's misleading to write a statement supposedly reflecting "a;" residents' views.

By JULIE SHILANDER
O. SPITZ

OUR ALPHABET OF TIME

What have we done with
all our years?

- A Aided, aired and acted
- B Baked, built, birthed, bandaged, bought
- C Carried, canned, created, chosen, comforted, cooked, counted, crawled, called, claimed, cancelled, and cried
- D Done, drained, decorated, drawn, divided, demonstrated, dieted, devoted, designed and dished up 40,000 meals
- E Eaten, earned, erected, emptied, erased, endured, embroidered, enlightened, entertained, explained and envied
- F Found, fixed, feared, favored, flung, flown and flavored
- G Given, gathered, gotten, grown
- H Held, heard, helped, hovered, harkened and hoped
- I Imagined, irritated, integrated and intrigued
- J Jested, joked, joined, judged and juggled
- K Kept, kidded, kicked, killed, keened and known
- L Loved, laughed, lingered, longed, learned and left
- M Made, married, managed, messed up, merged, mended, mentioned, marketed, missed, and meant to do my best
- N Nurtured, nursed and needed
- O Opened, owned, and ordered
- P Played, papered, printed, pushed, piled, planted, paid, plagued, pitied and prayed
- Q Questioned, quarreled, quieted and quested
- R Restored, restrained, ruffled, resolved, recycled and renewed
- S Saved, seen, sewn, stirred, scalloped, savoured, seasoned and been sometimes silly
- T Trusted, twisted, thrown, talked, taken, teased, torn, tied, typed, treasured, tried, thrust, toted up and taught
- U Used, urged, undone, uttered and undertook
- V Valued, verified, vented and vended
- W Watched, written, worried and woven, worked, weeded, wept and worshipped
- X X-ed out the false and ugly hoping to eXcel in beauty and in wisdom
- Y Yearned, yelled, yawned and set the Yule log blazing
- Z Zeroed in on life at this zenith of our years

GRAM

NATURE'S WITNESS

Amid Autumn's array; Blushed by Sun's light,
a presence is felt
from peaceful insight,
Dancing nearby like a kind summer breeze,
It touches our souls
and frolics with leaves.
The Spirit is playful, inspired by love;
He seeks out the ones whose faith
rests above.
Communion with Him is seen through the trees.
"I'm over here," He muses,
"I'm over there... hey it's okay,
don't be afraid,
it's only Me."
Who will listen to His voice?
It's more than words.
We make a choice.
Spiritually wise are we that behold,
His windy disguise
made manifold.

Rita Woodman



American Nightmare

The federal government attacks on our social programs are making our country more like the United States. Big business calls it becoming more competitive. I call it destroying Canada.

Most of the countries of Western Europe such as Germany, France, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden & Norway have better social programs, more employ-

ment & higher & fairer taxes than we have. And they have stronger economies as well, proving that social spending & higher & fairer taxes don't hurt economic growth. Canada should be following the example of these countries.

The Mulroney (Tory) gov't, however, is following the example of the U.S., a country with the worst social justice record of all the industrial countries. Here are some figures on U.S. injustice. Most of them are taken from a series of articles called "The Fraying Of Our Social Safety Net", written by Linda McQuaig & printed by the Toronto Star.

1. The US poverty rate of 18.1% is about 3 times the poverty rate of the major European countries.
2. In the US, 54.2% of children in single parent families live in poverty. In Canada, 37.1% of children in single parent families live in poverty. In France the rate is 13.1% and in Sweden the rate is 5.2%. In other words, the poverty rate for children in single parent families in the US is 10 times higher than it is in Sweden.
3. The US has the highest infant mortality rate of all industrial countries.
4. Afro-American men in Harlem are less likely to reach the age of 65 than men in Bangladesh.
5. Young US males are 5 times more likely to be murdered than young males in other industrial countries.
6. Norway puts approximately 20 out of every 100,000 people in prison. Canada, being a less egalitarian country than Norway, puts approximately 100 out of every 100,000 people in prison. The US, being the least egalitarian country out of all industrial nations, puts about 260 out of every 100,000 people in prison.

This American nightmare is the model toward which the Mulroney (Tory) gov't is steering us. And it doesn't have to happen. The major countries of Europe aren't giving up on social democracy, & they can be the model for us to follow.

By SANDY CAMERON

DOWNTOWN STD Clinic - Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm.
 EASTSIDE FREE MEDICAL CLINIC - Mon, Wed, Friday: 5:30-7:30pm.
 YOUTH NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; every day 9am - 5pm.
 ACTIVITIES Needle Exchange Van - on the street Mon-Sat evenings.
 SOCIETY N.A. meets every Monday night at 223 Main Street.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets daily at 59 Powell, 10-2:30.

1992 DONATIONS: Cement Masons-\$100
 Keith C.-\$20 Paula R.-\$20
 Nancy W.-\$100 Colleen E.-\$25
 Luba P.-\$10 Stuart M.-\$50
 Robert -\$10 CEEDS -\$50
 Rotary Club of Chinatown -\$767.15
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 DERA - \$500 The Old Sailor -\$40 Tom-\$5
 Legal Services -\$950 PLURA -\$800
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Carnegie
 NEWSLETTER

THE NEWSLETTER IS A PUBLICATION OF THE
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 contributors and not of the Association.

NEED HELP ?

The Downtown Eastside Residents' Association
 can help you with:



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

Come into the DERA office at 9 East Hastings St
 or phone us at 682-0931.

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

DERA HAS BEEN SERVING THE
 DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE FOR 19 YEARS

at a meatingful caucus

Five half spring chickens
Rotate on a barbeque spit
Arousing most people's taste buds
Their wallets and who can afford it,
Four lambchops
Laid out on a rock
Knew where a good shipment came
And because of a recession who's to blame?
Three breaded pork chops
Placed in a pan

Compared prices with more or less fat
Which almost caused a bacon ban
Two beef-steaks, sitting on a platter
One was lean and the other fatter
They wondered about high food costs
And if lowered, would it matter?
Ground beef, number one, tops the list
But we wonder why it's called hamburger
Who cares cause it serves the economy well
So all high meat prices can go to hell

PS: Incidentally, does anyone know what meat by-products consist of? This message is directly from the horse's mouth.

Verna Johnston

bingo \$
\$ **CASH**
at
CARNEGIE
EVERY
6:30 Wed.

VICTORIA - A review of BC's legislation on adoption was announced by Social Services Minister Joan Smallwood. "Beginning this month, my staff will be reviewing the Adoption Act with communities & organisations that have indicated a wish to see it reflect the changing social values around adoption," Smallwood said. "The current act was written in 1957 & there is a need to bring it into the nineties."

THE LOST METIS

When I arrived in my first big city, which was Edmonton, Alberta, the big buildings looked like giants to me & the little buildings looked liked midgets.

I was a lost little boy spiritually, physically, mentally & emotionally in all ways. That was at the age of 16. When I saw the red light it reminded me of the red man who I am. The yellow light reminded me of the yellow race & the green light reminded me of the Mother Earth. The little white man inside the box reminded me of me when I was little, because I was lost in two worlds.

I was hoboing around & I drank alcohol, smoked dope & thought I had no problems. My Mom was so worried that she sent the police to look for me & they took me home. I did not get a licking but I got scolded & that was the experience in the big city. The sidewalk reminded me of the road to hell, & I realized that we are all in hell. God loves you so do I.

Terry Flamond

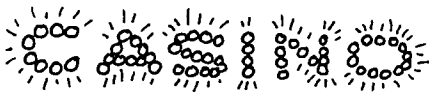
A SLICE OF LIFE -
Withdrawal - 2nd Month

My nerves feel like a constant exposure to the sound of fingernails scratching downward on a blackboard. Irrational anger flashes out of my eyes and, like a boomerang, returns in the disguise of shame.

It's a severe freedom from a long chain of drugs, but logic tells me that the 'pain' will pass in time and the freedom will remain.

G.Gust

"The Community Panel Report into Family & Child Services introduced the ideas of 'kinship' & 'openness' in adoption. The members recommended allowing a continuing bond between the adopted child and the birth family."



THE DREAM

TEN MINUTES LATER...

THE REALITY



POLITICS IS BIG CASINO:

Politics & real estate got together recently in the form of a letter of approval from the Carnegie Association Board for the idea of turning an empty bank building across the street into a casino.

You may have seen the ads for casino on T.V. that depict only rich, happy winners. It's built around the popular song that goes... "Come on baby, let the good times roll, Come on baby let it thrill my soul." at which point a flashing red neon dollar sign leaps off the screen & beats your brains out.

Some Association board people say they approved the casino idea so the building would remain the same, thus not disrupting the sacred character of this area, known to most outsiders as Skid Road, & funded to the tune of a cool one hundred million dollars per year by our Victorian government. Apparently this is interpreted as \$5000 per head, which is, hypothetically speaking, the amount they claim to be spending on you every year to provide the politically correct "services" you probably don't use.

Anyway, casinos (ie: gambling stores) are & will be popping up everywhere in the

new world order - since their money-making potential is used by governments to con the people into thinking their frequent use will do away with taxes, which it never does (Sales tax, by the way, is a sort of punishment for "sins" - it may actually be the reason we have a S.I.N. card) - you know...you like a cigarette, you sinner... you love to drink & do drugs you unrepentant downtown skid road resident so we'll make you pay prices that are ten times more than the actual cost price of that item..you sinner!

Your gov't (NDP) is planning a 6 to 8 lane freeway corridor right down Hastings...Your government that boasted of saving you from freeways is doing this to punish you (sinners)... you mere pedestrians who don't own the kind of powerful luxury car Moe Sihota drives, for instance.

Believe me, these are blind people - & as J.C. pointed out. the blind lead the blind,...but those without leaders, well that's another matter to deal with in another pigeon hole park we might get around to some day.

TORA

a response...



It's a nifty graphic, often true. Bingo is gambling; casinos, at least in Canada, have \$5 limits, the rationalisations maybe don't cut much ice if you are philosophically opposed to gambling. Okay.

The one that wants to buy the old Bank of Montreal building is currently in the Mandarin Centre down the street. They've been in the neighbourhood for years. The only ones who can hold a licence to have a casino or bingo are charities. This includes Carnegie Association, DEYAS, DERA, DE Women's Centre, Ray-Cam, & scores of

other local community groups. Direct gov't funding is hard to get..more difficult to hold onto..& almost never goes to pay for what these groups spend money on.

In Carnegie that's virtually all the stuff that is announced at each Board meeting under "monthly expenditures".

It's not the NDP that's trying to cram a 6-8 lane freeway down Hastings, it's the NPA - the majority at City Hall. They've been trying for about 20 years.

"Politically correct" services? It costs more than \$5000 to provide some crucial services for people who need certain ones, like a lot of the mental health emergency people; the breakdown of what goes where in that \$100 million wasn't given, but it includes detox, emergency medical aid, crisis intervention, housing, and so on.



"Lotteries are a tax on fools."
- Sam Slanders

"Somebody's gonna win."
- some kid.

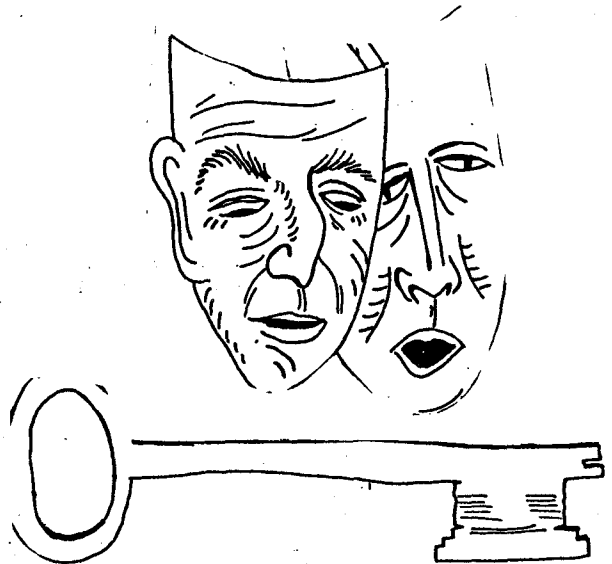
Again, no apologies or simple rationalisations, but making relocating a casino by a block-&-a-half the worst thing that could happen is a bit much.

PRT

Well brothers & sisters, we have a big problem happening here in the Downtown Eastside. Many of our people on the street & in hotels have been dying from a well-known disease: alcoholism.

I have an uncle who has recently been hospitalised from drinking this killer out of the bottle. We all know it as Ginseng Wine, which anyone can purchase from Chinese food stores. This wine is known to the Liquor License people as a "cooking" wine; it's not classified as liquor & is not sold in liquor stores. It contains up to 37% alcohol & is causing death. We can do something about this.

I know that by now many of you are asking "Just who does this woman think she is?"...well let me tell you. I care for all these people out there, many drinking because there seems to be nothing else to do when money comes their way. I know that I can't make them stop drinking but I can at least show that I care... we all need to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. They need some help, maybe in getting medical attention..going to a clinic & talking with a doctor who is willing to help them with their drinking problem. They could organise with a doctor to get



into treatment, either through MSS or by Indian Affairs for Native clients.

For us, there needs to be a change in the law to get Ginseng Wine recognised as a liquor. With this in place, no Ginseng Wine could be sold in corner stores.

By MARGARET PREVOST



**TENANTS RIGHTS
ACTION COALITION**

TENANT SURVIVAL AWARDS - INFORMATION SHEET

Date:

Advocate:

Organization:

Phone:

TENANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____ Work: _____ Hours: _____

Gender: _____

Age: Under 20 20-30 30-40 40-50 50-60 60-70 Older _____

AWARD CATEGORIES

(Give particulars on reverse)

SECURITY DEPOSIT RIPOFF _____	SHARED/LICENSEE _____
REPAIRS/SERVICES _____	ILLEGAL ENTRY _____
HARRASSMENT _____	FAMILY DISCRIMINATION _____
OUTRAGEOUS RENT INCREASE _____	TERMS IN A TENANCY _____
EVICITION (specify) _____	RENT INCREASE (NOTICE) _____
RENT INCREASE (From _____ To _____)	OTHER _____

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OTHER INFORMATION

Where did the incident take place?

Has this been arbitrated?

What was the outcome?

Please provide further information regarding the dispute.

Follow Up Done (note date):

Advocate:

Comments:

We would appreciate receiving these intake forms no later than April 9, 1993.
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