#### Trust Fund created for Organizer's children

## Celebrate the Life & Work of Maria Ociepka

see page 3 for details

On April 25 the Regent Park Sole Support Mothers' Group and friends are sponsoring a benefit to honour Maria Ociepka and to establish a trust fund for her three children.

With Maria's death last year, at the young age of 28, our community lost the voice of a committed and respected person in the struggle for justice for the poor.

Maria was the founder and co-ordinator of

Ontario's Mothers Action Group, a provincewide organization that provided counsel, support and an organized voice to lobby for improved legislation for sole-support mothers.

A Toronto Star article, September 14, 1985, commented that she was a person who, "during her brief life, won high respect from both municipal and provincial politicians as an articulate and tireless worker on behalf of the provinces's poor, especially sole support mothers."



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# People's power the real winner in Philippines

by Carmencita Hernadez

People's power has spoken and acted in the Philippines in the ousting of Ferdinand Marcos and the election of Cory Aquino, the Philippines first woman president. The world was witness to the Filipino people's courage and strength. People's power in the Philippines will serve as an inspiration to all people struggling against fascism, and for freedom and self-determination.

Filipino women were central to Marcos's downfall, and it is appropriate today to pay tribute to some of these heroes. First of all, there were the thousands of women volunteers in the National Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) who put their lives on the line in protecting the ballot boxes against Marcos's goons. There were the computer operators, mostly women, at the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), who walked off the job in disgust at the regime's blatant rigging of the count, just as many nuns and religious laywomen led the Filipino people, including thousands of women, in facing machine guns and laying their bodies in front of the tanks during Marcos's desperate last moments.

Perhaps somewhat less obvious, but just as important, was the vibrant women's movement in the Philippines, which helped set the stage for the final downfall of Marcos,

after years of struggle.
Of course, this tribute would be incomplete without Cory Aquino. Cory, in the months following her husband's assassination, was able to do what no other politician has been able to do: unite the moderate opposition, flank it with a very broad and powerful mass movement, and defeat Marcos at his own game.

Since her victory, Cory has ordered the release of all political prisoners, and launched investigations into Marcos's abuses - indications of her seriousness in completely dismantling the fascist structures which Marcos had built up. But what can Filipino women expect from Cory Aquino?

First of all, it would be helpful to ask this question in the context of the plight of Filipinos after 20 years of Marcos: 70 per cent of Filipinos live below the poverty line; 80 per cent of all children under five years of age suffer from malnutrition.

In the free-trade zones, women make up the majority of workers. For most of them, a working lifespan lasts from 16 to 25, because by that age, their eyes or lungs can no longer take the environment of the electronics and textile industries - many are forced into prostitution.

Similarly, sexual intimidation and harrassment are commonplace, where the catch-phrase on the job is often "lay down or layoff". Imelda Marcos's development of the Philippine film industry specialized, in fact, in the production of pornographic

As in many areas of human rights, economic development, national reconciliation, and government reorganization, the struggle for women's equality in the Philippines presents a gigantic challenge to the new government.

Freedom to speak and to organize in order to push for their demands - as women, as workers, and as Filipinos - is no small mattar in a nation where such activity under Marcos has resulted in prison and death. Cory Aquino must be supported, guided, and pressured by women of the Philippines so that their specific demands as women and as Filipinos will be heard and acted upon quickly.

The struggle for national liberation and for women's liberation in the Philippines has reached a new stage - but along with celebration, vigilance is the order of the day. More than ever, the Filipino people need the support of the international community, in order to protect the victory which involved such a long, hard, and costly struggle. Democratization does not end with Marcos fleeing and Cory taking over. It begins there, and will be a difficult process.

As a relatively new community in Canada, Filipinos are more and more realizing the importance of working together other communities in trying to build about an end to racial discrimination in our workplaces, schools, and government services.

If recent events in the Philippines prove anything, it is that people's power is the key to the acquisition and survival of social change. This is not specific to the



News of Marcos's flight from the Philippines brings joy to Toronto Filipinos.

Philippines, but a principle proven by

[The preceding text is excerpted from a speech in celebration of International Women's Day, March 8, 1986.]

#### Viewpoint Is the media your message?

Many people I talk to seem to think that getting on the radio to tell their story, or getting on TV (that's the real sign of success) is an end it itself. The argument runs like this: If lots of people are exposed to an admittedly abbreviated version of what you have to say, that's useful because knowledge is power, and the more people understand what you already know, the more likely it is that a change for the better will occur.

I don't know any evidence to support this notion. Remember that I'm talking about the transmission of information intended to support social change through the mainstream media. There are lots of other ways to exchange information -- posters on telephone poles, conversations over supper, etc.--that in my experience are effective. But I think trying to get into the big time is counterproductive. Mainstream media are in the

business of preventing social change, and the conventions of mainstream journalism precisely designed to do just that.

The most effective of those conventions is bipolar objectivity. It is also the most deeply entrenched. It works like this: a reporter's job is to pick (or sometimes devise) two positions on an issue that can be contrasted with one another and then to present the conflict between them without appearing to support either position. This nutty process is not the kind of thing you'd ever do in real life--it only happens in journalism. There are rarely two sides to anything; more commonly there are one or 140. And rarely is any knowledgeable person neutral: we spend our lives making up our minds. Journalists, however, are supposed to either conceal personal knowledge or not to have much. This tactic of casting Continued on page 2

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I would like to comment on the three points presented by the Cruise Missile Conversion Project (CMCP) in the January-February issue, regarding the December article "Peace Activist to Appeal Civil Liberties Violation."

Point one relating to financial and nonfinancial support is not quite as clear as it seems. At all training sessions that are provided by CMCP, one of the most important aspects of the training is formation of affinity groups (self sufficient support systems of about five to fifteen people). Affinity groups are intended to serve as a source of support and solidarity for their members so that feelings of isolation, alienation and trust can be dealt with within the affinity group structure. This is to provide support for, during and after each action. As a member of the CMCP affinity group, I felt the lack of this type of support both immediately after the action and during the lengthy appeal process.

Point two: At no time since the action

had CMCP's attempts to contact and support me been successful. CMCP knows where I live and my phone number. In fact, I have tried to contact them, without response.

Point three: Not once in the December article did it mention that the peace movement was being "cracked down upon" by the courts. In fact, the January-February paper had the only reference to the peace movement, government and the courts and that this is an "important civil liberties issue that could affect future political activities".

I don't want to cause divisiveness in the peace movement and I certainly do not want to hurt CMCP in any way. I worked with CMCP for two years, was arrested many times with CMCP members and made some good friends. I feel that the lack of support from CMCP and the peace movement in general has been difficult for me to accept. I ask that it be given serious consideration by CMCP members.

In Peace, Scott Marsden

## Charter implications spur action network formation

by Brian Grebow

The Social Planning Council (SPC) of Metropolitan Toronto, in association with the Canadian Council on Social Development, held a national conference in April 1985 on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and its implications for human services.

A large number of participants at that conference expressed a desire to be involved in follow-up activities. Meetings were convened by Robert Doyle of the SPC, and by Dan McIntyre, Race Relations Commissioner of Ontario and SPC board member, to discuss the nature of this involvement, resulting in a proposal for the council to sponsor an

Action Network on the charter.
The Action Network involves approximately 100 members representing community organizations, law, and government. Initial activities of the network have included a public meeting with Pat Boyer, MP and chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Equality Rights, and a presentation to the Ontario Justice Committee on the Equality Rights Statute Amendment Act.

A steering committee has been established which will develop a longer-range program for the network in the areas of public education, information sharing, and advocacy.

Steering committee members include: Dona McNall of Youth Assisting Youth in Scarborough; Erika Abner, Canadian Civil Liberties Association; Toba Bryant, Ontario Advisory Council on Women's Issues; Robert Doyle, SPC; Hugh Peacock, Ontario Federation of Labour; John Rae, CLARE; Earl Smith, Church of Scientology; and Orville Endicott, Canadian Association for Community Living.

For more information, contact Robert Doyle at 961-9831.

## Is the media your message?

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information about the public world in the mold of bipolar objectivity effectively prevents the receiver of that information from drawing sensible conclusions about, for instance, moral responsibility, cause and effect, or possibilities for consensus.

Everybody's news--not just the CBC's--is fragmented and decontextualized. Almost everything is thought, by editors, to be too long. Destruction lends itself to a quick description. Construction is very complicated as a rule and is seldom discussed in the news. Death is fast. Life is slow. As a result, the news--which sets the tone for all media activity -- is most often about death. On average five out seven CBC Radio hourly news stories are about lethal conflict -- though by the time you read this that percentage may have been changed by an act of will on the part of some newspeople.

People at least sub-consciously understand that the news is mostly irrelevant to their lives in addition to being gratuitously violent. How are they supposed to be able to distinguish what you're trying to say from this background, particularly since your message will be machined into a standard shape as it passes through the media factory?

Of course you probably haven't noticed what the media are most interested in because you've been paying attention to what you're interested in. But if you're

thinking of reaching the general public, you'd better be careful of the context. Once you notice that news is defined as conflict, whether international or interpersonal, I think you'll be as wary as I am of using it as the medium to convey your message. I don't think you can successfully sneak your good news in among all the dismemberment and have it remain its intended meaning. I urge you to look carefully at what the news you read or look at or listen to is actually about--mostly it all goes in one ear and out the other: what you notice is the way it sounds with its snappy presentation and authoritative tones, and not what it's actually about.

If you still think your work will somehow count for more if it makes news, may I urge you to read these two books, both of which have meant a lot to me in thinking about journalism and some alternative ways of exchanging information about the public world: Jerry Mander's book Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television is the most thought-provoking book about the media I've read; Brian Whitaker's News, Ltd., a book almost nobody has heard of, is written out of first-hand newspaper experience and mixes very smart analysis with vivid anecdotes.

[Footnote: The views set out here do not represent "official" CBC policy on this subject -- if there is any policy on it at all. And even if there were a policy, it's unlikely that it would be anything like what you're reading here. MA]

## Benefit for Maria Ociepka

Come and join us in honouring a friend who gave tremendous support to justice for our community. Proceeds from this evening will help initiate a trust fund for Maria's three children: Verna Ann, 9, Janina, 7, and Kyle, 2.

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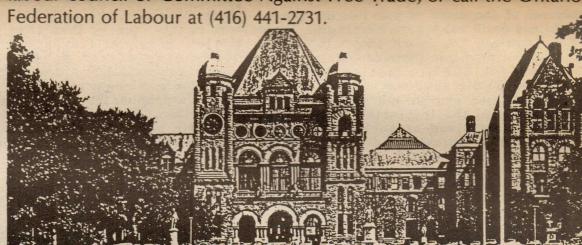
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**3:00 p.m. The Operation** (Puerto Rico, 1983) An analysis of massive sterilization programs in Puerto Rico. (Spanish with English subtitles)

3:45 p.m. Carmen Carrascal (Colombia, 1984) Set in rural Colombia, a portrait of a working Colombian woman. (Spanish with English subtitles)

**4:30 p.m. Home of the Brave** (Ecuador/Bolivia/USA, 1985) North and South American Indians speak out about the contemporary threats they now face.

5:30 p.m.

SUPPER BREAK—COMIDA LATINA

**6:30 p.m. Eye of the Mask** (Canada/Nicaragua 1985) Featuring dance, festivals, story telling, popular song and theatre.

7:45 p.m. Allan Boesak: Choosing for Justice (South Africa, 1985) Boesak explains how he found a liberatory message of brotherhood and equality at the heart of the Christian tradition that compelled him to fight apartheid.

**8:30 p.m.** Under the Table (Canada, 1984) A lucid and poetic expose of the secret world of two illegal Latin American immigrants in Canada. (Spanish with English subtitles)

9:00 p.m. And That is Why the State is to Blame (El Salvador, 1984) A portrait of Marionella Garcia Villas, president of the Human Rights Commission of El Salvador who was killed on March 14, 1983. (Spanish with English subtitles)

## Labour law loophole takes workers to cleaners

Job security is virtually unknown to cleaning staff in Ontario, due to a loophole in the province's labour code, and the hard-won gains of job actions can be lost

completely at any time.

At First Canadian Place in Toronto, for instance, there are 250 cleaners employed, members of the Food and Service Workers of Canada, and most of them Portuguese-born women. In 1984, they fought, and won a collective agreement - but only after a sixweek strike.

However, in January of this year, - with the collective agreement they had achieved due to expire in April - Olympia and York, owners of the building would be re-tendered.

Under the Successor Rights section of the Ontario Labour Relations Act, section 63, when a unionized business is sold, the new employer must assume the collective bargaining responsibilities of the former employer - the new employer must recognize the collective agreement, and continue the employment of the workers.

However, due to weaknesses in the Act, these protections do not apply to cleaners and other workers - such as cafeteria workers - who work for sub-contractors whose contracts are subject to cancellation. Cleaners are hired by a sub-contractor who has the contract to clean a particular building - the cleaning contract is between the building owner and the cleaning company.

Such a contract can be terminated at any point, usually on 30 days notice, and putting all the cleaners working under the contract out on the street - with no jobs, no collective agreement, and no union rights. The building owner would then be free to re-contract with a new, non-union



Office cleaners are still not protected under Ontario law.

cleaning company, which can hire new workers

at minimum wage.
"We're not going to go away," says Wendy Iler, spokesperson for the Food and Service union. "We've had meetings with (Ontario Premier David) Peterson and (labour minister Bill) Wyre. They were sympathetic, but are concerned about what they see as the farreaching implications of changing this section of the law."

For the time-being, a petition campaign is being conducted, and plans are being made for a mid-April canvass of the Portuguese community to raise awareness of the issue.

For more information on the issue, call Lina Costa at 533-8285.

### Guaranteed income, housing among CPJ proposals

by Murray MacAdam

Hundreds of thousands of poor and unemployed Canadians could enjoy more meaningful lives if the Mulroney government adopts innovative budget policies put forward recently by Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ), a Christian public advocacy organization. Major Canadian church and social leaders have endorsed the initiative, which has received widespread attention since its release in late February, and has also been raised in Parliament.

The heart of the plan is a proposed \$11 billion Social Development and Job Creation Fund for inclusion in the federal budget. A third of the fund (\$4.3 billion) would go toward establishing a Guaranteed Annual Income to raise the incomes of people on welfare and unemployment insurance.

Other elements of the development fund would go a long way toward meeting needs of millions of Canadians:
- \$2.2 billion for job-training and

counseling for people on welfare and unemployment insurance;

- \$1.7 billion to build 28,350 low-cost housing units;

- \$1.5 billion for community-based projects such as energy conservation; \$1.3 billion for more child-care programs.

To raise the required \$11 billion, CPJ has proposed several measures to share the tax burden more fairly without adding to the federal deficit. These proposals include raising taxes on the wealthy and large corporations; closing tax loopholes; and freezing Canada's defence budget. Cutting government waste would also provide revenue for the fund.

CPJ has projected that its suggestions would create 427,000 jobs, while only 170,000 jobs would be lost by the shift in funds. Jobs would be created in labourintensive sectors such as construction, while the lost jobs would be chiefly from capital-intensive sectors.

According to CPJ chairperson Jim Marshall, "We need a bold new direction in Canada, and CPJ's alternative budget proposals can help provide that direction."

The CPJ initiative has been endorsed by prominent University of Toronto economist Abraham Rotstein, who said: "CPJ offered far more to this country than than government budjet, which will eventually have a depressing effect on the country."

Many church leaders and organizations have urged the government to respond favourably to CPJ's proposals. "We hope that the Social Development Fund proposals will stimulate a new debate and long-overdue action to eliminate poverty in Canada," said Dr. John Foster of the United Church of

Citizens for Public Justice is a national organization of 2,000 Christians whose concerns include social and economic policy, native rights, and criminal justice. Last November, CPJ staff helped the native people of Grassy Narrows win a landmark agreement

for compensation for mercury pollution.
A detailed description of the Social Development Fund proposal is available by sending \$2 to: Citizens for Public Justice, 229 College Street, Toronto M5T 1R4, or by phoning 979-2443.

## Foreign domestics victims of new government fees

Canada's federal government has begun charging processing fees for most immigrant documents.

As of February 3, 1986, a request for permanent residence costs \$125; an employment authorization is priced at \$50; \$50 will also pay for a request to extend a visitor's visa beyond 90 days; and a request to verify landing, or to amend a landing record, will cost the applicant \$25.

While refugees and short-term visitors to Canada are excluded from paying these fees, foreign domestic workers are not exempted.

Among those voicing opposition to the new fees has been the Canadian Bar Association, which says the fees are not linked in any

way to improved services.
"If paying the fee meant that you could go into an immigration office at 8 am and be served by 8:30 rather than 4 pm, then most people would probably be glad to pay," says immigration lawyer Barbara Jackman. However, according to the Bar, service is "steadily deteriorating"

During a recent meeting of INTERCEDE, (International Coalition to End Domestics Exploitation), at which the new fees were announced, reactions were even more vociferous, and overwhelmingly negative.

One domestic worker from the Philippines gave this analysis of the changes: "If your employer lets you go - because she decides From the INTERCEDE newsletter

to stay home or whatever - why should you have to pay out \$50 for a new work permit?" A West Indian domestic at the meeting added: "We're already under pressure to save money, go to school - and now every time we go to Immigration, we come out poorer."

There is growing community opposition to the new processing fees, especially as they apply to foreign domestic workers. In spite of recent gains, domestics in Canada remain at the bottom of the wage scale. The rate of pay required for them in Ontario by the Immigration Commission is just \$9,930 per year - a mere 9.3 per cent above minimum wage.

Although the government's new brochure on the fees states that they "will not cause hardship for most immigrants and visitors," INTERCEDE maintains the hardship exists, and has called on the Immigration Commission to re-examine the new policy and, at the very least, to exempt foreign domestics from the

Concerned citizens should write to Walter McLean, Minister of State for Immigration, House of Commons, Ottawa K1A 0A6. No postage is required to address comments to Members of Parliament.

For more information on this issue, call

363-5238.

## Tobar speaks out on Chilean resistance

by Terry Devon

Chilean journalist Carlos Tobar presented a powerful multi-media exhibition to a small but dedicated audience at Toronto's Development Education Centre (DEC) on February 24. The graphic videotape and still-photo presentation is part of a consciousnessraising package the exiled writer will be bringing to the attention of a United Nations body in the near future.

Tobar fled Chile just months ago because of the political oppression under the Pinochet regime, and was forced to abandon much of his equipment and footage because of the hastiness of his departure.

As well, he reported that other journalists involved in gathering the evidence in his presentation remain in Chile, but have had to withdraw from public life - including their work - in fear for their lives. Tobar used the phrase "repression or exile" to describe the only options open to Chileans who oppose the dictatorship.

Tobar's presentation including damning visual evidence of the growing opposition to Pinochet, as well as the government's brutal repression techniques. Tobar showed a videotape he made of a demonstration in Santiago last September 18 during which police responded to rock-throwing protestors with tear gas and water cannon. He told the DEC audience that the water cannon seemed to contain a mustard gas compound, which inflamed the eyes and flesh of demonstrators.

The tape also showed police brutalizing protestors. In one instance, a man was dragged away by two police members, while a third kicked at unprotected areas of his body.

Photographs of other demonstrations showed



Chileans discuss poor housing in Santiago (1978)

mass opposition to the fascist regime, with protests drawing huge crowds - including men, women, and children of all ages - since the bodies of three moderate political activists were found mutilated and decapitated near Santiago's airport on March 30, 1985.

Tobar used the gathering to call upon all

Canadians to join in worldwide condemnation by attending protests planned for March 28. He is also engaged in raising funds to help publicize the atrocities and other human rights violations under the United Statesbacked regime. Any contributions to the cause will be accepted at DEC, 229 College

## **Quasi-Politically Correct**

by ERMA STULTZ







you know,



## **Energy forum forwards** conclusions to government

by Stephen Hall

Energy Forum '86 - a unique gathering of more than 150 energy efficient planners, utility managers, energy industry representatives, government officials, and nongovernment researchers - took a giant step in February toward articulating a common approach to Ontario's future energy needs.

I'm extremely pleased with the depth of common understanding that we were able to achieve, and the degree of consensus that has grown out of Energy Forum '86," said Colin Issacs, Executive Director of the non-profit Pollution Probe Foundation, which sponsored the two-day conference.

"We all knew that we would arrive here from vastly different perspectives, and I'd say we can all be proud to have worked together so effectively," he added. The expressed goal of the conference, Issacs said, was to bring together a diverse group to jointly identify the most efficient, Vincent Kerrio last month.

least expensive energy options for the province.

The gathering, billed as the first of its kind in Ontario, included a keynote address from Amory B. Lovins, a Colorado-based consulting physicist recently described by Newsweek magazine as "one of the Western world's most influential energy thinkers".

In contrast to the strident energy debates of recent years, Energy Forum '86 yielded a list of two dozen key topics in five energyconsuming sectors - housing, transportation, commercial and institutional, industrial, and utility management. Participants focused on proposals for the immediate attention of provincial decision-makers.

"These are not necessarily policies that we all think are ideal," Issaes noted. "But they're policies that we can all understand, and that are seen by all of us as being a reasonable approach for government to take."

Policy directions arising from the conference were to have been forwarded to of stake-holders in the energy policy field the office of Ontario energy minister

#### **Central America**

## Peace march meets mixed success

by Mathew Behrens

Montreal peace activist David Alper, one of 40 Canadians who participated in a six-week march for peace and solidarity through a number of Central American countries earlier this year, feels that, despite the mixed successes of the march, the contingent had an impact on the people with whom they visited.

"In spite of all the misery and hardship and war they face, the people of Central America are full of hope," Alper said. "They have an incredible courage, a determination that things will get better."

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Alper pointed out, however, the need for Canadians to focus efforts toward Ottawa in order to alter federal policies toward some Central American governments.

The Canadians were a part of a 300-person group which met with widely varying reactions in the region, searching for a peaceful resolution to the rapidly escalating regional war. They were greeted warmly in Nicaragua, but met with hostility and violence in other countries.

The group was barred from its activities in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala, and was held up by Costa Rican authorities for 36 hours while attempting entry to that country from Panama. Only after telegrams arrived from around the world were they allowed into Costa Rica on 72-hour visas.

In one instance, after some of the marchers had gained entry to El Salvador, one Salvadorean participant, Brigido Sanchez, was dragged from a bus and brutally tortured. Although hasty efforts to gain international support for Sanchez are thought to have saved his life, the peasant father of eight is expected to spend as many



as 10 years in prison for crimes to which he confessed while being tortured.

Alper and other Canadians will be focusing their efforts on the government here, trying to prevent renewal of aid to two of the worst human rights violators on the planet - El Salvador and Guatemala. They will also demand that aid to Honduras be limited, as that nation continues to host the Contra's

battle against Nicaragua.

Although there has been criticism of the usefulness of the march, Alper said, "Most Central Americans we met told us what we did was important. And I think Canadians writing to External Affairs and letting them know we don't want our tax dollars funding governments at war with their own people will also have an impact."

#### **Other Resource People**

## No Turning Back!

A lack of space in last month's insert on International Women's Day, No Turning Back!, prevented us from printing this list of other women who were interested in women in developing nations. The list was compiled by Sandra Lau.

South and Central America

Caese Levo Latin America Working Group 533-4221

Chris Mills Women in Solidarity with Central America 977-8118

Linda Yanz Participatory Research Group 977-8118

Gladys Klestorny Latin America Women's Collective 363-1374 (home)

Sharon Blomme Peru Support Group 463-7812

Barbra Stewart Canadian Action for Nicaragua 964-3504

Mariana Valverde International Women's Day Committee 532-8989

Maria Carrilos Friends of AMES (El Salvador Women's Association) 466-5150

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Centre for Caribbean Dialogue 531-5206

South Africa

Lynda Lemberg-Pelly Canadians Concerned About Southern Africa 651-9598

Lindsy Manicom African National Congress 928-0503 South Africa

Marg Bacon Inter-Church Coalition on Africa 927-1124

Maria Chikueka Emanuel College 962-4890 (home)

India and Immigrants in Canada Tania Das Gupta Cross Cultural Communication Centre 530-4117

Immigration in Canada Nancy Nichols Catholic Information Bureau 977-3264

Other Resources
Salome Lucas
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#### Resources

From the YWCA of Metro Toronto ...

The YWCA's Guide to Women's Groups and Resources for Metropolitan Toronto is now available in a newly revised 1986 edition. With more than 250 listings, the comprehensive resource directory covers women's centres; advocacy action groups; hostels; employment; health and information services; telephone information/support lines; and other services including support groups, therapists, legal help, and day care. Each listing includes the address, telephone number, hours of operation, and a description of the service offered.

The guide is available from the YWCA, 80 Woodlawn Avenue East, Toronto M4P 1C1 at a cost of \$5.95 plus \$1.40 postage and handling, or can be purchased at the Women's Bookstore. For more information, call the

YWCA at 961-8100.

## **Environment** publication examines in Toronto. All funds raised that day will go to expanding the campaigns of TDN and its political relations

Alternatives, the critical environmental quarterly published by University of Waterloo faculty, focuses its current issue on "Politics and the Environment".

A study of Canada's Green Party Movement heads the list of subjects in the latest publication, which also includes articles on Environmental Policy and Corporate Power; Ecology and Democracy in a New Chile; and Environmentalism: "Motherhood" or Revolution?

The quarterly, billed as a journal for people who "take their environment seriously", has been publishing since 1971. With the full title of Alternatives: Perspectives on Society, Technology and Environment, the periodical is devoted to providing an informed and critical examination of contemporary problems facing the environment, while supporting imaginative and alternative solutions.

Recent issues of Alternatives have covered such topics as Environment and Development; Environmental Ethics; and Soft Energy Paths for Canada. The publications plans future issues on Science, Society and Well-Being; Saving the Great Lakes; and Sustainable Development of Northern Communities.

According to the publishers of Alternatives, the quarterly "strives to blend the rigour and thoroughness of a learned journal with the readability and provacativeness of a serious magazine." ndividual subscriptions to the publication cost \$15, while the institutional rate is \$20 per year.

For more information, write: Alternatives, Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo N2L 3G1.

#### **Help Wanted**

The Ecumenical Forum requires a Co-ordinator for the Children's Program of its annual Missionary Orientation Conference. Duties include program planning, orientation of leadership team, organization of resources and materials, implementation of three-week program and evaluation. Skills desired include leadership with children, background in cross-cultural living and education, team leadership, sports, music. Emplyoyment dates: May 1 to August 22 (negotiable). Closing date is April 7. For more information call 924-9351.

April 1986

## Interchange

## In motion to raise funds tor peace

by Brian Grebow

What are you doing on Sunday, May 25, around 11:30 am?

Why not walk, run, rollerskate, wheelchair, or bike through scenic downtown Toronto?

By gathering pledges and participating in the Toronto Disarmament Network (TDN) Move-a-thon, you will be raising consciousness along with fun and funds for peace work go to expanding the campaigns of TDN and its

81 member groups. It's easy enough to do your bit: - First, make a list of potential sponsors, including family members, friends, co-workers, neighbours, etc.; - Next, ask them to pledge something specific - in the range of dollar or two, or even just 50 cents, per kilometre of the 25-kilometre route. Asking for pledges is a positive contribution in its own right:

- Then, ask your friends and family to move along with you. They can collect their own pledges, and, as always, the more the merrier;

- Get your pledge sheet from TDN and fill

it out;

- Finally, after you've moved around the course on May 25, it's just a matter of collecting your pledges.

Participating groups will receive 50 per cent of the money raised, while the remaining half will fund TDN campaigns. Peace groups that are not members of TDN are also eligible to participate at the same level if your group wishes to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity, contact the TDN office.

For more information about where and when, and to get your pledge sheets, call 535-8005.

From Physicians for Social Responsibility, Ottawa Chapter; World Conference on Religion for Peace, Ottawa; Missionary Oblates Mary Immaculate, St. Joseph Province; and St. Paul University ...

QUEST FOR PEACE IN OUR DAY (May 16-18, 1986) is a fully bilingual conference to both study and celebrate the peace cause. One of the distinctive themes of the event will be the role played by religion/spirit in promoting and living out a collective life of peace. Speakers, panelists, and workshop leaders will address a wide range of peacerelated topics from a diversity of theoretical and practical orientations. And, in an effort to make the event familyparticipatory as well as educational, the conference schedule will include a family picnic, inter-faith worship and prayer services, and peace-related films and exhibits, as well as child-care throughout the weekend.

For more information, write to: Peace In Our Day Conference, St. Paul University, 223

#### **Events**

#### Co-op networking conference April 19

by Gary Moffatt

Organizations and individuals who see development of an alternative economy as a major task of the social change movement are invited to attend a conference on Organizing a Mutual Aid Network at the 519 Church Community Centre, on Saturday April 19 from 10 am to 5:30 pm. It will be sponsored by the Alternative Economics Working Group, and by Mobilization for Action.

The conference has been organized in order to establish ongoing means of increasing contact and mutual aid between groups - from credit unions to food co-ops, and from printing collectives to neighbourhood clinics - now engaged in various aspects of cooperative work, as well as to determine the extent to which further ties will be

possible.

The Alternative Economics Study Group is descended from an Alternative Economics Forum held by the Free University in the fall of 1985. It meets regularly to discuss methods of making self- and cooperative employment options more widely available, in the belief that we cannot work effectively for social change while remaining economically dependent on the present system. Mobilization for Action is a communications group which meets monthly to exchange information about various social change projects.

There is no charge for the conference. For more information, call the Community Switchboard afternoons at 868-0113.

From the Department of Applied Psychology at OISE and Coalition to Stop Electroshock ...

DAYS of TESTIMONY AND AFFIRMATION: A Conference on Women and Psychiatry. A two-day conference on Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4 at OISE, 252 Bloor St. West. The first day of the conference, from 9:30 am to 6 pm, will feature a public forum, encouraging women who have had any dealings with psychiatric institutions to speak out on their experiences. The Saturday session is open to everyone. The Sunday session, for women only, runs from 10 am to 5 pm, and will include workshops addressing women's concerns as ex-psychiatric inmates.

Admission to the conference is the equivilent of one hour's pay, and is free to women on welfare or family benefits. The event is wheelchair accessible, and childcare, translation, and safe space will be provided. Translation assistance is welcomed.

For more information, call Bonnie at 536-4120; Kali, 534-4120; or Lilith,

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#### Calendar

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#### April 1

HUNGER IN OUR MIDST

Sponsored by Health League of Canada OISE Auditorim, 252 Bloor St. W., 7:30 pm. For more information: Mary at 486-6023

#### **April 1-19**

PLAYING HOUSE: THE DOMESTIC ENVIRONMENT RE-EXAMINED, CONTEMPORARY ALTERNATIVES TO THE NUCLEAR FAMILY HOME Art exhibition by Schuster Gindon and Cate Cochran

A Space, 204 Spadina For hours and information: 364-3227

#### April 2-June 25

PERSON TO PERSON: FAMILY LIFE ISSUES ON FILM Noon series of films dealing with divorce, education, role of the elderly, birth and so Sponsored by the National Film Board NFB Theatre, 1 Lombard St., Wednesdays at

12:15 pm.
For more information: 973-0895

#### April 2

WANT TO TRAVEL TO NICARAGUA? WANT TO TRAVEL TO NICARAGUA?

Learn about tours, language schools and brigades, as well as travel attractions, visas, health trips, cultural enrichment, tourism conditions

Sponsored by Casa Nicaraguense de Espanol Priends House, 60 Lowther Avenue, 7:30 pm For more information: Barbara at 533-1849

#### April 3

UPDATE on LAOS Speaker: Titus Peachey, Mennonite Central Committee Committee
Sponsored by Canada/Asia Working Group
Friends House, 60 Lowther Avenue, 12-2 pm
Bring your own lunch
For more information: Derek Evans at 924-9351

#### April 4

ALLIANCE TO END EXTRA BILLING DEMONSTRATION Sponsored by the Alliance to End Extra Billing Queen's Park, 5 pm For more information: Lynn Lathrop at 699-0830

REFUGEE RIGHTS DAY
Rally sponsored by Toronto Refugee Affairs
Council Nathan Phillips Square, 5:30 to 7:30 pm For more information: Nancy Pocock at 922-4493

ANASTACIO AQUINO CONCERT
Women's folk group from El Salvador
Benefit home/school for Salvadoran orphans
Organized by COSPES and Silvia Platoon
Sponsored by AMPES (Association of Progressive
Women of El Salvador) and AMES (El Salvador
Women' Association)
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Vancouver work poet

Presented by New Trojan Horse and DEC Bookroom

DEC, 229 College St., 8 pm

Tickets \$4/ \$3/unemployed

For more information: 597-8695

For more information: 537-4623 or 534-1707

#### April 6

RATIONAL-EMOTIVE PERSPECTIVE OF PEACE

Speaker: Dr. Albert Ellis, psychologist Sponsored by Health League of Canada Oakham House, 63 Gould, 1 pm. For more information: Mary at 486-6023

WARSAW GHETTO MEMORIAL: WHAT IT MEANS IN A

NUCLEAR AGE
Sponsored by Shalom Disarmament Group Stanley Knowles Housing Co-op, recreation room, 4th floor, 38 Orchard View For more information: Pearl at 447-1158 or Bertha at 638-3895

#### April 10

MULTI-SAFE METHODOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY Speakers: Mary Hall and Donald Nicholl of Multi-Safe Resource Unit, Birmingham, England Sponsored by Ecumenical Forum and Toronto School of Theology Toronto School of Theology lecture room, 47 Queens Park Crescent East, 4 pm. For more information: 924-0351

PAY EQUITY: A SOCIALIST-FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE Panel including Frances Lankin, Diane Meaghan, Richard Johnston Sponsored by Ontario NDP Left Caucus 229 College St., 7:30

#### **April 10, 13**

UP TO A CERTAIN POINT
Film focusing on dockworkers showing the contradictions between the men's highly developed sense of relolutionary conscience and their sexist attitudes
Sponsored by Canadian Cuban Friendship Assoc. and Harbourfront
Harbourfront Studio Theatre, \$4
April 10-9130pm; April 13-2 pm April 10-9:30pm; April 13-2 pm (Film in Spanish with English subtitles) For more information: 364-5663 or 653-0081

#### April 11, 12

SURVIVORS SURVIVORS
Film telling the story of a bourgeois family
of aristocratic origin who decide to remain in
Cuba after the revolution
Sponsored by Canadian Cuban Friendship Assoc.
and Harbourfront
April 11-9:30 pm; April 12-4 pm
Harbourfront Studio Theatre, \$4
(Film in Spanish with English subtitles)
For more information: 364-5663 or 653-0081

#### **April 12, 13**

TARRAGON SPRING ARTS EVENTS
Sponsored by Tarragon Theatre
Smorgasbord of performing arts and opportunity
to take in everything at once and visit the
Performing Artist for Nuclear Disarmament 30 Bridgeman St., free, 11 am till 10 pm For more information: 533-3859

### April 12

FALAFEL BENEFIT BRUNCH Benefit Louis Riel Teacher's Brigade Kensington Kitchen, 322 College St, 12-4 pm, For ticket information: 533-1849

SOLIDARITY FILM FESTIVAL Sponsored by Newman Centre Development and Peace Group 229 College St., basement, 2 to 10 pm Tickets: \$4/advance; \$5/door Film listing on page 3 Ticket information: 921-7798 or available at DEC Bookstore, 229 College

FAITH ACTIVE IN JUSTICE Political policy conference Sponsored by Citizens for Public Justice Sponsored by Citizens for Public Justice Opening remarks by Wilber Sutherland, former general secretary of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada John Knox Christian School, 82 McLaughlin Rd. S., Brampton, 10 am, \$10 including lunch For more information: 979-2443

#### April 13

Folk singer and gay social activist Presented by DEC Bookroom 427 Bloor St. West, 8 pm. Tickets \$5/advance, \$6 at door For more Information: 597-8695

#### April 16

DO FEDERAL PRISONS TURN CRIMINALS INTO HARDENED CRIMINALS? HARDENED CRIMINALS?
Panelists: Right Reverend Clark MacDonald;
Edward L. Greenspan, Q.C.; Eleanor McDonald,
Dan Kane, Israel Halperin, FRSC, Archbishop
Edward W. Scott, Kathy Misener
Co-sponsored by Toronto Conference, United
Church; Canadian Committee of Scientists and
Scholars; Ontario John Howard Society;
Elizabeth Fry Society; and CentreStage Forum
St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. East, 8 pm
For more information: 362-7041

#### **April 17**

CUSO INFORMATION NIGHT 815 Danforth Avenue, 7:30 pm. For more information: 461-3100

RACE RELATIONS AWARD DINNER HONOURING DR. WILSON HEAD Sponsored by Urban Alliance on Race Relations Hsin Kuang Restaurant, 346 Spadina Tickets: \$40 For more information: 598-0111

#### April 21

SHEDDING OUR ILLUSIONS
Speaker: Joanna Miller
Sponsored by United Church Peace Network of
Toronto and Toronto Disarmament Network
Also screening of The Big Snit, NFB film
Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, 230 St. Clair
East, 7:30 pm.
For more information: 537-4109

#### April 21, 22 and 23

ILLUSIONS and REALITIES in the NUCLEAR AGE

International conference on peace and security Sponsored by McGill University, Faculty of Education Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal

For registration information: write Peace and Security Conference 1986, GEMS Conference and Consulting Services, P. O. Box 367, Snowden, Montreal, Quebec, H3X 3T6 or call 514-735-1388

#### April 22-May 10

ART FOR ORGANIZING: THE EXPERIENCE OF THE CANADIAN FARMWORKER Art exhibition with Craig Condy-Berghold, John Grayson, Carole Conde, Karl Beveridge, Jim Monroe and others A Space, 204 Spadina For hours and information: 364-3227

#### April 25

WORLD PEACE PROSPECTS: A BRITISH PERSPECTIVE Speaker: Bruce Kent, past General Secretary and current vice president of Britain's Nuclear Disarmament Campaign Sponsored by Toronto Disarmament Campaign 427 Bloor St. W., \$5 For more information: 535-8005

#### April 26

STOP THE NUCLEARIZATION OF CANADA Demonstration sponsored by ACT for Disarmament Coalition Nathan Phillips Square, 1 pm. For more information: 960-2ACT

RALLY AGAINST PREE TRADE Demonstration for jobs and against free trade Sponsored by Ontario Federation of Labour Queen's Park, 12 noon For more information: 441-2731

#### April 26

LIVING IN THE NUCLEAR AGE One-day workshop sponsored by Infopsych Communcations \$45 including lunch, 9:30 to 5 pm For more information: 967-6301

SO YOU WANT TO WORK IN A FEMINIST FRAMEWORK Day of workshops and speakers emphasizing issues of class and ethnicity in feminist therapy/counselling OISE, 252 Bloor St. West, \$15 including lunch For more information: 848-2630

#### April 29

SEED MONEY/FEE FOR SERVICE Sponsored by Brown Bag Forum 519 Church Community Centre, 12 noon Bring your own lunch For more information: 362-2926

#### April 30

THE PEACE ISSUE AS A POLITICAL ISSUE Speaker: Richard Swift, Co-editor of New Internationalist Magazine Sponsored by Science for Peace and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Lawyers for Social Responsibility University College, Media room, room 179 For more information: 978-5217

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#### May 1

GREGORY BAUM: THEOLOGIAN AND SOCIAL CREDIT Symposium including reflections on Gregory's contributions to the Canadian Church Sponsored by Ecumenical Forum Alumni Hall, U of T, 121 St. Thomas St., 7:30 pm For more information: 924-9351

#### May 6

DINNER HONOURING GREGORY AND SHIRLEY BAUM Sponsored by Ecumenical Forum Ukranian Culture Centre, 83 Christie St., 6:30

pm Advance tickets only available from Ecumenical Forum, 11 Madison Ave., Toronto, MSR 2S2 at \$20 each/\$15 for students and low income For more information: Michael Cooke at 924-9351

#### May 9, 10

CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN Event examining the various forms of violence and oppression in children's lives around the

world Keynote address: Philip Berrigan Sponsored by Centre for Non-Violence Harbord Collegiate School For more information: 533-9507

Any social justice group wishing to have their event listed in this Calendar should send the information by  $\overline{\text{April 2}}_1$  to:

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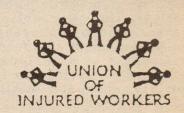
SPEAKER—JOANNA MILLER

One of Canada's foremost speakers, Joanna Miller is a board member of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security and a member of the Consultative Group on Arms Control and Disarmament

THE BIG SNIT is a ten-minute comedy about a quarrelsome couple who play a game of Scrabble while nuclear war rages outside.

PROGRAM - 7:30 - COFFEE, 7:45 - THE BIG SNIT, 8:00 -JOANNA MILLER -"SHEDDING OUR ILLUSIONS" SPONSORED BY THE UNITED CHURCH PEACE NETWORK OF TORONTO CONFERENCE, 736 BATHURST ST. 537-4109

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