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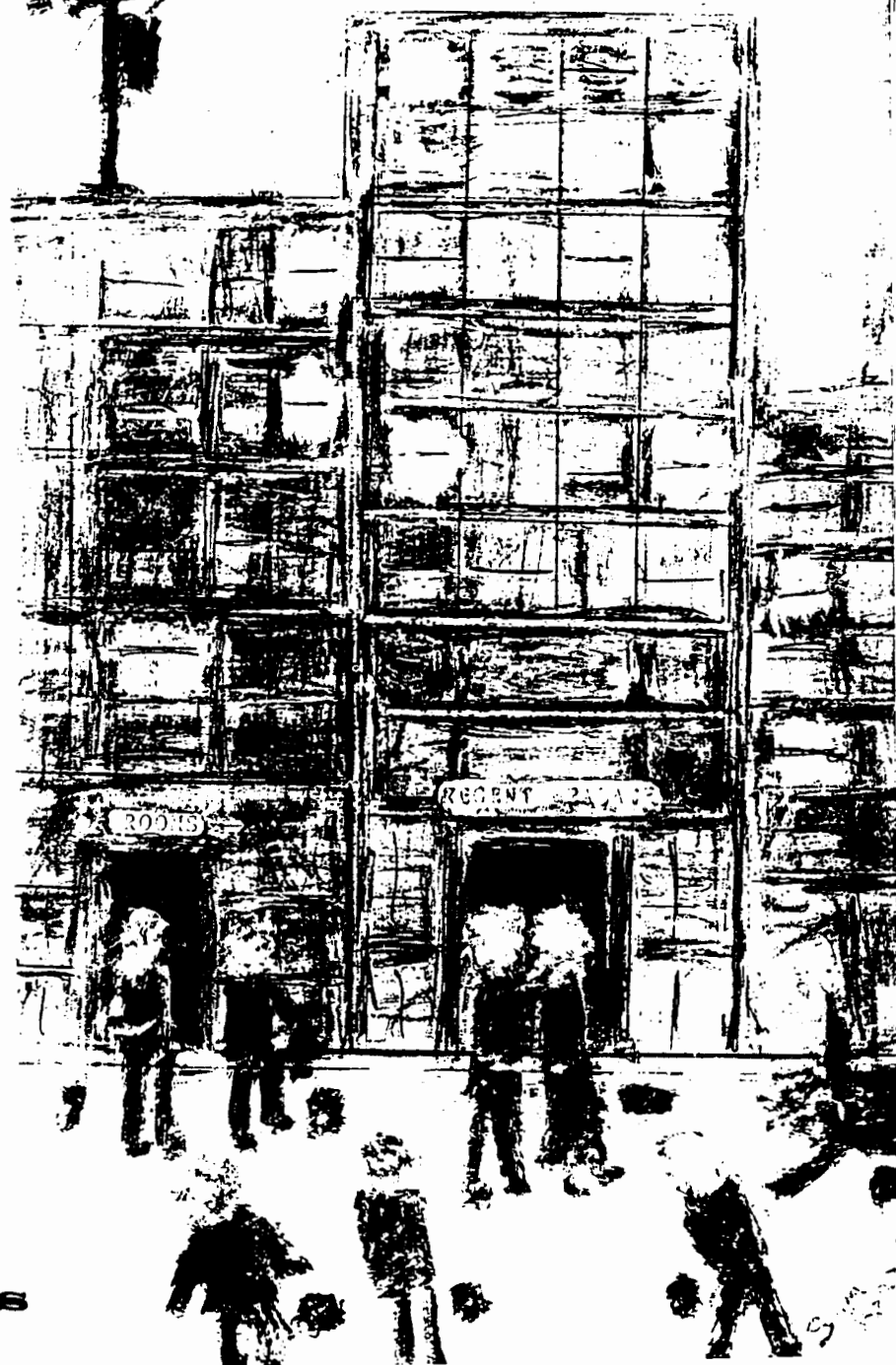


NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1, 1997.

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homeless



In the 30's men and women lived in the JUNGLES, under the Georgia viaduct and along the banks of False Creek. Shelter was discarded piano boxes, chunks of sheet metal and driftwood held in place by bits of bailing wire.

Today I think misery is worse: more despair, desolation and humiliation, with broken down tenements and shelters riddled with hopelessness. NO VACANCY on every street corner for the lost. Only yesterday, I stared in shame at the crowd of homeless young men stretched out in the pews of a mission church.

Sam Roddan



APEC Myth #1

APEC is Inevitable (so Canada should try to make the best of it)

80% of the world's population has no access to modern communication technology. The Asia-Pacific is being forced open by business interests, not the Internet. Although the world is getting smaller for a select few, the form globalisation takes is a matter for public debate, not inevitability. We *can* decide what kind of world we want to live in.

Since the whole structure of APEC is flawed from the outset, efforts to make any positive changes to the agreement are futile. It should not be surprising that Canadian participation, thus far, has only served to further APEC's corporate agenda. Canadian, US, and Australian business interests are actively pushing other APEC nations to liberalize their economies faster than these countries would like. Our government has demonstrated that it has no will to take on crucial social issues within APEC. Canada even outdoes America when it comes to overlooking human rights abuses within countries such as China. Even if APEC decided to take a proactive stance on these important questions, do we really want business to be involved in making decisions about such issues as environmental protection?

APEC Myth #2

APEC Provides a Great Opportunity for Dialogue and Cultural Exchange

While APEC leaders and their supporters often drag out the corpse of "cultural exchange" to defend their corporate agenda, it has been made clear from the outset that APEC is explicitly about business. According to a Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs document entitled *An Open Door for Canadian Business*, "APEC has been business driven from the start, a feature that sets it apart from many other regional trade bodies." APEC is not an opportunity for cultural exchange. Such opportunities have always existed and will continue to exist without APEC.

Neither is APEC informal chit-chat. Although APEC agreements are often described as non-binding, this assumes that everyone comes to the table on equal footing. However, there are huge vested interests and imbalances of power at play. While the rules may remain somewhat flexible for the US and Japan, weaker nations will be forced into compromising positions.

In essence APEC is an attempt by the powerful developed nations to pry open the weaker economies in the Asia Pacific region. APEC is a colonialist tool wielded by wealthy nations to exploit the environment and cheap labour of less prosperous nations.

APEC will Help Small Businesses Prosper

Small businesses will **actually** be weakened under APEC. Without access to cheap labour, **cheap** resources and the large government subsidies that are **handed out** daily to big corporations, small businesses simply cannot compete. We are entering an era of monopoly capitalism where a few megacorporations set the rules and can afford to play the game. Every day, we see more and more mergers and buy-outs. Now, of the biggest 100 economies, 51 are corporations and only 49 are countries. 500 transnationals control 70% of international trade.



There are No Alternatives

No is an alternative. There are plenty of international organisations and conferences aimed at making the world a better place to do business. Making the world a better place, however, is left to underfunded NGO's and a few toothless UN bureaucracies. If the will exists to reduce tariffs and government budgets, then why shouldn't the will exist to reduce poverty and the size of the military? If we can negotiate "Free Trade" then we can also negotiate the dismantling of corporate rule. There are models for Fair Trade. There are *always* alternatives.

APEC Myth #3



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APEC Myth #4

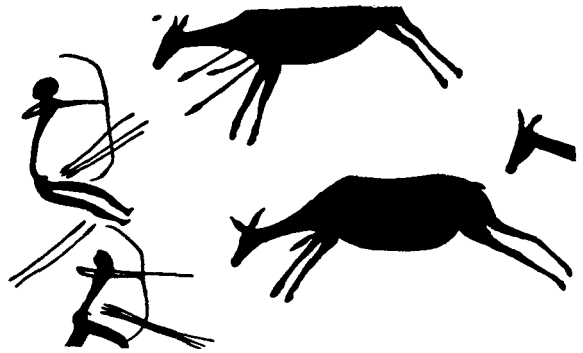
APEC will Result in Increased Prosperity for Everyone

APEC means prosperity for investors and the business elite. This will be accomplished at the expense of the rest of us. Since the Canada-US free trade agreement, corporations have been experiencing record profits, yet the income of the poorest fifth of Canadians has dropped 20%. APEC will continue this erosion of wages and working conditions. Labour will be forced to make concessions in order to compete with workers in countries such as Indonesia, where trying to organize a union can get you killed. APEC encourages child labour, and sweat shop working conditions. It is these sub-human labour practices which lure investment from companies like Nike. While the world is being made borderless for capital and corporations, human beings remain trapped in poverty. This is not about prosperity, this is about more poverty for more people.



APEC fosters a society of consumption

APEC and similar trade agreements are not just about merchandise; they are about making our very existence a commodity. We don't talk about people and the environment, it's "human and natural resources". In the APEC world vision, all aspects of our lives are reconceived in terms of profitability.



EAST Infection scare hits Gastown

The following is an excerpt from the latest minutes of GHAPC (Gastown Historical Area Planning Committee), the watchdog City appointees who pass judgment on all affairs relating to The Great Dominion of Gastown...

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By IAN MacRAE

4. Downtown Education Centre

The Committee discussed drafting a letter to the Vancouver School Board outlining GHAPC's expectations for the anticipated permit renewal application. Concerns were expressed regarding use of the word "East" in the centre's name. Members reiterated comments of previous meetings that associating the words "East" or "Eastside" with Gastown and businesses in Gastown associates negative images with Gastown. Members recommended it would be more appropriate for the Centre to reflect its location by using a more specific term, such as "Gastown".

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The Chair will write the Director of Community Education, Vancouver School Board, recommending consideration of a change of name when the Centre's permit comes up for renewal.

This is the same bunch who whined long and loud when The Downtown East Education Centre was proposed for the corner of Columbia and Powell. At that time they lobbied to have it moved elsewhere as it would be a blight on the neighbourhood and would attract people who were "socially disabled". Now that the Centre is proving popular and successful, they want to take credit for it.

These crusaders for social civility are so convinced that their repugnant contributions to community relations are so indispensable, they finished off these minutes by reminding those members whose terms are expiring to quickly get

their applications into the City so they can be re-appointed all over again.

Are Mayor Owen and City Council (who annually appoint this sordid little goon squad) satisfied that they represent their attitudes towards the Downtown Eastside and the people who live here? Apparently so. If they had any integrity, they'd tell every member who voted for this ludicrous motion that their "services" are no longer required.

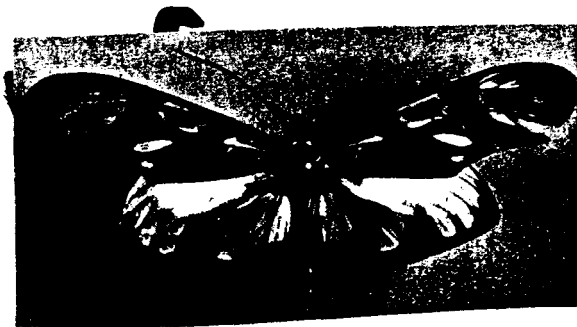
If they can't find a better calibre of volunteer to fill out the committee, better the thing should be disbanded altogether - or at the very least consider renaming it *The Gaffe-town Hysterical Audacity Committee*. Now that has a nice ring to it.

Sort of in a depressed funk these days. Need 5.
more warm people in my life with kind, gentle
voices and good intentions who will; enlighten me.
Bud Osborn is in a depressed rage these days be-
cause of our government's cover up and criminal
neglect of our people. Bud, you should be surpris-
ed - what with our country's relatively green
mentality.

I remember a valuable lesson I learned in Greece,
one that restored my belief in humanity. A man
had been very kind to me. When I said, "What
may I do for you?" he said, "Pass on the kindness."

This, then, is a plea to all those reading the
Carnegie Newsletter and listening to Co-op
Radio's Main & Hastings show. Our governments
are committing genocide. People are being killed
by governments refusing to provide clean, quiet,
affordable housing and detoxification centres for
those with alcohol and drug problems.

Ten years ago Dr. Martin Schechter, head of St.



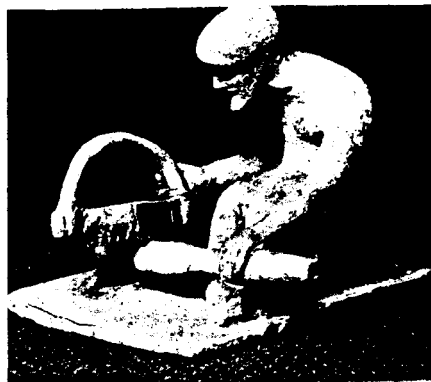
Paul's Centre of Excellence, forewarned govern-
ment of an epidemic; few steps were taken to
prevent it.

Perhaps it is time to stop asking our government
what it can do and ask ourselves, "What can I do?"
If we, as private citizens, each do our part by
helping an individual in distress, then there will be
less suffering. For example, recently I saw a
woman in an alley one block from where I live. It
was early one morning. She was clad in light
clothing in the freezing weather, sitting quite
elegantly on a cold, concrete step, shivering,
starving, homeless, exhausted. I brought her to my

home. She had a soothing, warm baking soda bath
I gave her warm clothing, cigarettes, tiger balm, a
drink of Crown Royal whiskey, breakfast, \$20,
and a place too sleep on my hide-a-bed.

I phoned emergency shelters trying to find a
place for her. Lookout, Triage and Powell Place
were full. However, Powell Place did recommend
Fine Day on the west side. I phoned there and they
said they did have a bed but the referral had to
come from MHR.

I phoned MHR and said that my guest needed
shelter and that Fine Day had space. MHR spoke



with my guest, who told me that MHR would put
her up in the Balmoral Hotel.

I wonder about that. Fine Day is situated on the
west side near Arbutus Street.. a much more
aesthetic neighbourhood. Why the Balmoral?

I also wonder about all the vacant buildings in
our neighbourhood that could be sheltering our
homeless and used as detox centres. When I phone
the numbers on the For Sale or Lease signs to
speak to the owners about possibilities, I'm told
that I have the wrong number.

The point is that we each must do our part and
pass on the kindness. To paraphrase John Donne:

"No man is an island entire of itself. Each is a
piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod
be washed away by the sea, then Europe is the
less, as well as if a manor of thy friend's were or
thine own home were for each man's death
diminishes me for I am part of mankind. Therefor,
send not to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls
for thee."

By ANITA STEVENS

Bank of Nova Scotia, Hastings & Seymour.
To the Customer Service Manager

I have had an account with your branch since 1991 and worked as a Customer Service Representative there from 1991-1993. I know what is required of someone in this position and their proper code of conduct.

At the present time I am on social assistance. On October 29 I was in your branch and was signalled to go to a wicket. The teller was still busy with entering a previous transaction and, surprised, I waited. While conducting my business the teller took her time and left me waiting twice. I took exception to her lackadaisical attention and told her that I would not use her as a teller again. She responded, saying, "Sir, I really don't care." This came as a shock to me.

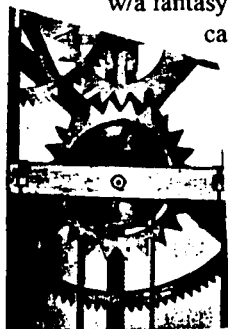
Customer service is advertised as your foundation and this blatant indifference is unacceptable. The overriding question is whether this came due to my being an Aboriginal male or a recipient of social assistance.

I want this matter addressed; I also want a written apology from the customer service representative responsible for such belittling treatment. I hope others are not treated so - especially in front of other customers.

Sincerely,
Michael Green

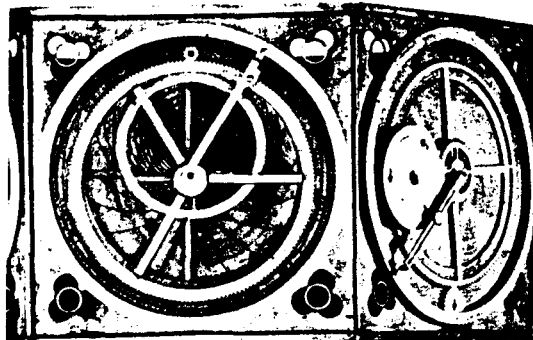


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w/a fantasy
called



larry
there at your side
to set you straight
harness that energy
sublimate

anita



Growing

Needing the courage to brave through grave errors;
to change.

In need of companionship to fill the intellectual &
emotional void; communication with precision.

Relying on experience to forge ahead, rest, not look
back in anger but forward to the beauty of wisdom

Anita Stevens

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still raising hell



Poverty,
Activism
and Other
True Stories

SHEILA BAXTER

Author of the bestselling novel The Trade

BOOK REVIEW

Still Raising Hell, by Sheila Baxter
Press Gang Publishers, 1997.

Still Raising Hell is Sheila Baxter's fourth book. In it she talks of her unhappy childhood, her struggle to overcome pain and powerlessness through community action, and her resolute children and grandchildren.

As a working class woman, Sheila understands the politics of poverty. We have an economic system that creates great poverty alongside great wealth. "When I speak from my working class background, I know what I say and I know what I mean," Sheila writes. "I have an uncanny knack for seeing through bullshit."

From the perspective of her community experience, Sheila touches on the struggle against poverty in Montreal in the 1970's, the erosion of human rights, the evil of workfare, poor bashing, the fight for Woodward's, Mole Hill, the Carnegie Community Centre where Sheila has been an active member for over ten years, Speaking in Chalk - that

powerful expression of the Downtown Eastside organized by Sharon Kravitz, the Four Corners Community Savings, Downtown Eastside poets, the Valentine's Day March in the Downtown Eastside to remember the women who have been murdered or died from drug overdoses, aging and dying, and the fight-back against fat phobia.

The issue of class is a theme that runs through the book. Sheila remembers that her teachers at school tried to erase her Cockney accent. In other words, they refused to accept her working class experience of language. She recounts the story of a boy who quit school because other kids called him Welfare Wally.

One time Sheila was walking with her grandchildren on the grounds of the Bayshore Inn. The children felt the classism of the expensive hotel, and one grandchild asked, "Are you sure we can be here? Won't they send security?" Sheila replied, "Let's go in... Just hold your head high and be proud of yourself. Then you can go anywhere." After an interesting tour of the hotel, one grandchild complained of a sore neck from holding his head up for so long.

When someone humiliated Sheila at a conference by reminding her that others had paid her conference fee, Sheila vowed that she would write a book expressing the views of low income citizens. "I promise you that I will write about this shit, this classism and poverty," Sheila said.

Sheila's book also contains short statements by fourteen community activists with whom she has worked, on some of the reasons why they fight injustice. All of them have a sense of being in the world with others, and not just for their own self-interest. They care, as Sheila cares, and it is this caring that provides the energy for *Still Raising Hell*.

Sheila's book is history as many people in the Downtown Eastside have experienced it. Sheila may have lost her Cockney accent, but she has gained an authentic working class voice that reflects the experience of ordinary people through out the world.

By SANDY CAMERON

READING ROOM NEWS

We've recently received a large shipment of paperback Westerns and True Crime stories. You can expect to see them appearing on our shelves over the coming weeks.

The Internet station in the Reading Room (north-west corner) has been very popular so far. All of you who wish to use the Internet station, come in and sign up please. You are entitled to two non-consecutive half-hour sessions a day. If you'd like to know how to access the Internet, please ask me (Andrew) and I'll give you a quick introduction. If you'd like more detailed information about it, I can suggest books and courses that may help.

The City of Vancouver has recently installed an information kiosk in the Reading Room. It is in the southeast corner. The kiosk contains brochures and handouts on programs and services offered by the city. If you are interested, drop by and pick some up. Happy reading!

Andrew Martin, Librarian.

APEC is undemocratic

Although APEC has been around since 1989, you've probably only heard of it now due to it's being in Vancouver. This is no surprise. APEC operates through closed meetings of bureaucrats, politicians, big business representatives and academics. The only institutional presence in APEC,

A Healing Prayer

Mother Earth
Father Sky
Sister Wind
Brother Sea
Crystal of Stone
Feather of Eagle
Wand of Light
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Larry Mousseau



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outside of government, is the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), which is made up of CEOs of various transnationals. The people who are most affected by APEC policies have no input in APEC discussions and decision-making. APEC does not operate in isolation. Fundamental decisions about our lives are routinely made by bureaucrats and economists working through institutions such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank. According to Renato Rigiero, Director General of the WTO, "We are writing the constitution of a single global economy." Treaties such as the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), dubbed a 'bill of rights for investors', are being drafted in secret. There is no public debate about these issues which radically affect the way we live.

Doonesbury - On Gentrification - BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Gentrification and Class War

The name "gentrification" tells us that moving well-to-do people into a low-income neighbourhood, and pushing poor people out, is a class-rooted process. Gentrification refers to class conquest, according to Neil Smith in his book **"The New Urban Frontier"**. We move from the citizen city to the executive city. "Join the ruling class!" said a newspaper advertisement for new condominiums in New York City. (Smith, pg. 93)

The inner city is presented by developers as a new frontier to be exploited by adventurers with money who will tame the urban wilderness. "The new urban pioneers seek to scrub the city clean of its working class geography and history," Smith says. (Pg.26) Such imperial violence results in the rapid polarization of class (rich and poor) in the gentrified area, and this violence generates despair and rage in the local residents.

"Gentrification and homelessness...are a particular microcosm of a new global order etched first and foremost by the rapacity of capital," Smith says. (Pg.28) The frontier violence in the inner city comes with cavalry charges down city streets.

Police horses did appear on Hastings Street in the Downtown Eastside, but when the community vigorously complained, the police removed their mounted officers. As Bud Osborn said in his poem

"Raise Shit - A Downtown Eastside Poem of Resistance" military horses were not appropriate "where some of the most ill and suffering human beings...slipped and stumbled through the huge horse turds left laying on the sidewalk." The Police Department, the Police Union, City Hall and Vancouver citizens will have to be vigilant so that the violence that was directed toward the homeless by some police officers in New York does not happen here.

In the spring of 1995, Mayor Giuliani of New York imposed more social service budget cuts. He hoped to drive the poorest people, those most dependent on public services, out of the city. He suggested that shrinkage of the poor population would be good for the city. "That's not an unspoken part of our strategy," Mayor Giuliani said. "That is our strategy." (Smith, Pg.230)

We don't need that kind of General Custer attitude in Canada. An economy that does not embrace social values, respect for human beings and the care of the young, the sick and the poor is flawed. In the long run, it cannot succeed. After all, look what happened to Custer.

What we do need is a commitment to democracy and to a democratic housing program. Countries like Norway and Iceland can show us the way.

By SANDY CAMERON

**DOWNTOWN
EASTSIDE
YOUTH
ACTIVITIES
SOCIETY**

1997 DONATIONS

Paula R. - \$30
Wm. B. - \$20
Lillian H. - \$25
Joy T. - \$20
Frances - \$25
Charley B. - \$15
Libby D. - \$40
Guy M. - \$10 Tom - \$20
Sam R. - \$20 Amy - \$10
Rick Y. - \$63 Sharon J. - \$50
BCCW - \$60 Holden Htl - \$5
Joan D. - \$5 Mike - \$15
Ray-Cam - \$40 Harold D. - \$19.10
Sonya Sommers - \$100 Anita S. - \$10
Census Wkrs - \$200
B.C. PLURA - \$1000
VanCity Chinatown - \$200
Legal Services Society - \$1230

**STD CLINIC - 219 Main; Monday-Friday, 10a.m. - 6p.m.
NEEDLE EXCHANGE - 221 Main; 8:30a.m. - 8p.m. every
NEEDLE EXCHANGE VAN 3 Routes day**

**City - 5:45p.m. - 11:45 p.m.
Overnight - 12:30a.m. - 8:30a.m.
Downtown Eastside - 5:30p.m.**

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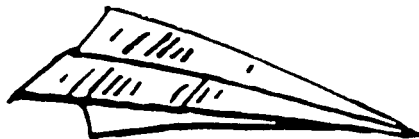
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Tuesday**



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1997

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

World AIDS Day

see special brochure

9:00 AM TO 10:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Vegetarian Feast

Music by "Jenny"

GET YOUR TICKETS FROM THE CONCESSION \$3.00

5:00 PM - 2ND FLOOR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Holiday Season Videos

6:30 TO 10:30 PM - THEATRE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Ballroom Dancing

1:00 TO 5:00 PM - THEATRE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Decorate The Centre

Refreshments for Volunteers, Carolling throughout the building

MEET @ 9:00 AM - THEATRE

Grandparents & Extended Family Raising Children

11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM - THEATRE

Cultural Sharing

7:00 TO 10:00 PM - THEATRE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Volunteer Dinner

4:30 PM - THEATRE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Crafts

10:00 - 11:30 AM - THEATRE

Christmas Painting

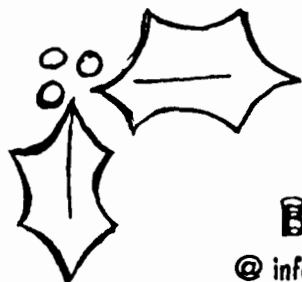
10:00 - 11:30 AM - 3RD FLR. GALLERY

Learning Centre Party

1:00 PM

Senior's Meeting & Party

2:00 PM - THEATRE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Special Dance to Honour Volunteers

All invited / Dance to a great band

7:00 TO 10:00 PM - THEATRE

Boxing Day Dinner Tickets Available Now

@ info desk (3 sittings 1:00, 2:30 & 4:00 pm) Membership required



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Photo With Santa

Parents & Kids

1:00 TO 4:00 PM - THEATRE

Holiday Season Videos

6:00 TO 10:30 PM - THEATRE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Children's Party

A visit from Santa, gifts, refreshments, fun

11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM - THEATRE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

First Nations Literacy Gathering

See special program brochure

10:30 AM TO 4:00 PM - THEATRE

Senior's Paddle Cruise

12:00 TO 4:00 PM - MEET IN SENIORS LOUNGE

Cultural Sharing Evening

7:00 TO 10:00 PM - THEATRE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Full Staff Meeting

CENTRE CLOSED UNTIL NOON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Crafts - Make A New Years Hat!

10:00 TO 11:30 AM - THEATRE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Chinese Singing / Carolling

3:00 PM - THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Holiday Season Videos

6:00 TO 10:30 PM - THEATRE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Volunteer Party

Special Surprise Entertainment (sorry no music jam today)

2:00 TO 4:00 PM - THEATRE

Season's Greetings

Newsletter of the Carnegie



Community Action Project

December 1, 1997

Want to get involved ! Call 689-0397 or come see us at Carnegie (2nd flr.)

**Plaza Hotel (806 Richards St.)
next to close**
(story on next page)

Lawyer's advice leads to mass evictions at the Hotel California and the Royal Hotel

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“Neighbourhoods change over time and land values change... In Dunbar, I would have trouble buying in there if I had to; certainly my kids can't. So middle-class people have to commute. They go to Tsawwassen or Surrey. Why shouldn't the poor? Why should the poor be guaranteed to live downtown, right in the middle of what is becoming a high rent district... [If displaced, the poor will] move around, just like everyone else does”

(Lawyer, Jonathan Baker, *British Columbia Report*, August 7th, 1995).

No wonder Mr. Baker told his clients (the Hotel California and Royal Hotel) to evict nearly 200 residents!

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It's no wonder the owners of the Hotel California and Royal figured it would be best to evict its monthly residents, considering Mr. Baker's Darwinian approach (i.e. survival of the richest) to social policy.

The actions of the hotel owners left no room for dialogue or negotiation; it went straight to being a crisis. Had the owners gathered a number of opinions, besides one biased lawyer, perhaps the situation at the California and Royal would have been a lot different. We are now left with over 200 fewer residential hotel units, adding to the threat of more homelessness in Vancouver.

† R.I.P. Plaza Hotel Casualty of more condo development

On December 15th the more than 30 residents of the Plaza Hotel will receive an early Xmas present (i.e. eminent eviction) if the City's Development Permit Board approves a development application for a piece of property that includes the hotel. The plan is for – you guessed it - a mixed condo/commercial development.

CCAP will be at the DP hearing, but indications are that there is little hope of preventing its demolition. Incorporation of the hotel into the new development, one-for one replacement, or just damn well leaving it alone is not in the cards.

Roosevelt soon to reopen!

After six months of being closed due to the Roosevelt being trashed and neglected, the owner has nearly completed the necessary repairs

The owner, with help of a paid part-time employee, will remain to be the manager. The owner also plans to have 24-hour front door coverage. However, CCAP reminded the owner that he must hire responsible people and pay them a fair salary if we are to avoid what happened to the hotel prior to closure.

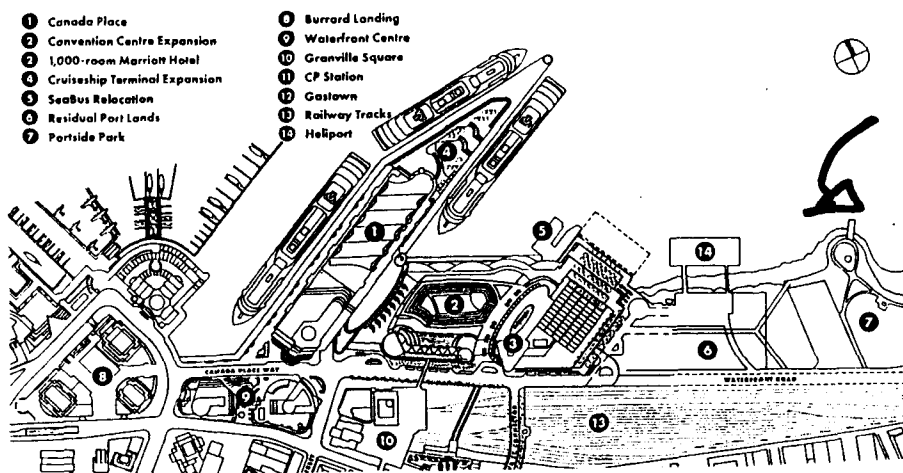
Upon reopening, rent will be \$350 mth. and \$375 mth. for the corner units.

Surprise Surprise ! A new convention centre on the waterfront

A deal between the province, Vancouver Port Corporation, Greystone Properties and Marriott International, announced last week that Downtown Vancouver will get a new convention centre, next to the 'old' trade and convention centre. The project will more than double the size of the existing convention facility, including a new 1000-room hotel.

The new convention centre is expected to cost at least \$250 million (expect higher), plus \$225 million for the new hotel. Thus, close to half a billion dollars is to be pumped into area next to CRAB Park and the Downtown Eastside.

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- 14 Heliport

There is little doubt that this mega project will have a "ripple effect" that the Downtown Eastside will not be able to escape. More hotel conversions, rent increases and rising land values are the likely "ripple effects" that the Downtown Eastside is to experience.

So far, mitigation against the negative effects this new convention centre will have in the Downtown Eastside has been the promise of \$5.3 million dollars. That's barely 1% of the total project cost. How and when this money is to be spent is likely to be determined during the rezoning process, which is to start next year.

When an expanding trade and convention business in **San Francisco** was effecting the future of a low-income neighbourhood, called Tenderloin, much more was done to protect it from harm resulting from new development. Mitigation measures included:

1. Funding for a variety of community activities such as a child care centre, a senior centre, a neighbourhood park, and a neighbourhood rezoning study
Encourage preferential hiring of Tenderloin residents at the hotel
2. Donate over one-half million dollars to a Tenderloin Community Fund

3. Create a housing subsidy fund by taxing the hotels at \$.50 a night for every occupied room, producing \$5.4 million, plus one hotel provided \$1.1 million loan and ongoing rent subsidy for SRO development.

(Urban Affairs, March, 1995)

If anything, the Downtown Eastside should demand that the proposed hotel anti-conversion and demolition by-law should be in place as a condition of allowing this project to proceed.

The expansion will mean the following

Current Facilities	With proposed expansion
27,898 ft ² of exhibition space	250,000 ft ² exhibition space
13,183 ft ² of meeting rooms	98,700 ft ² of meeting rooms
2 cruise ship berths	3 cruise ship berths
1000 rooms in two hotels (the Waterfront and Pan Pacific)	Marriott Hotel – 1000 rooms, 40,000 ft ² . Ballroom, up to 15,000 ft ² meeting space, restaurant & lounge facilities
5,210 ft ² ballroom	50,800 ft ² ballroom
	1,100 extra parking stalls

At least 40 low-rent units lost at Mole Hill

City Council finally made a decision regarding the future of 168 units of low-income rental housing and the 28 heritage houses.

On October 28th the Mayor and Councillors (except Councillor Chiavario and Herbert) voted to

- ❑ Rent out 10 houses as low-end-of-market and social housing to existing community.
- ❑ Rent out 4 houses as 'market rental' (somewhere in the range of \$1200/mth. or more for a small 2 bedroom).
- ❑ Sell 10 lots on 99 year leases with the possibility of 8 new buildings (i.e. coachhouse style infill houses along the laneway).
- ❑ Possibly demolish 2 houses and many additions on another house. This will result in a loss of 42 units from the existing 168 units.

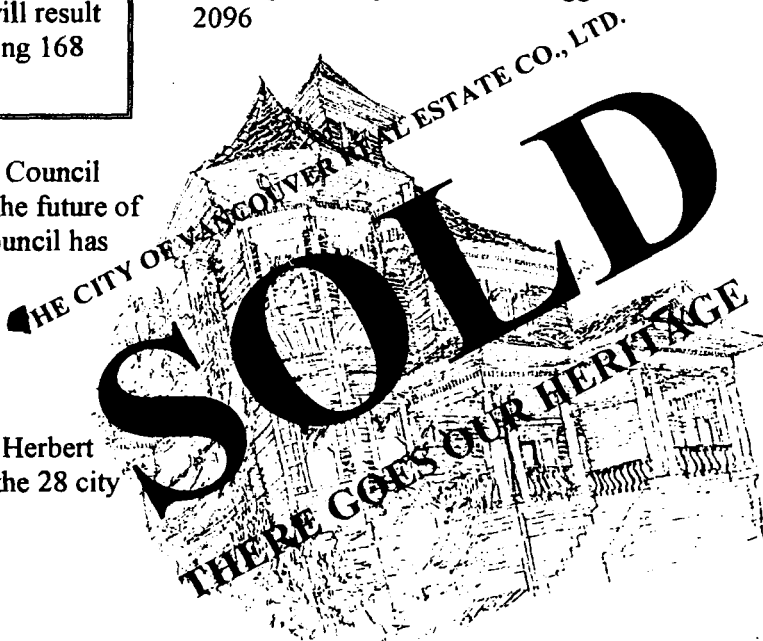
Although most people were happy that Council had finally made a decision regarding the future of Mole Hill, it was disappointing that Council has chosen high-end property development over protecting affordable market rental housing and living heritage. It was nice to see that the decision was not unanimous. Councillors Chiavario and Herbert opposed the privatization of 10 out of the 28 city owned lots at Mole Hill.

According to Councillor Price, the conversion of at least 42 units of affordable market rental housing to high-end market housing was justified because Mole Hill needs to be a "mixed" community. However, the Mole Hill Living Heritage Society believes that families need affordable rental housing too – i.e., lower and median income families – and that the city could still have provided housing for families by maintaining these houses as rental.

For the existing Mole Hill residents, the sale, demolition and renovation of the houses means multiple relocations within the block. It also means that they are no longer considered renters who pay market rates, but renters of subsidized housing.

How Council's decision will be implemented is yet to be worked out. If the City's Real Estate Services gets its way, then it will be as fast as possible with as little input from residents or other city departments.

If you'd like to help the Mole Hill Living Heritage Society with their struggle, call 681-2096



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Ballroom Dancing

1:00 TO 5:00 PM - THEATRE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Cultural Sharing / Longest Night of Winter

Stories & drumming

7:00 TO 10:00 PM - THEATRE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Christmas Carolling Quartet

1:00 PM - 2 1/2 HOUR SETS - DIFFERENT FLOORS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Oppenheimer Park Christmas Party

1:00 TO 4:00 PM - PARK

Acoustic Night = Cabaret Special!

7:00 TO 10:00 PM - THEATRE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve = Open All Night!

Music, snacks, surprises, videos

7:00 PM TO 7:00 AM - THEATRE

Pool Room = High Run

Open to volunteers & pool room members - rack them up & shoot for
a high total (top 3 win prizes)

12 MIDNIGHT - POOL ROOM



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Free Christmas Breakfast

BREAKFAST SERVED 5:00 AM - SECOND FLOOR

****CENTRE CLOSED FOR CLEANING 7 to 9 AM****

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Dinner - Traditional Roast Beef

Tickets On Sale in Concession Dec. 23, \$3.00

DINNER SERVED 5:00 PM - THEATRE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Boxing Day Turkey Dinner

Music, gifts, & a visit from the bearded one

THREE SITTINGS 1:00, 2:30 & 4:00 PM - THEATRE

TICKETS AVAILABLE DECEMBER 12 @ INFO DESK

YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT CARNEGIE MEMBERSHIP

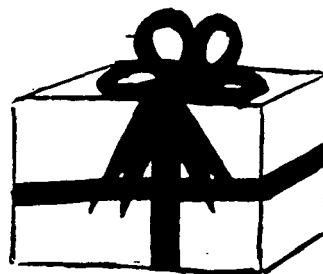
Karaoke With Rob Smith

7:00 TO 10:00 PM - THEATRE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Poetry on a Winters Night

7:00 TO 10:00 PM - THEATRE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Cultural Sharing

7:00 TO 10:00 PM - THEATRE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Years Eve Dance

Welcome 1998 at Carnegie Centre - Special snacks and groovy music

7:00 PM TO 12:30 AM - THEATRE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Dinner & Entertainment

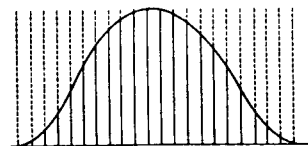
TICKETS ON SALE DEC. 30 AT CONCESSION \$3.00

DINNER SERVED 5:00 PM - THEATRE

Hope

In the eternal darkness
the crow
unable to find food
longed for light
and the earth was illuminated.

- Inuit story



Respect

**"We all sit together and imitate the beauty
and dignity of the stars."**

- Pawnee Council of Elders

Philip Knight, CEO, NIKE

The average North American youth spends \$32 on NIKE products every year, and ends up supporting your sweat shops in APEC countries. Quit spinning your lies!

Fact is—NIKE exploits people. You are the 6th richest man in the world, worth \$7 billion, because you exploit women and children who live in poverty. You called it a 'hardship' on NIKE when 40,000 Indonesian workers asked for a 2¢/hour raise for making \$160 shoes. Factories in China and Vietnam did even better for your \$11 billion sales last year.

NIKE already has it good, Mr. Knight. It's time for NIKE to stop exploiting workers in Asia, while raising prices for youth consumers in Canada. You don't need APEC.

Respect human rights—Just do it!



Made in Asia by exploited workers

Prime Minister Chretien

In Canada, more than 200,000 jobs have already been lost to NAFTA, and Canada's APEC work plan includes exporting more jobs with unprocessed natural resources benefiting multinationals—not communities in Canada.

You promise that "APEC means more opportunities for Canadian businesses." Amnesty International reports your APEC partners continue to arrest striking workers, and kill student and labour organisers, and journalists.

Foreign trade should be tied to human rights—not unsustainable business growth.

I do not support APEC

Prime Minister Chretien
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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**A computerized typewriter more intelligent than
its user is as annoying as a teacher more stupid
than the students.**

Stephen Belkin

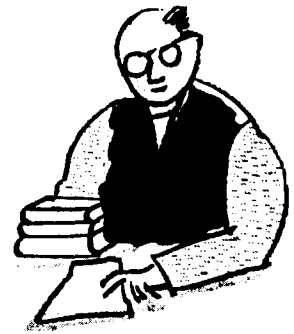
Philip Knight,
CEO, NIKE Inc.
One Bowerman Drive
Beaverton, OR
USA 97005



Reading

"I knew right there in prison that reading had changed forever the course of my life. As I see it, the ability to read awoke inside me some long dormant craving to be mentally alive."

- Malcolm X



What part of "people are hungry" don't you understand?

An open letter to Human Resources Minister Dennis Streifel:

Dear Dennis:

What part of "people are hungry" don't you understand?

On November 15 you met with front-line community agency workers in Kamloops for the first time. Representatives from Kamloops Active Support Against Poverty, Kamloops Women's Resource Centre, AIDS Society of Kamloops, the Health Union and other groups came together, hopeful to enlighten you about some of the issues faced by low-income people outside the Lower Mainland.

We told you that before BC Benefits, there were four foodbanks, churches and other agencies offering food to the hungry. We told you that since BC Benefits, we have fourteen such places. We told you that we no longer have time to do the work we're funded to do, because we spend most of our time trying to help the victims of welfare legislation. We are now in the business of soup kitchens, we said. You said welfare wasn't the solution to poverty, and you defended BC Benefits.

We told you about our cruel, cold winters. We told you that it was unreasonable to expect someone without a coat or boots or bus fare to complete the job search requirements. We told you about increasing homelessness, about women who have worked for pay for years living in vans and cars. You thought the municipality should provide better bus service and you defended BC Benefits.

We told you about women engaging in "survival sex", going home with strangers just for a warm place to sleep and maybe some food. We told you about women engaging in prostitution just to feed their kids because the welfare cheques don't stretch far enough. You said you had not cut the rates for families, and you defended BC Benefits.

We told you about the cruel treatment income assistance recipients are receiving here in Kamloops. We told you about recipients being yelled and screamed at, intimidated and bullied. We told you about receptionists making decisions about who may or may not apply for assistance and who may or not speak to a financial assistance worker. We told you about people in crisis who have to wait two weeks to have a simple telephone call returned. You said you would speak to the higher-ups in Kamloops (who, it must be remembered, trained these workers), and you defended BC Benefits.

You are way, way too defensive, Dennis. It would be so nice, just once, to hear a government minister say, "Yes, I agree. This isn't working. Let's work together to make it better." I suppose we're dreaming.

We know you are hearing from community agencies like ours all across the province, but are you listening?

Sincerely,

Dodie and Charlene

NO PRESCRIPTION

Cocaine, used habitually, is the most poisonous drug on Earth - & we are right in the middle of it... in the rotten, unprescriptionized, expensive, tweeking eye of it... cocaine.

Once upon a time, they used cocaine for increasing breath. They could climb high mountains & work long hours in the silver mines; they were good people, those Aztecs & Mayans, but they were disenfranchised & driven out of their towns, left to eek out an existence & cocaine was their friend. They used it in its original form, chewing leaves while working in the mines & 'who gives a damn anyway'.. safe & secure as long as they stayed away from towns & cities.

Nicole Keates is the cocaine baglady of the Downtown Eastside. Started at 16 on coke, now



she's 39, & crazy, & mad, & she's got no place to go & nothing to do but beg for money & shoot it in her arm, leg, thigh, until she's so broken, so shot-up, with bleeding feet, walking like an old junky, tweeking about the world & wanting to commit suicide, like so many others.

It used to be horses...riding in international competition...rich and well-loved, with 3 babies all gone to the state. & when she calls up at 4 in the morning & it's "I gotta get in - they're killing me," and crying for help, you gotta let her in, & you gotta smoke some crack & and you gotta keep an eye on her 'til she falls into bed and sleeps for

3 days and nights, waking up only to call for food..."more food" she says, after tying up the apartment with string & and sorting clothes & placing mirrors all around her...& she wants more food from a welfare recipient at the end of the month, with only pasta & bagels & coffee to provide a christian mercy to charitable causes.

But cocaine is in her blood, & when she finally awakes to the Downtown Eastside in the rainy morning it's "I gotta get out of here"...She's



forgotten she got beat up & and has to get another needle as quick as greyhounds, faster than light...& she's out the door with my shoes on her swollen feet & down the street in no time flat.

Why must I keep her out of the building? well - she steals, & people have told the co-op, & they've sent me 2 letters saying "you must keep this person out of the building - if you don't, you'll be up for a show-cause hearing and you may be downgraded and thrown out, for your terrible actions" - or something to that effect.

But I'm just a christian, a gnostic, a holy man, trying to do the right thing - & cocaine is the killer, that won't be prescribed because President Clinton, old Bill, who is coming to the APEC conference this weekend, is the barrier against all drugs....cocaine, heroin, marijuana & God knows how many others that doctors hate and nurses abhor, & the police have dogs and guns to thump you when you're tweeking in the street. & the quality goes down, & and the price goes up, & biker gangs make a bundle out of of the pocket of the addict, the most despised loser in the neighborhood - the one we want to get out of the Downtown Eastside, out of existence...if only we could.

But he & she are not going to disappear - they'll be in the alley, on the corner, in the old hotel rooms, in the vacant buildings, anywhere they can

give a blow-job & get the money, & exchange it for cocaine & shoot it in their arms & want more.

What are we to do about this? Freud used it, Sherlock Holmes used a 7% solution & God knows how many other straight square guys used it until their noses bled & their eyeballs cracked - how many other politicians snorted it?...& they've left us with a community of junkies crying for a quarter to go in their veins. & the police are whacking them & refusing to prescriptionize it. They won't even let marijuana be legalized - they won't let heroin users exist.

They've got their heads in their armpits & their money in their pockets & who gives a good goddam about these scum anyway.

HIV & AIDS are taking them down - it's a Downtown Eastside joke on you, Mister Jones. & the police & politicians & nurses are laughing & socking away their money & sneering at smokers, who are outside in the rain trying to get the last little hit out of a rain-soaked butt.

Well...so be it, Downtown Eastside, you were once the hub of Vancouver, now called Skid Row...& your broken up people, & your soup lines & your thousands of health & social workers & lawyers & care givers with fat pockets who run the neighbourhood.

So be it...so be it!



I heard on the News last night that we, here in Canada, will be enjoying cheaper cars and toys coming in from the Asian countries. At what human cost will we enjoy this "Big Deal"? How many long hours will some poor children have to work for us to have the cheap cars and toys?

"How dare you people?!" This APEC conference is for trade and only trade? Your fellow man is starving and working for nothing over there.

I ask you, Prime Minister Chretien and President Clinton, if you are Christians as you claim to be, how can you sit comfortably among these people and deal with them when you know that children are being used as slaves?

You sit around tables with enemies of human-kind and give them respect they do not deserve. How can you look them in the eye and talk shop and know child labour is happening as you speak? Why deal with people who use children as slaves? If they are that rotten and uncaring, what can they possibly offer us that is worth having?

Please don't tell us that you have no control over this, because it is another country. I refuse to have this issue shoved under the carpet.

Whatever they offer us comes from the blood, sweat and tears of some poor child. If you have any balls, tell them to go home and clean up their child slave labour acts.. and *then* come talk to us.

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and I will give them rest." It's a good thing because it's all they probably get.



APEC and the Gutting of our Social Safety Net

In the global market, cuts to education, unemployment insurance, health care and welfare are made under the pretext of luring investment. Any talk of raising taxes is quashed by corporations threatening to leave for a "better" business environment. Despite soaring profits, corporate contributions to tax revenues have gone from 50% in the 60's to less than 8% today. It is only a matter of time before Canada adopts the American style of welfare - no safety net but cold concrete.

Brenda K.

The Mist of Deception

The cloudy mist out there clouding the issue,
The mist of deception which covers the truth,
Nobody wants to know the truth,
but it's there always... it is lingering
and people shudder when they hear the truth.
The mist of deception, there, always lingering
... covering the real truth.

Barry Saunders

APEC erodes human rights

Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia Pacific), articulates our government's position, asserting that "discussion of human rights and social development might impede progress on economic and trade issues." With APEC in town we roll out the red carpet for mass murderers such as General Suharto of Indonesia and Jang Zemin of China. Suharto is responsible (among other things) for the invasion of East Timor and the subsequent genocide that continues to this day. Jang Zemin was complicit in the Tianamen Square massacre, referring to it as "much ado about nothing" and was responsible for the severe crackdown that ensued. Canada refuses to take a stand against human rights abuses, despite pleas from dissidents in both countries.

To save face, our government pursues a policy they call "constructive engagement." In this way they give the appearance of being concerned about human rights when all they are really concerned about is business. For Canada, constructive engagement has meant abstaining from or voting against every UN resolution condemning Indonesia's invasion of East Timor. We continue to sell weapon parts to the Indonesian military. Constructive engagement ultimately means a destructive retreat from life and death issues.

In addition to supporting dissidents overseas, we should examine our own backyard. Canada and the US are old pros when it comes to the mistreatment of indigenous peoples.

Raymond Chan
Secretary of State
Asia Pacific
307 Confederation
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Exploiting
the Earth
for APEC



Raymond Chan

When you were campaigning in the last federal election, you spoke strongly against the Chinese government's track record on human rights and wanted further trade sanctions against China. Now you are elected and are silencing human rights advocates and having lunch with dictators.

Stop helping dictators in APEC.

I demand that Canada tie foreign trade to human rights records. Tell us the truth on human rights abuses in APEC. Keep me informed on your actions.

You Are That I Am

Male energy so profound
I see in people all around
Both men & women have it too
Down here it sticks to me like glue.

You are the Goddess
That we all wish to be
I am that too
Can you not see?

Larry Mousseau

DECEMBER 6TH

There will be a march to the Women's Monument against violence against women at Main & Terminal.

It will leave Carnegie at 1:00 pm & the event will start at 2:00 pm. with speakers, food and childcare.

**Contact ALICIA at 665-2220
ELLEN at 254-6207**

Draft a new law

We must have a law that will help people with drug and alcohol problems. This idea was re-born this evening in a conversation with a woman taxi driver who told me that 25 years ago the government quietly opened a detox centre on the Island. An addict who was busted was sent there rather than jail, but this one person said that his civil rights were being violated - he was released from the detox centre, which subsequently closed.

We must lobby for a law that will help people who will not or can not help themselves. Addicts who have been busted must, in compliance with such a law, go to a detoxification centre staffed with caring, gentle people who have the addict's best interests at heart.

We must lobby for this law. We must help people who will not or cannot help themselves.

Anita Stevens

["...caring, gentle people who have the addict's best interests at heart." ... who sets the standard?]

Tell the Truth about Human Rights Abuse!

Take 5 minutes to send them a message!

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit is taking over Vancouver during November, and we need to know the truth about human rights abuses! Chretien wants Canada to have Pacific Rim free trade by the year 2010.

APEC exists to protect the earnings of multinational corporations and to keep repressive governments in power. According to Amnesty International, wide-scale human rights abuses continue in APEC countries like China, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Korea, Mexico and Chile. And Canada is assisting.

Instead of food production for people, APEC policies push for rapid deforestation and the export of commodities. APEC helps multinationals like Microsoft and NIKE make big profits while denying millions of people their basic human rights.

So why would Canadians want to have lunch with dictators like Indonesia's Suharto and China's Jiang Zemin? They wouldn't. But Chretien invited them anyway.

While politicians and business' men' discuss behind closed doors the movement of goods, services and capital in Asia Pacific, Indonesian jails are filled with students who are behind bars solely for their non-violent religious and political beliefs.

Free trade agreement like APEC serve corporate rather than social objectives. We need real democracy and respect for human rights now!

Oppose APEC!



Canadian Federation of Students

The Yellow Star

In Denmark
during the Second World War,
Jews were required
by Nazi decree
to wear the yellow
Star of David
which would mark them
and set them apart.
On the first day
of the law's validity,
all the people of Denmark
appeared in the streets
wearing the yellow star.
So was the Nazi decree
rendered absurd
by human solidarity.

Sandy Cameron
(thanks to Muriel Rukeyser for the story
in her book "The Life of Poetry").

VOLUNTEERS

BCAUSE ANYBODY CAN SERVE

**YOU DON'T NEED A COLLEGE
DEGREE TO SERVE**

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE YOUR
SUBJECTS AND YOUR VERBS TO
AGREE
TO SERVE**

**EVERY ONE OF US, THE VOLUNTEERS
CAN BE GREAT**

**WE ONLY NEED A HEART FULL
OF LOVE**

A SOUL GENERATED BY LOVE

MARCEL

APEC causes environmental destruction

"Free trade" agreements like APEC lower international environmental standards by making it easier for corporations to move between countries. In order to compete, countries are forced to weaken their environmental regulations. Canadian mining companies - some of the worst polluters in the world - have been quick to exploit trade agreements like APEC by moving to countries where they may conduct their operations unhampered by environmental laws. "Free" Trade has already given tremendous power to corporations, allowing them to influence government policies. Ethyl Corp., an American company, is currently suing Canada for banning the fuel additive and pollutant MMT. Environmental regulations can be considered unfair under NAFTA.



Take a long look at the new oil painting above the Volunteer desk on the second floor. Recognize it? If you do, you are probably one of the Seniors or Volunteers who have taken part in a trip to Camp Fircom on Gambier Island.

A big **Thank You** to volunteer Reggie Daigle for painting this beautiful scene so skillfully and donating it to Carnegie. Another big thank you to Richard Tetrault for stretching and framing the painting free of charge.

President Suharto,

Amnesty International reports that your government continues to arrest and kill striking workers, East Timorese students, labour organizers, and journalists. You are repressing democracy to stay in power.

We know your time has come!

I am urging Canada's government to stop supporting APEC. APEC keeps your military in power. I am asking the Canadian government to halt all Canadian foreign aid to Indonesia until you dramatically improve your human rights record.



President Suharto
Republic of Indonesia
Istana Negara
Jl. Veteran
Jakarta, Pusat
Indonesia

We know you're packing!

Pork Cutlets

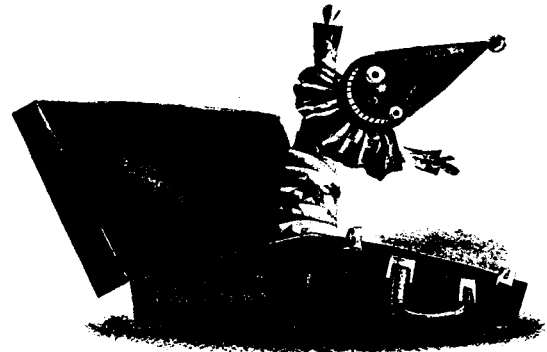
I have finally turned on the fridge in my room and started cooking again, after a 6-year hiatus. I actually earned a few dollars for cleaning a couple of rooms in my building, and treated myself to a couple of cans of beer and bought food (!) The feast was potato salad and, yes, pork cutlets.

It normally would have been an enjoyable meal but, as I bought the meat, I kept thinking of my medicine teacher whose wife had turned to the Moslem religion to help deal with her situation. They have been pretty cool about the strictness on Moslem food, even saving some frozen sausages for me to cook when I came over, but I don't like any religious zealot telling me what I should and shouldn't eat. Period!

Earle, who runs the Tuesday night music jam at

APEC at a Glance

APEC is a grouping of 18 "economies" which aims to impose a 'free trade' zone in the Asia-Pacific region. Despite the rhetoric, there's nothing free about 'free trade.' It is the forced changing of rules to benefit corporations at the expense of people, governments and the environment. As Joan Spero, the US Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs said, "APEC has a customer. APEC is not for governments, it is for business. Through APEC we aim to get government out of the way, opening the way for business to do business."



Carnegie, told me that music is very healing.

"Earle," I said, "I couldn't agree more, but some music has the reverse effect.. at least on me." Then a female singer began, and she doesn't yet know that her voice is very healing to me. I inquired to my Teacher about the reason for this -

"It's because of a certain kind of energy," he told me, "that she's sending and you're picking up on." I nodded; it made a lot of sense.

Another lady, a writer, has recently moved into my building. This is very unusual. Not too many women move into a predominantly male, welfare-hotel, especially in the Downtown Eastside. The reason she's caught my attention is just her particular nature! Anyway, we seem to have become good friends and one of these days I'll have her over for dinner.

No, it doesn't have to be pork cutlets

By LARRY MOUSSEAU

Has-been Centre

Ambiguity is a luxury in these circles. All the people around here who talk about ambiguity, all these intellectuals, are defending their stakes in the Carnegie, as a place for their voice, a place from which they can stake their claim over the area, as if it were their playground, their encampment, as if the area would go to hell without their middle-class values, their so-called Frierian values, those values that have everything in common with Jesuit-like fanaticism, with dredged-up crusade rhetoric, all the people who don't acknowledge that no one comes to the Carnegie anymore, that the place is almost deserted, while just outside the door hundreds and hundreds of downtown eastside residents stand and walk and pass by, excluded from the place, going to other places, that the Carnegie Centre has, in the space of a couple years, become a has-been center, these people should stand aside, they've been here long enough, their ideas and actions and policies have been given enough space, and it's time they let the people of the downtown eastside into the building, into the board, into the very workings of the building.

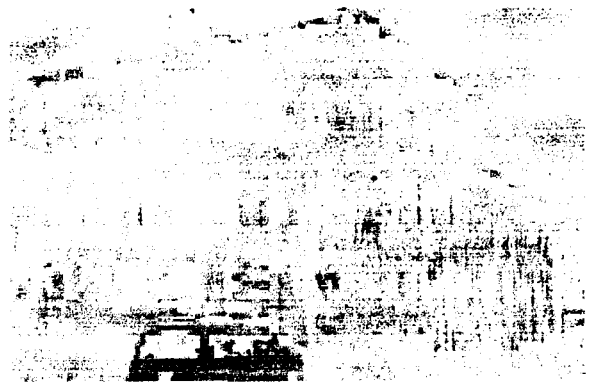
I am trying to clarify what I have been writing about for some time now. We are witnessing and participating in the death of the Carnegie, and unless this centre changes its approach to everything, unless the Carnegie gives up its inane focus on old ideas, old trip and picnic ideas, unless there are some new initiatives for programming, not yoga and meditation and other middle-class indulgences, unless all the energy in this place is focused on the real needs of the residents here, on health and **food** and

education (not by passing all the educational needs of the area onto some chosen person, but by treating the entire centre, and everything that happens here, whether it occurs in the kitchen, the gym, on the front steps or wherever, as an educational resource), on being accessible to the people of the area, not just to the few, the



acceptable, the clean and tidy, the so-called okay, then there is no hope at all for this place - we might as well start programming for the condo dwellers now and skip the clinically dead next few years.

The Carnegie newsletter has too much religious

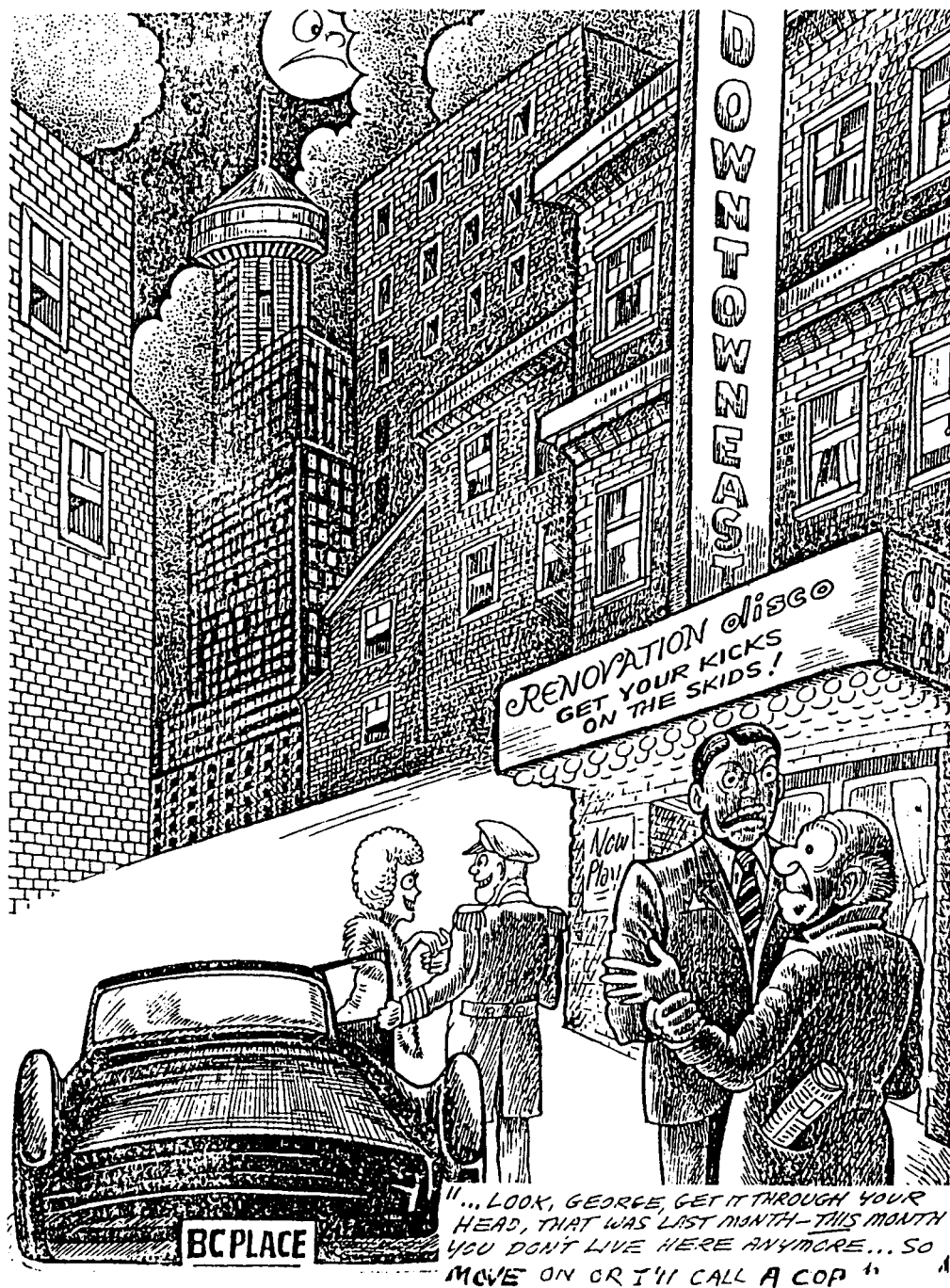


bullshit in it. If there is anything spiritual in this world, I'm sure that putting a name to it is anathema, and leads to gross misconstructions.

We need counselors, showers, more free food than we could ever manage, less hazy-crazy-lazy-days-of-summer programming and more advocacy, more art, more writing, condoms, vitamins, a new mandate, in other words, that isn't surreal in the present circumstances, that isn't just "what's left of liberal, paper-heavy, irrelevant so-called political correctness."

This area is a razor edge of the world squeezing itself into a crack along the floorboards of time. This house, darkening. Why do these intellectuals need this place to speak from? Why are they here? Every day that Carnegie doesn't meet the challenge of this new time, this new level of despondency and pain, is not just a nail in its coffin, but a bit more blood on its hands.

Dan Feeney



Gentrification of the Downtown Eastside displaces low-income residents. Drawing by Tora.