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The Great Media Sell-Out

In the past decade the Reagan/Bush(mulroney) administrations gave print & electronic media owners "permission" to create giant, monopolistic media empires. In return, the media looked the other way while the administrations committed high crimes & misdemeanours & then lied about it.

Corporate Crime Dwarfs Street Crime

While the press continues to alarm the public with stories of street crime & violence, corporate crime & violence grows at an accelerated pace safely away from the media's spotlight.

The On-To-Ottawa Caravan is converging on the capitol from the west, the east & the north. Literally hundreds of thousands of people now know something about the North American Free Trade Agreement - NAFTA - that is almost impossible to get from national, daily TV, radio & news.



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OPPOSE NAFTA

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CANADA PLACE
TRADE & CONVENTION CENTRE**

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Spring

The birds are singing
and bees are humming,
The earth is coming alive
after a hard winter,
The grass that was brown
is coming green again,
The buds on the tree
are forming leaves again,
Soon summer will be
here in its splendor...

Summer

The flowers have bloomed
and the trees are pollinating,
Everything is harmonizing
with the animal world,
The human race is having babies
and the animal world is doing the same,
The world in summertime
is full of splendor...

The Fall

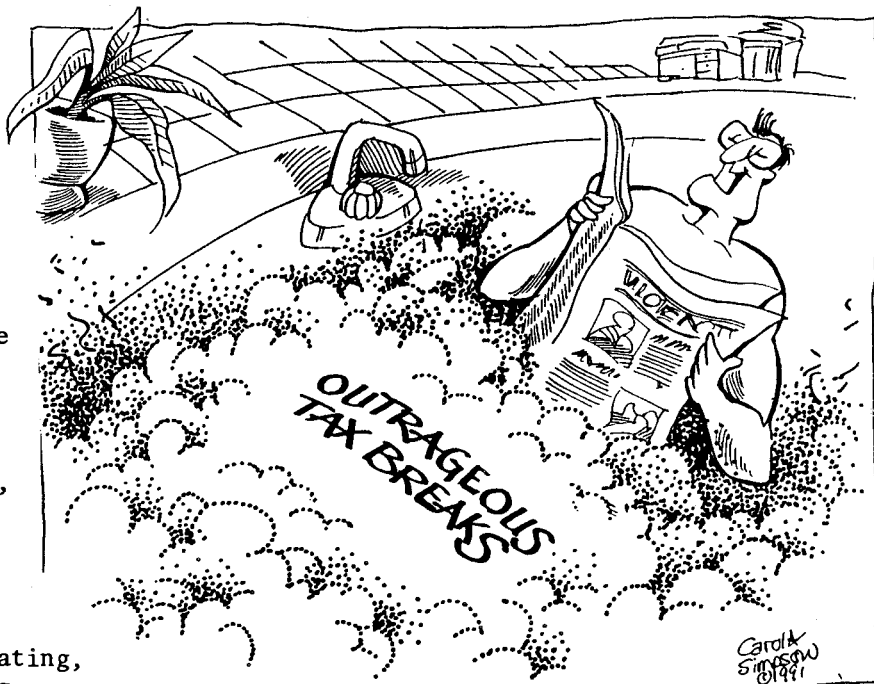
In the fall we are getting ready
for the harsh winter,
The leaves are falling, making compost,
animals are working furiously
for a winter supply,
the human race is patching and
putting down the hatches,
Old Man Winter is coming
everybody wants to be warm and cozy...

Old Man Winter

Everything is frozen solid
The snow blows in drifts, ten feet high,
Blizzards blow howling through day & night
causing disruption all through the country,
Soon the winter will go away

in some places,
and Spring will be here again,
and start all over again!

Barry Saunders,



"HMMM...SOAK THE RICH-WHAT AN UTTERLY DELIGHTFUL IDEA!"

Whose Afraid Of The Big Bad Deficit?

The fear of a huge national debt is being used by big business, the corporate media, and the Tory gov't in Ottawa as a club to force Canadians to accept cut-backs in social programs, education & health care.

Are our national & provincial debts so out of control that we have to start dismantling these important parts of our society on which our democracy depends? Where can we find the information for a balanced view of the deficit when our Canadian media deals, for the most part, in big business propaganda?



time will tell
the truth
& as the wind is free
so will we be -
strong & enduring
Sandy Beech

When World War Two ended, Canada's national debt, relative to the national income, was more than twice as large as it is now. No one said the country was ruined at that time. No one declared national bankruptcy. Interest rates & unemployment were low & the economy was healthy. The greater part of that debt was paid off within 10 years.

When people are working they can pay off their debts. Think of a home owner who has an income of \$60,000 a year & a \$100,000 mortgage. In this case the debt is 166% of the individual's income, but the banks consider the person a good risk. This person has a decent job at a decent wage & will pay the debt without difficulty, providing that the job doesn't disappear. Full employment at decent wages is an important way to fight the deficit.

The rise of our national debt over the past 20 years has not been caused by excessive gov't spending. Spending on social programs has actually gone down in terms of a share of the total wealth Canada produces in a year. High interest rates are a major cause of the high deficit; interest rate reduction is an important way to control the deficit.

The next article will show that 50% of Canada's debt crisis is due to the failure of gov't to collect taxes from the wealthy and large corporations.

By SANDY CAMERON

Up all nite (listening) to CFRO
Co-op Radio is the only sane
way to (be) hear, in the mood
and be heard: raise u voice
U and the community
join in & create the future with
visions of reality to come
...start with us now.

Dread Serious

My heart feels like pieces of
broken mirror,
Ground up like sand
(that's been) melted & fused
back into glass.

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HOW THE NEWS REALLY WORKS...

WE ARE A FAIR AND
PROSPEROUS NATION!

EVERYTHING
IS FINE N DANDY!

THE
GOV'T
SAYS
WE'RE
DOING
GOOD!

WELL...I GUESS
WE SHOULD
COUNT OUR-
SELVES LUCKY
TO BE SO
WELL-OFF...
THEY WOULDN'T
SAY IT IF IT
WASN'T
TRUE...



Another reprinted article. The first idea was to skim through it, take out the essential stuff & print that. It's all crucial to understand the flow of corporate thinking. The paper it's from is called Changing Economies: Free Trade & the Global Agenda. The authors are a group of women in Toronto; they're part of a growing coalition of women's organisations called -

Woman to Woman Global Strategies

(the 2nd half will be here next issue)

I. INTRODUCTION

After 4 years under the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the majority of Canadians continue to oppose free trade. That's not surprising.

The dramatic restructuring of Canada's economy which the FTA opened the door to has profoundly affected the lives, families, communities, and work places of millions of Canadians.

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This economic crisis is part of a political reorganizing in which the needs and rights of the majority -- women, people of colour, peoples of the First Nations, lesbians and gay men, immigrants, disabled people, children, and workers -- are being abandoned in favour of corporate demands.

These corporate demands, often dubbed "the corporate agenda," include:

- * deregulation of services, eg. airlines, transportation and communication;
- * privatization of publically-owned and managed companies and services;
- * the free movement of capital to where labour and resources are cheapest, without taking into account that "labour" is people and people can't move with the ease of capital investment;
- * governments that serve corporations, not people's or communities' needs and legislation that meets corporate needs, not ours.
- * an ideology that sees "competition" and "efficiency" as essential for economic well-being.

The effects of this agenda are being felt across the continent: In Canada, we know very well the disasters wrought by the Mulroney government since 1984. In the United States, the Bush administration has devastated the lives of millions of US citizens in its pursuit of a brutal right-wing agenda. In Mexico, under the Salinas government, the standard of living for millions of people has fallen dramatically.

Now we face the prospect of a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Free Trade Agreements have become a central component of the corporate agenda. In effect, NAFTA entrenches the corporate agenda, in what is being called an economic constitution for North America.

Popular movements in Canada, the United States, Mexico and beyond share a common concern and a common struggle against this agenda.

II. WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS ANYWAY?

A quick historical review

The "Recession" and the "Debt Crisis"

After two decades of post-war economic boom in the 1950s and 1960s in the countries of the West, the world economic system entered a period of crisis in the mid-1970s -- "the Recession". Signs of the crisis included high rates of inflation, increasing national debts, declining rates of economic growth and trade deficits.

The dominant player in the world economy, the United States, was itself in economic chaos. The US was contending with increased competition from Western Europe and Japan. The debt that the US built up from its massive spending on the Viet Nam War, as well as increased oil prices with the creation of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), contributed to international inflation and financial instability.

Many previously colonized countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America had been attempting to strengthen national industries to produce for domestic consumption during the 1960s, with the aim of reducing their dependence on expensive imports from North America and Europe. In the 1970s things began to change for these countries too. By the end of the 1970s banks had to find borrowers for the US dollars that had flowed in as a result of the dramatic rise in oil prices. They encouraged "developing" countries to borrow massive amounts of money.

Developing countries needed to export to earn dollars to pay interest on these loans. But prices for the commodities they were exporting (tin, bananas, sugar, etc.) fluctuated tremendously. Over time, "terms of trade"

were declining. That means, for example, that countries had to export more and more tons of sugar in order to earn enough dollars to import a tractor, for example.

When international interest rates jumped astronomically at the beginning of the 1980s, it became impossible for these countries to meet their debt payments. By 1982, the banks were telling us that the inability of the debtor countries to pay was creating a crisis in the international financial system.

The truth of the matter is that the real "Debt Crisis" is the devastation, poverty and despair created in debtor

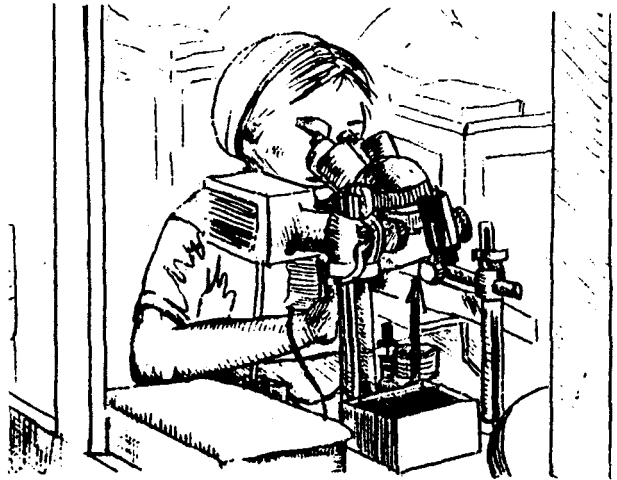
countries because the resources that could be used to improve the quality of life for their people are continually being sucked out of their national economies to make interest payments.

The crisis of the 1970s and early 1980s was felt by Canadians as well. Thousands of people were out of work and inflation decreased our purchasing power. Canada's own debt was increasing, both the portion of it owed domestically and especially the portion owed by Canadian individuals, corporations, and governments to banks and investors outside Canada. Higher interest rates increased our national debt and made our personal debts insupportable. We began to lose our homes, our farms, our small businesses. The very existence of many communities was threatened.

The "globalization" of the economy

By the 1970s, technological changes in transportation and communication were changing the way business was done. At the same time international tariffs and trade barriers began to come down through the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) negotiations. Both these factors -- driven by increased corporate competition for profit -- contributed to the growth of transnational corporations, which came to dominate and reshape national economies.

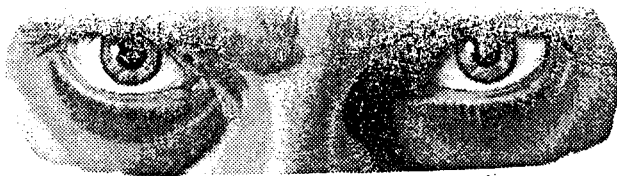
With the growth of the transnationals, it became harder and harder to ensure that Canadians -- or Mexicans or Brazilians or Americans for that matter -- would benefit from the jobs and economic spin-offs from the



production of the goods they themselves would consume. This is because it was no longer necessary for companies to locate their factories in the country where they sold their products.

Corporations could locate wherever labour was cheapest and wherever standards were lowest. Canadian workers began to hear that because of the gains we had made in our standard of living and working conditions, we were no longer able to "compete" in this global labour market.

The structure of Canada's economy made us especially vulnerable to these changes in the global economy. Like the "developing" countries, Canada too was heavily dependent on the export of raw materials and semi-processed goods. Our industrial development has been largely based on "branch plants" of US corporations and has been concentrated in central Canada. Even the traditionally protected industries producing for the domestic market in Canada, such as auto parts and the garment industry, became vulnerable to this increasingly internationally-integrated economy.



Asking The Right Question

The Response: A New International Corporate Agenda

The first response to the "crisis" by many national political, business, and labour leaders in Canada in the mid-1970s was to advocate continued government involvement in building and supporting our domestic economy.

This included such things as: government subsidies for regional development mega-projects like the Hibernia Oil project, the Tar Sands, and the development of the Atlantic Fisheries; government-supported development of high tech industries like Northern Telecom; and the development of "managed" sectoral trading agreements such as the Canada-US "Auto Pact". There was also a limited expansion of social programs.

But by the early 1980s another agenda was taking shape -- something called neo-liberalism. The name comes from the 19th Century "liberal" economists who

believed that the "invisible hand" of capitalism and the market should be left to guide the economy without any intervention from governments. Under this free market capitalism, it was assumed that things would simply take care of themselves and everyone would prosper.

Led by the Business Council on National Issues (BCNI), which is the national lobby group of big business, the neo-liberal agenda was taking hold in Canada. This agenda advocated a deregulated economy where business was to be left a free hand.

"Flexibility" and "competitiveness" were the buzzwords of the new agenda -- a free trade economy in which capital could move freely, nationally and internationally, without regard for the social needs and political demands of communities and workers. Government spending on social programs, which was considered to be "out of control" and burdening us with increasing deficits, was to be reduced at all costs.

In the indebted countries of the Third World, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank were able to impose the neo-liberal agenda by dictating new national economic policies to debtor governments as a pre-condition for further loans. These new loans were to enable indebted countries to pay the interest on their original debt -- a vicious circle of debts to pay debts.

IMF policies have different implications for women and men in the indebted country, because women and men usually have such dissimilar relationships to family maintenance, waged employment, public services and public policy-making. If a government does decide to adopt the IMF package, feeding a family and maintaining its members' health will become more taxing. Food will cost more, while income coming into the household is likely to fall.

Much depends on the skill and willingness of women -- as wives and single mothers. if women can figure out ways to stretch the kerosene and cooking oil, if women can find more ways to earn a bit of money in the casual labour sector, if women can provide demoralized men in their families with emotional support, if women are willing to care for a sick child without resorting to the public clinic.

The "debt crisis" is providing many middle-class women in Britain, Italy, Singapore, Canada, Kuwait and the United States with a new generation of domestic servants. When a woman from Mexico, Jamaica or the Philippines decides to emigrate in order to make money as a domestic servant she is designing her own international debt politics. She is trying to cope with the loss of earning power and the rise in the cost of living at home by cleaning bathrooms in the country of the bankers. (*Making Feminist Sense of International Politics, Bananas Beaches and Bases* by Cynthia Enloe, 1990, p. 185).

The conditions imposed by the IMF and World Bank are called **Structural Adjustment Programs** and they look pretty much the same everywhere. Some of the key elements include:

- * cuts in government spending on basic public services such as health care, and education;
- * ending subsidies on staple foodstuffs and other basic needs such as oil and electricity;
- * the re-direction of the national economy towards export rather than production for domestic needs, in order to earn dollars to pay the debt.

These kinds of measures certainly sound familiar in the economy to make it work in the interests of the majority of Canadians.

The FTA stops us from imposing controls on the practices of US-based transnationals operating in Canada. It stops us from requiring that at least some part of the processing of Canadian resources takes place in Canada before they are exported. It stops the Canadian government from assuring that a certain proportion of the goods and services used by government and public corporations be Canadian. It stops the Canadian government from protecting our basic resources like water and energy.

In Canada we've already witnessed unprecedented job losses since the FTA was signed. 511,000 in manu-

to Canadians. We are reeling under them ourselves. But for countries where basic standards of health, education, and working conditions are much lower than those we have, the effects have been absolutely devastating.

By 1990, when the tri-national Canada-US-Mexico trade agreement was proposed, the people of Mexico had already lived through a decade of neo-liberal "structural adjustment". This "restructuring" of their economy has coincided with 60% decline in buying power for Mexican workers, and an increase in un and underemployment from 1.8 million to 7.8 million. In 1990, the unemployment rate for young adults was 50%.

III. FREE TRADE AND NAFTA

On August 22, 1992, after 14 months of negotiations between the U.S., Mexico and Canada, trade negotiators announced the completion of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Despite the numerous ceremonial "signings", NAFTA must still be passed by the legislative bodies in all three countries before it can come into effect.

NAFTA provides a continental legal framework under which the kinds of changes we have outlined above will be instituted. It is, in essence, the expansion of the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA) which was implemented in 1988.

The FTA already ties the hands of the Canadian government, severely restricting its ability to intervene facturing alone, 65% of which are estimated to be permanent lost. In Ontario alone there is an estimated 500 full-time jobs lost per day, and an average of 1 plant closing a day. One and a half million of Canadians are unemployed with a current UI rate of 11.6% (September 1992).

The Canadian Labour Congress* identified a number of key ways in which NAFTA deepens the impact of the FTA:

1. **NAFTA is more binding on the provinces than the FTA.** Within 2 years, Canada will have to present a list of all current provincial legislation which violate the provisions of NAFTA. Some of these may be specifically exempted, while others might be disallowed. Any new provincial legislation will have to be consistent with the rules of NAFTA.

2. **The FTA introduced the extension of the "free market" into the service sector. NAFTA carries this extension a step further.** It further opens up Canadian telecommunications to American competition. It also opens up land transportation (trucking, rail and bus services) to US companies. We could no longer require that some proportion of Canada's exports to the US be transported by Canadian carriers.

3. **NAFTA secures the so-called "Intellectual Property Rights" of transnational companies.** The clearest example of this is the 20 year patent rights given to pharmaceutical companies under NAFTA -- and entrenched in Canadian legislation under proposed Bill C-91. This gives the transnational drug companies a 20 year monopoly on the production and marketing of new drugs before a "generic" version of their product could be copied. It is estimated that this will cost Canadians an additional \$500 million a year in drug costs.

4. **NAFTA weakens our ability to insist on high health and safety, environmental, and labour standards.** Any new standards introduced by one of the three countries will have to pass the test of not creating "unnecessary obstacles to trade." This means, in effect, that all standards could be reduced to the lowest common level. The lowest level would be whatever the official international standard is. These standards are often weak and ineffective. For instance, the international food standards allow levels of residues of pesticides like DDT far above those allowed by Canadian standards. And there is nothing in NAFTA to prevent countries from violating basic labour rights like minimum wages and the right to unionize in order to attract new investment.

5. **NAFTA further ties the hands of the Canadian government in terms of regulating investment.** We can no longer insist that foreign purchasers of Canadian companies transfer expertise or product lines to Canada, or that they give Canadians the top jobs. We can no longer create publicly owned monopolies to provide services to Canadians on any "non-commercial" basis ie. we could not create a new airline which would serve isolated Northern communities at subsidized rates.

6. **NAFTA undermines our ability to challenge arbitrary US Trade laws.** Under the FTA and NAFTA, the only right of appeal Canada has if the US decides that we are unfairly subsidizing some export is to go to a special tribunal to determine if US trade law has been fairly applied! Unfair subsidies might include such things as grants for technological development, regional development programs, income support programs for fishermen, etc.



7. **NAFTA creates new regulatory bodies which will control the exercise of national sovereignty.** Increasingly, crucial economic and political decisions which affect us all will not be made by our elected governments but by a special North American Free Trade Commission.

Supporters of NAFTA tell us that the free trade agreement is a "win-win-win" situation where Canadian, American and Mexican workers will all gain. They say that although some jobs will be lost to Mexico, newly prosperous Mexican workers will create new markets for our exports, so we all win.

But the essence of free trade is that it means more freedom for corporations to roam the world looking for the cheapest place to locate. Experience has clearly shown that corporations are attracted to Mexico precisely because Mexican wages, working conditions, and environmental standards are lower. Free trade does not mean more freedom or more options for workers. The only option being offered to workers is to accept the jobs that are offered to them, no matter what the wage.

Mexican workers are not being paid the kind of wages that would allow them to become consumers of products made by Canadian workers. Rather, we are being pitted against each other internationally in a competitive global economy that will push all our wages down. In fact, we are all in a "lose-lose-lose" situation, where the only winners are those who make the profits from improved global corporate "efficiency" and "competition". As Maude Barlow describes it: NAFTA amounts to a Corporate Bill of Rights and Freedoms.

NAFTA's scope is not limited to US, Mexico and Canada. NAFTA is part of Bush's Enterprise for the Americas which is intended to create a free trade area in the entire hemisphere. To enter NAFTA, other countries must first demonstrate a commitment to economic reform, protecting US investment and privatising public enterprises. These programs can only strength the power of transnational corporations at the expense of development strategies to meet the needs of the poor majority.



IAN LINDSAY/Vancouver Sun

IN DEMAND, veteran dumpster-diver Joe Rivard (left) helps Ken Lyotier check out life in the trash lane.

ROBERT SARTI

Vancouver Sun

After spending 20 years trolling the back lanes of Vancouver for beer cans and bottles at \$5 a day, Joe Rivard has earned the right to call himself a professional.

And now he's even getting paid a \$10 consultant's fee to advise the provincial government on the finer points of dumpster-diving.

"It's recycling, pure and simple," says the 61-year-old former miner.

"I got my TV out of the garbage. Works good, too. I take groceries in cans if they are okay."

Rivard is one of dozens of dumpster-divers who will come in out of the lanes Thursday to attend a workshop on "beverage-container recycling."

The workshop will pick their brains on how to expand the system of deposits and refunds to encourage recycling of more of the 750-million containers that get dumped every year in B.C.

Right now, provincial legislation

requires beer cans and bottles to carry a 10-cent deposit to encourage recycling through government liquor stores and depots.

Pop bottles carry a five-cent deposit, but corner-store operators discourage large returns by dumpster-divers and most simply get thrown away.

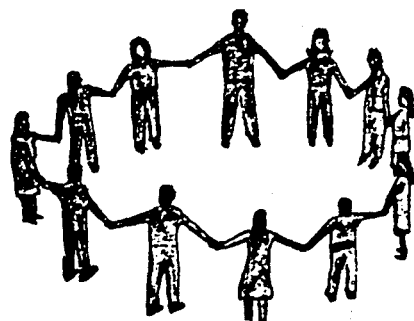
Rivard doesn't even bother picking up pop bottles on his runs through the West End and downtown.

"There is no place to cash them, don't ask me why — too much trouble (for the corner stores), I guess," he said.

Rivard has an artificial leg after losing his own leg in an automobile accident in 1975, but he doesn't let that slow him down.

"What choice do I have?" he asked. "When you're on welfare, you don't have much left after buying groceries."

Workshop organizer Ken Lyotier, of the non-profit group Save Our Living Environment, said the num-



ber of dumpster-divers in Vancouver is growing with the bad times.

"There are hundreds out there, probably thousands in the province,

and the competition in some places is getting intense," he said.

Lyotier, whose biggest finds in the garbage were a lump of gold worth

\$65 and a winning \$45 lottery ticket, thinks the provincial government should train dumpster-divers to run collection depots for pop, wine and juice bottles and to operate sorting and crushing machines.

"They could be paid for part-time work or offered supplements on welfare," he said.

"There are millions of dollars in deposits that are never collected, just kept by the manufacturers. Our people want to work. It's a messy business, but it's socially useful."

The workshop Thursday starts at 10 a.m. at Carnegie Community Centre. A followup session will be held Monday at noon at the Continental Hotel Seniors Centre, 1067 Seymour.

Participants will be paid \$10 honorariums out of a fund contributed by First United Church and Ray-Cam Community Centre.

Lyotier said the social services and housing ministry contributed \$600, but stipulated the money must be used for materials and not for honorariums.



THE HAPPENIN' AT MURPHY'S PUB

I live at the Clarence Hotel which is directly above Murphy's. Early evening when I would go out, they would have an act which would change every next day.

Ah! I thought - an opportunity for the Carnegie musicians to show-case & perhaps find employment. I made the proposal to several players; they approached the manager & he offered us Saturday, 8-10 pm.

Dean brought his amp & guitar. Bruce S. brought an electric patch cord, a mike & his new Hagstrom guitar (an excellent instrument). Bear brought his guitar & more patch cords. Dave brought his superb talent & played excellently on house piano. Beaver showed & favoured us with his virtuosity. Katherine & Tora brought moral support & excellent company. Rosetta Stone played & sang like the star she should be.

The reason for using odds & ends of equipment was because of the Carnegie policy of non-use of equipment outside the building. We had for instance to use a pool cue rack weighted down with my VCR & tape to the side of the stage & also tape mikes to the top of the rack.

I would like to suggest a change to the equipment use policy in a way that the performers could pay an insurance policy for an evening...thus guaranteeing a sure return of equipment.

The program is set for people to learn to play and progress to a paying level of performance, but it's a farce to send out musical representative members with ludicrous equipment.

The show went well & we may get a paying gig, but in the future it would look better & more professional to send Carnegie representatives out without the apparent aura of stupidity & ineptness.

Insurance would guarantee return of equipment & a pool of musicians could provide monies that would cover the intermittent wait by renting equipment from Long and McQuade.

By TOM LEWIS

No, Possibly, Maybe, Probably, Certainly, Yes.

Consciousness is a mental route through a series of discrete states defined retroactively as existence. Oneself is then the amount of intention being applied to the series, an expression of emotional ferocity that creates such perceived necessities as "cause & effect", "contiguity" and "personality".

When in my early twenties, I was engaged in an offhand project to locate the ideal framework for a study of the possible concept of "quanta of event". Today I realized the search for such a framework was in fact the framework I had been upon all this time - a bridge over the abyss of those very quanta of event.

To study, to try, to conceptualize is always an hostility to the unstudied, to the untried, to the unconceptualized.

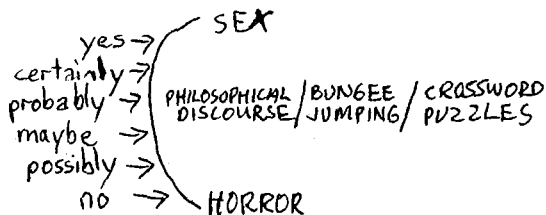
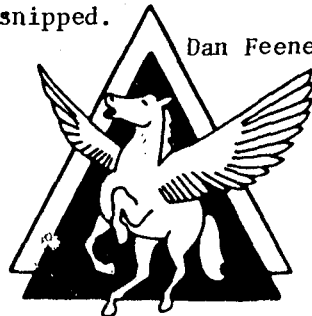


DIAGRAM OF BASIC SERIES PARAMETERS

To tell or recreate a dream is to place a circle flat against the linear - either by snipping it or by laying it on its side. Dream = 0; Recreation = ——— or —. Let the dream represent a quantum of event, with its directions (emotional, visual, tactile, etc., the body grammarized) and consciousness the "bridgework," the possibility of "series".

Poetry is the dream laid on its side, discourse the snipped.

Dan Feeney



Notes & thoughts from the kitchen and around the centre.

Atiba is back from her 3 month hiatus, & with her return of course there will be more shuffling of staff. Marty, who filled in so capably, has moved to the rec program in place of Bruce Jackson whom you may recall jumped ship a month or so ago to head back into the woods somewhere near Nelson.

Our beloved Director, Diane MacKenzie, has been attending to affairs of the area known as Downtown South for a number of months now and, through her diligence and foresight, it looks as though that project will finally get off the ground & provide a centre (the Continental Hotel, Helmcken & Nelson) for the people of that area much as Carnegie does for the people of the Downtown Eastside. To that end the City has seen fit to extend her leave from Carnegie until at least the end of '93. This means of course that the Acting Director, Donald MacPherson, will continue in that capacity until he loses what is left of his mind, or the job is officially filled by someone who desires to lose theirs.

On the 'what a bummer' side of things, our friend & colleague Sibyl Wagner was in a fairly serious accident on her hog last month & will be laid up until July. Our wishes for a speedy recovery are with her, especially since Sibyl is the one who looks after the money matters here at Carnegie, and my rent is due soon...

This being the time of year for special events, out trips & all kinds of extra activities the kitchen will be even more busy than usual (if that's possible) & we'd like to urge patrons who will be attending such events that any amount of help they can provide will be deeply appreciated, even seemingly minor efforts such as returning plates & cups to bus pans or wiping your tables are a big help to the staff & volunteers on the second floor.

Also we'd like to thank the organizers of the events of the recent past for doing such a great job in following through with the clean-up & organization of your own volunteer crew; things have definitely im-

proved in that vein lately. If this continues, the summer should be one of the best ever for us here in the kitchen, throughout the centre & in Oppenheimer, where we have some great things planned this year. A large tent top has been purchased to cover the entertainers, etc. for outdoor activities in the park, not that it'd ever rain..but it might get too hot for some.

Next time we'll do some comparisons on the goods sold here at our concession with prices at other places in the area & around town - should be interesting eh?

So til then...Happy Eating!!!

We are refuges of the heart
Self embrace
concern & unconditional love
only from those who care
but can't we all share
& be there for each other
in community/worldwide/universal
but

until we learn
our lessons
only then can we go beyond this
transitory trajectory toward
greater good
lesser evil
toward one love
in unity & peace with social justice
& freedom free 4 U & me
all together - US - no them's

Sandy B.Tree

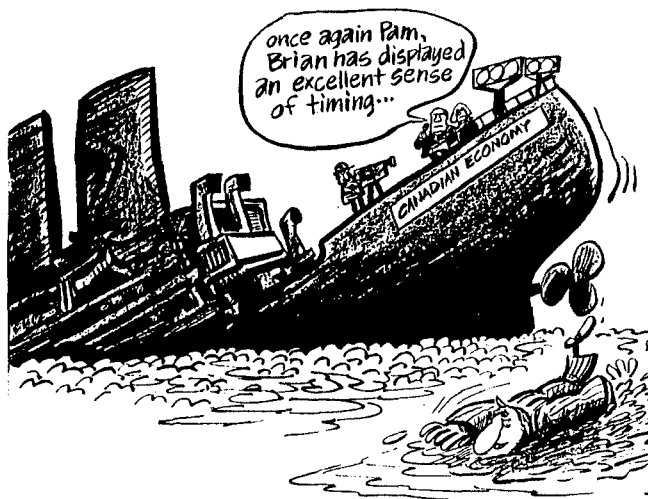
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Heer's a little pomeI writ

yesterday:
Old Uncle Ed
Fell outta bed
Busted his head
On some stale cornbread

Yours Trewly

Sam Slanders



CANADA POST FACT SHEET

A first-class stamp cost 17¢ when Canada Post became a crown corporation in 1981. It now costs 43¢ & it'll be 44¢ on Jan. 1. Many other postal rates have risen more.

Canada Post revenues have quadrupled to \$4 billion from \$1 billion since '81. Massive & repeated rate increases account for a major portion of this increase.

Canada Post had a deficit of more than \$600 million when it had revenues of about \$1 billion in '81. It still had a deficit of \$128 million last year despite revenues of \$4 billion.

Home delivery has been abolished in new subdivisions & new communities & replaced under Donald Lander's leadership with so-called supermailboxes that freeze in winter, attract dogs & are frequently littered with junk mail.

Canada Post has closed or privatized 1,300 rural post offices across Canada since Donald Lander was appointed post office president by Mulroney in 1986.

More than 300,000 service hrs/yr. were cut in rural post offices in 1991-92. Mail previously available to customers at 9am is now relegated to an "all-day-sort".

Rural postal buildings have been sold off at firesale prices & converted into private dwellings, private offices &, in some cases, pizza parlors.

Privatized postal outlets operate with poorly trained & poorly paid staff in gas

stations, beauty parlors, garages, grocery stores & grain elevators.

The average rural route mail carrier in Canada receives less than minimum wage after deducting expenses.

More than 3,000 rural post office jobs - 83% held by women - have been wiped out by Canada Post since 1986.

Canada Post consistently advertises on-time delivery of about 98%. This is highly misleading for 3 reasons. It's based on snail-paced delivery "standards"; small town & rural mail is not counted; tests to determine on-time rates are highly suspect because they are controlled by Canada Post.

Canada Post has the slowest mail delivery standards in the western world - two days locally, three days provincially & 4 days for out-of-province mail. These only apply in major population centres. Outside these centres there are no delivery standards at all. All mail in outlying areas is deemed "on time" no matter how long delivery takes.

In many countries, such as the United States, Britain & Australia (also in Europe), a large portion of mail is delivered the next day.

Mail delivery tests are supposed to be conducted independently by Ernst & Young of Toronto. In fact, Canada Post's contract with the auditing company dictates how the tests are carried out and gives Canada Post the right to withhold test results. Many aspects of the tests are routinely kept secret.

Canada Post mail volumes have roughly doubled since 1981 to about 10 billion pieces of mail each year. Junk mail accounts for most of the increase.

Canada Post's senior executive ranks have nearly doubled since 1986. There're now more than 70 vice-presidents, or executives of equivalent rank, at Canada Post. All are paid large salaries and in most years they get "performance" bonuses of 25%.

Canada Post President Donald Lander gets a salary of \$260,000 a year plus a performance bonus most years (25%) - \$312,000. His compensation package includes a wide

range of perks such as a chauffeur-driven limo, 1st-class air travel & lavish pension.

Canada Post is building a \$90 million new headquarters building in Ottawa to accommodate its large executive ranks.

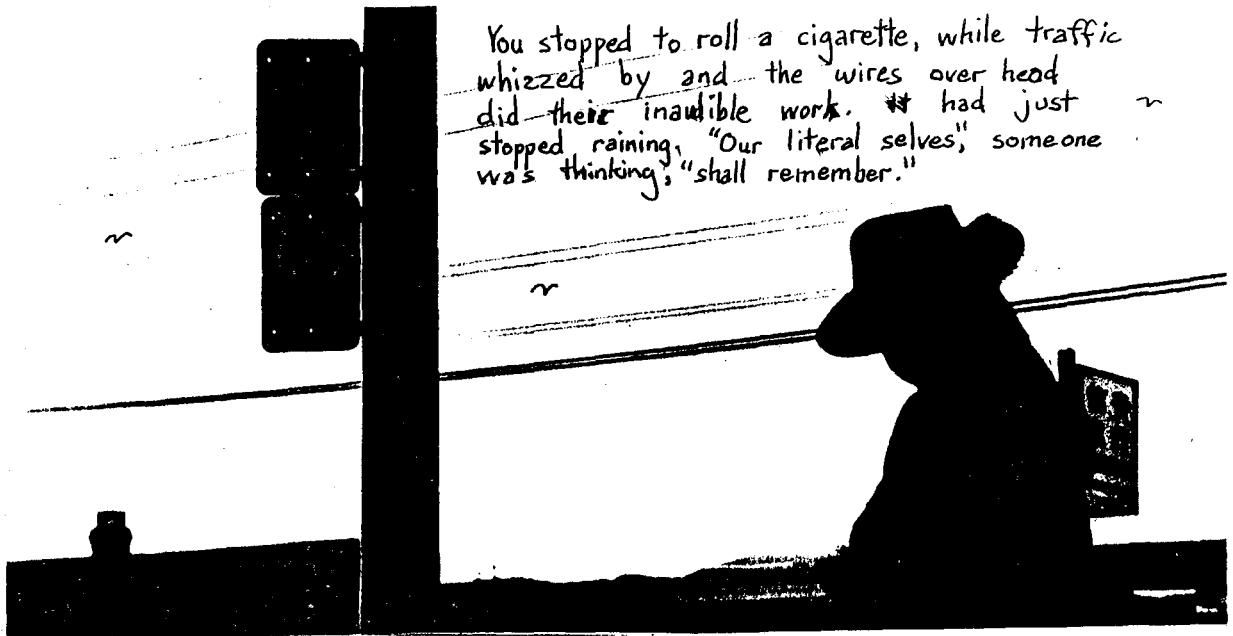
Canada Post executive perks include free automobiles, virtually unlimited expenses, corporate credit cards & private box seats at professional sports events such as Tor-

onto Blue Jays baseball & Ottawa Senators hockey games. 13.

Canada Post's unionized labour force is smaller now than it was in 1981 - down to about 57,000 employees from about 62,000. Unionized salaries, discounted for inflation, have declined since 1981.

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CANADA POST SPONSORSHIPS

Following is a PARTIAL list of events & activities sponsored in whole or in part by Canada Post Corporation. (Sources for list: newspaper articles, CBC Radio & TV, Hansard, Canada Post publications.)

Canada Post has NO legislative mandate to sponsor anyone or anything.

The Conservative Government of Canada & spokespersons for Canada Post justify these sponsorships as necessary business practices & claim the crown corporation thereby "contributes to Canadian Society."

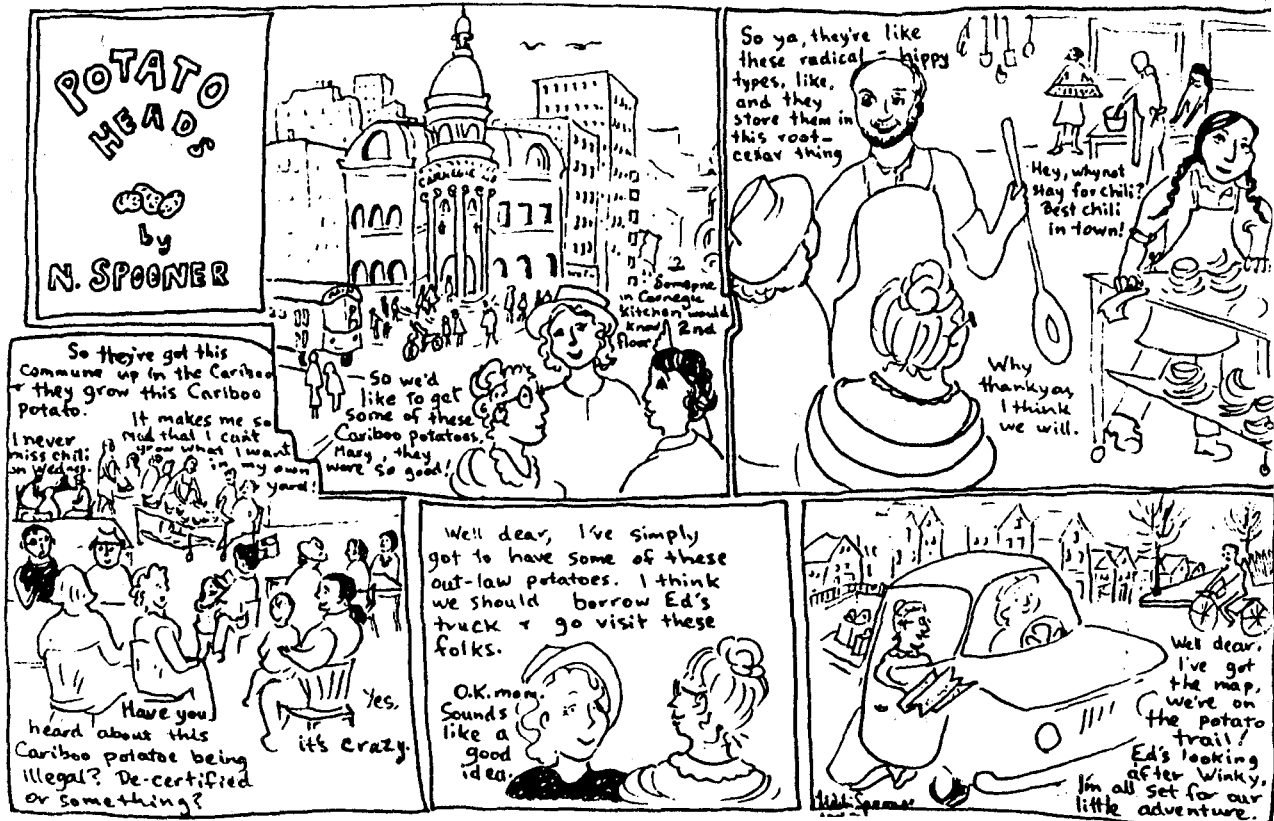
Why doesn't Canada Post contribute to Canadian society by keeping post offices open?

It is difficult to assess the total ex-

peditures made by Canada Post on sponsorships as this crown corporation is exempt from scrutiny by the Auditor General and from Access to Information legislation. (Perhaps we can offer a "fabulous trip for two" to Badger's Quay, Nfld. or Climax Sask. to anyone able to assign dollar figures to these sponsorships.)

- * boxes at all major sports facilities in the country, including a \$250,000 lease at Toronto's Skydome & a \$300,000 lease to view Edmonton Oilers hockey games
- * televised coverage of 1992 Olympics
- * 125 "Canada" celebrations

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HOW MUCH DOES A FAST FOOD HAMBURGER REALLY COST?

HUMAN HEALTH— Seventy percent of deaths are related to diet, particularly the overconsumption of beef & saturated animal fats. Red meat is directly linked to heart disease, strokes & cancer of the colon and breast.

WORLD HUNGER— At a time when nearly a billion people suffer from chronic hunger, more than 1/2 of all grain grown in the world is fed to cattle & other livestock. That's enough to give every child, woman and man a meal a day.

ANIMAL SUFFERING— Each & every day, 100,000 cattle are slaughtered in the US. Thousands more are slaughtered in Canada & Mexico. Their deaths are cruel & horrible - shocked

with electric prods, beaten & kicked, snort with a stun gun, hung by their feet, their throats cut.

WAR AGAINST WILDLIFE— As more land is turned over to cattle raising, wild animals are being exterminated. Millions of wild creatures, from coyotes to mountain lions & birds are killed every year by the gov't as a 'public service' to livestock interests.

DESTROYING THE RAINFORESTS— Cattle ranching is a primary cause of rainforest destruction in Central & South America. Since 1960 more than 25% of the forests of Central America have been cleared to create pasture land for grazing cattle. While some fast food chains claim they no longer use Central American beef, for every 1/4 pound hamburger imported from this region 55 square feet of rainforest is destroyed.



POLLUTING & DEPLETING OUR WATER— Cattle produce a billion tons of organic waste each year. Waste from livestock, and the pesticides & fertilizers used to grow feed are the number one non-point-source of water pollution in North America. Moreover, almost half the water used in the US each year goes to grow feed & provide drinking for cattle & other livestock. It takes 29 gallons of water to produce a pound of tomatoes, 139 gallons to produce a pound of bread, but 2,464 gallons to produce a pound of beef.

CREATING DESERTS— Cattle are major contributors to soil loss & destruction. As much as 85% of US western rangeland, nearly 685 million acres, is being degraded by the overgrazing of livestock. North America has already lost a third of its topsoil; more than 80% of this erosion is directly attributed to grazing & unsustainable methods of producing feed crops for cattle & other livestock.

GLOBAL WARMING— Cattle are a major source of greenhouse gases. Tens of millions of tons of methane are released into the atmosphere by the world's 1.3 billion cattle. In addition, hundreds of millions of tons of CO₂ are released by burning forests to create cow pastures.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS— Children, as well as adults, have a basic right to know the true facts about nutrition, health, & the social & environmental consequences of what they buy & consume. McDonald's & other fast food giants have long targeted children with an advertising message that is both one-sided & misleading.

FARMER & WORKER'S RIGHTS— People everywhere have a basic right to decent wages, humane working conditions & a liveable environment. Millions of food service workers in North America make only the minimum wage. The people who work in the beef & food service industry often work under unhealthy & unsafe conditions. Slaughterhouse workers have one of the highest rates of accidents on the job of any occupation.

A 69 cent hamburger or even a \$2 burger may seem like a bargain. But is it? What's the real cost of eating too much beef, the real cost of 85 billion hamburgers?

- * an epidemic of high blood pressure, heart attacks, strokes, colon & breast cancer, and food poisoning.
- * grain fed to cows instead of millions of starving people
- * water pollution, topsoil erosion, and rainforest destruction
- * millions of tons of methane, a greenhouse gas, released
- * trillions of gallons of water used to grow livestock feed
- * tens of millions of cows brutally slaughtered

HAPPY MEALS? NOT FOR...

The people who live on the land, work the fields & produce your hamburger:

- * family farmers going broke & native people thrown off their land by cattle barons
- * underpaid farmworkers & ranch hands
- * workers in unhealthy & dangerous slaughterhouses
- * millions of minimum wage food service workers

How much of that \$1 or \$2 you just spent goes to these hard-working people?

IS THERE AN ALTERNATIVE? YES!

- *REDUCE your beef consumption by 50%.
- *REPLACE the beef in your diet with organic vegetables, grains and fruits.
- *REFORM the current system of ranching and farming. Buy family farm products which are organically & humanely raised.
- *EDUCATE yourself, your friends and your community about these issues.
- *LOBBY McDonald's to put a non-meat (veggie) burger on the menu & promote it with 25% of their advertising budget.
- *TELEPHONE or VISIT the manager of this restaurant. Tell McDonald's to put a veggie burger on the menu - now!
- *JOIN the Beyond Beef coalition.

CANADA EARTHSERVE
(604) 731-5885 in Vancouver

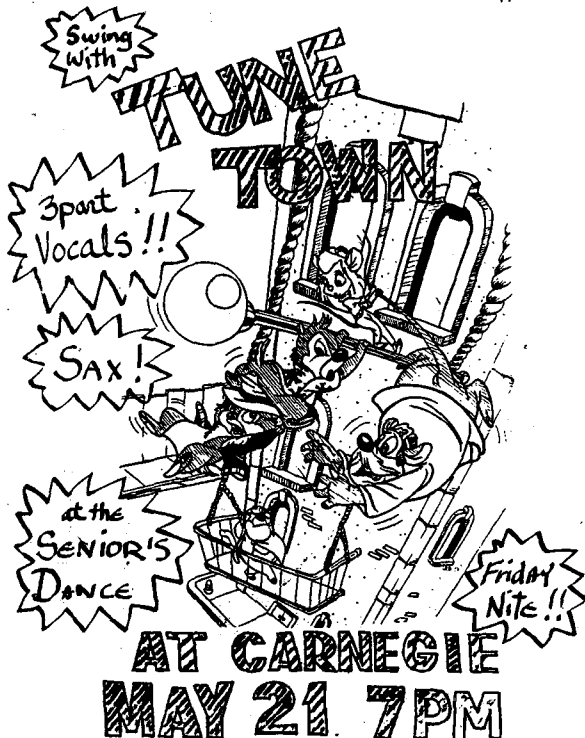
(Editor's note: The following information is being handed out to anyone who wants to get the mostly unheard side of the strike that's currently on in Vancouver's schools - teachers are being uniformly blamed for keeping 'us' out of school.)

TO THE REST OF THE CARNEGIE FAMILY FROM THE LEARNING CENTRE STAFF

As many of you already know, the 2 union locals of teachers who work in Vancouver's schools (Van. Elementary Teachers' Assoc. - VESTA; Van. Secondary Teachers' Assoc. VST) are in a strike position after unsuccessful attempts to reach an agreement with the Vancouver School Board. These negotiations have been going on since October '92.

All staff members in the Learning Centre except the co-ordinator are members of VESTA. We are now in the middle of contract negotiations for our first collective agreement with the school board. However the School Board has not only broken off talks with the Primary & Secondary teachers, but have also broken off talks with adult educators, which include the staff members of the Learning Centre.

What does all this mean for Carnegie?



The School Board & VESTA did not come to an agreement. Learning Centre staff, as VESTA members, were instructed by the union to close the Learning Centre as of Monday, May 10th. This means that the drop-in centre, Classroom 2 & the computer room will be closed during learning centre hours.

The reason we have unionized since September '92, & the reason we are negotiating a contract, is that our working conditions are as follows:

1. No benefits.
2. No payment for sick days.
3. No payment for statutory holidays.
4. Term to term contracts - we are considered temporary employees.
5. No one can work more than 25 hrs/week.
6. No pensions or RSPs.
7. No scheduled cost-of-living increase for the last 2 years, or in the future.
8. No system of seniority.

During the strike each Vesta member will get strike pay. For at least 4 staff members of the learning centre, this will be an increase in pay more than regular wages.

The issues that the other teachers are negotiating on are:

1. An increase in class size. Teachers'll have even more students in each class, making their job harder. Also, students will not be given a satisfactory amount of attention by the teacher.
2. Connected with #1 is the whole issue around integrating special needs students in classrooms. The School Board wants to increase class size & lay off special

FREE LAW CLASSES

(Sponsored by the Learning Centre & offered by The People's Law School)

1. CHILD APPREHENSION

Wed., May 19 2 - 4 pm.

2. CUSTODY and ACCESS

Wed., June 16 2 - 4 pm.

Both classes will be held in the non-smoking lounge off the cafeteria. Please pre-register in the Learning Centre: 665-3013.

EVERYONE WELCOME ...

education assistants. This would result in no staff support in overcrowded classrooms.

3. There have been layoffs of ESL teachers, special education teachers & other non-enrolling teachers.

4. In an earlier contract, teachers won the right to have a union steward present when a principal wanted to take disciplinary action against a teacher. The Board wants to take away this right.

5. Teachers are asking for a 2% per year increase in salary. The Board offers 0.

6. The School Board has a budget of \$300 million. The union estimates that what is being asked for will only cost 2% of the Board's budget. The School Board not only gets 7% at the bank, they are large property owners: Kingsgate Mall, a whole city block of Granville St. from Broadway to 10th (from which they are collecting rent) plus they have invested millions of dollars of teachers' pension money. It is clear that the Board does have money that it should use for educational services.

We trust that the community will understand our need to negotiate a fair contract & we deeply apologise to our students for the loss of classes & instruction. However, the volunteer tutors will still be able to teach their students in the gallery area as before.

Yours in solidarity,
Carnegie Learning Centre Staff

Lines from the Learning Centre

Who comes to the learning centre?
EVERYONE and ANYONE!!

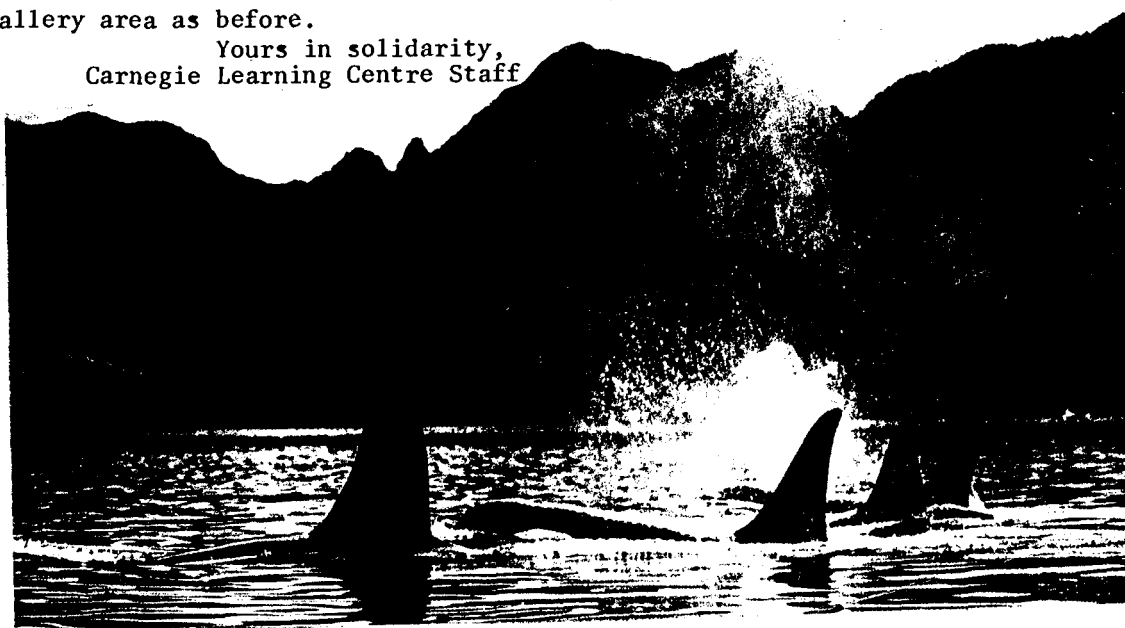
All adults, young, old or in-between are welcome. Whatever you want to learn, there is a staff member or volunteer tutor who can help you.

Many interesting people attend our Learning Centre to upgrade their education, including Garnet Berard.

Come & join Garnet. Here is a guy who has done many interesting things in his life & overcome many hardships/ He was born & grew up in Northern Alberta, the son of a French father & a Cree mother. As a child he lived at home & attended public schools so he was spared the misery of separation from family.

In 1962 Garnet came to BC to work on the big oil rigs, drilling for gas & oil. During the next 17 years he also travelled to many places in Saskatchewan, Alberta, Washington, Wyoming & Montana to ride in rodeos.

He loves horses & riding in rodeos but unfortunately because of a number of broken bones he finally, at age 50, had to give up that part of his life. This was a sad blow for him. ➔



Mid-1800s Indian Prophecy
of Cree Origin
(Similar to the Iriquois Prophecy)

Here are the predictions given by a reputable Indian elder as the days of the longhouse life are being abandoned:

1. The Prophecy: The longhouse was a shelter where other Indian leaders & elders met to explain the life of the Indian people & what will take place in the future.

➤ Garnet has survived many hardships including an alcohol problem, excessive smoking, separation from family & friends, and a brush with the law where he paid the penalty for another man's crime.

By his own will-power Garnet gave up smoking & drinking about 10 years ago. Now he says it hurts him to see people abusing themselves. He stays away from relatives & friends who are still drinking although this deprives him of the comfort of old contacts. He says he drank because it made him feel happy for awhile.

Now he is travelling on a different road. He likes to garden & to feed the birds in Stanley Park. Although he lives in the city he still loves & misses the country life & training horses.

Garnet is back with the books again—aiming for a High School Diploma. He says Carnegie is the best place to come for educational upgrading, with the added bonus that it's FREE. He also attends King Edward Centre for extra help so he has a busy schedule. He says he has attended 4 different adult education centres & feels that, in every case, more understanding is needed about education & life in general. He says he feels closest to the people at Carnegie Centre—"they are pretty good to me & understand me pretty well..you can't get much better than here".

Come & join Garnet at the Learning Centre. We have lots to offer you.

Joan Doree
Volunteer Tutor

2. Money the Supreme: The life of the longhouse people shall become extinct. Our white brothers will hand us a mysterious object. Money shall be the name! It will be the supreme power & it will change our way of life. Two generations shall pass & there will be a crucial time for all. Money will have no value. We will have forgotten how to survive because we will have come so accustomed to the white man's luxuries. (We will no longer know how to use our strength to cultivate the lands. We will cry in despair.)
3. Alcohol: Our white brothers will hand us the water of the evil spirit. Without knowing what may happen to our life, it may destroy us. The authority of our elders will cease. Our children will no longer respect their parents & grandparents.
4. School System: The whiteman will bring the school authorities to our land to supervise our children. Thus, creating a new life for them, they will educate them & in some cases detain them for long periods of time. They will be taken from their parents & their natural environment & taught to speak only the whiteman's tongue. By the time they are released, these students (our children) will be so educated in our white brothers standards thus his parents background & history will have become a mystery. Our children will act in strange ways toward their parents. They will not heed the advice of their parents & grandparents (or elders) & they will become disobedient & ungrateful even prior to managing to support themselves.
5. Unnatural Birth: The child will not be fed by his mother's breasts. There will be an artificial breast from the very beginning of the child's life. This is not according to the way our Creator intended! The mother must always breast feed the natural born child. Instead he is fed the milk of an animal. By the time he becomes a grown man, he shall act strangely like an animal because the moth-

er defiled the natural way & did not follow the traditional way of life!

6. Two Generations: There are the two subjects, money the supreme and the water of the evil spirit which will be given to our people. In two generations it will change our life & we will not follow the ways of our ancestors. When the time comes they will possess a new life totally detached from the traditional ways.

7. Longhouse Will Disappear: The longhouse life will disappear & the teachings of our ancestors. Our inventions, the fish traps used in the rivers & the traps in the woods for the animals, we shall never see again. Money, being the supreme power, will also be the authority over all nations; the water of the evil spirit will bring condemnation to our lives; this will blind our approach & we will lose our way. We will no longer respect one another's property.

8. False prophets & False Religions: Many things will appear which will condemn our way of life. Our people will worship false religions. At some point, we'll have to prove to ourselves just how faithful we are toward our own religion.

9. Exploitation: Nearly every plant on earth will appear differently, herbal grasses shall be cut off & will eventually be destroyed, the trees will be up-rooted & there will be a very limited amount of natural growth. We will forget to leave a patch of herbs so they will multiply & grow the next season.

10. Floods & Pollution: There will be floods! The creations in the water will die. As the water is polluted the creations who depend on the air in the water to breathe will become extinct in the lakes & rivers! Where will we go if that is all we depend on for our livelihood? We will not be able to continue to live!

11. New Authority: The laws of our land will change. Our inventions (things we use) as the dead-fall traps we use in the woods & the fish traps shall cease. Instead we will follow the strange laws given to us by our white brothers (and their authorities).

12. False Treaties: Money will be exchanged for our natural resources. There will be many problems arising from the ownership of land. That is why the Creator gave the land to the women (& the children she bears), to cultivate & not to abuse it, or destroy the trees, or pollute the rivers. He gave this land to her to use while she is on earth but always remembering to conserve it so that her great great grandchildren would be able to use this land in the same way.

13. The Mysterious Invisible Object: Once you have been brainwashed, you will see invisible objects. Through the water of the evil spirit, without knowing what may take place, whether it is good or bad, the unknown evil forces will take hold of you. Once the evil spirit has control, you will be put into confinement (it might last for life); you will be senseless to your own destiny & even to the law..you will be only a slave.

14. Herbal Medicine: Our freedom of life shall become extinct. Our medicine men & their traditions & herbal medicine will be forgotten and abandoned!

15. Where Do We Get The Power To Remove The Afflicted Being? It is not easy to remove him from confinement. He shall enter She-dou-kaan. There will be someone there with physical or spiritual power; he will be advised how he may be released from that confinement. The coat of confinement has invisible buttons, on the chest, arms & legs, which are totally invisible to the naked eye! It's similar to a screw-type object. He shall turn one way & then the other. He will follow the instructions given to him by the dweller of She-dou-kaan.

16. Blessed Be The Man Who Is Released: Once he is released (or has been reformed), he shall work & walk for this life again. A long period of time is spent in vain prior to the removal of this pestilence! These inventions are in the underground layer & shall appear again to be very useful. Everyone shall again see the good-will of his people! These words shall bear witness for time to come.

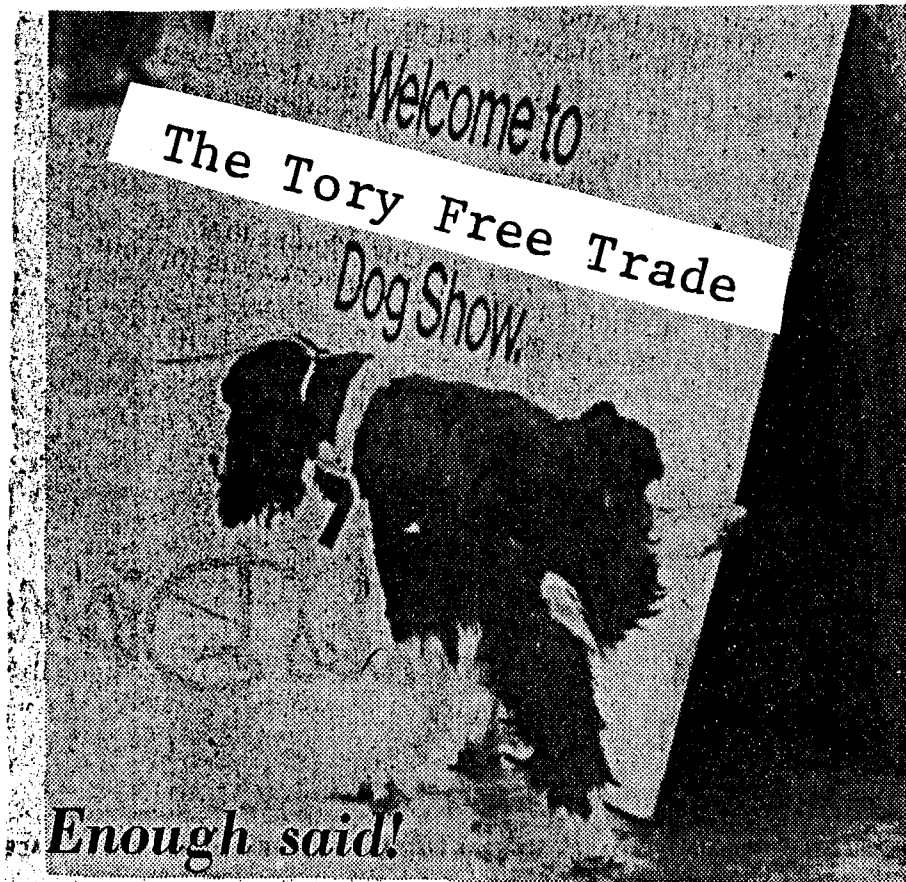
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(Rewritten by J. Thomas)

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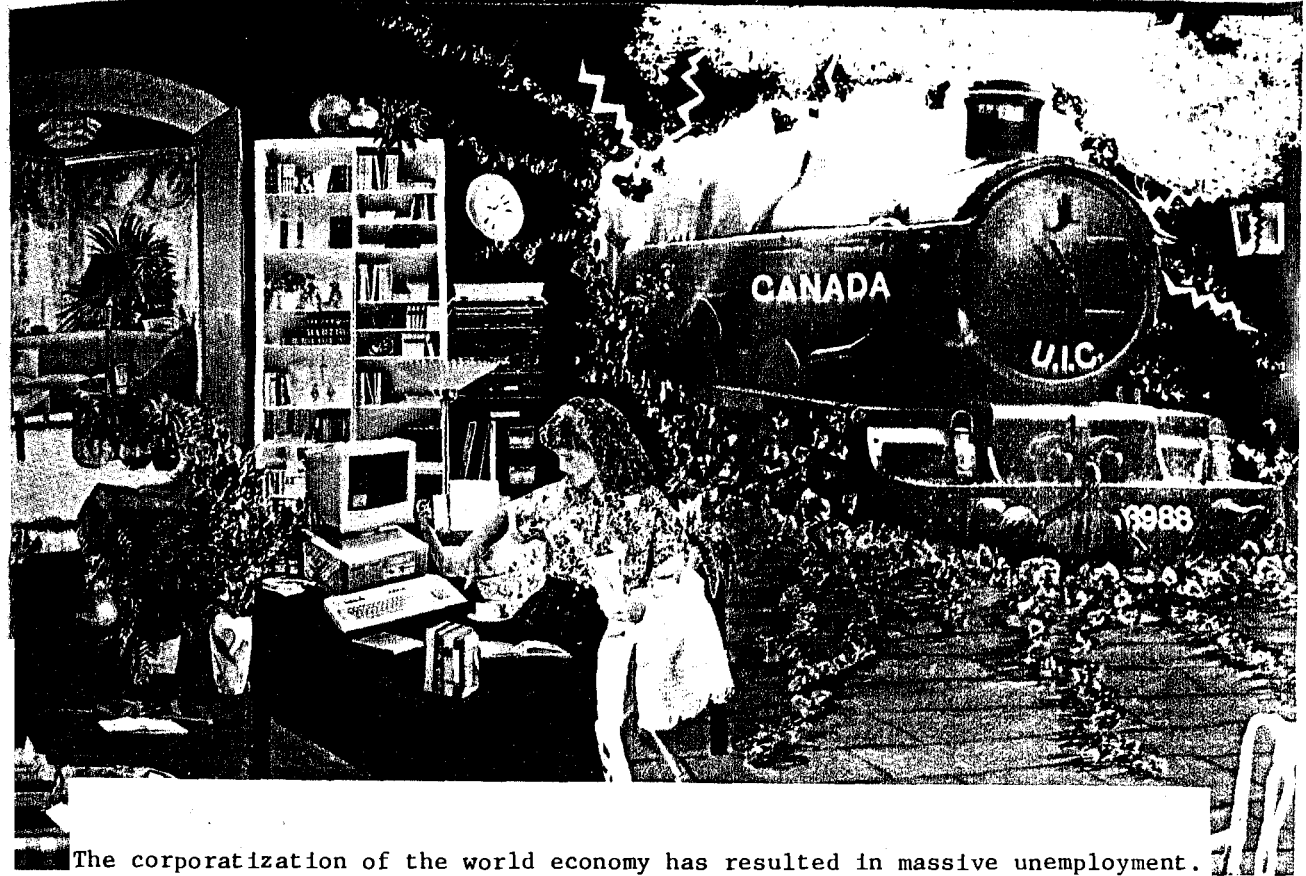
- * The Heritage Project & Heritage programs
- * Sponsor of Shakespeare Festival while Stratford post office closed (1992)
- * Promenade for the Arts (Ottawa)
- * Canada Post Marketplace (Ottawa Cong.Ct)
- * Postage Meter Sweepstakes - prize, fabulous trip for two to the Summer Olympic in Barcelona, Spain
- * The Network of the Constitution (a group which published various opinions/perspectives on constitutional issues during the post-Meech/pre-referendum period)
- * Sent several of their "best customers" to the Grey Cup game in Winnipeg (air fares, hotels, seats)
- * Scholarship & Gala Dinner, National Ballet of Canada
- * Winterlude
- * Carnivale du Quebec
- * Calgary Stampede

- * Toronto Symphony Orchestra
- * Canadian Opera Company
- * Nova Scotia Symphony Orchestra
- * BC's Music '91 Festival
- * "Natives in the 90s" (I.T.V.)
- * Calgary Winter Olympics
- * P.E.I. Canada Winter Games
- * the Canadian Football League
- * professional baseball
- * games for the disabled
- * literacy organizations
- * 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics
- * Halifax Grand Prix
- * Atlantic Bowl Football Game
- * Anne Mortifee Concert(s)
- * Hagood Hardy Concert(s)

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TRAIN AT HOME FOR A NEW CAREER?



The corporatization of the world economy has resulted in massive unemployment. In Canada, politicians got us off track with the signing of the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement in 1989. Not since the "dirty" 30s have so many Canadians been railroaded out of traditional jobs. All aboard!

We the undersigned residents of the Downtown Eastside do not support the "MARCH FOR JESUS," planned for June 12, 1993. From our experiences last year we believe the March for Jesus will be very disruptive to the neighbourhood.

The Downtown Eastside has almost no park space. We are very concerned about possible damage to CRAB Park from 8,000 - 10,000 people rallying in the park.

We request that the City of Vancouver not approve the permits for this event - at CRAB Park.

Petition at front desk
or in Newsletter Office.

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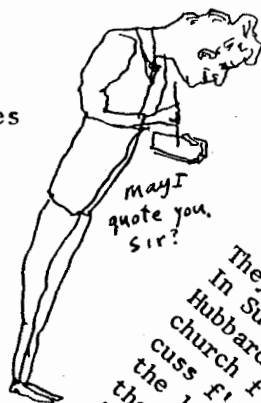
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their heritage as by lottery;
an anonymity, a collusion

or junk, accumulating in its dust, its offices
a tacky beige warehouse
residue of casual storage

a gathering of artifacts, each day
at its wings, its vehicular
forward necessity, the bland
unparsed momentum of effects
approaching solace.

something grand
without us, happens by precedent
in the great stations & airports
of departure, wavering
in the fields, ruthless & impossible

a monument in the flooded
constituencies of the coast
granite child of beggars



May I
quote you,
Sir?

of course, toaster-size
electric currents could
be harmful to the human fetus.



Says the Old Man Jones,
says he to me
In Sunday's sermon th'
Hubbard, him what sits
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'cause I stuck an' hung
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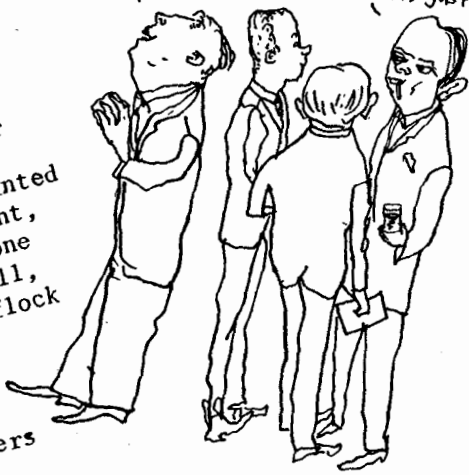
Even huge
doses won't
cause cancers
or birth defects.
Nothing Life
threatening
at all.

I can unload some
of that agent orange
more easily now.
How much?
A ton.



Perhaps they're even
Life enhancing?

I enjoy drinking
furans just to prove the point



Birds of a Feather

They flock together
like a family,
Their brush is tainted
with the same paint,
What happens to one
will happen to all,
In the end the flock
will split up
and fade away
forevermore..

Barry Saunders

A Skid Row Alley

On ground
Face down
Found
Humanity
Syringe
In
Pale tinge
Skin impaled

Death's
Shadowed valley
A skid row alley

MAC. D.

News headlines featured, & TV showed, a public demonstration against the NDP/BC budget tax bites into owners of homes valued at \$400,000 or over.

Right-wing politicians who remain unmoved about homelessness, food banks & the need for hot school lunches for hungry children strom through press, radio & TV about the fact that the budget digs deepest into the deepest pockets & has cut the two billion dollar deficit forecast to \$1.5B. How loudly can one weep for the wealthy?

Big deal for defrauders is this tax on homes worth \$400,000 & over. "Families who thought they had a secure home for their old age now find themselves facing huge tax hikes," cry these soft-hearted journalists & politicians.

But wait a moment: How about the effect of big money developer activity in housing in the last few decades & invitations to foreign investors to buy up BC land? These big business profiteers have boosted land values extravagantly, so that genuine home owners relying on their property for security in later life, who purchased their homes at modest rates years ago, find themselves today in the \$400,000-plus rating along with the millionaire real estate speculators.

Quite correctly, the BC gov't is digging into the pockets of the rich to relieve the distress imposed on the working population by big business support of the Tory sell-out policies that lie at the root of all Canada's economic suffering.

The need now is for the NDP/BC gov't to correct the injustices inflicted on genuine homeowners, by legislating protection for them through recognition of their right to security from the consequences of land speculation & exempting them from the tax bite. Further revenues could be secured from speculators by imposing sanctions against land 'flipping' etc.

How about it, Mike?

Awaiting your reply with interest,
Editor, Beatrice Ferneyhough.

A friend had to give up her car. Too many sacrifices would have to be made to pay the cost of repairing the car to meet air quality control measures.

The first day she caught the bus to go to work, the bus driver was stuck in traffic behind two diesel trucks emitting large puffs of gritty black smoke. Smoke entered the bus through open windows, making everyone cough & try to wave away the fumes with their hands. Some shut their eyes.

Later the irony of those trucks belching out their non-air quality control fumes hit home as she said, "I guess all the diesel truck drivers would lose their jobs if their bosses were forced to convert all their trucks & decided not to use them anymore."

"Good Lord," I said, "They must have to convert them sometime in the future."

Does anyone have any idea when diesel trucks will stop fouling the air???

FORGIVE THIS TIRED BODY,
FOR IT HAS SERVED ME WELL

Here I sit, on the threshold of death. I am completing the final lap in my run of life. When I break through the ribbon at the end of my journey, I'll fall forward into the closed suffocating hands of death.

Here I sit in my wheelchair, my thin, spare-ribbed shoulders hunched & bent. My fingers look like tree-twigs wrapped in wax paper. They are just as useful, too.

I know you who come to visit me just see this shell of a human being - stark, staring eyes directed at nothing. A tired, beat-out old lady. I can practically hear what you're thinking as you gaze pityingly into my eyes, hoping for some glimmering of recognition. You hold my hand and squeeze - prying, probing, just wanting a tiny squeeze back. But nothing.

And this is life, you think. This is the beauty of growing old. Living a ripe long 86 years. Who needs it you ask? God, when it is my turn make it swift & painless.. please? I don't want to be like her - a tiny morsel of humanity waiting, waiting so she can finally rest peacefully.

But no! Do not pity me! For my legs were once just as round & healthy as yours. They had movement & purpose in their stride. They took me to all kinds of wonderful places.

I remember they once carried me to the corner "five & dime" where I met my man -

for the very first time. They carried me down the aisle where I joined him with all the hope & love & promise alive in the heart of a girl not unlike yourself.

These legs allowed me to bend over my babe & to run & play beside my young. And later with my children's children. I visit these places every single day over & over.

So when you look ignorantly into my dull eyes & think what you do, remember, they are seeing the treasures of a lifetime script. And when you watch my hands drop to my legs once firm & strong, know that they afforded me many gifts. So I can forgive them now for being tired & cross, and not so functional.

Why can't you?



Dear Muggs,

I thought I should let you & the other Carnegie folks know what's going on.

Last Thursday, City Council unanimously agreed to support a community centre in Downtown South (Granville Street) to the tune of 3.4 million dollars.

The project took much longer to develop than I had expected. Consulting with the community took a few months. Then writing the report (& pushing beyond writer's block) took me a while longer. And then interdepartmental negotiations took many weeks more. Finally everything came together & concluded successfully last Thursday.

There is no doubt that Council's willingness to develop another centre is due to their high regard for Carnegie. Everyone from the Mayor to George Puil to Libby Davies feels really good about what goes on at the corner of Hastings & Main. I do too.

Muggs, I really miss Carnegie. Yet I know that Granville Street needs me more right now than you guys do. Donald has done a terrific job as Director & has kept me up to date on what's going on. (He's actually phoned daily in his own modest way to inform me that he's actually much better at the job than I ever was.)

In Donald's absence, Dan did a great job. He's a piece of Carnegie history, that guy. Here since the beginning he's taken a taste of just about every position.

So I know that the Board & staff & patrons are getting what they need from the position of Director. It's humbling to realize that I'm likely not even missed.

There are two other reasons why I have decided to be absent from Carnegie for a while longer. One is that the chance to help build a project up from the beginning is very exciting. But most of all I have to admit that the work at the Gathering Place is less taxing physically right now.

Muggs, my erythromelalgia continues to be a very serious problem, affecting my ability to walk & to sleep. I am no longer able to take public transit. Walking is very painful & I do as little as possible. I sleep sitting up with my feet in a bucket of ice for 20 to 40 minutes at a time. Because I'm so tired I've developed a charming new habit of falling asleep in peoples' faces. (I was a big hit when I did that up at the Hall.)

Joyce Preston last Thursday asked Council for funds to keep me on Granville St. until the end of the year. They agreed. So I'm going to follow through on that project.

Muggs, please share this letter with the Board & patrons. I don't want people to feel abandoned or to think I've had a better offer. A huge chunk of my heart resides here at Carnegie. But for now I must continue to be away.

I'm sending along a copy of the Gathering Place Report so Carnegie people can get an idea of what I've been up to.

Lots of love to you & all the fine folks at 401 Main.


Diane MacKenzie

Dear Mr. Mulroney,

No - to any active military role for Canada in the former Yugoslavia and/or Somalia.

As a peace-keeping agent, Canada can and should call for submission of the Bosnia/Serbia/Croatia/Muslim dilemma to the judgement of responsible world opinion voiced in an emergency session of the United Nations, whose decisions should guide its Security Council in this instance of ex-


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"All ye that pass by"

How appropriate the Cenotaph, south side of old town centre, Hastings & Cambie, completely surrounded by heritage buildings.

Upon my arrival the cops were busy, two squad cars & a paddy wagon to subdue & arrest a lone, possibly inebriated native.

A young Indian of whom I am fond tells me he is wanting to see people remember the killing of a native man shot a year ago...five shots.

Apparently Mr. Bell was carrying a walkman. BaBamBamBamBam..you're dead.

Oh Churchill arms, 7UP & all ye that pass by remember the slain.

Yes it is a war; one that sneaks up and announces itself in a most unkindly way.

Mike Bohmert

Extreme danger to the peace of the world.

Let peace prevail through withdrawal now of all active foreign military forces to their home bases & a declaration of universal truce, pending the debate & decision of the United Nations emergency session.

Peace to the world & development through negotiation in good faith & for mutual benefit.

End the arms race: Fund human need.

Dear Mr. President of the U.S.A.,

I draw the above to your attention in the hope that this approach may find favour in your view. You have expressed yourself, in my understanding of what I have heard as desirous of realising settlement of the serious differences evident in the Bosnian-Serb & Somalia situations as soon & as justly as possible, and with the least possible further loss of life & military strife.

Considering the immensely wide implications of continuing armed supervision and interference in the solution of these issues so germane to the national identities of the peoples concerned, it would appear that just international opinion should be brought to bear on the matter of solving the crisis. Is not that the purpose for which the United Nations was devised initially, & does not the term "United Nations" imply all the states, members of the United Nations to whom no one in this crisis so far has turned for judgement & collective guidance?

In my understanding, the Security Council is not distinct from the United Nations as a whole; and, it appears to me, that the nations not in the Security Council are studiously ignored in the present crisis, which to my mind runs counter to the original intent of the UN as a world centre of judgement on issues of peace, & the preservation of peaceful solutions.

I have therefore addressed the Prime Minister of Canada as above; and would urge your favourable support.

For peace now, and a retreat from military solutions of differences,

Beatrice Ferneyhough



A Supermarket in the Downtown Eastside?



The Downtown Eastside/Strathcona Shopping Project is a community initiative, coordinated through the Strathcona Seniors' Services Team, & has a number of supporters. The SSS Team consists of reps from the Carnegie Association, DERA, 411 SWAP, Raycam & Strathcona community centres, First United Church, SUCCESS, the Neighbourhood Helpers Program & DERA. The City's Health & Social Planning Depts. also support this.

The project is organising meetings between community, gov't & business in order to research & make recommendations as to the best strategies & models of a low-cost one-stop shopping centre to serve the Downtown Eastside & Strathcona neighbourhoods.

To this end - we're having the first community forum so people can give ideas.

Since IGA closed, our neighbourhood is the only one in Vancouver without a REAL supermarket.

Come and find out what you can do about getting a supermarket back in our community.

**Thursday, May 20 at 2:00p.m.
Carnegie Centre, 2nd Floor
Lounge**

Where should it be?

How big should it be?

Should a supermarket be a Co-op or a private company?

Sponsored by the D.E./Strathcona Community Shopping Project

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DEMAND THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT MAKE TRUE ON THEIR PROMISES. IT'S TIME THE NDP GOV'T COMMIT AND TAKE ACTION TO LEGISLATE A SYSTEM OF RENT CONTROLS.

Name

Address

(Petitions at front desk.)

**WITHOUT RENT CONTROLS,
A TENANCY IS NOT A HOME.**

During the election the NDP promised an extensive review of tenants' issues. Since then there has been the delivery to Moe Sihota, Minister of Labour & Consumer Services, of over 2000 letters demanding an immediate restoration of rent controls. Sihota responded that the gov't was committed to "rent review".

The Residential Tenancy Act (RTA) is one of the weakest pieces of legislation in Canada for protecting the rights of those of us who rent our living spaces. Tenants' Rights Action Coalition (TRAC) has been lobbying gov't for years, recommending wholesale changes to make the rights of a tenant equal those of the landlord.

On Sunday, May 9th, TRAC held "Tenants' Survival Day" in Grandview Park on Commercial Drive. People had been asked to write down their worst experiences with being tenants & submit them..to go public with things that thousands experience on a regular basis in BC. Several people were given 'awards' for having survived.

One woman had had no running water for years! She had taken her landlord to court 7 times, won every time, & had her rent directed into a savings fund which, when there was enough money in it, would pay for the digging of a well. She has had to carry water from a neighbour's place.

Another person told of broken promises from the landlord about getting paint, plumbing that worked, pipes that wouldn't burst... another spoke of having no heat for 6 weeks in the middle of winter... a report of being victimized by a racist landlord...& on & on.

Specific reports sometimes get more attention if it's one person against a faceless landlord. The plight of people at Caroline Court on Nelson St. downtown is a larger case, with a previous owner doing nothing in the way of maintaining the place to even make it livable. The City then orders basic changes, the building is sold, & new owners decide to raise rents from 20% to 46% of current levels, citing "renovations" as the reason. The renovations are the basic maintenance ordered by the City - like repairing plumbing, fixing windows, replacing filthy carpets etc are not 'renovations'.

Another ploy used by profit-seeking owners is happening at 2211 Wall St also. No repairs or upkeep for years, the building is allowed to fall down around the tenants' ears, the landlord continues to collect rents until the building is condemned for the danger it poses on people.

TRAC conducted a brief walk-around with politicians & media attending Sunday's event. Classic examples of developer greed vs. people's need were handily within a few blocks of Grandview Park. This little scam involves the closure of houses &/or buildings on the basis of some planned development - which often means these same buildings sit vacant for years or are torn down & the empty lot sits for years.

People are out on the day the building is boarded up regardless of what happens.

Rent Controls are a basic necessity. The standard practice now is for a landlord to give notice of hefty increases but it's up to tenants to either fight back or move. There is no enforcement mechanism to make landlords justify anything.

The NDP promised change. With over one million people renting their living space and being subject to profiteering by owners of property, legislated protections are crucial.

What we can do is to write Moe Sihota & demand immediate restoration of rent controls & substantial changes to the RTA to implement the recommendations of TRAC.

By PAULR TAYLOR



The fact is we have lost our right to shelter ourselves, be it in an empty building, house or a teepee, tent, geodesic dome, etc. It is a strange thing to consider in an allegedly free country.

Yes it is true one must be a slave or a servant to get the money to give for something they could make for themselves in a fraction of the time devoted to paying for any rent or mortgage I have heard of..

It is possible to go far enough out and squat, perhaps to sustain oneself or others from the land, but there may come a day when the law or its representatives come to take it away... Not exactly a publicly available alternative to excessive rents or welfare...

Frances Street (1990) was a valid community, not gun-toting criminals, that needed the SWAT team, firemen, city workers, RCMP, City Police, CSIS et al to suppress, arrest & process. Note: No one went to court, yet 30 were arrested. Perhaps if we had been dealt with in accordance with proper legal procedure, the judiciary and three levels of gov't would recognize the necessity of such a community. Personally I doubt it. I need only think of the millions the Gitskan Wet'su'wetan spent on their court costs, only to have their distinct society & right to the lands they inhabit, also their self-gov't, denied.

I'd like to get back to my point regarding so-called underground squatting. What is the benefit of a few being able to squat quietly (& I mean 'quietly'), while the majority of "developed" countries go on destroying cultures & our planet. It's obvious to most that we need social change and radical alternatives to sustain our many billions of people. Demand those alternatives. They are out there & they work very well. We need it & our earth needs it.

By MICHAEL BOHNERT



Budget Smudget: More for the poor or not?

With all of this furor about a handful (less than 1% of Vancouverites) of well-to-do citizens getting their knickers in a knot over the possibility of a few extra dollars coming out of their pockets, what's really in the budget for us?

BC21 will accelerate the development of schools, highways & forests; expand childcare, build permanent school facilities & new community health centres. Crown corporations will invest \$900 million all over BC, almost \$500m on new projects. A new BC Transit Authority will be financed by the new gas tax of 1¢ on every litre. Analysis - New projects should not be financed by low income rural people who need to drive to survive.

Health care initiative \$100 million for new community health care initiatives. Analysis - ELP & health care people are nervous about "community care" without guaranteed protection of public service workers & universality. Education Operating grants to schools and universities will provide more post secondary spaces. Analysis - Without free tuition & student grants vs loans, most low income people will not be able to fill those spaces.

Training \$80 million to move people from income assistance to jobs in forestry & tourism training. Analysis - Full time employment at higher wages in these industries is what people need. Most training & seasonal projects mean low wages; people end up back on UI & welfare. Cutting costs of government & reducing the deficit Salaries of deputy ministers & senior managers of Crown corporations are frozen, 7 gov't agencies have been eliminated & 6 ministries will spend less this year. Analysis - We need to have more spending in the public sector. Workers should not be forced to take wage freezes just because management is.

Cutting or freezing ministerial funding ultimately means people who suffer the most already will be footing the bill for the deficit.

Fair Taxes?

Sales tax was increased by 1%. There will be a sales tax credit of \$50 for lower income families that will be reduced gradually at higher income levels. Analysis - This is a regressive tax move. ELP lobbied for the eradication of the sales tax. A rebate of \$50 will not offset the increase in sales tax.

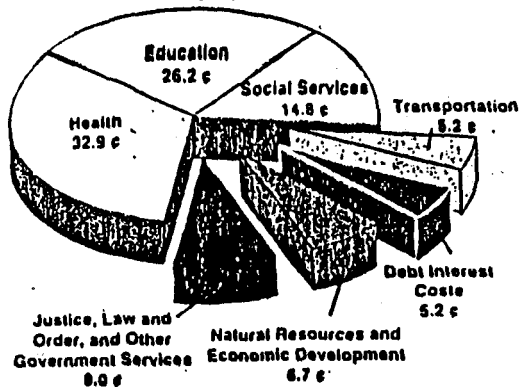
Tobacco & Liquor increases & gas tax Analysis - Only working people suffer from not being able to drive that extra mile to buy groceries in rural areas. Personal income tax New surtax on people earning over \$60,000 a year. Analysis - ELP lobbied for a high income surtax, though we did not name a figure as to where it should kick in. Medical Services premiums are being eliminated for 430

thousand low income families. To offset this, premiums will increase for others at about 3%. Analysis - ELP lobbied for the elimination of medical premiums for everybody. This move further splits care users. This will build conflict between middle & low income people. No one should have to pay premiums.

Pharmacare deductible was increased to \$500 from \$400, except for seniors & people on welfare. Analysis - This means working poor people will have to pay more money for prescriptions before they get a deductible. This move divides working poor from seniors & people on welfare. Property & Corporate Tax Residential school taxes & non-residential school taxes & rural property taxes will increase about 4%. Corporate tax increases by half a percent to 16.5. Analysis ELP did not lobby for property taxes to increase. ELP lobbied for an inheritance tax, speculation tax & higher increases on corporate taxes, so that the really rich & powerful can pay their fair share, not just upper middle income homeowners.

Budget: Where do they get dough?

Where Your Tax Dollar
Is Being Spent in 1993/94



EXPENDITURE: Money out The province operates public services like schools, hospitals, welfare offices, prisons, courts and highway construction and maintenance. These facilities, combined with a very small debt service account for most costs.

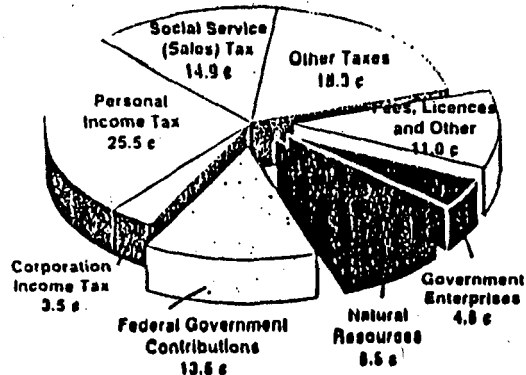
The deficit--how bad is it really?

Some observations on the relative severity of BC's "deficit crisis" as compared to other similar governments. In the 92/93 fiscal year, the provincial gov't is planning to spend \$19 billion, of which \$1.53 will be borrowed. The Ontario deficit forecasts range from \$11 to \$17 billion. Even if Ontario had 3 times the population their per capita deficit is still 3 times that of BC. Alberta, with a smaller population, is projecting a \$3.1 billion deficit.

The federal gov't now spends over 30% of gross revenues on debt interest payments. BC is paying only \$988 million on debt management. This is only 5.2% of gross revenues. The provincial gov't has several years before it arrives at a deficit situation near that of many of its neighbours. It'd be a very, very long time before the deficit problem is truly critical anywhere in Canada, but especially BC.

By WILLIAM KAY

Where 1993/94
Government Dollars Come From



REVENUE: Money in The provincial government draws in revenue primarily from direct taxation of personal income, other taxes and the sales tax. These sources combined with contributions from the federal government, natural resources, fees and licenses, and government enterprises and corporate taxes accounts for all of the revenues.

Who foots the bill?

Most of the dough for public services comes from personal income taxes, other taxes, sales taxes, federal money (our tax money mostly) & fees & license (our money) for a whopping 83.2% of general revenue. In other words - YOU & ME! And who pays the easiest teensiest? Crown Corporations contribute only 4.8%. Corporate taxes only make up 3.5% of the general revenue. THIS is not FIAR taxation.

We are paying for the programs. We want programs that will benefit those of us who are paying for them. Higher welfare rates & minimum wages & universal medicare are bare minimums. Tax the corporations & very wealthy more & leave the rest of us alone. Low & middle income people are taxed to death. We want the NDP & federal gov't's to stop using the deficit as the excuse for cutting or freezing our valuable programs. We want jobs & justice, not more deficit rhetoric.

By PAM FLEMING

STREET MEET '93
THE POOR PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

On Friday, April 2, over 150 people got together to discuss the issues of poverty. In the morning group discussions we asked the following 4 questions:

- How do you feel about being poor?
- How does poverty affect your life?
- As a poor person, what is your most difficult problem in relation to being poor? (housing/employment/training/income?)
- What do you think stops you from changing your situation?

There were a great variety of responses to these questions from a very articulate group of participants who ranged from the poor ourselves, agency reps, politicians & interested individuals. There were single mothers, native people, the homeless, people who were educated & on social assistance, other abled (physically challenged), the elderly, people of colour, former alcoholic & substance abusers, youth, people who live in downtown hotels, people from out of town.

The 3 major problem areas stated were lack of affordable housing, lack of adequate income & adequate nutrition, & lack of basic & extended health services for the poor. There were at least 10 written pages from the participants. As a facilitator it was difficult to ask the spokesperson to name one problem when the time came to report to the larger group, as our group itself had six written pages of problems ranging from fear of violence downtown to lack of services for the elderly living on pensions alone.

People were angry about being poor; they felt trapped in poverty, with no sense of hope about ever changing their situations. People also expressed anger at the way they were being treated as poor people.

Participants stated that the lack of opportunities, the lack of suitable employment, the lack of income & the lack of self-esteem were among many other issues that directly or indirectly affected them from changing their situations.

The conference was very productive; it was not a forum for the poor to complain about our situations but was held in the spirit of trusting & positive atmosphere

where, as the poor, we thought about and discussed problems related to poverty.

In the afternoon session Susan Noakes, from the Together Against Poverty Society, spoke on advocacy & the rights of the poor & how to empower ourselves to obtain these rights. Pat Chauncey, from End Legislated Poverty, spoke about the distribution of wealth in Canada & why it was necessary for the current system to maintain an economic structure that enabled poverty to exist in Canada.

there were more than 15 pages from other groups taped on the walls as spokespersons reported. The 3 major solutions were:

- increased income in order to better our situations;
- more affordable housing; and
- working together as one to solve the problems created by poverty.

As well, there were solutions ranging from individuals being elected to Parliament on an anti-poverty platform, a guaranteed adequate income, and the need for an inexpensive restaurant downtown that served nutritious food, had extended hours, was safe & where the only activity that took place was that of a safe place to eat in peace.

After having taken the facilitator training with members of the Victoria Street Community Association, & after having met... individuals in their early 50s who'd been on the street since they were 11... individuals at the conference with less than a grade 5 education... some individuals who couldn't read at all... some individuals who were poor & unemployed with Masters degrees from universities...

However I was absolutely, incredibly, baffled & astounded at the level of unity there, the wealth of knowledge & experience that the participants shared, and the fact that this conference was organized in two months time.

And, for myself, there was a rainbow at the end of the conference. In the words of Pat Chauncey from ELP, "We are one, we are a community, & by working together in unity we can end legislated poverty in BC."

By PETER MICHAEL LANCASTLE

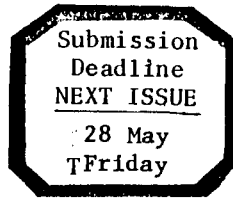
DOWNTOWN STD Clinic - Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm.
 EASTSIDE FREE MEDICAL CLINIC - Mon, Wed, Friday, 5:30-7:30pm
 YOUTH NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; everyday, 9am-5pm.
 ACTIVITIES Needle Exchange Van - on the street evenings, Mon-Sat.
 SOCIETY N.A. meets every Monday night at 223 Main St.

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

1993 DONATIONS

Stuart M. - \$50	Adbusters - \$50
Kettle F.S. - \$16	Wayne H. - \$2.50
Bert T. - \$10	Legal Aid - \$50
Etienne S. - \$50	Mary C. - \$25
Lisa E. - \$10	Abby K. - \$5
Matt - \$20	Paula R. - \$20
Keith C. - \$20	Steve T. - \$15

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 Social Services - \$1,000
 Vancouver Health Dept. - \$11



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 can help you with:



- * any welfare problem
- * information on legal rights
- * disputes with landlords
- * unsafe living conditions
- * income tax
- * VIC 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 10:30 am.

DERA HAS BEEN SERVING THE
 DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE FOR 20 YEARS.

Surname	Given Name	SIN	Sex	Birthdate	Telephone
Address		Postal Code	Marital Status (Date separated/divorced, if applicable)		
Are you hungry? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Can you prove that you are hungry? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will your hunger make you incapable of working this afternoon? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Do you have a Doctor's letter referring to the effects of your hunger? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No How much do you weigh? Are you in the habit of eating everyday? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Would you consider yourself addicted to food? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain why/why not? Has your spouse eaten today? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Did you try for lunch from your spouse? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is there anybody else who helps you to eat? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please list:					
Surname	Given Name	SIN	Sex	Birthdate	Relationship
Have you tried to get lunch from community resources? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name the resources (un)concerned: Community Resource Address Amount of food requested Resource's Response					
List all the food consumed in the last 24 hours and estimate the number of calories involved:					
Eating Time	Food		Calories		
Breakfast					
Coffee Break					
Lunch					
Coffee Break					
Supper					
Bedtime Snack					
Other(Please specify)					
Are you willing to enroll in a creative meal search program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, explain					
If you are between the ages of 19 - 29 explain why you could not get enough to eat from your girlfriend/ boyfriend?					
If you are female, are you sure you are not pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No The Eating For Two Program requires an entirely different form.					
DECLARATION I/We the undersigned state that this is my/our application. All the above information provided is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. U We give my/our permission to the F.A.W. (Food Assistance Worker) to verify or confirm this information with any source whether or not named in this application. I/We consent to a report being obtained from any reporting agency for this purpose. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT(S) SIGNED AT: DATE: SIGNATURE OF WITNESS SIGNED AT DATE IN THE PROVINCE OF BC YY MM DD IN THE PROVINCE OF BC YY MM DD					

This was handed out at a luncheon held at Carnegie. The purpose, seemingly, was to let people get an idea of the kinds of practiced stupidity individuals are subjected to when seeking assistance, especially when they are disabled in a non-physical manner. First reading can be 'funny', but the humour is only apparent if the reader is pretty naive.

Once completed, or if you need assistance in filling out this form please submit it to the F.A.W. (Food Assistance Worker) here to "serve" you.