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There's a new buzzword out there, and it's "balance." That's what the developers and the planners and the Gastown crowd say is going to save our neighbourhood from the crime and all other social problems.

When they talk balance, they mean moving rich people into a neighborhood to "improve"

it; property values go up and the problems go out - along with the low-income people who once lived there.

They say balance is necessary so there's a healthy mix of incomes, and not a ghetto.

But why is it only the Downtown Eastside that needs balance? You don't hear them

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talking about balance in the ghettos of the rich. There's no low-income housing slated for Shaughnessy or Point Grey.

Right now, 99 per cent of the people of this neighbourhood pay rent for their homes, mostly hotel rooms. Only one per cent are property owners living in condos.

Yet the condo industry acts as if no one else is living in the neighbourhood, and they are homesteading an urban wilderness.

In fact, there are 2,000 people living within a two-block radius of the controversial new condo project at 8 East Cordova, at Carrall.



They were never notified by City Hall about the project, or asked about their opinions. Reason? They are not property owners.

As the record of every major city in North America shows, when condos and upper incomes move in, the poor are moved out. That means just one thing - homelessness, and people on the streets.

Right now, there are about six condo projects in the area. More are planned. There are three under construction even now on Alexander, between Main and Carrall.

Meantime, more than 2,000 units of low-cost housing have been lost since Expo 86 due to conversions, fires and demolitions.

The developers and their allies in the Gastown business community are very well connected at City Hall. The architect for #8 East Cordova is married to City Councillor Lynne

Kennedy. Two Gastown consultants, Jon Ellis and Jim Lehto, are former city planners with NPA ties.

They get to review and comment on all city reports affecting them even before city council does. The Downtown Eastside doesn't get that kind of courtesy.

The one per cent of the population who are property owners are already throwing their weight around. They convinced Council to kill the Crab Park overpass, over the wishes of the community. They also lobbied successfully for the project at 8 E. Cordova, saying it would revitalise the area.

We have news for them: this is already a vital community. It was made that way by the residents, not by developers or others who patronise and insult poor people.

Carnegie Centre, Crab Park, the network of decent and affordable social housing, improved safety in the hotels, the drugs driven out of Oppenheimer Park - these are the real signs of revitalisation.

As Jim Green once noted:

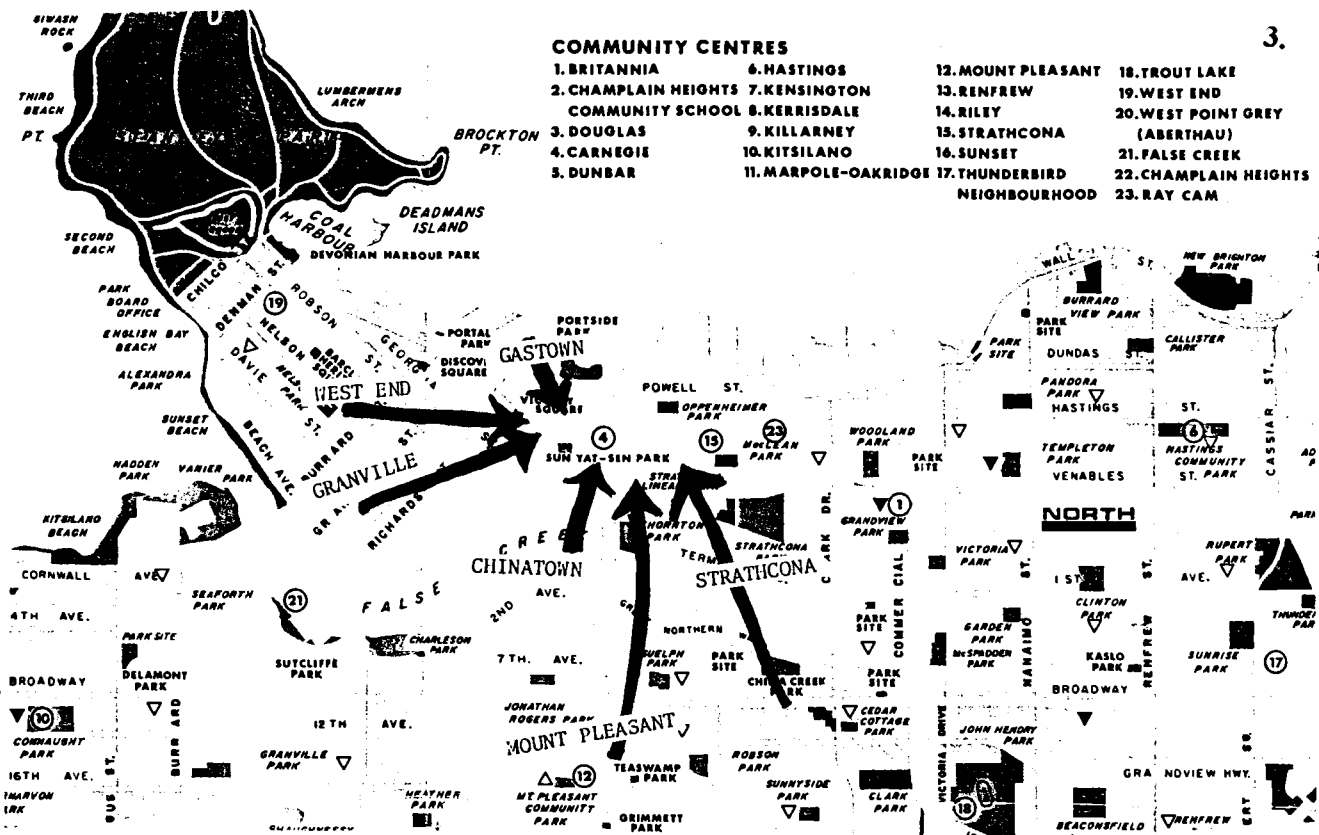
"Everyone wants to revitalise our area. But they don't consider what the people living here need or want.

"Revitalisation is another word for kicking poor people out. Where are the people supposed to go - to Surrey? You cannot do that to them at their age. There are no services for them there, no community they know."

In Downtown South, along Granville, a plan was developed to restrict developers and to protect low-cost housing through zoning, city purchases and social housing. We desperately need a plan to safeguard the Downtown Eastside, too.

Otherwise, the 99 per cent could quickly find themselves strangers in their own community.

By ANTOINE DOINEL



COP THIS!

The way people talk these days, you'd think that the Downtown Eastside and the Hastings "strip" were always the main areas for the drug and sex-trades in Vancouver.

Well, it ain't so. When I first arrived in Vancouver in the early 1970s, the three main areas for women working the street were Davie Street, Granville and west Georgia. A few women worked the corners around the Sunrise at Hastings and Columbia, and around Gore and Keefer by the old Stratford Hotel, but this was pretty small potatoes compared to what was going on uptown and in the West

End.

As for drugs, Hastings was only one of three main streets where you could buy drugs, the others being Davie and Granville. At that time though, most of the drug trade in the Downtown Eastside happened in bars or cafes, not on the street. But if you went to Granville or Davie, every other person on the street was asking you to buy pot or hash or acid or speed.

So what happened? How did Hastings Street become the one and only really big time drug and sex-trade scene in Vancouver?

The answer is really very simple. The police pushed as much of it down here as they possibly could in three stages.

It all started back in 1983, when the B. C. Attorney General Brian Smith got an injunction to stop women who worked the street from "loitering" on the streets between Granville west to Stanley Park. After the injunction went into effect, the women who were pushed off the streets there moved to three other parts of town: downtown east of Granville around Richards and Seymour, to Broadway between Main and Fraser in Mount Pleasant, and down to Gore between Keefer and Union.

This set the scene for the second stage, Expo '86. Our good city fathers were in a panic over what to do about the street scene as Expo arrived. The answer: drive what they could down to Hastings Street. In the spring of 1986, for the first time, women who worked the street were pushed off Gore toward the east, up Pender and Hastings.

As well, police put the squeeze on the women working downtown and tried to get them to move to Hastings east of Main. Around the same time, residents in Mount Pleasant were getting quite upset about the street action there, and in response to local pressure, the police began trying to move it as close to Hastings as they could. By the time Expo was over, Hastings east of Main and Strathcona had become the centre of a thriving sex-trade.

Stage three began in the spring of 1989, when youth workers reported that the young people who were starting to show up in Pigeon Park told them that police had said get off Granville Mall and go down to Hastings. Before this time Pigeon Park, at Hastings and Carrall, was where old-timers could go and hang out, maybe have a drink or two, and

people could even pass out peaceably. By the summer of 1989, the old Granville Mall drug bazaar had been herded down to this corner where it remains today. This made the downtown merchants happy, but it wasn't so great for people in the Downtown Eastside.

At the same time, in response to continuing agitation from people in Mount Pleasant, police began pushing the street cocaine scene out of that neighbourhood, telling dealers and users to go down to Hastings. This is how Oppenheimer Park became over-run with coke dealers, pushing out the community for almost three years.

But remember, all is not lost. As the Downtown Eastside community showed with Oppenheimer Park, community action is the best answer to these kind of problems. With the help of funding from the City of Vancouver, Carnegie was able to put two full-time, year round staff in the park to work with the people who were using it to buy and sell cocaine. At the same time, the workers went round to the businesses and residences in the community and asked them to come back to the park, to take it back from the dope dealers.

The park workers did welfare and immigration advocacy for many people in the park, helped them get into detox and rehab programmes, find places to live. Slowly, drug activity in the park started to wind down. Other people and groups in the community were able to use Oppenheimer again.

What this shows is that the most important elements of a strategy to turn things around in the Downtown Eastside are the community and social programs. If we can do it at Oppenheimer Park, we can do it anywhere.

By JEFF SOMMERS

Thanks Gary for all
the patience
and support
Gary did a great job
It's in the bag

Please for us all
Get well soon
Make us happy

Merry Christmas
To you all

We Build This City

(Dec.30th edition of *Georgia Straight* - a pick of comments selected for 1994: The Far Side)

"Vancouver is a global city, and what that means is that Vancouver is really part of a metropolitan area that will have 10 million people. The other side of town is Tacoma."

- Bruno Freschi, chief architect of Expo '86

One may see that such visions, translated into action, promote huge development schemes while not dealing with the physical and social problems created by such empire building. Bruno may be excited, but is he even able to see the suffering that grows, like his city, like a malignancy?

We need smaller development, closer to the earth, something people can participate in. Yeah, back to the earth, you know - dirt, birds and the sweet smell of herbs.

I guess a lot of people are excited by city building; we're taught young. When I was a

A Retrospective

on the life work of

AL WILSON

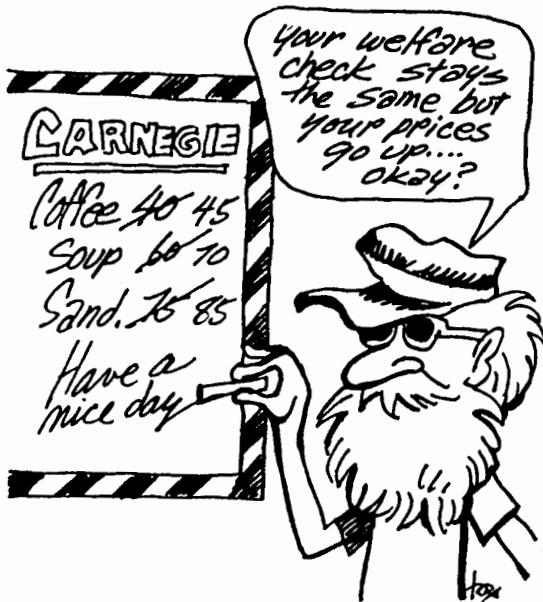
**January 18 - February 8
Carnegie Centre Art Gallery**

kid 30 years ago I got a girder & panel set for Christmas and now my nephew has a girder & panel set.

You hear it on the radio and read it in the 'news' paper: "We built this city on rock 'n roll."...kind of makes even a music lover part of some master plan, doesn't it?

I am writing this because there is not enough promotion of non-competitive, loving, human growth that is natural and healthy. We should be moving back closer to native culture, our culture, where our food grows as something more understood by the people living in it. Oil tankers and freeway line-ups are not my idea of good development. We can do better than that. Let's see what 1995 has in store for us. We have a new day - is that enough Bruno?

By MIKE BOHNERT



("No two ways about it.")

Those inclined to talk the most of other folks' affairs are often those who bristle most when others talk of theirs.

Joe Paul



Jimmy the frog is lectured on the virtues of vegetarianism

It's an important part of the Downtown Eastside. It's filled with people who travel the mainstream from nine to 5 and then commit their time and energy to Main & Hastings issues.

It's an area of vintage houses with quiet streets that one can walk thru to relieve the clamor of urbanitis.

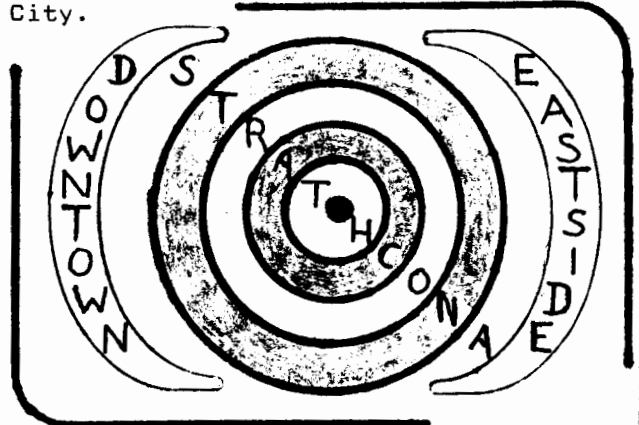
It's called Strathcona, and it is destined to be the new host of "Skid Row," along its Hastings St. corridor, as the towering condos gradually displace the Pigeon parkers.

We would all love to "clean up" the activities that go on between Carral & Main, but to merely have them drift up into Strathcona is totally unacceptable!

It might take 5 to 10 years for the drift to be completed, but, by territorial logistics, it will happen.

Before the drift occurs we must eradicate its being;

That means acquiring government funds to deal with the young men, and women, who buy and sell drugs, who commit chronic crimes to support their habits, and who, if given steady employment with a good wage, have the potential to join the majority of Downtown Eastsiders who otherwise make this one of the most vibrant and decent communities in the City.





The People's Aid Program DERA's First Step

In 1968, public concern about the quality of life in Vancouver was reflected in the formation of two new civic parties. The Committee of Progressive Electors (COPE) was formed as an alternative to the developer-driven Non Partisan Association (NPA). The Electors Action Movement (TEAM) was also seen as an alternative to the NPA because it presented itself as more responsive to social issues.

In the Vancouver municipal election of 1972, TEAM won a majority of seats and the NPA lost control of City Council for the first time in thirty-five years. Art Phillips, a millionaire investment consultant and TEAM member, was elected Mayor of Vancouver.

Also, the New Democratic Party defeated Social Credit in the British Columbia provincial elections of 1972.

The strong concern about the future of Vancouver as expressed by its citizens was one reason the City brought Maurice Egan from Ottawa, with his wife and six children, to set up the Social Planning Department in 1968. This Department became involved in

the home rehabilitation negotiations in Strathcona, and in the planning off the successful Britannia Community Centre.

In September 1972, the Social Planning Department, concerned about the unsatisfactory living conditions of low-income citizens in the Downtown Eastside and the pressure that the new Gastown development was putting on the area, especially in regard to the loss of affordable housing, appointed Peter Davies as the local area co-ordinator.



Peter Davies was born in England and joined the army at the age of fourteen. After a successful military career, he came to Canada with his family to begin a new life.

Because of his excellent organising skills and his strong sense of social justice, he was hired by First United Church in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside as a community worker. While there, he started the Downtown Health Clinic.

Davies went to the Social Planning Department from First United Church. He showed

his understanding of the times and of community development in an interview with John Griffiths of the Vancouver Sun (Nov. 5, '73) where he stated: "The provincial government had changed (the NDP won in '72), the City government had changed (TEAM won in '72)...and there was a growing awareness of the need for people to take control of their own circumstances... One of the most visible experiences of this was the federal Local Initiatives Program, under which we got approval to hire ten persons as People's Aids to work in Skid Road and help residents with their problems... The association (DERA) evolved from this project in the belief that there had to be a permanent association of local residents if anything significant or lasting was to be developed... You cannot be given independence; you have to gain independence. You cannot be given freedom; you have to gain freedom, and that's what it's all about here (in the Downtown Eastside)."

Peter Davies was not the only person to believe in the importance of a Residents' Association in the Downtown Eastside. A rangy, fierce-eyed resident who worked on the People's Aid Program also stressed the necessity for a militant citizens' group. His name was Bruce Ericksen.

By SANDY CAMERON
(to be continued)



A Night of Poetry and Prose

On the evening of Dec. 22, Carnegie Centre hosted a presentation by writers from the Surrey Continuing Education, Creative Writing Program.

Brenda Leger opened the two-hour event with chapter excerpts from her novel *Red Fire White Rain*, a story about a young woman who finds her true love in a native named Wolf. Both deny the technology of the 21st century and find happiness in the forest.

The second reader, Roger Blenman, read a story in which the central protagonist was a single mother whose 10 year-old son thought she was somewhat crazy. In the end, mother and son find a common ground of communication; headway is made toward the creation of a healthy relationship.

Local poet and author Chad Norman re-opened the reading after the half-time break. Having heard of a poet on Nebraska's death row who was executed last month (and who may have been innocent of the crime), he read a narrative dedicated to Mr. Harold Otey.

Trish Vinollie, who has been writing and reading poetry throughout the lower mainland, shared a number of powerful poems dealing with the horrors of spousal abuse and the victimisation of women by men. She also read a number of children's poems selected from work she's compiling.

Host of the event and local poet Tom Elton read a serial-narrative-poem titled *Labyrinth*, which he wrote in prison. The tale of the Minotaur, from the Minotaur's viewpoint, acted as a metaphor in describing today's maximum security prisons and those confined within them.

Submitted by Wendy P.

That is the motto for the year. We accomplished a lot in '94, perhaps most importantly the drowning of Stevie Wynn and the waterfront casino. However we still have to fight with mayor Owen and city council.. it's odd that we have to prove to them that we exist in our community.

I don't believe I'll ever forgive them for not cooperating with us in our fight for proper access to Crab Park for people with disabilities.

What I gathered from watching City Council and its antics is that if you didn't have money they didn't give you support, let alone the time of day.

The people of our community need to let the mayor and Councillors know that we will not tolerate this kind of action. It should not be that money buys everything; decisions must be based on the needs of communities. They should take our comments into consideration rather than throw them aside.

We should be taken just as seriously as those who hold Owen's strings. He has to listen to what communities want.

We do not want condos in the D.E. They will not enhance our community; they stick out like a sore thumb. People occupying them don't understand our way of living, just as we would not understand those people owning homes in Shaughnessy.

I am by no means saying we don't want a mix of people, but we don't need people who don't or won't accept people already living in this area of town. The majority of us are not bad, we just have low incomes. Some of us have children going to school right here and others go to Simon Fraser. Ours is a culturally diverse and vibrant community.

Stereotypes! Not everyone on welfare is an

alcoholic or a drug addict! Most of us have as normal a life as anyone, with work being paid sometimes and sometimes not. Some are looking for paying work while others improve their level of education to better enhance employment possibilities.

Sure our neighbourhood is riddled with dealers and those who profit from selling their women. We don't go out and kill ourselves because of this situation... we work with them and try to help as best we can. That's all that can be expected of us.

All you or I ever asked for when we were kids was to help those less fortunate. So I ask this of you now - just say hello to someone you don't know or help one who has fallen to



the ground... call an ambulance if they are hurt or bleeding but don't just let them lay there. For all you know they could die while you are walking away.

Let's make this the best year ever!

By MARGARET PREVOST



A C'mon

Tommy get the wagon, let's do a tour
It doesn't matter, you need the test
We'll drive to the next one and look at tarts
You'll say she's good and she's got the smarts
I'll know she's a Bonnie or a Bess
Yeah, O.K. we'll take some cure

All week long its been the same
Have a few, and home to dame
Give me a break, I wanna play
It's Friday night, let's get stray

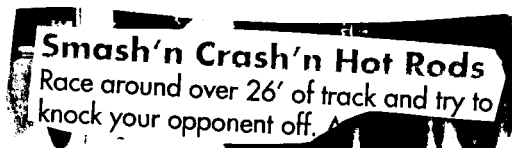
Let's go now before we're asked
Yeah man, to cards or traffic I'd sooner pass
We've done our deeds and finished our tasks
Let's get going Tommy, just step on the gas

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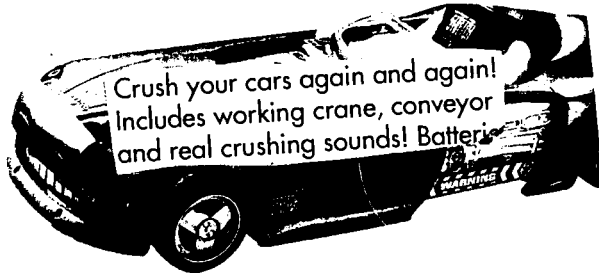
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C'mon kid show this thing
Just who is the Friday Night King
Last time you won by just a sec
But last time Tommy his was a rec

This time it's not just
It's more than a pedal to the ground
Just who is the Friday night King
C'mon kid show this thing



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It made the Friday night
The precise of rev and clutched out right
He'll get you next time I'm sure of that
That ole car and you ain't got that much scat

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Well is he the fastest again tonight
But some day soon I'll be licensed right
Then the test will be you against me
Me in first place and that's alright

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A C'mon

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Mike McCormack

HAVE A CHECHNIAN CHRISTMAS

So we had Christmas... & a lot of Christians killed other Christians over oil in Chechnia, a tiny little area where a few hundred thousand people just want to run their own lives, but those Russian Christians came in with tanks & rocket launchers & killed as many Chechnian Christians as they could, so they could still put that Chechnian oil in their Christian war machines.

Yes, it's true... Christians love Christmas, & the little baby Jesus Prince of Peace & his cute animals & angels & three wise men. The shepherd's stand out on the hill & watch the smoke rising from a burning city while Christian babies & Christian mothers scream: "Help! These Christians are killing us!" The satellite TV news camera sweeps past their shattered faces & noses up to suits & uniforms with stars & dollar signs on their hats & armbands. They wave pieces of paper signed by the Ministry. "To wipe out all resistance" their orders say. To secure the essential resource: Oil.

Unfortunately, the babies, mothers & fathers & old people of Chechnia can't eat oil. They don't even have enough machines to put it in. But what they thought was since this stuff comes out of the earth they live on, the same place where their ancestors lived for as long as anyone can remember, maybe they could just take this stuff & package it & send it to



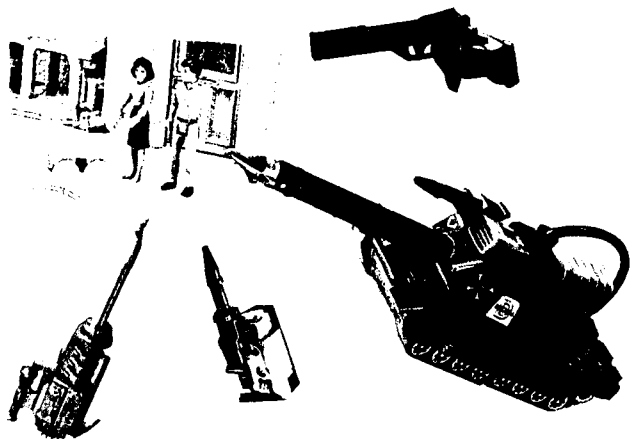
other people who would start sending them millions of dollars in cash in the mail & they could use this money to feed the babies & the old people & stay warm in the freezing weather & start building a secure & happy life.

...but, No!!... Christians came at Christmas & killed everybody & the whole world talked about it, & the radios played "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come"... some people in mental homes even thought Santa Claus's suit is red because he wades in so much blood, & others believed the Pope was Satan & Christ was a dead man.

TORA

DEATH WATCH

on Social Housing



The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has produced a draft paper on social housing cuts. It is a totally unacceptable and horrendous document that must be made public before it gets any further. These proposals are a hidden component of the slashing of social programs which are being considered in Axworthy's Social Security Review.

Some of the *lowlights* of this discussion paper are:

- Sale of housing units
- Sale of valuable properties
- No longer target lowest income households
- Salary reductions in, and privatisation of, related housing services
- Increase rents
- Adjust social assistance rents to reflect other sources of income
- Reduce the current heating allowances
- Charge residents for additional services
- Make tenants pay for home insurance
- Charges for transfers to different units

•**Death watch:** Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation axes a second phase of a veterans development in Kitsilano, citing an unforeseen number of vets who have died or moved. Left-over veterans will be housed in available units as suites come available. "Instead of a waiting list, the remaining 50 people will be on a death watch," says senior Tony Waters.

The Federal Government intends to privatise the maintenance of subsidised housing and realise profits from its land holdings. The sale of housing units, when there are currently long waiting lists to get into social housing, is criminal. The sale of land for profit, when affordable land for social housing is almost non-existent, is a gross abdication of federal responsibility to ensure adequate housing for all Canadians.

The people who will be most affected by these proposals are the poorest and most marginalised in Canadian society. A country that already ranks in the top 3 of industrialised nations in unemployment and poverty cannot afford to further penalise low income people. By taking money away from low-income families these recommendations also show the federal government's hypocrisy about its commitment to erase child poverty.

For further information contact

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- Michelle Des Lauriers at ELP: 879-1209

COMMUNITY ORGANISING WORKSHOPS

Freddy Morales and Montserrat Fernandez are community organizers and popular educators from Managua in Nicaragua. They work with Cantera, the Centre for Popular Education and Communication. Cantera is a non-governmental organisation that promotes an integrated kind of personal and community development, using popular education techniques to work with the urban and rural poor.

They will be in Vancouver as part of a three-week project sponsored by Tools For Peace. The goal of the tour is to bring Nicaraguan popular educators to B.C. to exchange with and strengthen community organising and to build links with Nicaraguan community organisations.

Of interest to workers and activists in the Downtown Eastside Community:

"TOOLS FOR CHANGE"

Part one: Tuesday, Feb.14, 9:30-2:30

Part two: Friday, Feb.17, 9:30-2:30

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Dream Doll House

"We are witnessing an enormous concentration of power in the hands of fewer and fewer individuals who will use that power to decide what consumers of cultural products will be allowed to see and hear,"

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COMMITTEE REPORT ON
CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY

SOMEWHERE IN STRATHCONA...



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November 16, 1994

Hearings on the future of Canada's social services began today in Vancouver

Among those excluded from today's Vancouver hearings are the B.C. Federation of Labor, the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union, the B.C. Teachers Federation, the Canadian Union of Public Employees and IWA-Canada.

Included are the Business Council of B.C., the Vancouver Board of Trade, the conservative Fraser Institute, a Chamber of Commerce and the Surrey Reform Constituency Association.



Vac Man

Suck the air out of Stretch Armstrong's arch enemy and watch his skin turn bumpy. Ages 5-up.

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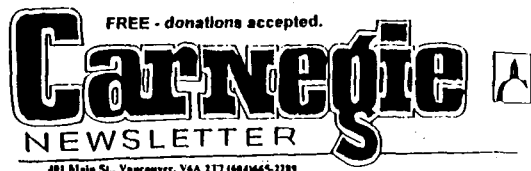
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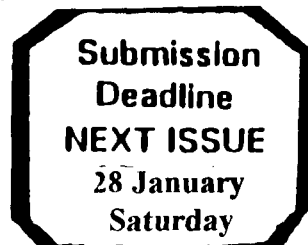
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- unsafe living conditions
- Income tax
- UIC problem
- finding housing
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The Hemispheres

I think my problems are the same as any person might have, adjusting. The world is a big place and every person you talk to has an effect. Some people send you up and others bring you down.

With my simple but complex mind I have sorted life out. The upper thoughts are the Troposphere and the lower thoughts the Stratosphere. Some people or books lift me up to the troposphere while others bring me down to the stratosphere. We can all do our part in lifting others up or bringing them gently down.

To pull this essay together I would say that schizophrenia is caused when people have lost control of their ups and downs and are being controlled by others. I feel that I have been helped by the medications and the people I have lived with and the staff. Thanks to the Mental Institute, Riverview!

By Betty Jacqueline Robertson

Little Man

There must be more to this man than I can see, but in my eyes I see him as a small man, in more ways than one.

He could not face life head on without a bottle of vodka in his hand to get him through the day. He was only five foot three and a hundred twenty pounds soaking wet. He liked to tell everyone that he is a great fighter for his size, and that he was not afraid of anyone who walked God's green earth. A sergeant in the army he claimed to be, for fifteen years or more. While there he had a large number of fights and, drunk or sober, he claims to have won them all.

This little man could stretch the truth ten different ways until Sunday and not blink an eye. What he did not have in size he made up in lies. And with a bottle in his hand, to himself, he looked just like a very big man.

And for awhile he fooled us with his big talk and all, but this would lead to his downfall. For in our eyes we could see that he was not who he claimed to be, but just a little man trying to be something he could not be.

But just maybe, if he got rid of the bottle, and all of his lies, it would increase his worth as a man, in size.

By HARVEY DUCEDRE





Fantasy Build & Decorate Dream Home

SOLIPSISM

One of my prevailing obsessions is that of Buddhist Enlightenment, otherwise known as Satori or Nirvana. Long ago, Russian mystics G.I. Gurdjieff and P.D. Ouspensky talked about the importance of "remembering yourself" and that our inner selves are perpetually slaves to the outer environment.

This is true in my life, and I feel sick of the emotional turbulence of my vacillating moods. I often feel anger and fear and hate it! Enlightenment seems to offer a liberation from this.

Recently, I flashed onto a clue, and that is Solipsism. This is the belief that the Self is the only thing that exists and is therefore worth examining. It's kind of like Ray Bradbury's short story "No Particular Night or Morning" from his *Illustrated Man* collection.

The vignette I'm referring to is about an astronaut who succumbs to outer-space cabin fever. This guy believed that he was the only one who existed and that everyone else is only a mental marionette projected from his own mind to fulfill a symbolic need, and when they walk out of his sight they no longer exist! Only, when someone reappears who he hasn't

seen for awhile, he regards it as a literal resurrection. He was not an egotist but rather was under the spell of the philosophic charms of a modified form of solipsism that can be expanded.

Television purposely tries to induce a kind of collective unsolipsism. Yet, in all this, I may be disregarding the unifying mechanism of solipsism in that a true solipsist would not even tell anyone else of it. That is the catch-22 of solipsism.

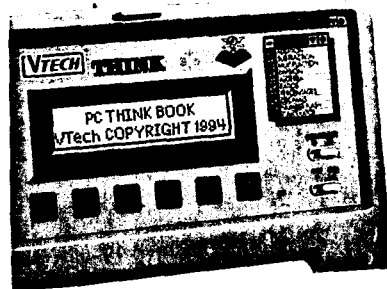
If I am to prove that I am a solipsist, though, I must prove who "I" am. Anything that I put a "my" before is, by implication, not me but a possession of mine. For example, my clothes are not me; neither is my body, my emotions, my opinions, my sense of smell, my identity, my consciousness, etc.

So if none of these things define who I am, it leads me to conclude I am you and you are me. The Science of Physics has a law that states that every atom is linked to every other atom in a singular fine mesh of cosmic existence. This is known as the Unified Field Theory.

Maybe we should give this all a bit of thought.

Your fellow Solipsist,
DEAN KO

Math! Games!
Trivia Questions!



To Carnegie Community Centre Volunteers;

Christmas has come and gone, and a New Year has already begun. Carnegie could not have survived 1994 without the many hours volunteers have contributed. In this one year alone, 64,000 hours were totalled amongst our various program areas.

At this time there are approximately 300 volunteers and the number of people keeps growing. We have one of the largest volunteer programs in B.C.

Throughout the years our volunteer program has been changing to meet the volunteers' needs. In 1995 we hope to see even more development, with your support in generating and implementing ideas.

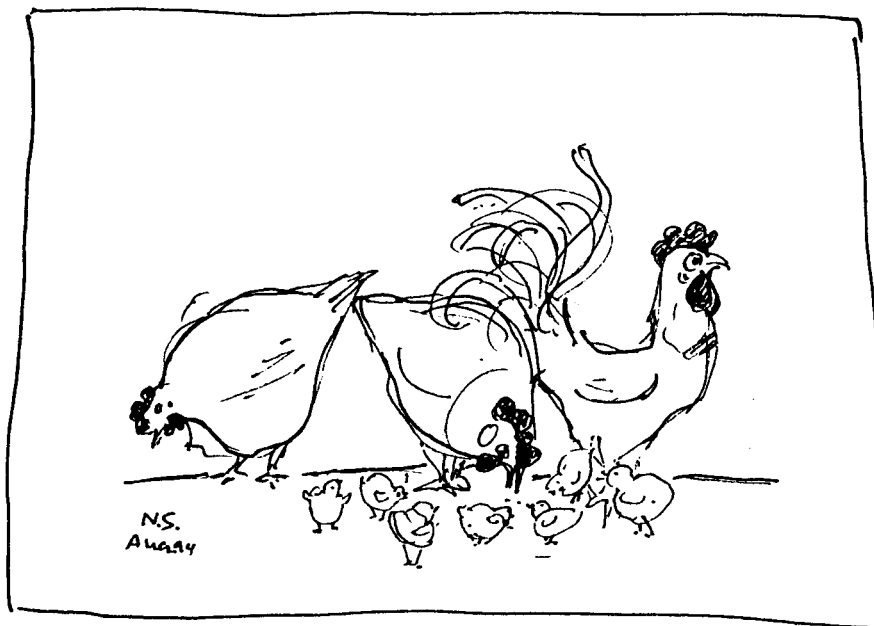
I would like to take this time to personally thank each and every volunteer for your continuing support, and I'm looking forward to a dynamic 1995.

Sincerely,

Sandy MacKeigan
Acting Volunteer Co-ordinator

Dear Carnegie readers - Good news from the farm; four of our Leghorn hens hatched their own eggs and raised their own chicks this summer!

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CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICE-RACE RELATIONS (C.C.P.R.R.)

The Canadian Centre for Police-Race Relations is a national resource centre that was established to advance, and promote, mutual respect and understanding between police officers and the Visible Minority, and Aboriginal Communities that they serve.

The purpose of this community Consultation is to:

- ⇒ introduce the CCPRR to you so that you have an understanding of how we conduct business
- ⇒ solicit your input, comments and ideas regarding Police-Race relations both from a National and a local perspective
- ⇒ utilize this meeting to ensure that all of the Vancouver stakeholders (including Visible Minority/Aboriginal Communities, Police Services, Academics, and Bureaucrats) are represented and have an opportunity to directly or indirectly interact with us.

This consultation is not intended to address the political dimension of Police-Race Relations, but rather it is to focus on the practical applications of strategies, practice and theory of anti-racist policing from a Community Policing perspective.

**2:00pm - 5:00pm Aboriginal Community
(2:00-3:00 Community Viewpoint)
(3:30-5:00 Police & Community)
Place: CARNEGIE CENTRE
Date: 2 March 1995**

As a conclusion to the event, we will host refreshments in order to meet as many of you as possible. We certainly look forward to seeing you at the Consultation. Should you have any questions regarding it, please feel free to contact Barry Thomas or John Spice at **1-800-461-1123**

Aboriginal Fishing Rights Part 2 Dispelling Two Myths

(1) We hear accusations that the Aboriginal right to sell fish is racial discrimination against non-Aboriginal Canadians, and the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy is a racial policy which grants special status to Aboriginal peoples. Are these statements true?

Aboriginal rights do not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race. These rights recognise the unique nature of Aboriginal societies in Canada. They are rights invested in entire communities, inherited from past generations, and intended to preserved and protect the distinct characteristics and values of First Nations. This is not an issue of race; it's an issue of constitutional rights.

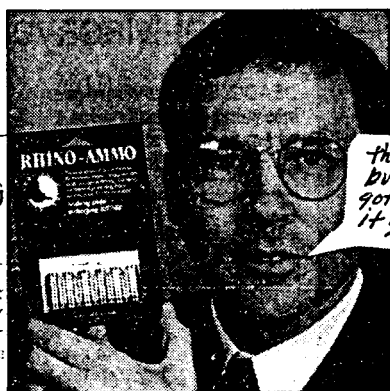
(2) Does the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy mean that Aboriginal peoples can catch and sell all the fish they want?

Charges that the Aboriginal catch is increasing and as a result fish stocks are dwindling are not true. This is an emotional argument that has no basis in fact. First Nations in B.C. are currently catching only three percent of the total allowable catch. They would like to increase those numbers in the future, but Aboriginal peoples are not just interested in catching fish. They are also interested in increasing the fishery through fish enhancement programs.

The Moment #22/'94

The excellent 16-page issue of *The Moment* (#22/'94) on Aboriginal Fishing Rights may be obtained from The Moment, 947 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ontario, M4M 1J9, for \$3.50 (individual), \$5.00 (institutional).

UNITED STATES



DAVE DIETER/Reuter

DAVID KEEN: holds package of bullets

Earlier this week, Keen said his company's Black Rhino and Rhino-Ammo bullets can create baseball-sized holes in people because of the way they fragment on impact.

"The beauty behind it is that it makes an incredible wound," Keen said. "There's no way to stop the bleeding. I don't care where it hits. They're going down for good."

Keen, a research chemist, is chief executive of Signature Products Corp. in Huntsville, Ala. This is the company's first foray into bullet-making.



Political Manipulation

The Social Policy Review is causing people across Canada to respond in one of two ways

- 1) 'there's no alternative'
- 2) fury

The first attitude is one that is being fed in virtually every way by the Liberal government as it was by the Conservative government before them. Basic reason - they are both bankrolled by transnational corporations and supported/lobbied/pressured by big business organisations.

The Business Council on National Issues (BCNI) is one such group, comprised of the chief executive officers of the 150 largest corporations in Canada. It agreed with its spin doctors before and during the last election and said that social programs would not be sacrificed. When the smoke cleared from the route of the Tories (caused by Mulroney's adherence to the corporate agenda), the Liberals famous Red Book suddenly became infamous

**- "Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!" miraculously became
"The Deficit.. The Debt.. Social Programs
HAVE TO BE
reviewed/reformed/scrapped!!!"**

Political manipulation has become pervasive as Lloyd Axworthy, the minister of Human Resources, Paul Martin, Minister of Finance and Jean Chretien do what special interest groups for the very wealthy (like the BCNI, the Fraser Institute and the C.D.Howe Institute) put them there to do.

WANTED For tax evasion.



**"Hon." Paul Martin
Minister of Finance
President & C.E.O.
Canada Steamship
Lines Ltd.**

**1990 profits:
\$19 million**

**1990 tax credit:
\$400,000**

In 1990, this multi-millionaire's company, CSL Ltd., made millions of dollars in profits and got a tax credit. Now he's telling us "we" can't afford social programs. Why should Canadians sacrifice our social programs when companies like Paul's could just pay taxes?

To complain about a multi-millionaire deciding the future of your social programs, call Paul's office, (613) 992-4284, or fax (613) 992-4291.

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Paul Martin

- as the poster says, he's now saying "we" can't afford social programs while running one of the 63,000 profit-making corporations which pay no income tax

- he'd had one of his four ships built here; the other 3 were built in Brazil aided by grants, taxes and write-offs from Canada. He then deflagged the ships, re-registered them in Nassau in the Bahamas, replaced Canadian crews with people from Goa to vastly reduce wages, and now has armed guards on board to prevent workers from jumping ship in Canada

Jean Chretien

- the National Council on Welfare, a federal body, has done much to void the stereotypes of people on welfare as being lazy, bums, cheats, parasites, etc. Chretien then refers to people on welfare as lazing in front of their TVs drinking beer

- Chretien says workfare is necessary to get people on welfare off the public's back

- Chretien does this on purpose, since other stereotypes and sensationalist stories on welfare cause poll results whereby 81% of people asked think it's too easy to abuse social programs and 69% think they make it "too easy to give up looking for work."

Lloyd Axworthy

- he is responsible for packaging & selling the social policy 'review'

- he is responsible for feeding the general public with one set of assumptions, one point of view, with the sole purpose of convincing, by constant repetition and the controlled coverage of any alternatives, that he and the Liberals are just doing the best they can in the face of "No Alternative."

False Assumptions

#1) *That Unemployment Insurance is funded entirely through taxes* IN FACT - out of \$17.2 billion spent, \$12.4 billion is funded entirely by employee/employer contributions and the UI Commission now has a surplus.

#2) *That the claimant is to blame if s/he is forced to claim UI 3 times in 5 years (over 40%) or has been unemployed for a year or more (13%). The unemployed are expected to change, to seek education and/or training in order to become self-supporting.* IN FACT - the large and growing number of unemployed are often so due to downsizing, plant closures,

mergers, and the diminishing number of full-time jobs forcing people to work part-time, temporary or on contract. Exploitation is increasing as desperate people have to take any work, at any wage, in any conditions. It is the market economy at fault, along with governments which refuse to implement fair progressive taxation.

#3) *That most people on welfare need short-term help, and given the right training can soon become productive members of the workforce.* IN FACT almost half of welfare clients have no hope of securing gainful employment in today's market. With unemployment so high it is wrong just to force all recipients to compete in training and job-seeking for work that will never be theirs.

#4) *That the only to reduce the deficit is to cut spending.* IN FACT - we must raise revenue from other sources:

a) from corporations: they paid half of gov't revenues in taxes in 1950 and only 8% now

b) increase income taxes on the wealthiest 20% of Canadians and eliminate loopholes... introduce a wealth & inheritance tax

c) full employment; 97% of the population working means a full treasury

d) instruct the Bank of Canada to institute cohesive monetary policies designed to keep interest rates affordable; legislate to prevent capital flight (like Irving and Pattison)

#5) *That bureaucrats are parasites and reducing the public service is always okay.* IN FACT - civil servants are essential and many departments are often under-staffed, especially those whose duties include monitoring or inspecting private industries. Civil servants working today, paying taxes and consuming goods & services will, due to cutbacks, end up on UI or welfare. Who wins?

#6) That the two "free" trade deals (FTA and NAFTA) are good for Canada. IN FACT - the catalyst for much of the social unrest and cut-backs and deficit hysteria and plant closures is because of these deals. We do not have open access to the US market; we have been opened up to rapacious exploitation by transnationals who have neither the inclination nor obligation to share any benefits with us for our resources. We are now in a downward spiral of competitive impoverishment with Mexico and all other countries. The wealthy want to become as stateless as their wealth.

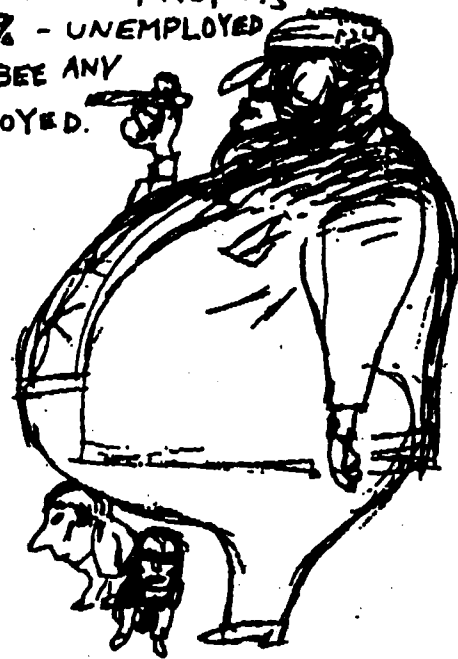
(These six "false assumptions" were compiled by the Economic Justice Committee of the Unitarian Church of Canada.)

Axworthy and Martin have spent a few million on the propaganda part, with "Work-books" asking for input! The questions are all narrowed to keep acceptable answers in line with the assumptions they will allow.

Taking all the dressing out of the window, we are asked if funding for post-secondary education should be cut, transfers stopped or have the financing become almost totally loans to students? We are asked if we think UI should be cut back further, if those on UI should have to work or train for benefits or if it should just be a 2-tiered system with only those occasionally unemployed getting insurance? We are asked if single parents who receive welfare should keep their kids or face a 2-year deadline for getting any work?

As Maude Barlow says in "Lay it on Lloyd!"

**CORPORATE PROFITS
UP 45% - UNEMPLOYED
I CAN'T SEE ANY
UNEMPLOYED.**



"Is it right to cut social programs when over 63,000 profitable corporations pay no tax? Is it fair to slash spending on UI when thousands of individuals earning more than \$50,000 a year pay no income tax? Is it fair to burden post-secondary students with greater debts when in 1990 Paul Martin's own company, the CSL Group, made a pre-tax profit of \$19 million and received a tax credit of \$400,000? Is it fair to take money from people on social assistance when corporations in Canada currently owe the public over \$36 billion in deferred tax and pay no interest on the amount owed? It's not fair and it's costing us jobs, services and programs. If Imperial Oil simply paid their deferred taxes of \$1.5 billion, we could create 600,000 new child care spaces, build 54,000 new housing units, or establish a national dental care program for children."

A little point of interest - groups like End Legislated Poverty cannot get a charity-tax number. They are too political. Both the Fraser Institute and the C.D.Howe Institute are charities, getting all the breaks this entails. They pay their CEOs over 1/4 million and call all the pamphlets, books, and public events they put on for the corporate owners and their philosophy "charitable". Donations come in but an equal part is written off as "business expenses" by executives, meaning that we pay for them through tax breaks to business. Copies of these two institutes' tax-returns are here if anyone wants to see 'em.

Neither the Fraser Institute nor C.D.Howe are "too political" - they just lobby/pressure (own) politicians.

This is getting into the fury.

Seniors are appalled that they worked all their lives, fought for this country in wars and fought for these very social programs, only to have corporations destroy them just to make profits at the expense of the public.

Workers, the un- and underemployed, people

on UI and on social assistance, farmers, anti-poverty activists, community leaders, trade unions, immigrants, people, people, people... Students are fighting back by striking - a National Strike is happening on January 25th.

The opposition to the slash & burn scare methods is growing and can produce the necessary changes. These very programs, that make Canada a unique place, can be improved. The ironic part is that most alternatives proposed by critics of the Liberals (and Tories before them) are being consciously ignored by the very people who will have to pay their fair share finally. The owners of the media are also owners of transnational corporations. They are the ones who also want these cuts to be deeper and harsher. They are the ones who say, like Tory Michael Wilson said, "Everyone will have to tighten their belts"... except for themselves.

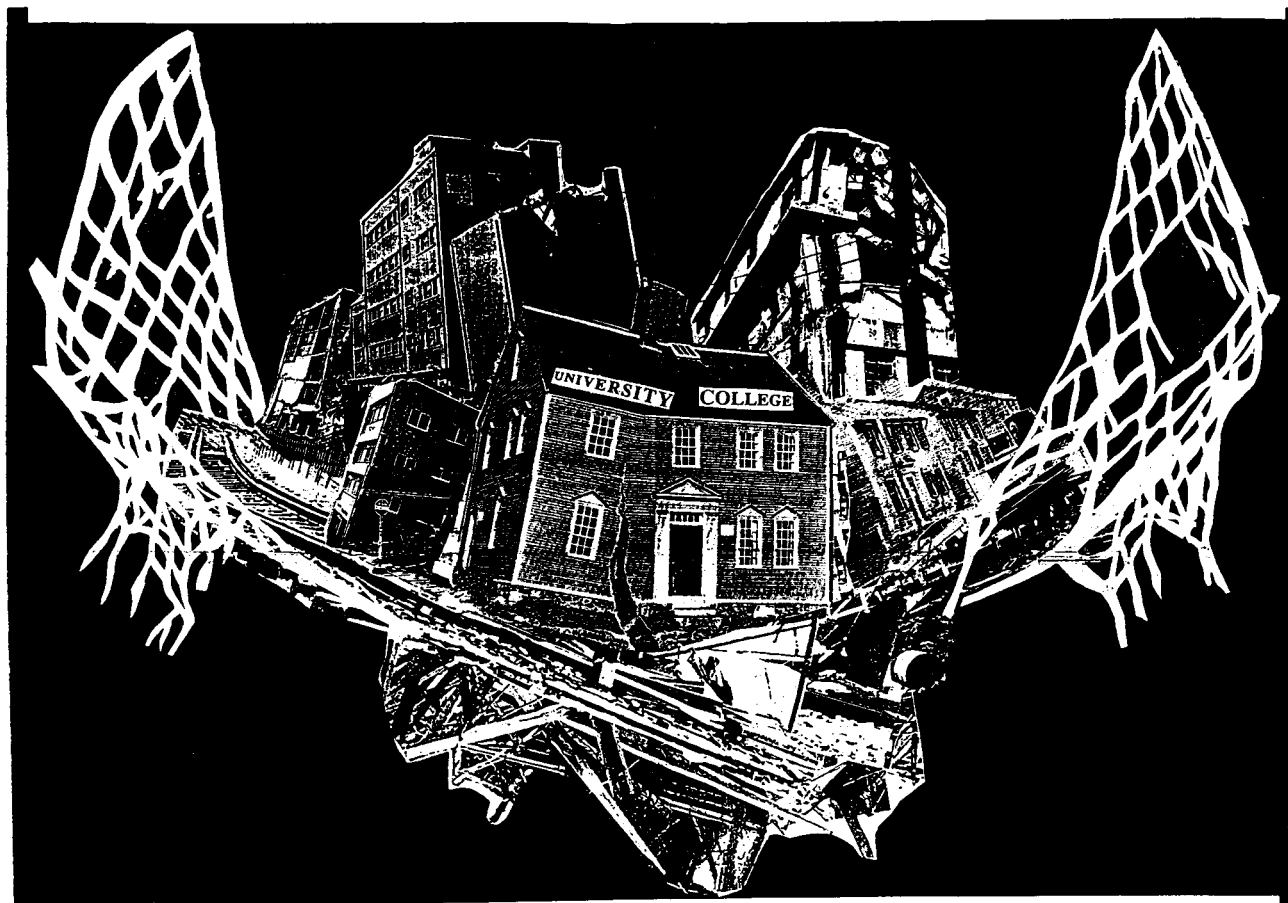
Keep your ears open and do what you can to get people talking and fighting. It ain't over.

By PAULR TAYLOR



STUDENTS STRIKE BACK!

IN DEFENCE OF THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET



JOIN THE FIGHT TO SAVE CANADA'S SOCIAL PROGRAMS
**NATIONAL DAY OF
STUDENT STRIKE AND ACTION**

Rally at Vancouver Art Gallery - 3pm

March to 'Find the Wealth' - 4-5

Rally for all at Art Gallery - 5:30pm

JANUARY 25TH 1995