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*Kim,
Kim...*

Safety net can
be barrier,
Tory study says

Chretien considers controversial
'workfare' program

Manning planning deficit war

NDP leader warns of Tory 'hidden agenda'

Discuss program changes
after election, PM says

ELECTION SPECIAL

Under the skin
of the campaign

Crab Park access

Cheats and deadbeats

Kim Campbell - Mulroney Clone
(Part 3)

Kim Campbell uses the national debt as a club to attack Canadian social programs. Murray Dobbin reminds us in his book The Politics of Kim Campbell, that 50% of Canada's debt is due to tax breaks and tax loopholes, and that high interest rates, another Tory policy, account for 42% of the debt. Only 6% of the debt is due to increased spending, and just a third of that is spending on social programs.

So what does she attack? Social programs!

Adam Smith, the economist who wrote Wealth of Nations (1776), was also a moral philosopher. He knew that corpor-

ate business people could not be trusted in government, and that greed had to be regulated. This is what he said in his book about powerful business people in politics:

"Their proposals ought to be listened to with great precaution.... They come from an order of persons whose interest is never exactly the same as that of the public - an order of persons who have, generally, an interest to deceive & even oppress the public, and who accordingly have, upon many occasions, both deceived and oppressed it."

In my view, this quote by Adam Smith fits Kim Campbell, Brian Mulroney and the federal Conservatives perfectly.

By SANDY CAMERON



The Policy Statement on CRAB Park

Vancouver planning staff are about to release their Policy Statement on the Port development beside Crab Park.

The bottom line is: If there is a Convention Centre plus a double-berth cruisehip pier in the plan, then Crab Park won't survive as a place for low income families.

We want Crab Park to remain for Downtown Eastside people. We don't want a Florida Beach, with its violence & social problems.

To create a safe community on the waterfront and one that doesn't hurt local use of Crab park should be the goal.

FLASH: Don Larson
The Port & the City, in their Policy Statement, plan to do the tourist development. They have basically listened to nothing that local Downtown Eastside residents & groups have said. We cannot afford the social consequences of this policy statement.

Yuppies in condos...

(Editor's note: The following letter is in response to one sent by Michael McCoy who owns a business or a condo on Powell Street in Gastown. He wants CRAB Park access only at Carrall St.)

Dear Michael, Oct. 6, 1993

You sent me a copy of a letter you wrote to Geoff McMurchy of the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities. You sent copies to 10 or 11 different people. Maybe this was supposed to make what you had to say more valid...

First, though, the enclosure that you found so interesting was undated (an oversight?) but through sleuth & painstaking investigative techniques it came to light that this meeting happened AT LEAST 6 years ago...more likely 7 but who's counting. The Standing Committee on Access to Portside Park was formed after the meeting that enthralled you.

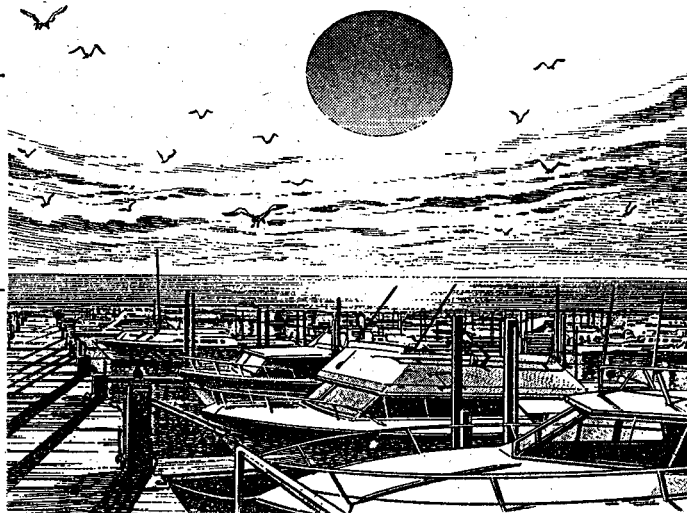
The Committee met over the following 6 years, often dragging its heels due to the NPA/business agenda, but, as you imply being aware of, considered every option possible. When all was said and done, the site & option chosen was Columbia Street & a pedestrian overpass.

From the start, representatives of Gastown (merchants, residents) were invited to be part of this committee. Funny, no one came until all the work was done. Funny, the only point in the person(s) coming was to say how outrageous the proposed overpass was..how bad the idea (sic) was..how we should look at...& proceed to list about 5 of the options that the committee had just spent at least 2 years going over in microscopic detail & rejecting.

NOTWITHSTANDING - YOU now want the entire thing flushed & the whole process to start over...and you want to be taken seriously! There are many times when the interests of a relative minority can outweigh the interests of those wielding the power, but there is always the factor of validity.

1. There wouldn't be a Portside or CRAB Park if it hadn't been for the very people whose promotion of Columbia St. - as the community's choice - you've taken such pains to denigrate. We are not "democratic" in your analysis...we have somehow discounted or minimised some heritage aspect of something and, therefore, have said 'fuck you' to all the owners of businesses & yuppies in condos.

2. The access (that's what this is all about, remember) is to a community park. The "community is made up of from 5000-8000 people who are seniors and/or disabled(mobility impaired) and/or families with children and/or low income. The "community" has sat with vested interests over these years & belatedly rejected the most desired "at-grade" access at Columbia Street. The vested interests, of course, include the businesses, property-owners & homeowners. A little reality-check: the vast majority of residents in the Downtown Eastside live on incomes that are about 1/2 the poverty line. It was these people who camped out on the land for an entire summer & fought for 5 years to get a park where these vested interests wanted highrises & stores.



3. The site of Carrall Street (for access) is favoured by these vested interests as being best-for-business...best to limit access to Portside (specifically NOT Crab) Park to those who would, of course, be best for business - tourists, monied immigrants from the suburbs, etc. The NPA tried to twist this already when the community was accused of "rejecting" Carrall Street - and stopping all the carefully laid plans of the vested interests (to complete the waterfront park by making it into a tourist haven for the soon-to-be cruiseship facility & megadevelopment of Marathon & Van.Port Corp).

The mayor was written to ask why no progress had been made in steps to make access a reality. He had worked with NPA councillor Gordon Price to slow committee work to a crawl, dragging every detail through a bureaucratic mess with Marathon & the Port, counting on the agonizing pace of changes to break the community & get the desired compromise - access at Carrall. He responded in a letter in July 1992 that, after we "rejected" Carrall Street, he felt the committee's work was done - that Council had never committed to building anything..that any future consideration of anything not going in at Carrall would be given no more priority than anything else & then only in some future capital plan. 'Fuck you too.'

This is an election year. Expected now from the NPA is a repeat of the little homily voiced by Phillip Owen every year since 1987: "Access is very close to completion." The Port saying "Negotiations are at a very delicate stage" when we threatened to have a demonstration about the joke of the Main Street overpass where Rick Hansen came through town..the mayor saying that if we reject what he & his cronies want there'd be no access until we change our minds..you saying that no effort at all had been made to contact (recontact) others in the community - the businesses, residents, property owners & homeowners/condo-owners in Gastown.....

A copy of this letter will go to Geoff, since I don't have the address of Strange, Lawrence, Reid, Saunders, MacGregor or Sails - to whom you sent copies of your letter and the 6 year-old partial record of that fabled meeting. Maybe you should have sent yours to the Sun & the Province & the Pope - and a suggestion is to refrain from printing the last few lines... You may be heard from again, old-timer. You've been here, what, 3 months...or is it over (gasp) 6 months now!?

Respectfully,

Paul R Taylor, Editor, Carnegie Nltr.



...CONVENTION CENTRE & CRUISESHIP CRUSHERS
VERSUS
THE CRAB PARK KIDS ...

Oct 9 1993

Park safer for seniors without drug trade

ROBERT SARTI
Vancouver Sun

Japanese seniors who play gateball in Oppenheimer Park have happily allowed one old tradition to lapse this fall — scouring the grass for used needles before they set up their wickets.

A campaign to drive the street drug trade out of the Downtown Eastside's neighborhood park is finally paying dividends, community groups and police agree.

"Come to think of it, I don't see those people (drug dealers) around any more," said Suzie Yada, 77, a retired dressmaker, pausing during a gateball game in the sunshine Friday morning.

"It feels safer here."

For the past three years, the 60 seniors from the nearby Vancouver Buddhist Church and the Tonari Gumi Community Centre have had to check for needles left by drug users the night before, and also post a watch during their three-times-a-week games to ward off unwanted visitors.

Gateball is a Japanese team sport that uses mallets. It's similar to croquet.

Oppenheimer, in the 400-block Powell, is the only neighborhood park in the city that is staffed year-round, and that has made all the dif-

- 1) You should not copy your neighbour's paper.
TRACE IT.
- 2) You should not talk in class.
SHOUTING GETS MORE ATTENTION.
- 3) You shall not borrow your neighbour's pen.
STEAL IT.
- 4) You shall not tear up books.
BURN THEM.
- 5) You shall not drive too fast and kill a kid.
WAIT UNTIL A TEACHER COMES ALONG.
- 6) You shall not kiss in the halls.
A CORNER IS BETTER.
- 7) You shall not push in the halls.
TRIPPING GETS YOU THERE FASTER.
- 8) You should not drive your teacher to her grave.
LET HER WALK, SHE NEEDS THE EXERCISES.
- 9) You shall not skip class.
WHAT THE HELL, TAKE THE WHOLE DAY OFF.
- 10) You shall not fail in June.
FAIL NOW AND AVOID THE RUSH.

ference to safety in the park, said acting police Insp. Bob Taylor.

He said park staff are constantly organizing activities to bring the old-timers and women and children into the park.

"As the politicians say, I'm cautiously optimistic," said Taylor.

"It's almost back to being a community park. Citizens come back when they feel it is safe."

Since 1991, police have regularly patrolled the park to roust the drug dealers. A series of buy-and-bust operations led to dozens of arrests.

Taylor said some drug dealers have been deported while the drug trade has moved back to Hastings Street and seems to have spread west toward Gastown and even east toward the Grandview-Woodlands neighborhood.

Oppenheimer's year-round staff was hired last year after a successful lobbying effort by Carnegie Centre, which administers the park.

Table tennis, bingo and chess are some of the big draws for residents. Baseball teams made up of ex-mental patients from a nearby drop-in centre comprise about 30 per cent of the organized activities in the park.

Park supervisor Steve Johnson said he and his staff will converge on a dealer who shows up in the park.

"We let him know he is being watched," said Johnson. "I guess it's a form of harassment."

Since 1991, Johnson has had

dozens of death threats — usually made by angry dealers being hounded out of the park. Once he was shot at near his home. He can only guess the shooting was connected to his park activities.

Now that the drug problem seems to be under control, the staff wants to tackle another substance abuse phenomenon — ginseng brandy, the high-octane Chinese cooking ingre-

redient sold in corner stores.

"It's very disturbing to see three or four generations together drinking, the old people with their grandchildren," said Johnson.

Community groups are now discussing whether street-level alcoholics will simply resort to other dangerous concoctions like after-shave if ginseng brandy is restricted to liquor store sales.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Environmental issues is a class we have at the Learning Centre; we learn about recycling, our air pollution, ozone layer, our polluted waters, our wild life. We are learning how we can have a clean environmental city once again. A few of us students wrote a couple of statements regarding this...

what about the plants?

without water you're dead mate!

Pollution!!

our children are in danger in the future

fish, trees, all nature's beautiful things

I think humans should chill out on the environment

"People" are the dirtiest animals on the face of this earth

solar power sun energy

why can't the government open their eyes to see what is happening

jobs are more important aren't they?

50% of our medicines come from nature's plants

we are destroying this rapidly

sadness

animals are dying off

General Foods owns the tropical rainforests

dispose of the garbage properly

the earth is a living breathing entity, I wish I could give it a big hug

the children and the future natives

slash and burn, slash burn slash

burn

watch out for acid rain

water, water everywhere a nar a drop to drink

the atmosphere

what's happening with the change in weather conditions

to the fish in the lakes?

Janet, Noah, Steve, Wendy, Rickie, Brody and Rocky

Mother Earth Cry's

Our lakes are no longer clean, the fish are dying down our streams.

No longer can you canoe down a clean tiber.

that's because it's now all polluted water.

Our children of our future will breathe garbage air,

all I can say it's not fair.

Our wildlife is duing off to extinct, the trees are falling everyday of the week.

When will people realize how much it has done,

it will be too late for the children to laugh or have fun.

We need to find a solution, to the mess we now have with our pollution.

The government needs to act right now, if not the people of our nations should show him how.

Mother Earth weeps with pain, feeling the drops of acid rain.

Father sky now cries for what people have done to our lands

Steve L.

CULTUS LAKE REPORT
Sept. 28 - Oct. 1

Imagine sun filtering down through golden maple leaves, warming the soft grass. Imagine sparkling, clear and clean, fish-filled water - Then, suddenly the quiet scene is transformed by a line of pink and sweaty bodies emerging from the sauna house and splashing into Cultus Lake. So, if your imagination is working, you have just imagined our last Senior's camping trip!

The weather was wonderful, the campsite beautiful and, from all reports, the people really had a great time! We hope to have another trip to Cultus Lake Camp next year, maybe as early as May.

Special thanks to the Senior's Executive and to all the volunteers - the coffee sellers who raised the funds and those who helped at the Camp. Also thank you to the hard-working staff who went along.

(Lines from the Learning Centre)
A Tribute to Carnegie Kitchen Staff:

Where would we be without them. Who? Our kitchen staff, of course! They are on the job every day seeing that we get tasty & nutritious food at breakfast, lunch & dinner - and in between too.

They are our silent & unsung heroes-- making soups, cooking hamburgers, baking muffins, fixing sandwiches, salads and coffee, etc.etc.etc. They also serve the food, set up the Concession, run the cash register & clean after us.

Recently they outdid themselves for the people attending the Learner's conference on 30 September. They served a splendid lunch of meat lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, bean salad, green salad, french bread, coffee and juice.

As the saying goes, "Food Fit For The Angels."

Many thanks to all the kitchen Staff from all of us. We think of you with pleasure.

Learning Centre Students/Tutors/Staff.

DERA DOES AS DERA DID!

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After five years on the DERA waiting list my lucky number finally came up.

Throughout the past 9 months my few and treasured friends have listened with great patience to an endless repetition of "I'm moving into the new DERA building," and now, thanks to the superhuman coordination skills of the DERA staff, I and my new neighbors are gratefully enwombed in our new homes in Solheim place located on the south edge of Chinatown.

My apartment door opens into a friendly maze of a hallway with 3 storage closets, a humungous bathroom, past the bedroom opposite the kitchen, and ends up at a moderately sized living room where you're greeted by a seventh-story view of the North Shore and a sliding door that opens onto a balcony where fresh air is in ample supply to eliminate cabin fever!

Whoever designed these suites must have lived in apartments at one time or another to have come up with such ingenious useage of space.

To the **originators** and present DERA workers, I want to express the deepest appreciation for the creation of this real home, and perhaps with a COPE majority in City Hall along with a new federal government, there will be more NEW HOPE buildings such as the Four Sisters, Pendera, and the Solheim.

Garry Gust



Prevent "FLU"

Get Your Shot At

CARNEGIE CENTRE THEATRE

Friday morning - November 5th

(These shots are for adults.)
(Any questions see Alicia M.)

HALLOWE'EN SPECIAL

Senior's Sponsored Dance

KARAOKE MUSIC!

Friday, Oct. 29 - 7 pm Theatre

Come in costume and dance, sing, play games and win prizes!

Gastown residents angered by plan to rehouse Granville Mall drug addicts

ROBERT SARTI
Vancouver Sun

A self-described Vancouver dealmaker plans to set up house in the middle of the Gastown street-drug scene with dozens of young drug addicts and alcoholics from the Granville Mall area.

The plan for a "recovery house" in the old Central City Mission building at 233 Abbott has set off alarm bells among street workers, community groups and business interests alike.

"Oh my God, I don't believe it," was the identical reaction Tuesday of Gastown Business Improvement Society director Eleanor Sali and Downtown Eastside street worker John Turvey.

Both said the location and size of the 70-bed project is inappropriate and will lead to further exposure of the young people from outside the area to drugs.

The plan is the brainchild of Bob MacCallum, a recovered alcoholic who described himself in an interview as a dealmaker with "a background in high finance, real estate and reverse mortgages."

"Kids living in squats around the Granville Mall — that's who we're geared to," said MacCallum, 47.

"We're a bunch of addicts, either recovered or in recovery, not con-

*It's legal, it's how
the hotels get their
money.*

BOB MacCALLUM

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nected to any organization."

MacCallum is the founder of the Delta Foundation, an unincorporated private company that has been running an unlicensed recovery house for 11 youths near the Vancouver docks for the past two months.

He said the \$20,000-a-month rent for the seven-storey mission building would be financed through welfare payments. The young people, aged 19 to 28, would pay \$525 a month out of their monthly cheques to Delta for food and rent, and keep \$50 for personal expenses.

"It's legal, it's how the hotels get their money," he said, adding that he has signed an interim lease agreement, putting up a \$22,000 deposit out of his own "personal property equity."

A similar proposal for youth housing a year ago by another group was shelved after fierce community opposition. A recent provincial proposal to house street youth in a new building at the high-drug corner of

Main and Hastings is also getting a rough reception.

"We keep getting these programs parachuted into the community without consultation, and then we have to pick up the pieces," said Turvey.

MacCallum said he didn't bother to talk to community groups because "if you go out and ask everybody what they think, you're never going to get anything accomplished."

He said the staffing for the building would be "virtually zero," and that supervision and counselling would be done by volunteers from Alcoholics Anonymous programs.

That troubles city social planner Jeff Brooks, who heads a street youth committee representing provincial ministries and city agencies.

"It sounds like a large warehousing operation," said Brooks.

The mission building, with single rooms, dormitories and cooking and recreation facilities, sat empty for the past year, since the mission moved to new digs on West Pender Street.

Community groups have been meeting to find a joint use for the building.

MacCallum said he expected youths to stay about six months in the project.

He is hoping for donations of computers for every room so the residents can learn how to apply for jobs.

POSTSCRIPT: The above article is outrageous enough, but unfortunately it seems part of an all-too familiar trend - somebody with a bright idea decides to drop it on our neighbourhood without bothering to even consult with people to see whether it's wanted or needed...because they know what's best for us.

Another example is a proposed all-night church mission in the old Bank of Nova Scotia building at Hastings & Columbia. You get a warm, dry place for the night (if you let them save your

soul). Some group called the Inner City Ministry (Rev. Gordon Lenfesty 731-5203) is planning this. But have they bothered to check with community groups if it's a good idea and what effect a 24-hour attraction might have on efforts to stabilize the street? No way.

The only reason it came to light is that the City Clerk has received a development permit application from the religious group, and has contacted some nearby residents. The building is zoned for that kind of use, so unless the community objects it will be approved automatically.

The Great "Debate" ...

Let's look at this federal election; the parties, the leaders, the media...

KIM CAMPBELL & the Conservatives

* Catering directly to big business and the millionaires & billionaires loyal to profit.

* Responsible for "Free" Trade; lied on every point in 1988, promised jobs, access to the US market, said social programs were a sacred trust...recorded loss of 500,000 jobs, more trade actions by the US than ever before, UI gutted, medicare gutted, transfer payments to provinces capped to force provinces to cut funding for health, education & welfare.

* Deficit hysteria mouthed with no reference to where it came from; proven to be caused by giving tax breaks to rich & corporations but blamed on social programs.

* Brought in GST against wishes of 85% of Canadians to regain revenue lost to tax breaks & corporate write-offs.

* Campbell refuses all invitations to all-candidates' meetings to discuss anything about policy..refuses to answer questions except at 'Tory-only' meetings & has all questioners screened on talk-shows or radio shows before they get on.



Jean Chretien & the Liberals

* Liberal policies straddle the fence to sound different, but great care is taken not to offend big business - e.g. They will "renegotiate" free trade, & keep saying this knowing that a) Americans have already stated that the FTA is not open for renegotiation and b) once NAFTA is passed, the article in the FTA allowing for renegotiation is null & void.

* Chretien makes much of the dismal record of the Tories, but the Liberals began the spiral of patronage & tax-breaks for their rich supporters back in 1975.

* Chretien & the Liberals officially gave political support to the corporate agenda at their national meeting in AYL-MER, Que. in 1992. Because of this there has been no mention by Liberals or Jean-boy of the real causes of the deficit, the gutting of social programs or the threat of NAFTA to Canada & US & Mexico. Audrey McLaughlin & the NDP

* Great expectations of NDP governments in 3 provinces, but the lack of miracles makes people blame the NDP.

* The only party to consistently address issues, to declare its open opposition to free trade & NAFTA and to state why at every opportunity.

* Federal NDP hurt by Harcourt's welfare bashing; voters make no distinction between provincial & federal parties and equate divergences of provincial gov't practices from established policies as the way of federal NDP gov't.

* McLaughlin subjected to media hatchet job for sticking to issues; polls influenced by media influenced by polls in.. Preston Manning & the Reform Party

* Playing politics, while having policy worse than Tories.

* Every Reform candidate gets caught when questioned about specifics of any issue - medicare, labour, social program changes, etc.

* See the insert following...

Mel Hurtig & the National Party

* Started off slamming the free trade agreement & NAFTA; wrote Betrayal of Canada, knew it was a coalition of people & community groups against multinationals - then formed his own party, rather than putting aside differences & calling on all to support the only sitting party (the NDP) to defeat the corporate agenda.

* He had good policies, but has taken to libelous attacks on Maude Barlow with

whom he formed the Council of Canadians. He's made a mistake..or he really doesn't think anything will stop NAFTA & is just trying to get a political appointment.

* National party supporters have made an issue out of being a new party, but have little feeling for communities or people.

The rest of the parties, about 5 or 6 at last count, aren't worth space.

The media - owned by a very small number of very rich people/corporations. Over 90% of all daily newspapers in Canada are owned by either Southam or Thompson, with TV & radio & newsmagazines an integral part of their media empires.

They want the issues covered in a certain way, which is why we hear little on where the deficit came from, why reducing it is being used as a cover while NAFTA & related economic issues are not covered, why the polls selected always portray either Liberals or Conservatives as the only possibilities, with Reform (the new Tories) getting far more press than warranted, why the NDP is consistently portrayed as losing since they are always critical of big business.....

Media doesn't report the news but decides what is news; when an issue is chosen, what is then not shown? When the full impact of free trade & NAFTA never make it to prime time, how can people be aware enough to vote intelligently? It seems that the media has so manipulated & channeled public opinion for so long that most of us don't even realise it's happening.

Look for words & phrases in all news, including this paper, that unfairly or irrationally bias thinking. Interesting?


By PAULR TAYLOR

WOMEN AND NAFTA

The NATIONAL PARTY embraces many feminist solutions to end violence and discrimination against women.

Under NAFTA, child support programs are impossible to implement because the goal of the agreement is to 'harmonize' with American and Mexican standards.

Child care is a National priority. For women on welfare, it is the main barrier for real opportunities in the work place. Lack of support for women is also a leading cause of juvenile delinquency.

Safe, affordable care is essential for a just, equitable society! 876-5603 National 



Dr. Willy SPAT

"Women-basher" Women of welfare are a leading cause of juvenile delinquency... MP called to ask Willy if he really said that, but got directed to an automatic? telephone number.. "Press #2 if you did not like the answer on #1..."

So...you're thinking of voting Reform



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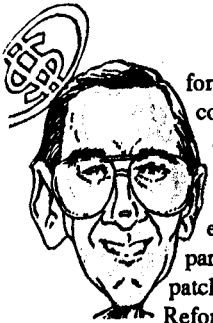


So...you're thinking of voting Reform?

Many people in Canada, including union members, are fed up with politics, cynical about politicians and disillusioned about the whole system. That's why a lot of people have said they are thinking of voting Reform in the next election.

Reform is new, they haven't been tarnished by past decisions. Some people say, "Let's give them a chance. They'd shake the system up." But other people are urging caution. They're saying "Let's look before we leap."

WHO IS PRESTON MANNING & WHERE DOES HE COME FROM?



This is Preston Manning's third try at forming what he sees as an ideologically "pure" conservative party. In 1967 and 1978 Preston and his father Ernest (Social Credit Premier of Alberta for twenty-five years) tried and failed to persuade all dedicated free enterprise politicians to join in one political party. These two efforts were bankrolled by oil patch millionaires. So was the founding of the Reform Party.

Preston Manning says he wants to build a "New Canada" on the ashes of the old. And he has openly said that he has planned all along to build his new free enterprise party on a "populist wave" of voter discontent. He has taken advantage of anger and fear over a handful of issues - the GST, Quebec, immigration, multiculturalism - to build his party. But is the "old Canada" all bad? Will Preston Manning throw the baby out with the bath water?



PRESTON MANNING'S "NEW CANADA"

It takes more to build a country than just getting rid of things. Like immigration, multiculturalism, bilingualism or a

"troublesome" Quebec.

This isn't building. This is tearing down. And despite all the media attention, most people don't know what the Reform Party's other policies are - the important economic and social policies.

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These policies are all based on the party leader's commitment to unrestricted free enterprise. And that commitment is rooted in his dedication to evangelical fundamentalism. These right-wing religious beliefs affect everything from medicare to labour law, from privatization to U.I., from day care to the debt. Changes in these things will be part of Preston Manning's New Canada, too.

EVEN MORE "FREE" TRADE PRIVATIZATION & DEREGULATION

Canada under Preston Manning would look an awful lot like Canada under Brian Mulroney. The Reform Party supports the free trade deal, which two thirds of Canadians now oppose. Only 8% of Canadians think the deal has been good, but Manning promises to extend it to cover water exports and other areas.

Reform policy calls for the privatization of the "vast majority" of crown corporations. That would mean the sale of the CBC, the National Film Board, the Post Office and what's left of VIA Rail and much, much more.

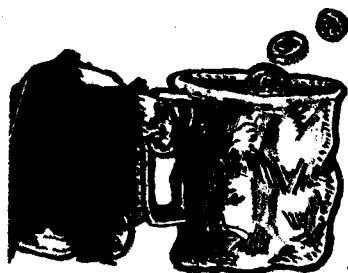
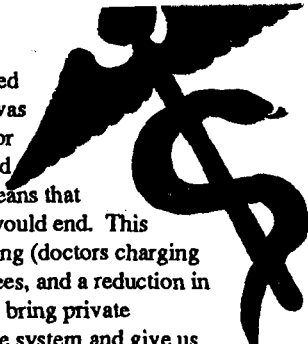
The Reform Party, firm in its belief that free enterprise is the answer to all our woes, would sweep away literally hundreds of regulations designed to protect the well-being of communities and ordinary citizens.

MEDICARE:

OPENING THE DOOR TO HEALTH FOR PROFIT

If Preston Manning had his way, our medicare system would soon be unrecognizable. Ironically, it would look very much like the American system, at a time when many Americans are demanding a Canadian-style system.

Preston Manning has opposed universal medicare ever since it was first established. His proposals for provincial control of medicare and unconditional federal funding, means that national standards for medicare would end. This would open the door to extra billing (doctors charging more than medicare pays), user fees, and a reduction in the services covered. This would bring private insurance companies back into the system and give us two medicares, one for the poor and another for the well-off.



SOCIAL PROGRAMS:

LEAVE IT TO CHARITY AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Privatizing the CBC and Canada Post is bad enough. But that's just the tip of Reform's privatization iceberg. Preston Manning wants to turn over social services and part of the education system to private enterprise - and charities. The Reform policy book states that government programs are not the best way "to care for the poor, the sick, the old, and the young". It goes on to say that "families, communities, NGOs and the private sector" should take over the delivery of services. This is a declaration of war, not only on the disadvantaged but on public service workers as well.

THE DEBT:

BLAMING SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Preston Manning wants to solve the debt and deficit problem on the backs of the poor and working people, by ending social programs, eliminating grants to advocacy groups for women and others, and by implementing a huge 15% across-the-board cut to spending. But that's unfair. It's not our debt. A Statistics Canada study showed that 44% of the debt is due to tax breaks for the wealthy and



largest corporations. Fifty percent is due to interest on this debt and less than 3% is due to social spending. We should bring down the debt, but let's collect it from those who owe it.

TAXES:

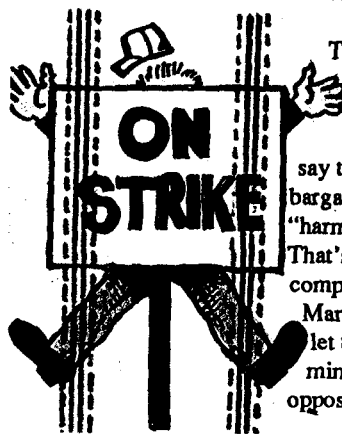
MAKE THE POOR PAY

The low tax bills for the wealthy and corporations would continue if Preston Manning became Prime Minister. We would have a flat tax: the same rate for everyone, regardless of income. This would complete Mulroney's attack on the principle of taxing according to the ability to pay.

Though the Reform party gained thousands of members by promising to repeal the GST, Manning now says he'll not only keep it but expand it to include food.

LABOUR POLICY:

BACK TO THE FUTURE."



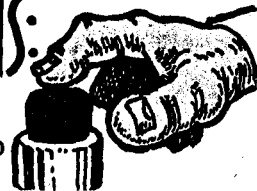
The Reform Party's labour policies seem deliberately vague, and leave out more than they cover. While they say they support collective bargaining rights, they also call for "harmonizing" labour relations. That's a code word for compulsory arbitration.

Manning has said he would let the market determine the minimum wage. And the party opposes pay equity and affirmative

action. They have nothing to say about health and safety, workers compensation or labour standards, but their commitment to unrestricted free enterprise tells us the news won't be good.

PUSHING THE "ANGRY" BUTTONS:

IMMIGRATION, QUEBEC AND MULTICULTURALISM



Many people like what they hear from Reform on these cultural issues. But are these the issues that affect our everyday lives?

What about unemployment, increasing inequality, declining services? A true political leader brings out the best in people. In focussing on these issues, Preston Manning appeals to our anger and fears, and encourages intolerance. Do we want to risk losing medicare and the minimum wage, so we can take out our anger on Quebec?

THE REFORM PARTY...

TORIES IN A HURRY

Preston Manning says his party is "populist." But it was founded by millionaires and has policies that would give big business everything it wants. All its key economic and social policies target the very things that working people and their unions have fought for and defended for decades. Preston Manning's "New Canada" would look an awful lot like the

Old Canada of the 1930s where survival of the fittest created misery for millions. In fact, Reform policies look a lot like Tory policies. The main difference is that

Preston Manning would get us there faster. The next election could result in a Reform/Conservative coalition. A vote for Preston Manning could get you Brian Mulroney. Think about it.



This is a message in a jug
Found down where I once did dig
Not too deep & not too shallow
Something like my summer fallow

I've been juggled for the very last time
'Cause I was not in that last crime
Say no more you not on OAPT
I'm going home for being DIPP
I've I ever make a slip
Pick up on your way down
If U find me hanging round.

Don Hodgson

An open letter to Preston Manning: 13.

If I were to choose a grand dragon for the Klan in Alberta, that person would be Preston Manning...a man following in the footsteps of his father & the politicians of his time, a sanctimonious, Bible punching hypocrit.

He is the kind of man who would decide prohibition was good enough for the ordinary people but at the same time with many of his fellow politicians would hide himself in a small town north of Edmonton where the booze flowed freely, then fornicate & drink until the time for another assembly. The man was a racist and, as stated, a hypocrit.

So much for the old days...now we have modern science & we all believe in DNA - hereditary traits are built in. Now, a man who would build a platform denigrating the poor & dispossessed to earn his own small place in the sun is obviously a cheat and a liar.

What Manning's gift to the people will be is hard times and penury.

Betwixt Campbell and Manning there should be no debate but rather a round & a square circle wherein we could see and it would become evident that he could neither hold his own with a woman nor to the truth nor the values of a country.

Tom Lewis

PS: Lawsuits are welcome because as we can see the man as he really is, the person who seeks power for the sake of it & personal gain..to give to those who have no need and take the rags from off the backs of the poor and chastise them for not having more to give.

A ninety-nine gun salute to the deer
Shots abounding across the peer
You're food for hunters/your end is near
Agile delight, nimble flight,
Won't save you from the bullets I fear
Grace of form, line and design
Peaceful grazer
To lament over deer is queer
Ahh butt I shed a tear. . . .

Taum D.

Dawn to Dusk Shoot Review

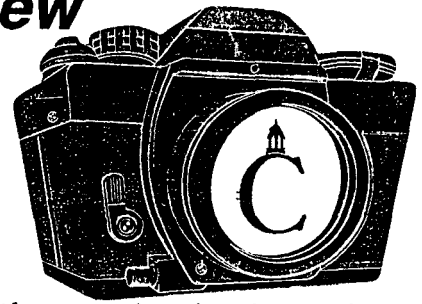
Jack thought of a great idea. Way back in February he suggested that we should organize a photo essay on a day in a life of the downtown eastside. Filled with enthusiasm I told two people & Jack told Dan, Steve, Cleo & Michelle & so on.

After many months of meetings discussing the idea, writing, faxing & phoning potential sponsors, things gradually fell into place. A special thanks to KO-DAK for giving us the needed encouragement by donating 20 rolls of 400ASA TMAX and 100 sheets of 8x10 photographic paper. We posted announcements for our 24-hour shootout everywhere & surprise, on Sept. 11th exactly 20 shutterbugs showed up for the orientation meeting - 1 roll per person.

When Wednesday Sept. 15 finally arrived I could barely wake up at 5:30am when my alarm went off, but I thought "Darn it's cloudy!" "But the shoot must go on," a voice echoes in my head.

The downtown eastside is a photo journalist's dream: historical architecture, people & the blues, artists & writers, characters with a story etched on their faces, interesting nooks & crannies, lots of different cultures, industry, waterfront, & toughs mixed with professionals. So I began at Oppenheimer Park just because there was this one man measuring up the field for an early croquet game amongst a few drunks still waking up to their hangovers. I started to focus on this moment when I bumped into my friend taking his dog for their morning walk. "Dave, we left a message at the Carnegie Centre to let you know about our shoot; hurry up & get your camera out," I barked. So out of the blue I had a buddy to shoot with for awhile.

We saw this great old apartment building. "Can you hold that pose please?" I yelled to a man leaning out the window. Just then he came running out of the apartment & spoke about cameras in broken English with what smelled like a Russian vodka accent. For all his excitement in checking out my camera he went back in-



side without posing in the window again. Aw shucks; some people just don't understand that it's artistic images we are after, not trying to poke into their private lives.

I ran into fellow photographers throughout the day & heard of their trials and tribulations. I had a few negatives but the positives outweighed them (pun intended). One guy with beady little sunglasses told me he was going to have me beat up by street junkies for fun because I accidentally took his picture. I was sorry for the mistake, but he really scared me until I was informed he was a little nuts & harmless. Another photographer was threatened with a deckchair, of all things, because he wore the eye of Satan around his neck. Too bad he stopped taking pictures for the day.

The great things I experienced were many: like meeting the top two bidders over a beer at the Mar pub, or photographing a friendly worker at BC Sugar posing from one of those hundreds of windows, or bumping into the crew of the Neon Rider movie (now which are actors & which are ordinary people of the neighbourhood - can you tell the difference?) or watching some Commercial Dr. locals playing a game of basketball against the backdrop of sunset on the city.

By hook or by crook we caught some great images. We want to share them with you. The Carnegie Photo Club is proud to announce the opening of Dawn to Dusk photo exhibition, on November 18th at 7:30 pm. Please join us on the 3rd floor of the Centre for great photos & coffee! ...PS: Thanks to all the people who allowed us to photograph them.

By BRENDA WHEATLEY

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

**You can help re-elect
Margaret Mitchell.**

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*We personally
endorse Margaret
Mitchell. On election
day, make sure your
vote counts.*”



John Young



Margaret Prevost

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Who may vote at advance polls

283. Any elector whose name appears on the list of electors prepared for a polling division comprised in an advance polling district may vote at the advanced polling station established in the advance polling district.

Advance polls will be held on:

Saturday, October 16 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.
Monday, October 18 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 19 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

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50 East Pender Street
Vancouver**

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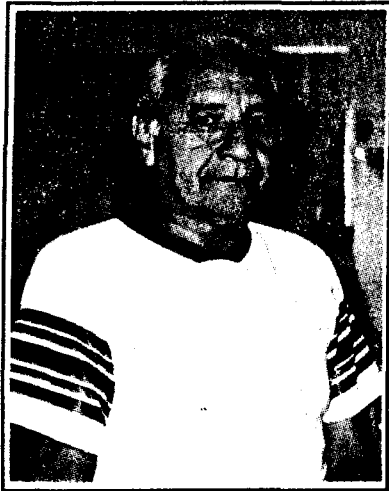
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PRINCESS PLACE	4:00 p.m.
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JENNY PENTLAND PLACE	12:30 p.m.
GPPENHEIMER LODGE	2:30 p.m.
HUGH BIRD RESIDENCE	4:30 p.m.
MAVIS McMULLAN	6:30 p.m.
RODDAN LODGE	1:00 p.m.
LOOKOUT	3:00 p.m.
TRIAGE	5:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.
CENTRAL RESIDENCE	1:30 p.m.
GASTOWN RESIDENCE	3:30 p.m.
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Larry Leyie



B. Daniel



Anna Wong

Keep her working for all of us!

The Downtown Eastside is important

**On Monday, October 25, vote:
Polls open 9:00 am to 8:00 pm**

MITCHELL, Margaret



Even if you are not registered, you can still vote. But you must bring with you to the polls identification displaying your signature and address (example: telephone bill, rent receipt).

The deficit and social spending:

Who's lying now?

by Ellen Woodsworth

The mass media, and the federal and provincial governments are hysterically deluging us with statements about how high the Canadian federal and provincial deficits are. In the same breath, they then tell us that they need to cut public spending and slash social programs, and that they are unable to institute programs they have long promised us, such as a national childcare program.

What is the truth behind the propaganda? Is Canada really in trouble? Are women's programs just a frill to be cut in times of economic crises?

Yes, we do have a deficit problem. No, you and I didn't create it. And yes, it is solvable.

But it will require a different political agenda than that of big business to change things. It requires the organizational work of the women's movement, and of other movements of peoples (the poor, seniors, First Nations people, gays and lesbians, environmentalists and people of colour) to turn it around.

Causing the deficit

There are six major reasons for the deficit.

The biggest cause is high interest rates, which are set by the governor of the Bank of Canada who is appointed by the federal government.

If you have ever borrowed money, you know that a loan of \$100 at 5 percent over a ten-year period costs a lot more than a loan of \$100 at 2 percent.

Our tax dollars are being used to pay off, at high interest rates, a debt that was first incurred in 1974 by the Liberal government.



graphic by Sur Meht

One dollar out of every three goes toward paying off the debt.

The following is from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives paper "Bleeding the Patient: The Debt/Deficit Hoax Exposed:"

"When the Tories took power in 1984, the accumulated federal debt was \$207 billion. Now it is roughly \$453 billion, which is an increase of \$246 billion—not bad for a government whose purported goal was to control the debt.

"Interest charges on the public debt during that same period were \$279 billion, which means—if you take \$279 billion minus \$246 billion—that government programs (aside from the public debt) have operated at what we call a profit of \$33 billion!"

A second reason is that the Tory government has reduced the amount of taxes paid by corporations from 18 to 9 percent—and many corporations pay no taxes at all due to tax write-offs, tax loopholes, or direct handouts.

Third, the Canadian economy loses a lot of money because a large part of our debt is owed to foreign companies, meaning that the money paid for the debt is not reinvested in Canada. The government could borrow from the Bank of Canada, or have it print more money—this is what we used to do so

that they wouldn't have to get the chartered banks to print money, which the government then borrows from them at high interest rates.

Another reason we have a deficit is because of the US-Canada Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Two thousand plants have moved out of Canada, taking with them hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax revenue.

The Free Trade Agreement has cost us over 500,000 jobs, which means both lost tax revenue and lost consumer dollars that would have stimulated the economy. If the federal government that we elect in the upcoming federal election this fall signs the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), we stand to lose thousands more jobs and governmental control over the economy, as NAFTA overrides all levels of Canadian (and Mexican) government—federal, provincial and municipal.

Finally, the government is mismanaging the money we do have, with terrible spending policies such as the purchase of helicopters that won't do the job for \$5.4 billion.

Wait a minute...who created this problem?

We aren't at this stage by accident. The causes of the deficit I outline above are all strategies of the right-wing corporate elite. What they are doing in Canada, they are doing world wide. It is called "restructuring," and is often backed by the World Bank, which often eventually forces countries to collapse in the effort to pay off their debts to the transnational corporations.

In industrialized countries, the deficit is used as a justification for cutting social spending. For example, "In the United States, David Stockwell and other officials with the Reagan administration now openly admit that, at the behest of their corporate friends, they deliberately increased the deficit so that they would justify later cuts in social program fundings!" (from *The Deficit Made Me Do It: Myths about Government Debt* by Chomey, Hotson, and Seccareccia of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.)

Large corporations directly benefit from high deficits here, as they have done in other countries.

The banks and other money lenders make money on debt payments; with increasing interest rates, even more money is made by the banks on the debt.

As social programs and spending in the public sector are slashed, lots of unemployed people—especially women, who are at the bottom rung—are forced to take low paying, part-time, no-benefits contract jobs.



As governments cut administration, they are less able to monitor corporate tax evasions, labour violations, pollution, and so on, all of which cost us more money.

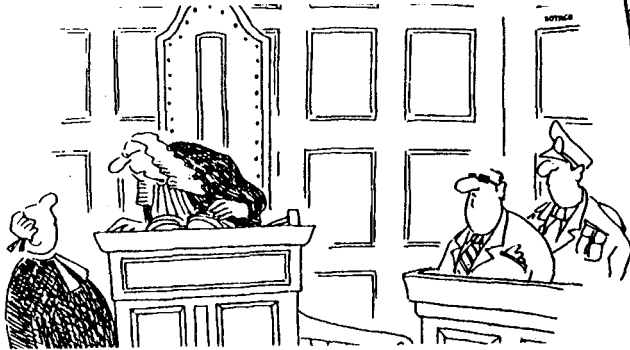
As it is the corporations who own the mass media, they use them to convince us that, because of "the deficit," our governments cannot afford social programs and public services, such as medicare.

So, who pays for the deficit?

The major targets of the deficit attacks are the public sector and social programs.

The public sector—such as Canada Post, Via Rail, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, government employees—is targeted because those who work in it are organized union employees who have set high wages, benefits, and human rights and health and safety standards for all workers.

Social programs, such as the Family Allowance ("baby bonus"), unemployment insurance, and federal-provincial transfer payments for education, health and welfare, have been drastically cut or eliminated by this Tory government. As well, there have been severe cuts to non-profit groups, such as women's and aboriginal groups. They have also used "the deficit" as an excuse for their failure to implement a national childcare program, a national anti-violence campaign, or pensions for housewives, and have used it to threaten the



"Fetch me the law for the rich, will you?"

National Welfare Council and the National Advisory Council on Aging, to mention just a few.

In addition, this government has imposed the GST, a tax which preys most heavily on those with low incomes.

Are there solutions?

Yes:

- Replace the governor of the Bank of Canada with someone committed to an economic policy of full employment.

- Significantly lower interest rates.
- Nationalize the Bank of Canada.
- Have the Bank of Canada produce more money.
- Tax corporations, block tax loopholes, stop corporate handouts and patronage.
- Stimulate the economy through more social spending (social spending in Canada is lower than in most European countries); job creation; a high minimum wage and welfare rates; investment in education, health and housing; payment for housework; investment in the environment, child care and pension plans. All of this creates jobs and puts taxable dollars into the Canadian economy.
- Abolish the Free Trade Agreement, which puts us all in a worse state each year the more it is implemented. And cancel NAFTA.

- Continue to educate ourselves and mobilize the women's movement to elect governments committed to the above solutions and the wellbeing of all Canadians.

As the power of government to act on behalf of ordinary women, children and men is attacked and eroded by the transnationals and NAFTA, we will be faced directly with inhuman, insatiable transnational corporate greed.

The gains of our grandmothers, mothers and ourselves are being cut away beneath our feet. We must mobilize the entire women's movement to fight. Our lives are at stake.

Ellen Woodsworth is a member of Woman to Woman Global Strategies and co-chair of the BC Action Canada Network (a coalition of progressive groups opposing NAFTA.) Sources for this piece include "The Fraying of our Social Safety Net," a series of articles by Linda McQuaig, the Toronto Star, 1993; "Debt: a Campaign Comic," in the New Internationalist, May/93; "The Deficit: Facts," speech by Larry Brown of the National Union of Public and General Employees; speech by Marjorie Cohen at End Legislated Poverty, July/93; The Wealthy Banker's Wife by Linda McQuaig.

NORTH AMERICAN TRADE AS IF DEMOCRACY MATTERED:

WHAT'S WRONG WITH NAFTA AND WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES

by Ian Robinson



The most comprehensive analysis yet of why NAFTA will reinforce the crisis of global underconsumption, worsen inequality, undercut worker rights and undermine democracy. The study concludes that the NAFTA labour side-deal will make matters worse. The author offers a compelling social & economic development alternative to NAFTA which will be invaluable in responding to pro-NAFTA forces.

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why there's never a place to sleep.
What kind of reason
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when there's vacancy signs in the street?

Chorus:

The kids in school are cruel
They seen her momma in a welfare line
With their silk-shirted daddy
talkin' table conversation
"You stay far from those kids, you hear!"

A child don't understand
why there's never enough to eat.
What kind of reason
is reason enough
with a grocer on every street?

Chorus:

The kids in school are cruel
They seen her momma in a welfare line
With their silk-shirted daddy
talkin' table conversation
"You stay far from those kids, you hear!"

"Give up smoking!" "Get a job!"

"I invest in long term plans."

Tell me, what kind of reason

is reason enough.

Tell me, where does the shame belong?

B.C. TRANSIT BAD BOYS

BC Transit is in the business for profit, to hell with the passengers. They no doubt have a damage control office to make sure they aren't sued heavily when an incident occurs.

The membership is in it for profit, to hell with the passengers. Head office fightd the union & is probably still squabbling with them over the placing of blocks of wood next to wheels to stop buses from rolling. The company doesn't hire their guys to be nice, but to drive efficiently, keep to their schedule & to use the blocks of wood.

The drivers always seem to be in a rush to keep to their schedules. Many of them act as if passengers must be picked up quickly & the bus must be off in a burst of speed no matter how many riders are elderly & may fall & hurt themselves. I have been bumped around many times, hurt, seen prople slip out of their seats when the bus speeds up going around corners.

Some drivers appear to be in perpetual bad moods, as if they couldn't care less about passengers; their schedules are the chief concern & the damn blocks of wood a bother. They throw them onto the bus after use, not caring where they go or if the rope handle sticks out. I've been tripped by these things nut managed to grab onto something to stop from falling but maybe others couldn't.

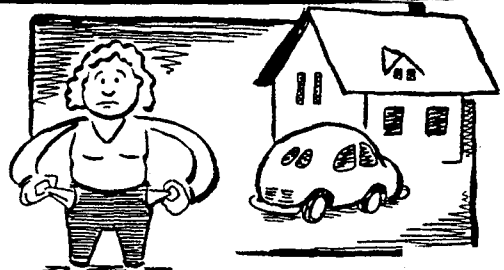
Late on Oct.6th at almost 10pm, Bus # 2725 came down Main Street, sped across Hastings & headed for the bus stop beside Carnegie. I ran for that bus, a 62 year-old woman, overweight, with a heavy pack on my back. Concerned with showing the driver my buspass I didn't watch my feet. I felt my foot catch on something & went straight forward on a downward slant. My right cheek, just under my eye, hit a metal rod, one of two on each side of the partition behind the driver. As I slid down onto the floor I hurt my knee, left hand & both arms.

The dumb driver just sat there like a bump on a log. It wasn't until I got up on all fours that he got out of his seat & helped me to my feet. I told him how dumb he was to leave the rope handle of the block of wood in my way. I let it be known I could have broken a bone in the fall. The driver seemed to be apathetic.

It wasn't until I got to my usual station & my usual bus driver asked me if I was alright that I got sympathy. I said no, I have a meeting to go to tomorrow & will look awful..& more meetings after that & will look worse. I'm still angry. I'd like to sue the bus company but I'm just a grandmother on low income.

The next time you're on a bus take note. If the driver is unconcerned or careless, take the number & report it.

By DORA SANDERS



Election issues as decided at Cultus Lk.

At Cultus Lake we decided to end suppression over every little growing thing.

- * Working for welfare as Mikey suggests is great on cheque days;
- * Give all volunteers \$12/hr for their current shifts...but where does the money come from?
- * Betty Baxter distanced herself from a party leader, saying "There are more food banks than McDonald's!" She praised the cover of the Carnegie Newsletter - the one with Campbell's picture on it - saying the NDP is dedicated to funding social groups

* By demanding rights, organising & banding together, co-op housing became a reality for some. Whispers of abuse of the justice system & the shame of social assistance for others. Margaret Mitchell says we have to instill new energy into social programs.

JENNIFER ESTER PETE

Jenny's childhood years were spent in Terrace BC until her 14th year. She had been in & out of foster homes for most of this time. During this time in foster homes she (and her younger brothers and sisters) had been emotionally & physically abused.

Jenny's mother, Margaret Pete (Shanoss) had gotten custody of Jenny & the younger brothers & sister (one sister was older than Jenny) for about 2½-3 years. These were the happiest childhood days of our lives; we finally had our family together again.

Jenny's mother was one of the most loving & caring mothers. Our lives were content until our older sister Edith was tragically killed in a car accident 3 days after her 16th birthday. This destroyed our lives, especially our mom.

Jenny was very naïve at 14; she didn't understand all the tremendous grieving that surrounded our family, so she & our younger sister ran away from home. This totally destroyed our mother, Margaret. Mother passed away a few months later. Jenny & our younger sister felt that it was their fault for mother's death. They left & hitchhiked to Vancouver, where they've lived 'til now. Jenny had met & married a man named Brian Baptiste and had two beautiful sons - Dennis & Brian (B.J.). Unfortunately things didn't turn out in her marriage, which resulted in a family break-up & custody battle. At the time of this the children were in the care of Jenny's Aunt Agnes Pete in P.R.

Jenny had settled down once again with a man named Stevens. They lived in an apartment in Vancouver directly across from a park where she hoped to see her sons playing in the near future. She'd been happily pregnant at this time.

Jenny had to travel to Prince Rupert for the custody hearing (her new baby, Sheila, was 3 weeks old at the time). Jenny's heart & life were ripped apart once again when the court awarded custody of her sons to her husband Brian.

She returned to Vancouver without her boys to an empty house set up for them. This situation destroyed her new relationship, as she went into a deep depression. A few weeks after the breakup the father of her new baby girl was brutally murdered on the streets of Vancouver. This was her last & final nightmare of reality.

Jenny had been in & out of detox centres for the previous 7 years trying to fight her alcoholism. Anyone here who can't understand why our sister, mother, niece, cousin, whatever relation she is to us all, was in such devastation. Please let's not let Jenny leave us in vain because we have to remember how hard she tried to make ends meet in her life. She has finally given up. She's left all the hurt & pain behind and is now in final peace. We love you all.

The Pete Family



Poornography

"We want to clear the cheats & deadbeats off welfare rolls."

"We're not going to allow people who could & should be in the work force to sit there and do nothing."

Premier Mike Harcourt, 21/9/93

THIRTEEN REASONS WHY THE PREMIER SHOULD'N'T BASH PEOPLE ON WELFARE

1. Welfare bashing hurts poor people. People on welfare, including children, internalise what they hear. They feel bad about themselves when they have done nothing wrong.
2. Welfare bashing stigmatises & stereotypes people on welfare like racist comments stigmatise black people. Welfare bashing promotes hatred against one group in order to gain popularity with another.
3. Poor people don't create poverty. The economic system creates poverty. Blaming poor people blames society's problem on individuals. It's like blaming women for sexism.
4. When the Premier bashes people on welfare, others feel encouraged to do it also, multiplying the hate that low income people have to endure.
5. By trashing the people who use the welfare system, the Premier weakens support for the safety net all British Columbians must have, especially when there are so few jobs.
6. Forcing people to enter a workforce that doesn't have jobs for them means that more people compete for scarce jobs and drive wages down, making working people, especially those without unions, poorer.
7. Many low income people helped get the NDP elected & voted for the first time in their lives. When they see the people they helped to elect turn against them, they will not likely want to take part in the politics in the future.
8. When the Premier bashes poor people, he is playing into the hands of the far right that wants to destroy basic social programs.
9. When people on welfare hear welfare bashing in the media they often think

it is directed at them. This may prevent a single mother from seeking a needed crisis grant. It could prevent a single person from asking his worker for help in finding a job.

10. It's not fair to blame low income people for high unemployment. Government creates high unemployment with policies or lack of policies.
11. Welfare bashing stops people from quitting jobs that are unhealthy or exploit low wage earners.
12. Low income people are citizens & the Premier should represent all citizens including people on welfare.
13. Welfare bashing is mean. People expect a larger vision & a more caring and human attitude from this government. Welfare bashing pushes "angry" buttons. It brings out the worst, not the best in people.

What can you do?

1. Write to Premier Harcourt & tell him to stop welfare bashing. His address: Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC V8V1X4
2. Meet with your MLA. Show her or him the 13 reasons why the Premier should not bash people on welfare. Discuss them. Ask them to pressure the Premier to treat people on welfare fairly.
3. Get other groups in your community to do the above: churches, unions, Third World Solidarity groups, for example.
4. Contact your local NDP constituency association to make a presentation against welfare bashing. Ask them to pass a motion telling Premier Harcourt to stop badmouthing people on welfare.
5. Write a letter to the editor explaining why the Premier should not bash people on welfare. Organise other low income people & people from churches & other groups to do this.
6. If you need help with any of this call End Legislated Poverty at 879-1209 in Vancouver, 583-7363 in Surrey or 383-8778 in Victoria.

"WE'RE ALL IN ONE BOAT, BROTHER
YOU CAN'T ROCK ONE END
WITHOUT ROCKING THE OTHER."

Early Afro-American work song

If government only exists to "serve" the best interests of its citizens, as we so often say, why is it so impossible for them to have a benevolent attitude towards us?...why shouldn't they, who are created by us - empowered by our vote or decision - be bound by law to maintain a benevolent, helpful and friendly attitude toward us?

We are, after all, their benefactors. We have granted them the right to make decisions on our behalf, & to take home much larger paycheques than our own, with which they can feed, clothe & house their familys & educate their children in ways we can't afford. ...are we not benevolent factors in their lives, to whom they owe some respect & consideration?

I've been labelled a "deadbeat" by the premier I voted into office...does this make sense to you?

I've had many jobs in my life & I must say I'm ashamed of myself for having done them...these jobs all involved lying to the public & to my employers about how I felt about being required to lie to the public...it's called "advertising"...a multi-billion dollar industry the world just can't seem to do without. I'm ashamed of having done those jobs, but my government thinks it was the best thing I ever did. Why?...because they think I "contributed" to society & paid taxes into gov't programs.

Premier Harcourt apparently wants me to do this again & continue doing this for the rest of my life. I'm fifty-five years old & I can't begin to tell you how much injustice, stupidity, greed, corruption & outright insanity I've witnessed over the years, most of it in the name of good government & a healthy economy.

Is it not possible, at this stage of my life, for the elected officials to say "OK - you don't have to take job

retraining to qualify for a small living allowance...we have faith in your motivations & grant you the means to live a spare, humble existence on your own"? ...is this an unreasonable request? ...am I asking too much, that I should be called a "deadbeat" in the public media by the man I voted for? ...is this my reward for trying to be honest? - for wanting to get rid of Vanderzalm? - for hating the deceptive, greedy business of making a living out of lying to people & attempting to sell them images of things they don't need?

Mike looks good & I look bad, & that's the way the government likes it.

I got born here in Vancouver through no fault of my own...I'm a local boy & a Canadian citizen by birth. Do I have no credit whatsoever with my own government - those my vote put into office?

The house of cards has collapsed. I was offered a gov't job search retraining interview & I refused it. A week later the man I voted for appeared on TV saying those that do what I did will be "cut off welfare".

...the fact is, I'm finished for your brutal, uncaring system...I'll never work for it again, ever, no matter what



happens... if I get "cut off welfare", if my pension & housing is taken away - if I'm herded into a concentration camp, starved, tortured, or put to death...I will not take a job!

So, Michael Harcourt can take these words & shove them wherever he thinks best. Some people think I'm a perverted, criminal old bastard...a "deadbeat" for sure..but I'm more free & truthful than Michael Harcourt dares to be.

TORA

Harcourt Responds...

Dear Friends,

Recent media coverage of welfare fraud has raised a number of concerns that I would like to clarify. First, I want to reiterate that my government is committed to providing assistance to the thousands of British Columbians who find themselves in real need. As you well know, the vast majority of people on social assistance are people who have been forced out of work through no fault of their own; single parents, people with disabilities, & seniors. I want to assure you that I am firmly committed to ensuring that these people will continue to be treated with dignity and respect.

In the last few weeks I have also made a commitment to enhance the government's efforts to eliminate fraud in the social assistance system. Over the past few weeks I, along with my new Minister of Social Services, Joy MacPhail, have visited social services offices in the Downtown Eastside & Kamloops. We have learned first-hand about hotel owners who systematically collect shelter allowances & evict recipients the same day. We have heard about millions of tax dollars unnecessarily lost in security deposits to landlords. Fraudulent practices such as these must be stopped if the integrity of our social safety net is to be protected.

The vast majority of those who receive assistance have legitimate needs and we must provide them with support. But there is a small percentage that are being deceptive. They jeopardize the system for everyone & they must be caught. We will be increasing our efforts to crack down on those who are systematically involved in fraud so we can ensure that tax dollars are going to those who truly need it. The money saved in fraud can then go toward providing training and skills to those who have lost their job or haven't the necessary skills to obtain employment, and to providing sup-

port for single mothers & others not able to support themselves.

We are currently facing a difficult period of economic restructuring, which is affecting every province in Canada with high unemployment and an unprecedented demand on our income security programs. For British Columbians this means that we currently have over 323,027 individuals dependent on income assistance at a cost of over \$130 million a month. The taxpayers of British Columbia have made it very clear that while they expect their gov't to provide assistance to those who need it, they also expect strong sanctions against those who attempt to obtain public funds through fraud.

In response to the challenges of a changing economy, we must create more opportunities for people to become productive, contributing members of society through employment & we must ensure that those with a legitimate need for support receive it.



I believe that by reducing fraud, we will be able to concentrate our limited resources & allocate them only to those in need. My commitment to meeting the needs of the people in our community is as strong as it was many years ago when I first began my work in the Downtown Eastside. I look forward to continuing to work with the Downtown Eastside Residents Association to assist in providing our citizens with the tools & opportunities they need to more fully participate in our communities.

Sincerely,
Mike Harcourt, Premier

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Election issues for low income people

The federal election is on October 25, The Party that gets in can make a difference to poor people. For example, the NDP government in B.C. has done these things that the socreds probably would not have done:

- * Let people on welfare have more money in the bank
- * Let people on welfare keep more of what they earn
- * Have a volunteer program that pays people up to \$10 an hour for 10 hours of work a month
- * Raised the minimum wage to \$6 an hour
- * Stopped forced employment of single parents on welfare
- * Funded school food programs in low income areas!

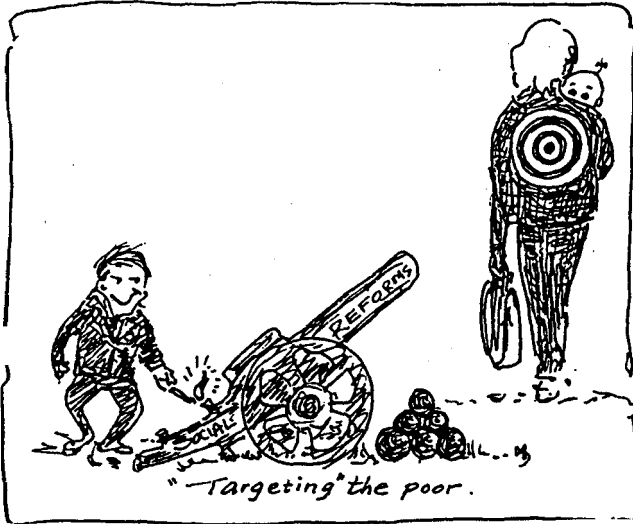
These things are not enough. The welfare rates should be raised a lot more. Minimum wage should be at about \$10 an hour. But they are better than we would have got from the socreds.

In the federal election the Parties can make a difference in the same way. When you are checking out the campaign, keep issues, not personalities in mind. What the Parties have already done is more important than what they say they will do if they've been in power.

Here are some important issues for low income people:

WELFARE: The Federal government (in Ottawa) gives provinces almost half the amount of money they pay in welfare.

Will the Party you vote for cut back on this money? Will it end the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP) which gives people the right to collect welfare and the right not to be forced to work for it.



TARGETING: Some parties talk about "targeting money to the truly needy". What they really mean is taking money away from the moderately poor and keeping the really poor at the same level. What does the Party you want say about this?

WAGES: Will the Party you vote for use social programs to help create cheap labour? Or will they bring in laws that help working people get decent wages?

JOBS: How will the Party you vote for create decent jobs at decent wages? Will they actively try to create jobs or do they want to "leave it to the market" that has caused our high unemployment?

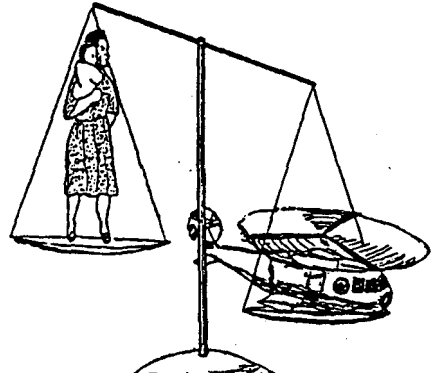
DEFICIT: Is the Party you vote for obsessed with cutting social programs? Does it see this as the only way to reduce the deficit? Or do they call for taxing the rich, reducing interest rates & creating more jobs to reduce it?

HEALTH: Will the Party you vote for repeal Bill C-69 which will end federal

money for medicare and medicare as we know it? Are they committed to universal medicare?

EDUCATION: Will the Party you vote for provide grants so low income students can afford to go to college & university?

FREE TRADE: This is costing Canada hundreds of thousands of jobs, wages are being pulled down & the ability of our elected representatives to make regulations that protect citizens is ending. Will your Party end both trade deals?



"Our task is to redefine fundamentally what we expect governments to do."

- Kim Campbell
1993 leadership campaign document



Canadians can't afford another four years of Conservative government.

As public sector union members, we've seen our democratic rights trampled on and our standard of living cut back.

As citizens who care about our families and communities, we've seen the economy driven into the ground, social conflict grow and the future darken.

Together, in the next federal election, we can make the real change this country needs!

Make your vote count!



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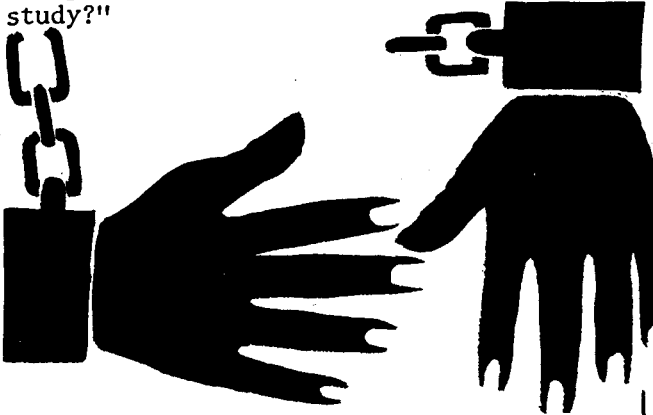
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BRAZIL

Christine Lamont & David Spencer

This isn't off-the-wall; Christine is from Langley, David is from the Maritimes. They got caught up in a kidnapping of a businessman in Brazil by being in the wrong place at the wrong time. As every document I've read states, "This is not the place to judge whether they are guilty or innocent"... but it's a damn good place to ask another question:

"Is Barbara McDougall, the (thankfully) retiring Minister of External Affairs, exceptionally stupid or does she have to study?"



McDougall is the one who spent \$23,000 on pictures of herself for world-wide distribution to all Canadian embassies just 2 months before announcing her retirement from politics altogether. When Christine & David were convicted on the basis of testimony given by a torture victim, the Canadian gov't had already gotten involved. The Commons Justice Committee agreed unanimously that they had been victims of a gross miscarriage of justice.

Over to McDougall - all she had to do, and the Brazillian Justice Minister had already agreed, was officially request their expulsion from Brazil. She refused and instructed her bureaucrats to lobby the Brazilian gov't for an "exchange of prisoners treaty" - and Brazil did as had been expected & predicted by defense lawyers, both prisoners, all people on virtually all sides of this - everyone

knew that Brazil would react angrily & negatively to this "plan" of McDougall & accuse "the Canadian Gov't" of trying to meddle in the internal affairs of Brazil.

"If everyone knew it would happen, would jeopardise any appeals, would make it impossible for anything further to be done for at least 2 years, why did McDougall insist on doing it anyway?"

She went so far as to change the ambassador & the consul-general to Brazil, neither of whom spoke Portugese or had any experience with the fiercely nationalistic people - and of course did what they were told in trying for the idiotic treaty. McDougall cut & ran, from politics anyway.

Campbell has responded to specific questions during the campaign that there is no precedent for expulsion. Does this smell rotten? The obvious but unprovable take is that there is some deal or law or condition that is unresolved between business people here & there - and Christine Lamont & David Spencer are being used as pawns in some high stakes poker. As Keith & Marilyn say in their update: "Why should Canada be overly concerned about precedents in a country that was a military dictatorship until recently & even now does not implement its democratic constitution, still condoning torture (including in this case), the daily murder of street children and prison massacres by police?"

* For more info: Keith & Marilyn Lamont
20431 46A Avenue
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In brief: Lamont & Spencer were given 28-year sentences in 1989. They've already served 4 years, of which Christine spent nearly a year in solitary confinement & David spent 15 months. They face 24 more years without parole. Canada has turned a blind eye to the use of torture that lead directly to their arrests. Compare Brazilian justice: the murderer of environmentalist Chico Mendez got 19 years. Compare Canadian justice: convicted FLQ kidnapers got 2 years less a day.

FREE TRADE

"There is nothing sacrificed, nothing surrendered in that agreement and nothing will be in the future."



—Michael Wilson,
November 2, 1988

"I entered politics to fight for the (Canada-U.S.) Free Trade Agreement...

I also intend to finalize the North American Free Trade Agreement."

—Kim Campbell
1993 leadership campaign document



The Brian-Kim Conservative Record:

- More than 500,000 manufacturing jobs lost since the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement was signed.
- Surrendered Canada's sovereignty in a number of areas - such as energy policy and our ability to introduce and maintain social programs.
- The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), if implemented, will force Canadian workers to compete with a low-wage, exploitive Mexican economy where health and safety and environmental protection is a joke.

DAVID ORCHARD

Speaks out on the censored issues of the 1993 Election: Free Trade and NAFTA

Citizens Concerned About Free Trade invites you to come & hear David Orchard, author of the best-selling book THE FIGHT FOR CANADA: Four Centuries of Resistance to American Expansionism, speak on the real issues of this 1993 election: Free Trade, NAFTA, what the "Reform" Party really stands for, the media cover-up of the central issues in this election and the strategy to defeat the Tories & have the Free Trade deals cancelled.

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SOCIAL PROGRAMS

"(Social programs are) a sacred trust not to be tampered with."



—Brian Mulroney
August 18, 1984

"(I favour) comprehensive reform of the income security system... including a re-evaluation of what universality should mean in the 1990s."

—Kim Campbell
1993 leadership campaign document



The Brian-Kim Conservative Record:

- Dealt a death blow to universality by "clawing back" family allowance and old age security payments.
- Replaced universal family allowance payments with an income-tested child benefit scheme.
- Abandoned election promise to adopt a Canada Child Care Act that would cost up to \$4-billion and "result in the creation of 200,000 new, quality child care spaces".
- Capped transfer payments to many provinces, straining provincial budgets at a time of economic crisis and rising social assistance costs.
- Number of food banks across the country has grown from 75 in 1984 to 292 in 1992.