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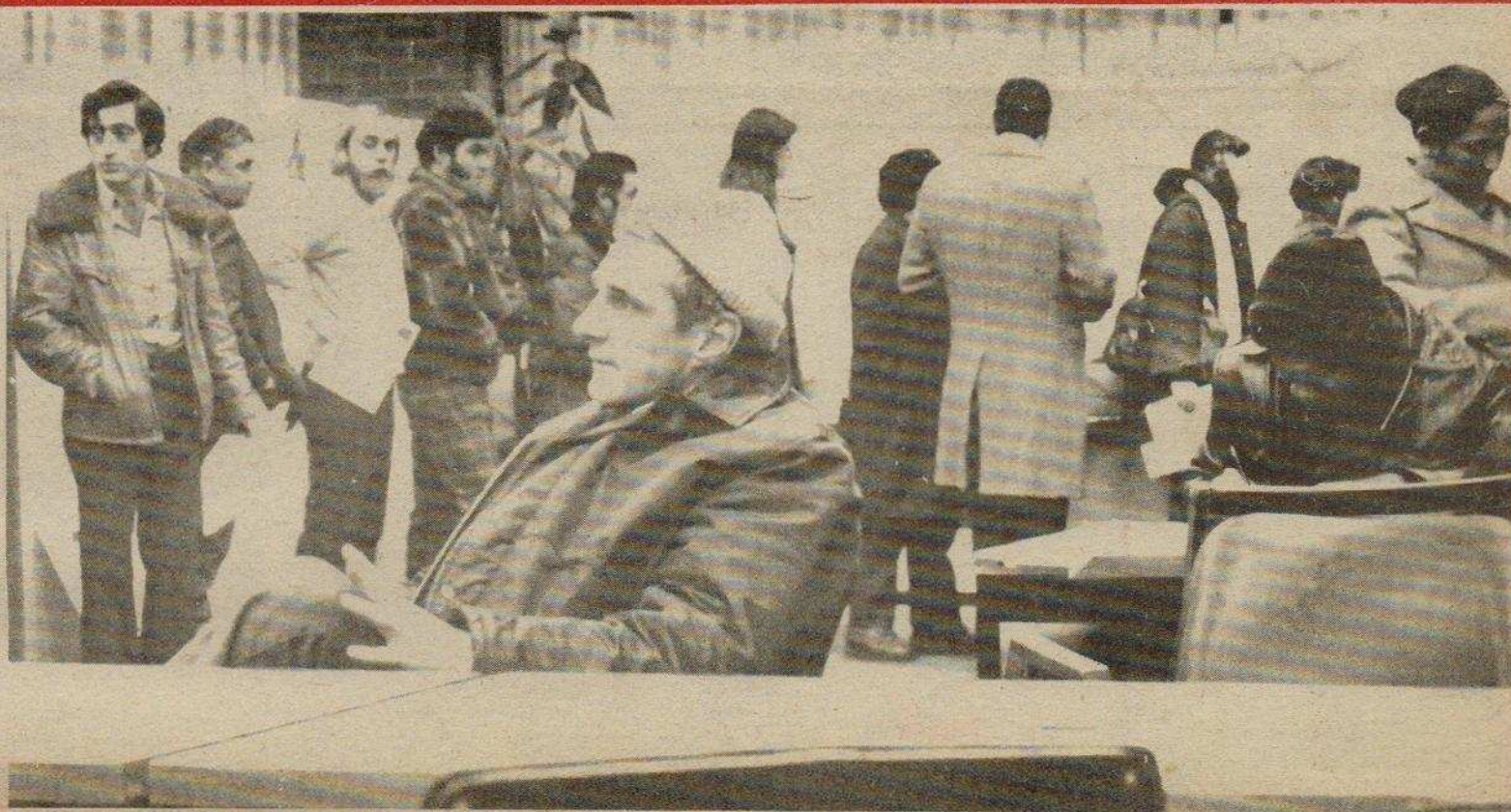
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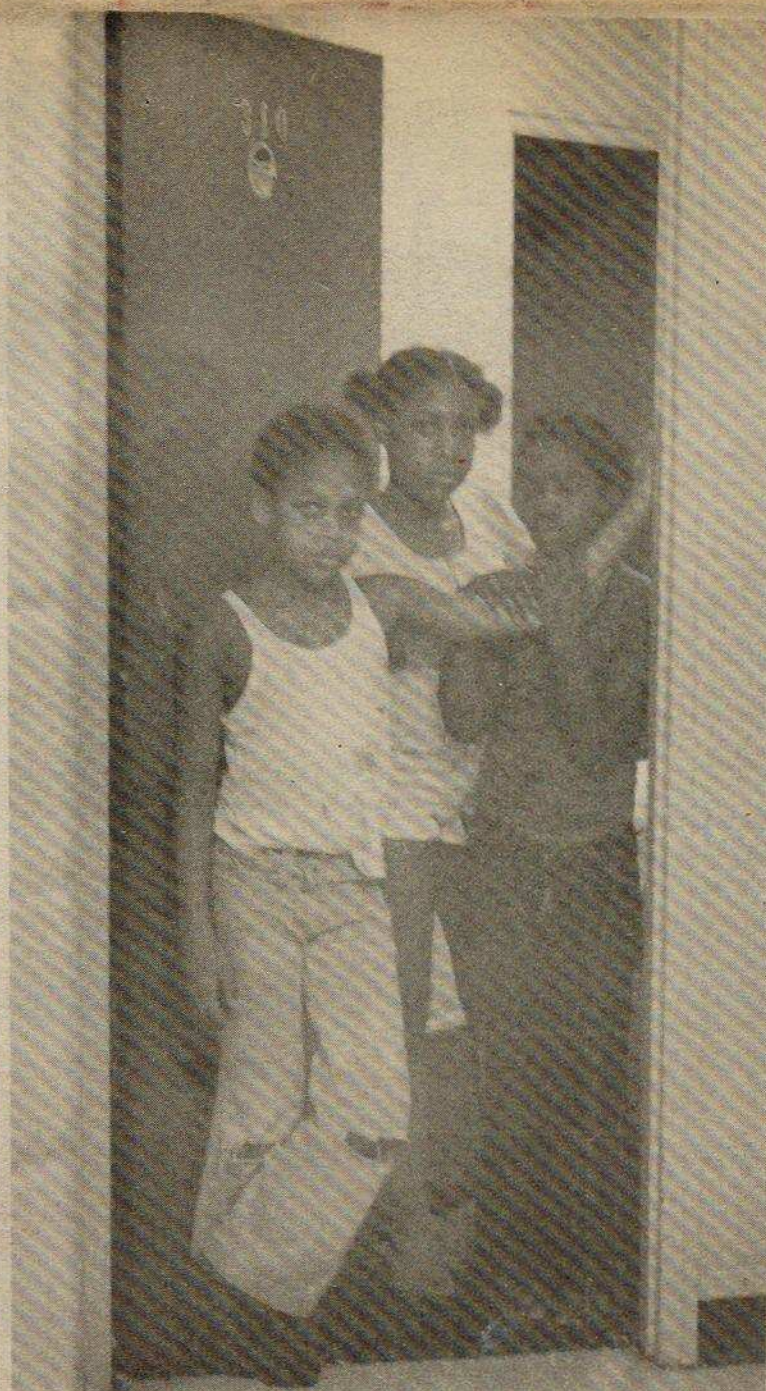
"When am I going to get a job? Six per cent of Toronto is unemployed and UIC is giving me a hard time."

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Stalemate at Moishe's

by Jonathan Craven

Striking bartenders and waiters, demanding endorsement of their union contract and the payment of back wages, have begun their eleventh week of protest against their "anti-union employer."

The four protesting employees, along with members of their union, the Beverage Dispensers' and Bartenders, Local 280, have been pacing through the snow in front of Moishe's Restaurant, formerly the Gregory House, 17 Adelaide St. West, since early November. They are asking for the honouring of their contract with a six per-cent pay increase, promised to them in a union contract by their previous employer in 1975.

For the last two years, the owner of the restaurant has been Moishe Nahum, a 42-year-old businessman who came to Canada from Israel 12 years ago. He says he doesn't want to comply with the demands of the strik-

ers, their union, or their contract, because he doesn't want his business to be unionized.

Nahum, known as the "Falafel King" and owner of the Tel Aviv Restaurant and Bakery on Spadina Ave., admits he is losing \$1,000 of business daily, thanks to the picket line. He says that now, money is no longer the issue but rather it is the trust of his non-union employees who depend on him to keep the union out.

Nahum says he is not anti-union and that unions are a great thing as long as the employer has the freedom to choose whom he

hires or fires. He says he wants to run his business his way because it is his money invested in the establishment.

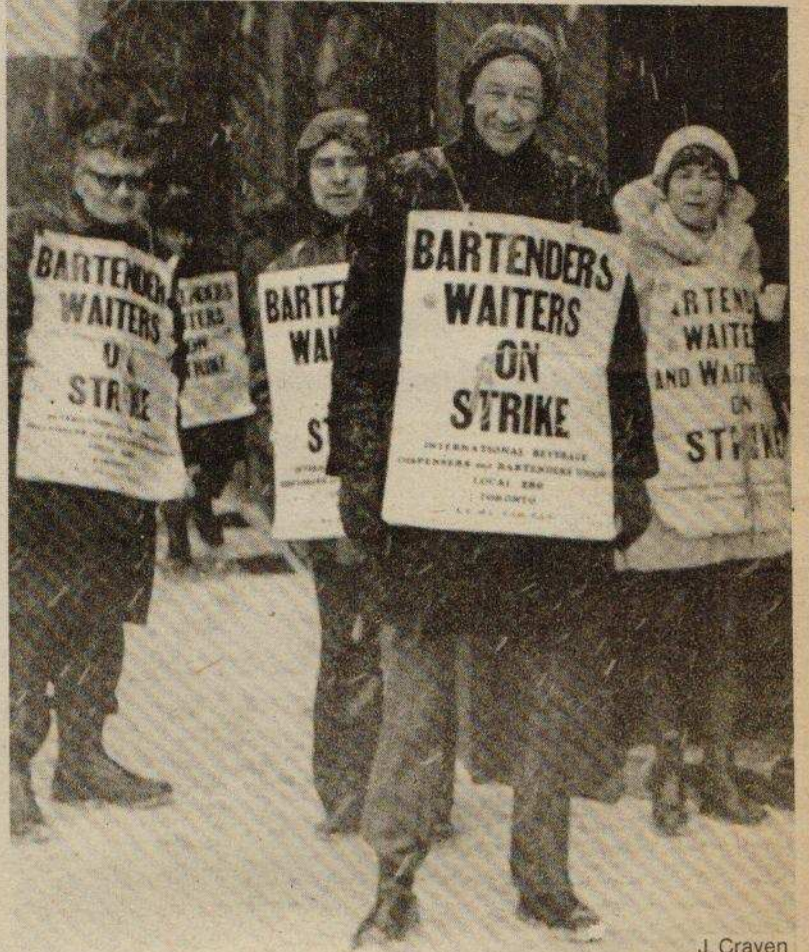
Julius Troll, business agent for the union, says that Nahum's understanding of unions is completely out-dated. "It is the employees who say whether they want a union or not, not the employer," he says.

Troll says he has heard more employee grievances in the past two years since Nahum took over, than he had in 32 years with the earlier owners. "All he has to do is sign the previous agreement for the six per-cent increase and allow the employees to choose the union of their choice," he says.

Nahum says he offered to pay the six per-cent raise to the four striking employees but wanted a personal contract with them without union interference.

Troll and the strikers, though, say that the offer was never on the negotiating table or put into writing even though two conciliation officers attempted to finalize it.

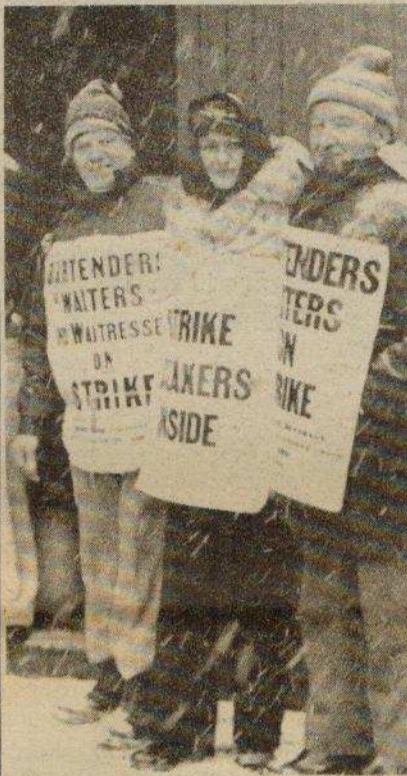
Nahum says he tried to negotiate with the union but has not received any answer to his letters. "I don't care anymore," he said. "At the end of the month I will decide what I am going to do."



J. Craven

He says he may lock the doors, renovate the interior of the building, and rent it out as office space.

Troll feels this is unlikely. "Who is going to rent a building with a picket line in front of it?" he asks.



Sci-Fi
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WCB problem

Access denied

by Murray Bush

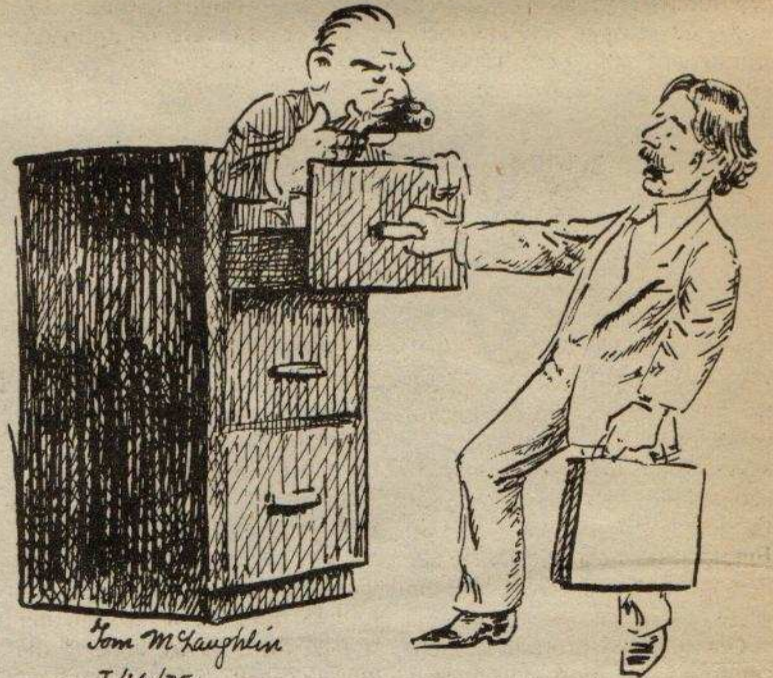
For some time now the Injured Worker's Union has been calling for the reform of Workmen's Compensation Board (WCB) policy regarding access to files.

Under the Workmen's Compensation Act, injured workers are denied access to these files on the grounds that doctor — patient relations could suffer in cases where a terminal illness had not been disclosed to the worker.

Access then is granted to a representative of the injured worker. But problems have arisen with this system as well. Only medical experts and representatives who have an "arm's length relationship" with their client in a WCB appeal can obtain access.

The "arm's length" stipulation results in file access being denied to certain individuals and groups representing injured workers. Trade union representatives, for example, have been classified "hostile by the WCB, as above some Injured Worker Union members and the Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario (IAVGO).

The case of the IAVGO illus-



Tom McLaughlin
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trates the complexity of file access controversy. The group is a non-profit community legal service, funded by the provincial government. The staff are lay advocates and law students sent for training from Osgood Hall.

The IAVGO board of directors includes injured workers, which prompted the WCB to deny the group file access. The IAVGO has asked that non-injured worker lay advocates be allowed use of the files, a proposal that the WCB is now reviewing.

Meanwhile, the lay advocates are relying on the law students to get information from the files for them, as the students have easy access. Until the WCB comes to a decision on the IAVGO, they must rely on this second-hand

method of preparing for appeal cases.

"Thus we (the IAVGO) contend that by denying IAVGO access to their client's WCB files, the board is denying these clients their rights to a complete examination for discovery, the right to make a full answer and defence and the rights of due process, the rule of law, and ultimately, the fundamental principles of natural justice," says William Griffith, an IAVGO spokesperson.

The whole access question may see some satisfactory resolve when the WCB completes its own study of the problem in a few months. The fact that the board has found it necessary to review their policy concerning file access is at least a hopeful sign.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Yesterday

by Tom Clement

In 1935 thousands of unemployed workers from right across Canada organized the 'On To Ottawa Trek' to take their demands to the federal government in Ottawa.

During the Depression, the unemployment rate spiralled to 27%, forcing thousands of young men to live and work in isolated government camps for 20 cents per day. The 170,000 men who were processed through the camps did not even have the right to vote!

In response to the harsh conditions the Workers Unity League (WUL) issued a charter for the Relief Camp Workers Union. In spite of the fact that organizers were constantly being banned from the camps, the Union continued to fight for fair living and working conditions.

In April of 1935, the Relief Camp Workers' Union led a walkout of 4,000 camp workers in British Columbia. The trekkers stayed in Vancouver where they received widespread support, including over \$5,000 in one tag day.

In early June, 1000 trekkers climbed aboard freight trains to take their demands to Ottawa. As they travelled from city to city, they received generous gifts of food and money. Besides the support, 1,000 new recruits joined the trek. The trek halted in

Regina while 8 of the leaders sped to Ottawa to meet Prime Minister, "Iron Heel" Bennett, who refused to accept any of their demands.

It became obvious that the government planned to use violence to prevent the trek from proceeding east of Regina. The trekkers decided to halt the trek. At the meeting where Slim Evans was to announce that the trek was being disbanded the RCMP attacked the unarmed trekkers. The result was the Regina Riot.

The RCMP prevented the trekkers from travelling east but a group of close to 1000 trekkers in Winnipeg attempted to continue the trek. The Winnipeg trekkers left in three buses but were stopped from entering Ontario because they did not have Ontario license plates. They walked the rest of the way to Kenora where they stayed for a few days before returning to Winnipeg.

In Montreal and other parts of Quebec, trekkers were forced to travel in small groups for fear of being arrested. The police succeeded in rounding up the small groups and preventing them from reaching Ottawa.

A group from Kirkland Lake marched all the way to Ottawa. The main centre for organizing the trek became Toronto. Recruiting stalls were set up in different parts of the city. The east end of the city became a hotbed



of activity and rallies were organized in Riverdale Park.

On to Ottawa

In spite of the Regina Riot about 20 trekkers travelled to Toronto and other cities to continue the trek. The Southern Ontario contingent united with the trekkers from Northern Ontario and Quebec and marched into Ottawa on August 8, 1935.

The trekkers received a warm welcome from the people

of Ottawa where 20,000 people were on relief. Every night citizens would crowd into Plouffe Park in west Ottawa to hear the latest developments.

After the trekkers were unable to negotiate with the government, the police attempted to enter their camp. The citizens of Ottawa responded by forming a wall around the trekkers to prevent another riot. A few days later the trekkers broke camp and returned to Toronto where they

were greeted by 1000 supporters.

In the fall Bennett was swept out of office and the relief camps were abolished. The following year many of the trekkers volunteered to fight fascism in Spain as part of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion.

Today the struggles of the depression are becoming better known. It will take the kind of spirit exhibited during the depression to overcome the economic problems facing us today.

Today

by Kris Klassen

(Ottawa) — "We're here to tell the corporations and the federal government we're not going to stand for unemployment," shouted Steve Jolly, speaking for the Ottawa Coalition for Full Employment at a mid-December demonstration in front of the city's UIC office.

One hundred protesters, some employed but most not, turned out with picket signs and shouts of 'Jobs for you and jobs for me. We won't need no UIC'.

It was the third time in little more than a week that local opposition to unemployment surfaced under the Coalition banner. The first was an organizing meeting that pulled in 150 people to discuss strategy. The result was a solid list of tactics, plus a resolution supporting nationalization of the International Nickel Company.

Then, putting words into action, coalition members joined Sudbury unions the following week in a Parliament Hill protest against massive INCO and Falconbridge layoffs.

As its name implies, the Coalition's goal is full employment. While it doesn't pretend to hold an overall solution it pulls no

punches in placing the blame for spiralling jobless rates on the shoulders of politicians who push policies that aggravate the situation. In its first position paper the Coalition credits the federal government with consciously prolonging the problem.

"The government's reaction to the loss of income suffered by the jobless has been to further worsen the soss by limiting the time one can collect unemployment insurance and by increasing the time one must work to qualify.

Health problems, spurred by lower incomes, have been met with slashed social service expenditures, the paper adds.

This month the Ottawa Coalition is directing energy towards three committees for building community contacts, garnering trade union support, publishing educational pamphlets and making contact with other coalitions in the country. A newsletter is in the works as well.

The Coalition will hit the streets again on Valentine's Day for the first premier's conference here. As organizer Julie White says, "We expect to be around as long as unemployment is a problem . . . and that could be for a while."

And tomorrow

In an attempt to draw together labour, students and community groups, an ad hoc Toronto committee has organized a one-day conference to deal with unemployment. It will take place on January 21 at Innis College, 2 Sussex Avenue.

"Our main goal in sponsoring the conference is to provide a forum for discussion among students, activists and trade unionists in Toronto — hopefully leading to action against unemployment," said Peter Rowe, a conference organizer.

The conference, sponsored by the Innis College Students Society, will have workshops to examine various aspects of unemployment: unemployment and students, unemployment and women, transnational corporations, the hidden unemployed, unemployment in the manufacturing and public sectors, and organizing.

Among the speakers are Dan Heap (Toronto alderman), Bob

Mackenzie (NDP MPP, Hamilton), Cliff Pilkey (President, Ontario Federation of Labour) and Mel Watkins (political economist, University of Toronto).

"We realize that the trade union movement has been holding similar conferences for

months and that the Metro Labour Council has decided to establish an unemployment service centre. However, people outside labour have had little chance to discuss the issue in such forums. This conference will offer them that chance," Rowe told the Clarion.

Outa Work Blues

Went to the employment office
To see what I could find,

I went to the employment office
To see what I could find.

Six hundred other people there
Same thing on their mind

Told the interviewer
I'd do anything but shovel crap,
I told the interviewer
I'd do anything but shovel crap.

He told me he was sorry,
There was only one opening for that.

— adapted from a song by Carlos Cortez taken from the I.W.W. songbook

As we see it

Body Politic

The **Body Politic** was recently pillaged by the police who went to gather evidence for a charge of distributing obscene literature through the mail and left with almost everything in the office except the dust under the carpet.

They confiscated financial records, subscription lists, manuscripts of future articles, copies of other publications and personal letters.

The authority for this unsolicited moving service was given by a warrant that specified neither the time of its effectiveness nor the articles to be seized.

Could this happen to anyone else? Clayton Ruby, lawyer for the **Body Politic**, says the warrant was illegal and is challenging it. We wish him luck. If this sort of thing can happen again, then any publication that arouses the enmity of the government and its law enforcers can suffer. They can come when they choose, take what they wish, and even if the charges laid are defeated, the paper can still be crippled.

Such harrassment is clearly the motive for the police raid. Or will the Crown Prosecutor argue that the financial records confiscated are obscene because they portray naughty numbers and dirty digits engaged in lewd acts of fiscal fornication?

In recent months there have been many signs that this latest act of harassment is only one instance of a widespread fear and hatred of the gay community in Toronto. In November two men were arrested for putting up a poster which advertised a meeting for gay people.

The Ontario Government has refused to amend the Human Rights Code to ban sexual discrimination. By the time you read this paper, Anita Bryant, God's Sour Orange, will have flown in. And of course Claire Hoy will continue to snap and snarl from the pages of the Sun.

The people who attack gays have two traits in common. They extend their hatred to Women's Liberation and they fear that gays are trying to persuade others to become gay.

As the traditional family decays, and its role is replaced by powerful bureaucracies such as schools, welfare agencies, and giant corporations, it appears to be an increasingly fragile refuge from a totally administered society. The blame is directed not against the social system that has created these tendencies, but rather against these groups who wish to create alternate types of families.

When gays are attacked for an increase in their numbers, the assumption is made that people are incapable of making up their own minds. It is an easy step from this belief to demanding that the government take action — to fire gay teachers, to suppress gay publications, to keep us all "clean" minded. In fact not only "clean", but blank as well. For if we are so likely to stray from truth and purity, then we would be better off letting the government do all our thinking for us.

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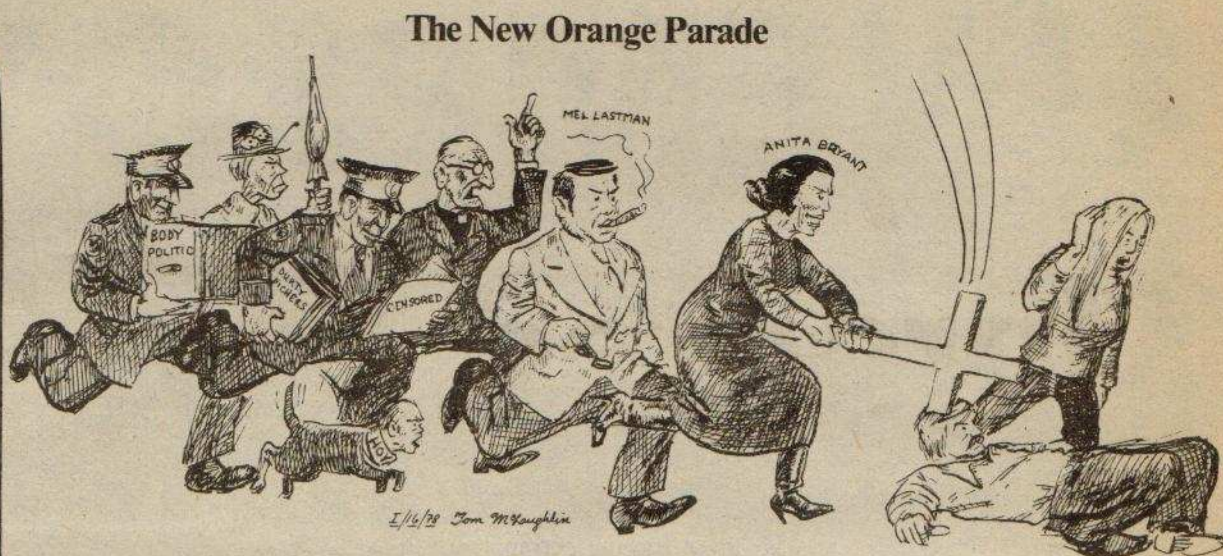
With this issue, the **Clarion** returns from its winter break, our batteries re-charged, ready to go for another season. There have been a few changes too. No doubt you've already noticed the new format on the front page. Inside, we've also made other modifications for a better-looking newspaper.

This issue also marks a tem-

porary change to a monthly publication. Although we would like to remain a bi-weekly, our financial resources at present won't permit it.

The extra time allows us to develop the additional resources we need to support a bi-weekly.

In the meantime, we will continue to bring you the kind of news our readers have come to expect from the **Clarion**.



LETTERS LETTERS

Serena method best, says reader

To the Clarion:

The whole tone of Sandra Bernstein's article on Natural Birth Control (Jan. 4 issue) was biased, patronizing and in a couple of spots just plain wrong.

Ms. Bernstein's hostility to the anti-abortion stand of the Serena people has prevented her from taking a rational look at their method of birth control. She has done a disservice to all women and men, who, for whatever reason, want to find an alternative to the Pill or the IUD.

The Clarion has gone one disgusting step further. It tries to sell newspapers by advertising "sex without side effects" on their front page, thereby drawing people's attention to this half baked treatment of a natural birth control method.

I have used the Serena method successfully for over 2 years. June Scruton, the nurse at St. Michael's Hospital Family Life Clinic initially taught me the method. She did not assume that I would not be using other methods of birth control during "unsafe" periods.

What the Serena method does is let you know when you have ovulated. For about 10 days after ovulation until your period begins, you needn't use any birth control. While you do have to be "committed" to keeping the temperature chart, and being fairly regular, the Serena method does allow you to factor in those nights when you have gotten no sleep or have slept in late.

For ten years I had my daily dose of hormones with the Pill

Now, I know what my body is doing, I understand its working and that makes me feel very good about myself. Some months I can feel when I am ovulating.

Also, my partner has to assume some responsibility for our sexual life. I feel much more in control of my body and my sexuality now than I did while I was taking the Pill....And that control over what happens to one's body is really what it's all about, isn't it, Sandra Bernstein?

Mary Anderson

In spite of some confusion caused by editing, my article was not intended to ridicule methods which have some merit. I tried to give both sides, without misleading readers into thinking a newspaper article could give them enough information to successfully commence natural birth control. Any reservations I may have about the methods are based on the opinions of medical practitioners interviewed; my views on related issues such as abortion are apart from such research. I suggest you read my article again, if you think I oppose your admirable belief in control of ones own body, or that I suggest that natural birth control has had no successful applications.

S.B.

Sinclair stinks

To the Clarion:

11:45 am on December 28, radio station CFRB presented Gordon Sinclair in a vicious assault on postal workers and left-wing groups in Toronto. Sinclair expressed his views with McCarthy-style fanfare on a program entitled **Let's Be Personal**, a five minute slot sponsored by Tamblin Drugmart.

Sinclair directed his drivel at the "Marxist conspiracy" in the Post Office. He used well-worn "red scare" tactics, leaning heavily on his personal experiences in Russia. As he said, "I know, I've been there" (Russia, not the Post Office).

He went on to suggest that Big Business, through its profits, provides employment. He failed to mention that rising corporate

profits are presently accompanied by record highs in Unemployment — thanks to massive layoffs by the corporations he lauded so generously.

I only wish, Gord, that you were right about the huge number of revolutionaries hiding in the Post Office. And, let's be personal for moment, we suggest that you look under your bed. You can never tell where those Communists may be hiding.

— Phombus Tucker

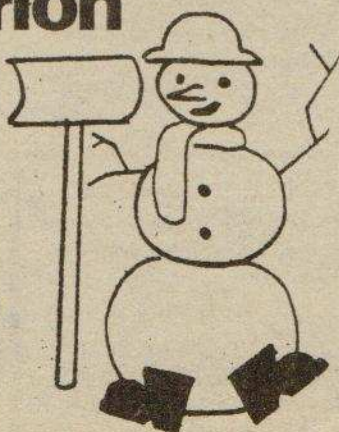
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Plant moves:

Fifty jobs Uprooted

by Tom McLaughlin

For many employees at the Ferranti-Packard plant in Weston, 1978 will not be a happy new year. The company, a subsidiary of the UK-based multinational Ferranti Ltd., has thrown 50 people out of work by moving its electronics division from Weston to Mississauga.

Those employees who succeed in getting any of the 25 new production jobs will be paid much less than they earned at Weston, and none of their benefits will be carried over. Electronic assemblers, who previously earned \$5.58 per hour, will earn \$3.60 per hour for the same work at the new plant. The union representing the laid off workers, the United Electrical Workers, was rebuffed by management when it attempted to have its contract applied to the Mississauga plant.

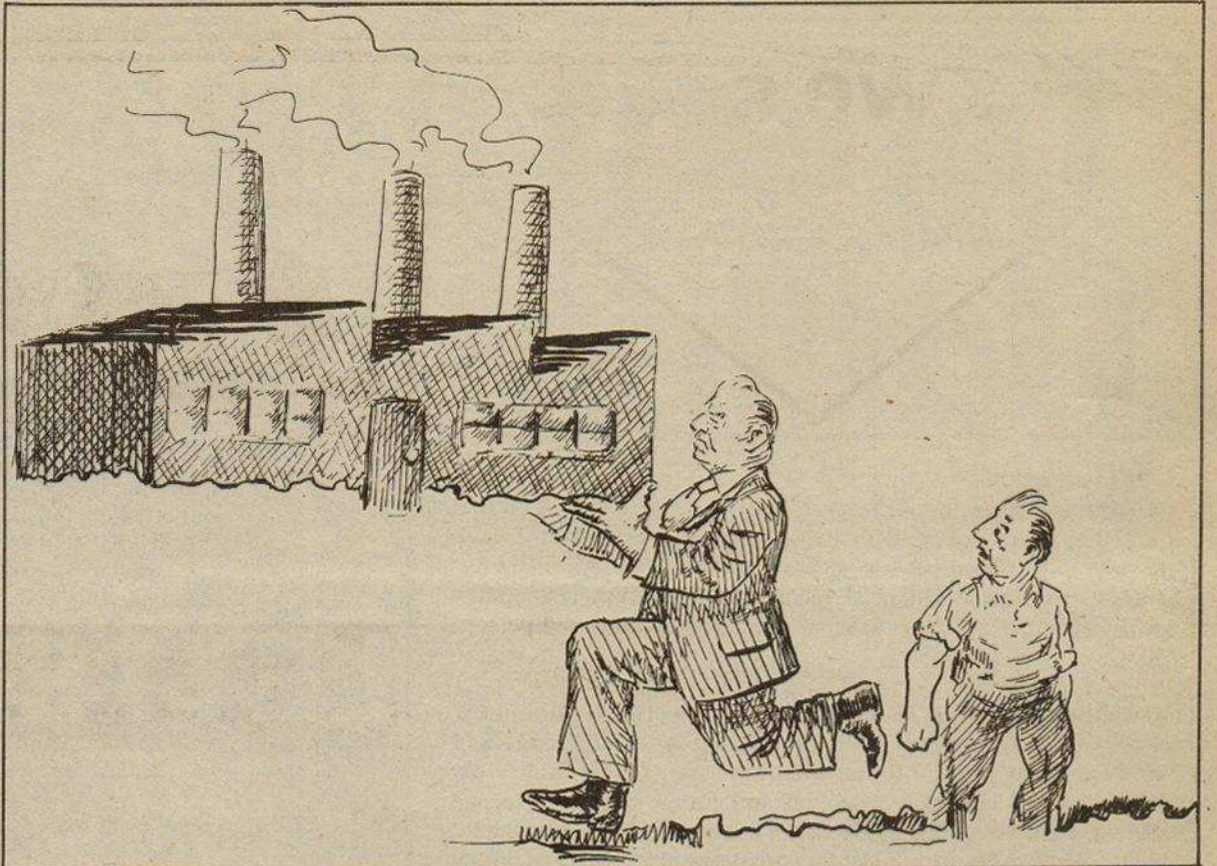
According to a company spokesman contacted by the

Clarion, the electronics division was moved because Ferranti had to become more effectively competitive in the U.S. market. "We have to posture ourselves as an American company," he said; 70% of Ferranti-Packard's sales are now in the U.S.

In Weston, the electronics division had fulfilled mainly Canadian defence contracts. As these declined, it began to concentrate on the production of the huge display systems used by airports and stock exchanges in the U.S. For these jobs, the Mississauga plant is better equipped than the Weston Plant.

Since the new factory would be marginally nearer the airport it could deliver some of its products a bit faster.

However, again according to management, another reason for the move and the layoffs is that Ferranti-Packard must compete with unionized southern U.S. companies paying wages as low as \$2.60 per hour. If Ferranti-



Packard had to continue paying wages as high as \$5.58 per hour, "we might just as well move to the States," he said.

Such a move was of course considered, but the company decided to relocate in Mississauga when it discovered that wages for assembly work there averaged \$3.60 per hour, as compared to \$5.60 per hour in Weston.

The company has provided little credible evidence that competition has forced the layoffs and the move. Until just recently, Ferranti-Packard has produced no annual statement. Its 1977 report claimed profits for

each of the past five years. Although the report stated that the overall profit hid losses in the electronics division, it also says, "The electronics division made a good contribution to profit."

Ontario offers no legal protection against jobs lost and wages cut when companies choose to move or to close down entirely. Art Jenkyn, a UEW official, tried to arrange a meeting with Ontario Labour Minister Bette Stephenson concerning two runaway plants that had cost 180 jobs. "I got a phone call telling me that Bette Stephenson was very, very, very busy," he told

the Clarion. He also wrote to Stephenson asking for a meeting specifically to discuss the Ferranti wage cuts and was told merely that the company had acted within the provisions of the Labour Standards Act.

The UEW continues to demand that the government pass legislation to prevent companies from reducing wages and fringe benefits when a plant is moved within the province. However, its main hope to correct Ferranti-Packard's fast shuffle is to sign a union contract at the Mississauga plant. It is planning a strong organizing drive there.

On the line

Inside posties hit new technology



L. Murray

Toronto Sun "Rain, sleet and snow" Boy of the Month? The Clarion would like to offer the above photo of typical postal worker Thug Slowdown, 28, to the other Toronto papers for their ongoing campaign against the posties.

by Bruce Burron

We will do things well and know the satisfaction of achievement. We will be creators and masters of our environment. Our service to society will bear the proud imprint of our creative hands and minds

C.R. (Bud) Phillips
Plant Manager, South Central Postal Facility

These lofty thoughts are found on an esel at the main entrance to South Central Postal Facility on Eastern Avenue — the biggest and most modern Post Office

operation in Canada.

Obviously, Bud penned the lines before December 5, when evening shift workers left the coding machines over management's illegal use of Christmas help in the mechanized area.

I worked at the old Post Office buildings on Bay Street for about a year before my staff was moved en masse to South Central. When the big move finally came last March, it changed our work very little, as our area of "Starship Mailbag" continues to linger in the 19th century.

The most significant advance the \$50 million facility brought us

is the replacement of wooden cases (into which the mail is hand sorted) by sheet metal ones. We continue sticking mail in pigeon holes in one place, lugging it to another — where it is stuck in more specific holes.

Some conditions did change. The dust level dropped, the noise level soared, and we all became experts in bladder control. When the plant was planned, management thought the labour intensive days were over, so South Central was designed for a much smaller staff than it now holds. The 500 to 700 men and women on the floor share eight toilet bowls and four urinals. Clearly a case of a government believing its own propaganda about learning to expect less of everything.

A few people from my shift have transferred to the mechanized area. During the strike in December, I met a friend who had been involved in the incidents which led to the original walkout, and we talked about his job.

His area has seven or eight

rows of 12 coding machines each. The letters pop up on a screen in front of him, and he punches out the codes on the letters. Management tells trainees that 900 letters per hour is expected, but he thought most people did about 500 or 600.

He says eye strain is bad, but what gets him most is the noise from the surrounding machinery. Without ear plugs it's a headache for sure.

Each machine has a red stop button in case it jams with mail. When one machine stops, the whole row stops. He gets a short break once in a while when someone can't take the monotony and "accidentally" puts a purse down on the button or simply gives it a shove.

This monotony was the basic cause of the December walkout, he said. Supervisors normally

rotate the jobs every couple of hours, sending workers off to hand sort or feed mail into the machines. When management used Christmas help to feed the machines, it forced people to stay at the same jobs all night.

Eventually (management tell us) my staff is to be retrained for this type of work. Before my conversation with my already "retrained" friend, I'm afraid that the subtleties of being "a creator and master of my environment" were lost on an anachronism such as myself. Now I can hardly wait to take the great technological leap forward.

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Tenant Hotline

Dear Hotline,

I recently moved into an apartment two months ago. At the time the oven did not work but the landlord promised he'd have someone in to fix it before the week was over. Despite my numerous requests since then, I still can't use my oven. What am I to do? Just accept the fact I have no oven to speak of, or get it fixed myself?

Dear Annoyed

Faulty appliances are a continuing sorepoint with tenants and something many a landlord has tried to ignore. It is definitely the landlord's responsibility to maintain appliances even if it means replacing the stove or fridge. Our answer from the Hotline is almost routine. Write a letter to the landlord stating the problem and how long it has persisted. Give him a definite time limit on getting it fixed, say 7 or 10 days. Continue by writing that if your request is ignored you will get estimates on cost of repairing and have it done yourself and will deduct the cost from your rent cheque. Keep a copy of the letter and send the original by registered mail. You then wait the specified time and if not satisfied, get the estimates and take the most reasonable offer. Keep a note of the estimated costs you obtained. When rent time comes 'round send a copy of the bill along with the cheque for the rent minus the repair cost.

P.S. The particular tenant who had this problem finally had a repairman come in a fix the oven. The cost was \$21 service charge plus \$75 for necessary repairs.

Dear Readers,

I recently had a call from a family who lives in the Borough of York. They moved into an apartment over a store. As is usually the case, the deterioration of the place didn't reveal itself entirely until they had lived there for a few weeks. To top it all off, there was constantly a black film of what appeared to be soot covering the floors and counters. When the smell of oil manifested itself they began to worry. A call to the landlord didn't work so after calling me, the wife had a health inspector come in. He was very concerned but could not locate the source. He left promising to have an inspector from the "special hazards" branch come in to investigate further.

By this point the tenants were very worried and placed another call to the landlord. His secretary gave the tenants the number of fuel company who serviced the building. They called and a serviceman came immediately. Upon checking the furnace, he turned it off and had it cleaned thoroughly. It took two weeks for the tenants to get to that point, it cost the wife two days off work to wait around for inspectors and it meant their carpets would have to be cleaned. They were not about to accept the landlord's feeble apology for the "inconvenience". They decided they deserved one month free rent and that the landlord should pay to have their carpets cleaned. After haggling over whose insurance company should pay for what the landlord finally agreed to pay for the cleaning and also said that if the tenants would pay their rent, he would have their floors sanded and their apartment painted. The tenants could not resist the idea that finally the place would be fixed to their liking and accepted the compromise. Moral of the story: if you have a similar problem don't hesitate to have it checked out, and by all means use it to your advantage.

This column is prepared by the staff of Tenant Hotline, a legal clinic funded by the Ontario Legal Aid Plan. The advice is general in nature and not intended to provide you with an argument in court. Write to the Hotline c/o the Clarion or, in an emergency, phone 656-5500 for immediate help.

For more information on tenants rights — go in person with 50¢ or send \$1 for a copy of Your Rights As A Tenant to:

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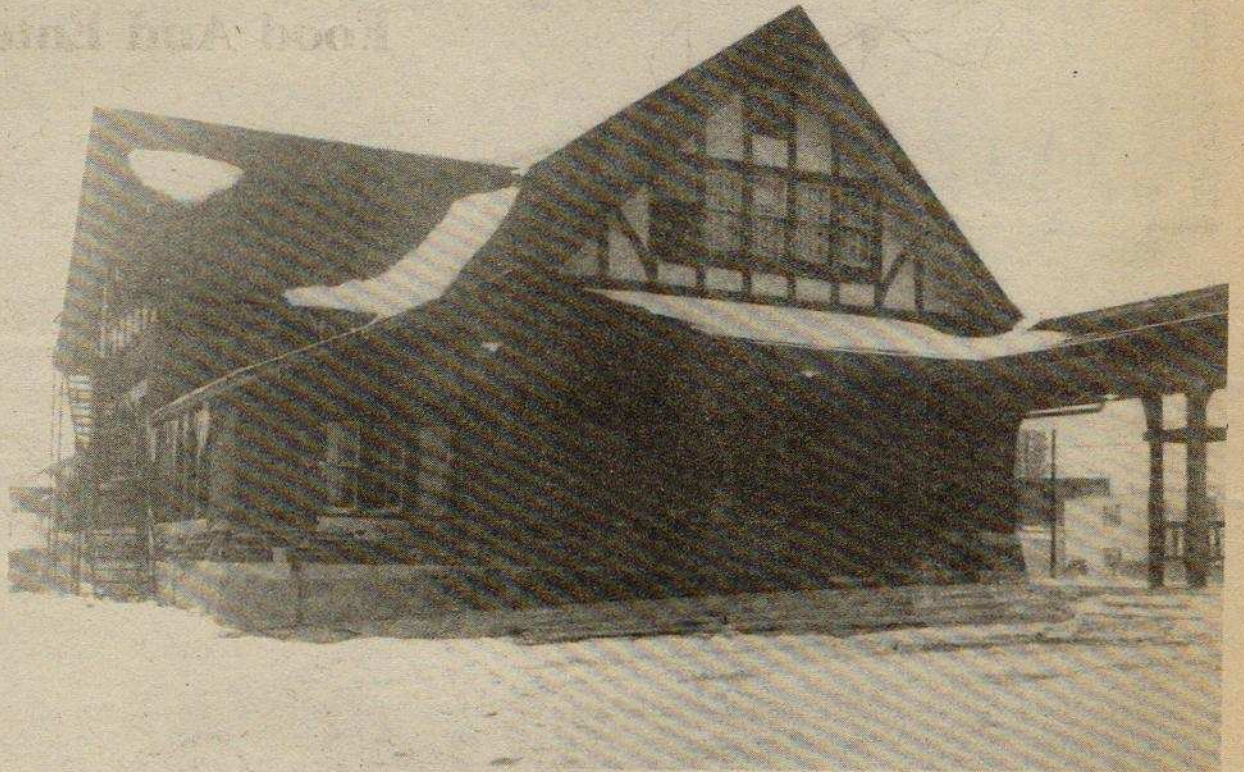
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Wrecker's ball threatens Junction landmark



CPR has applied to the Canadian Transportation Commission to tear down this station at the junction of Annette, Dundas and Dupont Sts. Long a landmark in the Junction area, the station, built in 1912, is on the inventory list of the Toronto Historical Board. The Board, along with a group of local citizens and politicians, propose that the station be left on the site and used as a Farmers' Market. The idea is to attract people to the area as customers for local business and to provide a community service at the same time.

MORE LETTERS MORE LET

Gay youth faces pressure

To the Clarion

Many of those in politics who use children and adolescents as pawns in their arguments against homosexuality are not aware that some of the very people they are trying to protect are already members of gay organizations such as **Gay Youth Toronto** (a group for gays under 25).

Maintaining the attitude that teenagers in particular need protection reflects the ageist assumption that young people in high schools are ignorant of sexual matters.

The regular high school system in Toronto reinforces this assumption by deleting any reference to lesbianism as a positive and viable lifestyle — sex education classes are heterosexist education classes. This total lack of solid factual information cheats the whole student body (straight as well as gay) of the freedom to form their opinion regarding homosexuality.

I, as one of the gay students, feel particularly wronged. During my formative years, I was not once exposed to a realistic view of lesbianism. It was consistently portrayed as an abnormal deviation somehow connected to mental illness. The fulfillment of one woman loving another was never mentioned.

In addition, there are no openly gay teachers; no one with whom I can identify. In a school of over a thousand, I feel incredibly alone.

Even textbooks remain silent. Although I learn of Virginia Woolf, Gertrude Stein,

Leonardo Da Vinci, and Oscar Wilde, I am never told that any or all of them were involved in gay relationships.

Assuming that ten per cent of the population is actively homosexual, there is ten per cent of the students now in schools who feel frustrated and cringe every time a

teacher makes a remark about "queers".

I have not officially come out at the regular school I still attend because I am afraid that my teachers will lower my marks or fail me altogether due to their own prejudice.

E. F., Gay Youth Toronto

Don't get sick

To the Clarion

Feeling sick? Make sure you get to the hospital during safe hours — between 9 am and 4 pm on weekdays. At all other times, essential services are limited or completely lacking.

Diagnosis of suspected cases of pneumonia are not normally done after 4 pm or on weekends. Patients with possible heart attacks may have to wait two days for some blood tests. Some urgent operations are postponed until morning.

I have almost grown accustomed to seeing my patients' beds in hospital corridors.

The blame for this appalling situation rests squarely on the shoulders of the provincial government. Ontario Minister of Health Dennis Timbrell has recently informed provincial hospital administrators of cutbacks in funding. He has also told them to reduce presently available hospital services.

Administrators have already been chopping services over the past few years: laying off workers, limiting lab and x-ray services,

closing wards — all because of inadequate government funding.

The cuts in staff result in more work for underpaid employees and less service for the paying public. This shows up in long waits in emergency departments and delays in treatment for in-patrons.

As hospitals do not generate profits (except indirectly for doctors, manufacturers of medicines and hospital supplies), the government continues to make healthcare a very low priority, endangering the lives of its citizens.

But fat lot the Tories care. Here, as everywhere, the government puts profits ahead of people. As all hospital workers know, biggies like Timbrell are whisked in at a moment's notice and receive VIP treatment, creating more underpaid employees and less service to the other patients.

Instead of health care being viewed as unhealthy investment, it should be planned to meet the needs of the people who pay for it.

Dr. Max Aaron



Bread & Roses

Food And Entertainment Guide

Pundits dispute little green persons

By Barry Stevens

CLOSE Encounters of the Third Kind is one of those movies that is more a media event than just a film. The huge advance promotion has emphasized the budget, the secrecy, the mystique of its director Spielberg, and of course the subject matter, all of which makes it a movie that one goes to see almost as much to be able to join in conversations about it as for the movie itself.

One also may come out like me, fascinated with the possibility of extraterrestrial visitation but very skeptical.

Toronto is, according to some "New Age" buffs, the new planetary focus of all kinds of mystical energies. To find out a bit more, I decided to talk to a die-hard U.F.O. believer, a total disbeliever, and some people in between.

The True Believer

The UFO-logist was Harry Tokarz of the Canadian U.F.O. Research Network, Inc. Among other things, Tokarz has in his files 6,000 cases of people coming upon landed disc-shaped objects and being telepathically given "mental impressions"; sometimes things like "Stop the Bomb"; sometimes mathematics; and sometimes nonsense.

He claims that there are "6 or 7" extraterrestrial civilizations paying us regular visits. The Network also sends its photos to be enhanced and verified through a



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computer process in Phoenix, Ariz. Tokarz has 126 photos that are "indisputably" extraterrestrial flying machines.

Like most U.F.O. believers, he insists that there is an interest and cover-up on the part of the government.

Dr. Paul Kurtz regards stories like these as something of a social disease. Kurtz, a professor of philosophy in Buffalo, is Chair-

man of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Claims of the Paranormal, which publishes the **ZETETIC** (Greek for skeptic), and includes as members such (terrestrial) stars as Isaac Asimov, B.F. Skinner, and Carl Sagan.

The Sceptic

Kurtz is a humanist and thorough rationalist. He and Philip Klass (of the Committee, who has written a book called

U.F.O.'s Explained) say there is no evidence of U.F.O. phenomena that is inexplicable, except reports coming from obviously unreliable witnesses.

Kurtz sees it as a "mass hallucination" indicative of a general flight from reason, and caused by the fear of the future and the quest for salvation.

Talking to Kurtz, one has the feeling that he is right about irrationalisms and that the world is probably better run by the left hemisphere of the brain, as it were. However, after visiting Judith Merrill, an SF writer whose collection was the foundation of the Spaced-Out library on St. George, the choice of sides was a little less clear.

Merrill says: "I snobbishly draw up my skirts" from the believers in flying saucer visitations, finding them "a bit laughable".

Nevertheless, she is equally dismayed by those that insist upon a closed system where U.F.O.'s do not and cannot exist, or even by those, like Kurtz, whom she sees trying to prove a negative.

"I am always more interested in people who see things than people who don't," she says.

She tells a charming (and true) story about a group of French peasants who witnessed a meteorite fall, about 200 years ago, when there was no established theory about such things. Some distinguished scientists came down from Paris to explain kindly to these ignorant people

that rocks could never fall from the sky, or they all would have already fallen, because rocks are very heavy.

What they had witnessed was lightning. They "proved" it by finding a large chunk of nickel-iron in the field where this phenomenon had been witnessed. This piece of metal had obviously attracted the lightning bolt. The peasants, apologetic, were convinced.

Those peasants trusted in Authority. In **Close Encounters of the Third Kind** the government lies to the people about the U.F.O.'s, keeping the encounter between the alien and human elitist and therefore safe for the power structure.

Without having any certainty as to the reliability of the sources of the evidence, or the reliability of the lack of evidence, the public is at sea, and unable to choose between planting its feet firmly on the concrete and flying away in imagination to the stars, like Dreyfuss in his glittering Mother-ship.

Such a matter-of-fact attitude to the government's lying would not have been possible five years ago. It used to be mostly the Left who mistrusted the government's word — now it is everyone.

The attitudes of people to government are no longer based upon credulity. We are divided between those who know the government lies, and care, and those who know, but don't care, and may even approve.

Arts guide to Toronto proves useful reference

Arts Metro: A Guide to the Arts Associations and Groups in Metropolitan Toronto, edited by Ann Kilgour and Ian Scott Toronto, Learnxs Press, 155 College Street, 1977, 254 pages, \$3.95.

Reviewed by Ted Whittaker

Behind this imposing title is a truly handy little book, but its focus is restricted to the visual and performing arts. There is no mention in the guide of the various poetry workshops around town, nor is there much reference

to the popular arts — rock music, or comic books, in particular. Well, the editors had to draw the line somewhere, and there are people who are interested in learning the concert fee of the Toronto Consort (listed here — \$600) or similar musical groups.

Really there isn't much to say against **Arts Metro** once the above strictures have been made. It is a unique reference tool for those wishing to observe, participate in, or to commission any of the amateur or professional performing arts groups in this city.

In the area of music again, the

guide presents annotated references to the work of symphony orchestras, chamber groups, jazz ensembles, bands, accompanied singers and choirs. And there is more. **Arts Metro** also lists a considerable number of multicultural musical organizations — Chinese, Dutch, French, Italian, Jewish, Lithuanian, Arabic, (the only classical Arabic music ensemble in North America, according to the guide), Trinidadian — and tells how to hire them or how otherwise to hear them, if you are not a TV station or a school board or the social secretary of the Eaton family.

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**Inside:
Forever AM
Film Awards
Calendar**



Top 40 AM beats FM's "aural ether"

By John Williams

I can't do it. I just can't come to terms with Keith Hampshire. And it's a real problem because I really like AM radio. But every time I flip it on there's old Keith. Keith moaning one of his old hits, Keith groaning "There's another side of you, Elk's can help you break on through".

You know Keith Hampshire, you can hear him straining his pipes doing a lousy impression of David Clayton Thomas doing a fair impression of Joe Cocker doing a good impression of Ray Charles.

AM hits or shopping centre jingles, it doesn't matter, he makes them all sound the same. But that's the thing with AM top 40. It's a total sound. You take the good with the stupid, but try to get your work started in the morning without it. It's like doing without coffee.

He used to be a disc jockey on CKEY when it was top 40. Now

Just one chord of the Scarborough Town Center theme or the 747 whoooosh of ELO's "Turn to stone", and I'm off. FM rock is quaaludes, AM is bennies.

Now, as everyone knows, top 40 can be pretty tacky stuff.

covers of fifteen-year old Everly Brothers songs, and Rita Coolidge slowing down Jackie Wilson's "Higher and higher" into a "laid back, mellow" dirge. But half-hour for half-hour, I swear you'll hear better music than on that aural ether they call FM rock. That is unless pretentious boredom is your idea of fun.

For instance, I've never heard Dolly Parton on CHUM-FM or Q107, but there she is on CFTR about once an hour singing her beautiful song "Here I go again". I'll gladly wade through a few of those evil, condescending Loto Canada plugs to hear

that lilting rhythm and Dolly wearing her heart on her sleeve.

The same goes for Crystal Gayle's "Don't it make my brown eyes blue". This song's a real surprise. Both Crystal's singing and instrumental back-up sound sort of dated, quite a lot like Barbra Streisand fourteen years ago. It gives "easy listening" a good name.

After writing that series on punk rock in these pages, I've gotten sort of type-cast. I keep getting calls to cover the opening of some new "punk emporium" or another. I'm not sure anyone got the point. I think there's been a phony conflict set up.

For instance, I must be the only punk-fan in Toronto who also likes disco. Oh, weeping and gnashing of teeth in Art College Land! I like it so long as it's fresh and music, which doesn't include cybernetic versions of U.S. cop show themes.

But it does include "How deep is your love" by the Bee Gees. Oh yes, it's slow, but it qualifies as disco. It's up there with the best satin-smooth love swoons of all time. Look, I really have ridden in the back of a Batmobile '59 Chevy with a girl I liked, listening to the Flamingos' "I only have eyes for you", so I know.

If you can't like this kind of slick but soulful wizardry, you also probably don't like Firebird Trans-Ams with the screaming chicken decals. You also probably don't have a heart. If you don't cultivate the knack of sifting the gold from the pyrites in this culture, I'm convinced you'll go insane.

Okay, so I'm out of time and I haven't even mentioned Jackson Hawke, Player and other outfits I like. The exclusive Clarion AM radio consumers' guide will continue next issue.

Arts Metro Cont.

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Also in the music section of **Arts Metro** are simple lists of choirs to join, pipe bands, concert halls for hire, annual Christmas concerts, and a really helpful summary of the course offerings for music students in the local community colleges, universities, school boards, and larger music schools.

Similarly, the guide organized theatre, dance, puppetry, audio-visual arts, crafts, architecture and the other visual arts. Appended to the sections concerning each of the arts is a short list of "suggested references", magazines concerning the arts in question. These magazines are often national in scope.

After having dealt with the arts themselves — where to find them, how much they cost, how

to gain access to instruction in them or to their consumption — **Arts Metro** begins to generalize, providing "an alphabetical guide to cultural agencies, organizations, galleries, and associations that are concerned with multi-faceted arts use." Following that, in conclusion, the guide offers a few notes on promotion and funding of the arts.

Arts Metro was produced by people working on a Wintario grant. It would be most useful to teachers or others wishing to find things to do for groups of students — there are a lot of arty tours available in Toronto. Also anyone with a talent that needs refinement or expression, and who is new to this city, could learn readily from **Arts Metro** where to find his or her working peers.

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by Wayne Sumner

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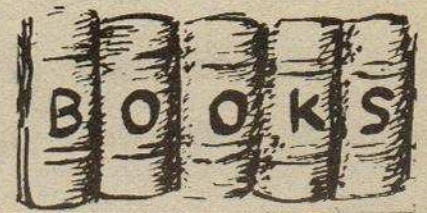
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Cosmicomics and T Zero
by Italo Calvino
Harbrace Paperbound Library
1976, \$2.25 each
Reviewed by Jeremy Hole

To plan a book — or an escape — the first thing to know is what to exclude.

And the same, of course, applies to a review. Is it really necessary, for instance, to speculate as to whether Calvino's extraordinary fables qualify as Science Fiction? I think not — the debate was tedious at the best of times. Suffice it to say that devotees of the lash-queens-of-Venus school of SF will find here no neanderthal space wars; no simpering maidens in metallic undergarments; no foully tentacular protoplasmoids. Must one point out that Calvino's affinities are closer to Beckett & Borges, Magritte & Marquez, than to Heinlein & Luke Skywalker? Is it obligatory to....

No. Let us forget the labels and say simply that Calvino starts from a firm understanding of the physical sciences, and moves to the creation of a surreal poetry — original, witty, and moving. Most of the stories are narrated by a protean entity called Qfwfq who recounts an alternate history of the universe, starting from the time before time when all matter was concentrated in the one primordial atom: *Naturally we were all there — where else could we have been?*

The "characters" are elements and dinosaurs, formulae and nebulae. Yet they are also recognisable people who love and squabble, fail and triumph — ordinary people, in the most positive sense of that phrase. Qfwfq's frustrated passion for Mrs. Vhd Vhd is achingly real, as is his sense of estrangement when he sees her recede from him, physically and emotionally :

...torn from its earthly soil, my love now knew only the heart-rending nostalgia for what it lacked: a where, a surrounding, a before, an after...

The beings confined in the original speck of universe-substance share a narrow perception with their present-day descendants, even to the ludicrous extent of casting some of their number in the role of immigrants:

This was mere unfounded prejudice ... because neither before nor after existed, nor any place to immigrate from, but there were those who insisted that the concept could be understood in the abstract, outside of space and time.

Yet Calvino's vision is ultimately benign, for there also exists The entrancing Mrs. Ph(i) Nko, the banisher of carping and pettiness, who unwittingly forms the universe as we know it simply through the utterance of one generous, and thus creative, wish:

Oh, if only I had some room, how I'd like to make some noodles for you boys! ... a true outburst of general love, initiating at the same moment the concept of space and, properly speaking, space itself...

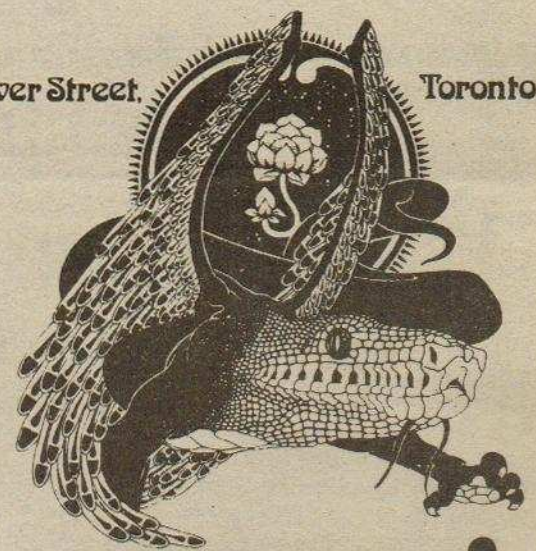
The prisoner burrows endlessly through the mazes of the dungeon complex, futilely seeking an illusory freedom. But another realises that escape can occur when the nature of "prison" and "confinement" are correctly understood. Trapped in sterile competition, two rivals pursue each other endlessly through the infinity of galaxies. But the lost sister is found, millennia later, safe and well. Life sure isn't easy. But it is possible. And there's always Mrs. Ph(i)Nko.

Calvino's parables are shrewd, unsentimental, admonitory, encouraging, and just a little bit mad — exactly, in fact, what good Science Fiction stories should be.

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CALENDAR

Wed. Jan 18

A six week course on practical, economical cooking on stove tops and hot plates continues at the Parliament Street Library. Contact instructor Jack Heighton for details at 921-8674.

Stimulus '78, an exhibition of paintings by nine young Ontario artists continues at the Harbourfront Art Gallery until Feb. 12. Free. Call 364-7127.

Michel Tremblay's *Saint Carmen of the Main* continues at the Tarragon to Feb. 26. Tremblay is the creator of the much hosanna'd *Hosanna*. Sunday matinees are pay what you can. Call 531-1827.

At O.I.S.E., two Japanese films, *End of Summer* by Yasujiro Ozu at 7:30 and *Double Suicide* by Masahiro Shinoda at 9:30. \$2.00 double bill and \$1.25 for the second show. Call 961-3035.

New Indian Cinema at the Ontario Film Theatre (Science Centre). At 7:30, *The Golden Fortress*, Satyajit Ray. \$1.50. Call 429-4100.

Thurs. Jan. 19

The Women's Writing Collective invites you to explore *Men's and Women's Images*. Bring your own poems or your favourite poet's for discussion of the compassionate rather than the dispassionate variety. 8:00 pm Free. Parliament Street Library. Call 921-8674.

The Mime Company Unlimited opens a one man show consisting of Ron East in Chaplinesque adventures at The Unlimited Space, 95 Danforth, 3rd floor (At Broadview). 3:30 and 8:30 pm Sunday pay what you can. Call 461-6551.

The Children's Indoor Carnival at Harbourfront has got Bert and Ernie, Michael the Magician, Colonel Claghorn's Universal Almost Greatest Show on Earth and lots of other neat stuff. Noon to 5:00 pm. Call 364-5665.

The Arts of Ancient Meroë, a small exhibit of artifacts from the first high civilization of Black Africa. Closing today. Free with \$1.00 admission at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Fri. Jan. 20

Sabastiane opens at the New Yorker (Yonge below Bloor). A British independent film shot in Latin America with English subtitles. "Difficult" subject. Sell-out audiences in Britain. \$2.75. Call 925-6400.

Picketing of Banks making loans to South Africa 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the corner of Davenport and Avenue Road. Organized by T.C.L.S.A.C. Call 967-5562.

International Festival all day at the International Student Centre, 33 St. George. Cultural and educational displays and food at lunch time.

Sat. Jan. 21

Unemployment: Where do we go from here? a conference to discuss and organize around the issue that hurts everybody except the owners. From 10:00 am to 4:30 pm at Innis College. Call 537-2870.

Four films from the West Coast will be screened at the Art Gallery of Ontario starting at 4:00 pm. Free with price of admission to the gallery.

Sun. Jan. 22

Children's Indoor Carnival at Harbourfront will feature "guess the jelly beans", folk-singers, clowns, mime, magicians and lots of carnival treats. Free. from noon to 5:00 pm. Call 364-5665.

American Melodrama series at the Art Gallery of Ontario. At 2:00 pm *A Streetcar named Desire*. 4:30 pm *Clash by Night*. Double bill \$3.00, single film \$2.00. Call 361-0414.

Mon. Jan. 23

A slide show and talk on *Historic Plaques in and Around Toronto* will be presented free at the Main Street Library, 137 Main Street at 8:00 pm. Call 694-6054.

The Splits, a play by Erika Ritter on contemporary woman, previews at the Toronto Free Theatre tonight and tomorrow night for pay what you can. Thereafter, it'll cost ya'. Call 368-7601.

Tues. Jan. 24

Don't have a T.V.? Missed *Roots*? It's showing for free at the High Park Library in weekly installments until Feb. 28. 228 Roncesvalles. 7:30 pm. Call 536-9583.

Evelyn Boyd will talk about exercises for low back pain and relaxation at the Jones Library, 118 Jones Ave. 7:30 pm. Free. Call 466-9057.

Harold Pinter's *Old Times* previews at the Phoenix Theatre at 8:00 pm for \$1.00 tonight and tomorrow, and opening night on the 26th is the same cut rate. Sundays at 3:00 pm pay what you can. "Wonderfully taut, comic and ominous", says the London Observer. Call 922-7835.

Wed. Jan. 25

Harbourfront's Wednesday Night at the Movies starts off at 7:30 pm. with *Welfare*, a Frederick Wiseman film which presents a candid view of a New York welfare office. Free. Call 364-7127.

O.I.S.E. presents *African Statements*. At 7:30, two films by Ousmane Sembene, acclaimed for bringing African cinema to international attention. *Black Girl* and *Borom Sarrett*. At 9:30, *Sambizanga* by Sara Maldoror, a film about recent events in Angola.

Thurs. Jan. 26

A Closer Look at Women's Voices for women only. The Women's Writing Collective invites you to read your work for feedback, publication tips, and interaction with other writing women. Free 8:00 pm. Parliament Street Library. Call 921-8674.

New German Cinema at the Ontario Science Centre. *Unordnung und fruhes Leid*, the famous story by Thomas Mann. English subtitles. 7:30 pm. \$1.50. Call 429-4100.

TTC Forum sponsored by Reform Metro at 8:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chamber.

Fri. Jan. 27

Dance with the Steel Tones (West Indian Drum Band). Sponsored by Continuing Committee on Race Relations. Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. West. Tickets \$3.00 in advance or \$4.00 at the door. Call 653-9329.

Sat. Jan. 28

CHAC a Mexican film based on ancient Mayan legends and their residual influence on Mayan descendants, playing with *The Spirit of the Beehive* (Spanish, 1973) at the Revue Repertory. Until the 31st. \$2.75. Call 531-9959.

A puppet show based on the East Indian story *Magic Cooking Pot* followed by Indian folk dancing performed by the Ontario Bangra Group and a Women's Folk Dance Group with music by Balbir Kaur and Anil Shah. At Gerrard-Ashdale Branch of the Toronto Public Library. Coffee and Indian sweets to munch on. Free. 3:00 pm. Call 466-2913.

Three films by East Coast filmmakers will be screened at the Art Gallery of Ontario starting 4:00 pm. Free with price of admission to the gallery.

Rally organized by the Committee Against the Deportation of Immigrant Women at the St. Paul's Centre. Day care provided. 7:30 pm. Call 929-9320.

Sun. Jan. 29

Mahfil-e-Ghazal, an evening of Oriental music at Harbourfront sponsored by the Pakistani Student Group. From 6 pm till midnight in the Café. Call 364-5665.

American Melodrama series at the Art Gallery of Ontario. 2:00 pm *Ruby Gentry*. 4:00 pm *Forty Guns*. Single film \$2.00, double bill \$3.00. Call 361-0414.

The Heart of the Matter, the life story of Teilhard de Chardin and *The World of Buckminster Fuller* are showing at the ROM. 7:30 pm. Free with museum admission.

Tues. Jan. 31

Cross Cultural Centre film series, *Up Against the System*, a documentary about the struggle to get welfare. 7:30. Free.

Sun. Feb. 5

American Melodrama series at the Art Gallery of Ontario. 2:00 pm *The Chase*. \$2.00. Call 361-0414

Canada and the Celtic Consciousness, an 8 day symposium featuring lost of cultural heavies like Lévi-Strauss and Thomas Kinsella, and the world premier of Yeats' *Cuchulain Plays*. A week of heaven for Celtic culture lovers. \$25.00. Call 960-0824.

Wed. Feb. 8

Two Buster Keaton films and a Canadian short at O.I.S.E. 7:30, *The General*; 9:00, *At Home*; 9:30, *College*. \$2.00. *At Home*; 9:30, *College*. \$2.00.

Fri. Feb. 10

Splendor and Death of Joaquin Murieta by Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, previews at the next five days at the St. Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Road, for \$3.00. Call 967-6584.

Sun. Feb. 12

American Melodrama series at the Art Gallery of Ontario. 2:00 pm *Beyond the Forest*. 4:00 pm *Angel Face*. \$3.00 double bill. Call 361-0414.

Wed. Feb. 15.

Patent Week begins at the Metro Library, 789 Yonge St. Experts on hand to tell you if you're a genius or a crackpot. Great chance to meet other geniuses and crackpots. Free. Call 928-5316.

Fri. Feb. 17

Rape Crisis Centre Benefit Dance from 8:00 pm - 1:00 am at 867 College St. 2 live bands: *Limbo Springs* and *Wolf at the Door*. \$3.00. Call 368-5695.

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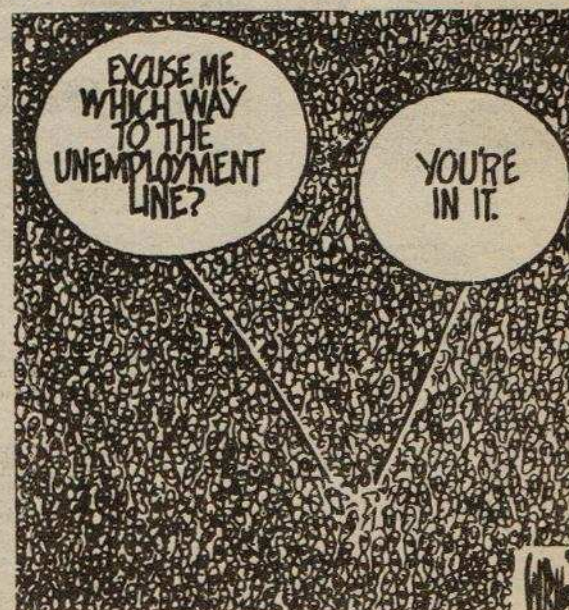
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OHC housing

Rules baffle tenants



All Joy Wade wanted was a larger apartment for her five children. Instead, OHC evicted her.

By Ethan Phillips

In July 1976 Joy Wade, along with two of her children, moved into a two bedroom apartment in Regent Park, an OHC housing project in the Queen-Parliament area. At the time her three other children were staying with their grandmother in Mrs. Wade's native Jamaica.

In December the grandmother died and two weeks later the children, having no other place to go, joined their mother in the Regent Park apartment. Faced with intolerable overcrowding, Mrs. Wade immediately went to her area supervisor, one M. Black, and requested a transfer to a larger apartment.

She was told by Black that before the transfer application could be processed she would have to have both the grandmother's death certificate and her children's birth certificates.

After considerable trouble, the required documents were located and immediately forwarded to Black. Finally in July Mrs. Wade received word that her transfer request had been turned down. The reason: Mrs. Wade had technically violated a section of her lease forbidding OHC tenants from bringing in family members

not specified on the original application.

If she wished to transfer to a larger apartment she would first have to move out of OHC and then apply to be put on the waiting list as a first time applicant. In addition, because the violation of her lease had resulted in overcrowding, an eviction notice would have to be issued.

In November, just hours after having met with Black's replacement, a Mr. Gaul, Mrs. Wade finally received the notice.

On December 15, with eviction imminent, Mrs. Wade, a community worker, and a number of other tenants (all of whom were having problems with OHC) descended on Mr. Gaul's office to confront him once again with Mrs. Wade's problem.

In response to their requests for a stay of eviction and approval of the transfer application Gaul said that he had no say in the matter, that it was up to the Board of Directors, and that the only avenue open to her was to appeal to the Management Advisory Board.

Finally on December 19 Mrs. Wade was informed that a Mr. McAusland, Gaul's superior, (and the man in charge of convening the Management Advisory Board) had decided that Mrs. Wade's case fell outside the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board, said Mr. McAusland,

only hears appeals on the basis of rent arrears and anti-social behaviour.

Baffling Rules

Joy Wade is only one of a growing number of OHC tenants who encounter a combination of baffling rules and bureaucratic insensitivity when attempting to transfer to other OHC units, according to Mary Anderson, a legal worker with Neighbourhood Legal Services.

"Our attempts to get OHC to put the complicated transfer rules on paper so that tenants know where they stand has been futile", she says. "Even our requests for the names of the Board of Directors (the group that makes the final decision on complicated transfer applications) have met with resistance". (The one name that is known is the Chairman, a Dr. Albert Rose, Dean of Social Work at the University of Toronto.)

Other foul-ups

Another Regent Park Woman who on becoming pregnant with her second child in 1972 requested a transfer to a larger apartment. In April of 1974 her request was turned down because she had violated the family composition portion of her lease. An eviction notice was later issued because of overcrowding.

Ivy Williams was also told that she would have to move out of OHC to qualify for a larger apartment.

According to Jean O'Bright, a spokesman for OHC, all applicants are required to specify the number of children who will live in OHC apartments as well as the number that are housed elsewhere. Additional family members are forbidden to rejoin family living in OHC projects because of the shortage of multi-bedroom units, O'Bright said.

When asked why it was not possible to bend the rules in special cases such as Mrs. Wade's, O'Bright replied, "At OHC every case is a special case. Rules are Rules. If we make one exception word gets around and we have to make exceptions for others. Then what would happen".

Opinion Zionism

By Abie Weisfeld, Chairperson of the Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews

The Middle East has stymied the most passionate efforts from around the world to resolve in peace the intense conflict over a homeland roughly the size of Nova Scotia. It's a contest with a difference, because both sides, Israeli Jews and Palestinian refugees, draw the sympathy of socially conscious people.

The Zionist movement has long, and at times ferociously, fostered the popular identification of the plight of the Jews worldwide with the status and security of the State of Israel. For the Zionist Left, Israel fulfills the principle of self determination for the Jewish people, a people otherwise 'homeless'.

Self determination, a legitimate right of all peoples, means to the Zionist the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine to the exclusion of the indigenous population of Palestinian Arabs. The Zionist leadership has merely replaced the British Colonial administration as the absolute and sovereign authority in the territory.

Today Israel has established itself as a dependent client-state of the United States, a far cry from the ideal of the independent Jewish State. Those Jews who do not accept Israel as the Jewish State are denounced as traitors to their people.

But Israel is not the only, or even the first, Jewish state of modern times. The first was the Jewish Autonomous Republic of Birobidjan, in the Soviet Union on the Chinese border. Established in 1926, it suffered a swift collapse even though 25,000 settlers arrived in the first year, and the form of the state survives today.

Israel has not fared better as a secure homeland for the Jews. Few accept the invitation to emigrate and more are leaving Israel than are settling there, (10-20,000 Israelis in Toronto alone and 300,000 in North America).

Zionism has had its successes. It relieved many Jews of the oppression they suffered in the lands from whence they came. At the same time, it situated them in the centre of a political time bomb. I believe the cure in this case has proved little better than the disease. Anti-semitism still exists (and is alive and well in Argentina) and Zionism has merely created a new category of refugee, the Palestinian.

Neither Birobidjan nor Israel offers a serious practical solution to the problems of the Jew in a secular society. These must be dealt with by Jews in their own countries of birth and residence.

Zionism prevents this, putting blinders on Jews who have no intention of living in Israel by demanding unconditional and uncritical commitment for the 'homeland' government. The non-Jewish public has been encouraged to equate Jew and Zionist and this has been a successful method of putting world sympathy for Jews to work for Israel.

Meanwhile, the case of the 1.1 million Palestinians on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip is obscured. They are hostages under military occupation as Israel defies numerous United Nations resolutions in an attempt to defend a status quo that should never have been.

The unedited reality of the Palestinians will be more widely known, as negotiations continue over the status of the disputed land. The *Sunday Times* of London reported in its June 19, 1977, edition that its Insight Team had made an inquiry into Israeli allegations of torture in Israeli occupied territory. It concluded that "Torture of Arab prisoners is so widespread and systematic that it cannot be dismissed as rogue cops exceeding orders. It appears to be sanctioned as deliberate policy."

This revelation was preceded by the leak of the 'Koenig Meme', an Israeli administration document which uncovers a systematic approach to treatment of Israeli Arabs as second class citizens.

Those who have been manipulated in ignorance will not pause to distinguish Jew from Zionist. The identification of many with the interests of the Jews will be eroded at a time when such sympathy is necessary for the protection of the status of Jews everywhere.

Zionism is fundamentally opposed to the best interests of all the embattled inhabitants of the Middle East, Jew and Arab alike.



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World In Brief

Panamanian hype

Panamanian leader General Omar Torrijos has been polishing up his image in an effort to secure quick US Senate approval of the Panama Canal Treaty. When six US Senators, including Senate majority leader Robert Byrd, visited Panama in November, Torrijos asked them for an early vote on the issue, no matter what the probable result.

But observers in Washington predict that the Senate won't consider the treaty until 1979 at the earliest. Byrd won't want to take the matter to the floor unless he thinks he can garner enough votes for ratification. Because this is a Congressional election year, many Senators may not be willing to risk a positive vote.

Panama's political system will be carefully studied when the treaty is debated. With this in mind, Torrijos told the Senators that he would relax press censorship, permit the return of 60 political exiles, assure fair trials for prisoners, and implement a democratic "opening" in a country where political parties have been suspended since 1968.

Panama's national assembly, composed of representatives from the country's 505 electoral districts, was meeting when the Senators arrived. It was slated to consider a proposal to extend Torrijos' special powers for another six years. Torrijos currently worried about US scrutiny, would more probably prefer some sort of election to establish him as President or allow him to continue as head of government.

At the same time, Torrijos is making preparations to spruce up and expand the port of Colon, a duty free haven used by over 350 firms in 1976 to export goods worth \$1.2 billion. Within the zone, no taxes are applied on dividends or remittances, and no municipal or comparable taxes are collected.

Earlier this year, the Panamanian government initiated a process of legislative and administrative change to make the area more attractive to international traders. But Torrijos' plans for physical expansion of Colon must wait at least until US Senators make up their minds about the Treaty.



Dutch harass Agee

Ex CIA agent Philip Agee is in hot water once again. Dutch authorities have started a deportation action against Agee, the author of *Inside the Company: A CIA Diary*, charging that he was endangering Dutch relations with other countries.

Agee claims that Dutch authorities asked him to identify all individuals and groups that he had been in touch with. When he refused, he was told that he was engaging in political activity.

Already forced out of Great Britain and France, Agee intends to fight for the right to stay in Holland.

Ensslin Sr. charged

Now even the father of Gudrun Ensslin, one of the "suicide" victims who died in October in West Germany's Stammheim Prison (see *Newsfront International* N° 208), will be subject to West German justice. The district attorney in Stuttgart has accused him of "defamation of the state and slanderous remarks." The principal evidence is in an interview he gave to Italian leftist daily *Lotta Continua* a few days after his daughter's death in which he said that "Gudrun didn't kill herself: she was murdered."

That was all that was needed to bring Helmut Ensslin, a minister already suspected of harboring terrorist sympathies because he never disowned his daughter, under the scrutiny of legal authorities. His ecclesiastic colleagues were no more understanding; the Supreme Congress of the German Evangelist Church has asked Ensslin (who is already retired and therefore relieved of ordinary ministerial duties) to make no more public statements, and has also begun disciplinary action against him.

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Portugal turns right

Since the April 25, 1974 Revolution Portugal is a free country. Its freely elected government is free to do whatever it chooses — as long as it conforms to the dictates of the International Monetary Fund.

The catch is that IMF requirements tend to impose policies that no party can advocate — and still get elected.

This is the key to the present political crisis.

The IMF — and a consortium including the US and West Germany — has offered Portugal \$800 million in credits and loans over the next year. In return, the IMF demands a program of austerity (for workers) and recuperation (for business).

Socialist Party Premier Mario Soares has responded by proposing to maintain the present rate of employment (about 15

per cent) and hold wage increases to 15 to 20 per cent. Inflation now runs at about 35 per cent, so Soares' plan amounts to a drastic cut in the real incomes of the working class.

Soares' proposals have been opposed by the Communist Party. More surprising is the opposition of the right wing parties, the Centrists and the Social Democrats. It seems that they welcome the parliamentary crisis as "proof" that the new Portuguese democracy "can't work". They may wait for the government to discredit itself by trying to push its austerity program — and then move in the tanks to let the church, the bankers, and the big landowners have things all their own way again.

Soares' government is a minority to begin with: it can't hope to put the IMF line over against



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the opposition of the left and the right. And the Socialists themselves are split.

Soares and most of the party leaders call themselves "Socialists". But Portugal is a country where even the far right must call itself the "centre" to get votes. Soares' Socialists are actually close to Germany's Social Democrats — and willing to impose the same kind of repression.

However, some party members are not. A number of cabinet ministers and many of the rank-and-file have left the government and formed the Workers' Fraternity, which has become a rallying ground for the left outside of the Communist Party.

This split in the governing party may be a sign that the IMF

and the Portuguese ruling class may not find it so easy to restore pre-1974 conditions.

There are of course social problems that may favour the right: the legacy of fascism, the poor peasants of the North and the unemployed *colons* from Angola and Mozambique, may, in their desperation, support its return.

But the left has strength too, and much more meaningful than mere parliamentary manoeuvring. Soares' plans were met by mass demonstrations this fall — the first mass demonstrations since the revolution. And peasant resistance in the countryside has been enough to prevent the government from carrying through most of its threat to return collectivized land to its former landlords.

Cane cutters rock Guyana's economy

The protracted sugar workers' strike in Guyana has developed into both a cause and a symptom of possible major policy changes within the country.

The state sugar company's refusal to honor a profit sharing scheme it negotiated with the workers prompted the Guyana Agricultural and General Workers Union (GAWU) to strike, beginning in last August. Over the fall and winter, the work stoppage has grown into a bitter political confrontation.

Sugar workers are especially angry at Prime Minister Forbes Burnham's use of 6000 scab labourers to break the strike. Civil servants, soldiers and teachers were drafted to harvest sugar, and, in late November, the government tried to move store clerks and other workers into the fields to clear out the crop before the start of the rainy season.

The Trades Union Congress has been insisting that negotiations can't proceed until the strikebreakers are dismissed, but the government claims that it can

permanently absorb the so called volunteer work force, a move that would increase the work force by about 40%. Police have been harassing strikers, and over 140 people have been arrested on a variety of charges.

Burnham's hard line toward the strikers is seriously damaging the whole economy. Oil workers in Trinidad are showing support for the cane cutters by slapping an embargo on all fuel shipments to Guyana. Returns on sugar, a key export for the Guyanese, look dismal for both 1977 and 1978, because fields aren't being prepared for the coming year's crop.

The sugar shortfall will mean foreign exchange losses of at least G\$80 million, and the country's 1977 balance of payments deficit will probably total G\$160 to G\$200 million. The government will lack the money it needs to modernize and diversify the agricultural sector and funds for the country's public sector will shrink.

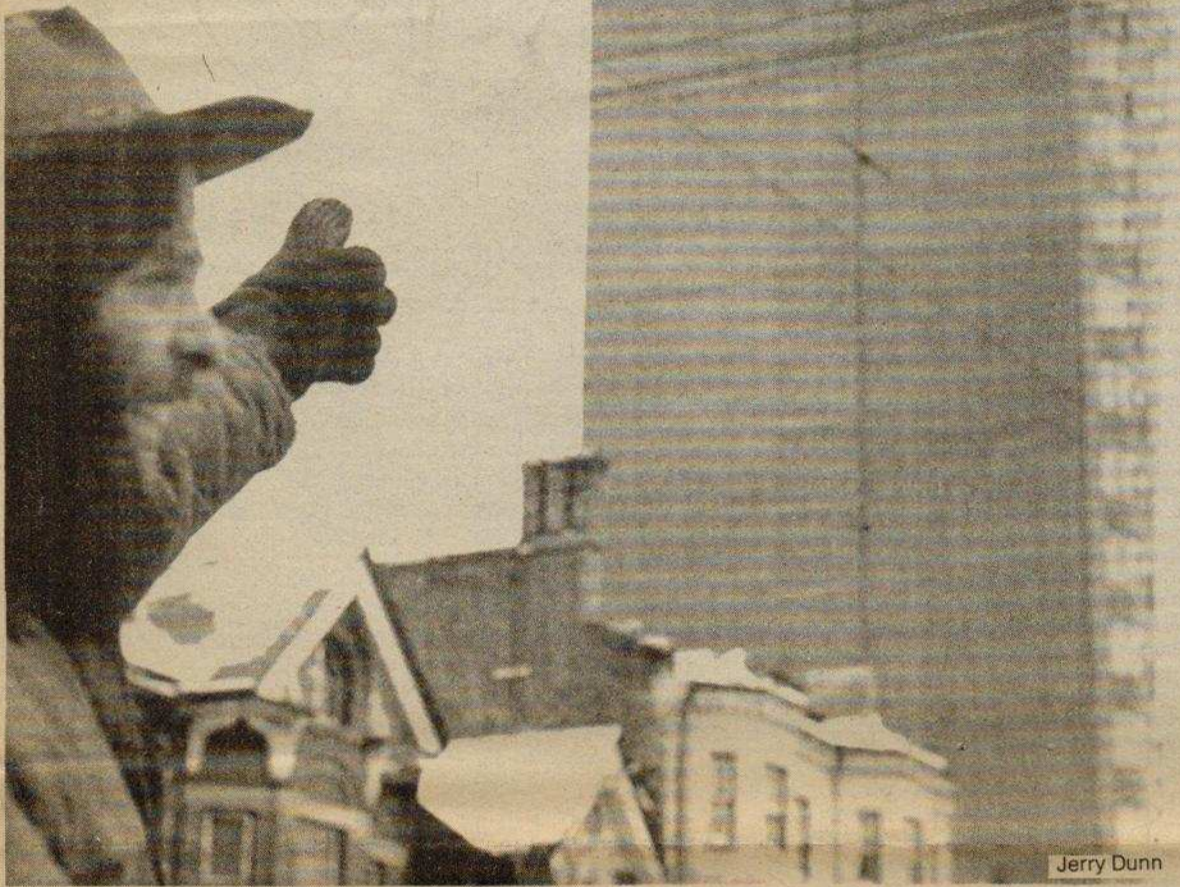
Burnham is looking for exter-

nal subsidies, and there is growing evidence that he hopes the United States will supply the money. US officials, including UN Ambassador Andrew Young, recently visited the country on three separate occasions, and US Assistant Secretary of State Terence Todman mentioned \$12 million in direct US aid during 1978, and the chance of more.

The US may also try to direct more World Bank Loans to Guyana. Burnham and a delegation of Guyanese ministers recently visited Canada. At the same time, the government's relations with the USSR have been cooling.

The Prime Minister has announced that his government is revising its foreign investment regulations to permit joint ventures in designated areas of the economy. When the changes have been effected, "Guyana may find it easier to obtain vital balance of payments and development financing", according to *Business Latin America*, a journal for businessmen investing in the area.

Mural may disappear



Jerry Dunn

Omnitown Developments Ltd. is proposing to construct an apartment tower next to the Neill-Wycik tower at Church and Gerrard Streets. The tower would be built to the same height as the student co-operative and would cover the recently repainted mural on Neill-Wycik's west side. The Omnitown development plans 66 units for housing as well as office and retail space.

Opponents to the development claim that the project does not meet current zoning laws or

parking requirements. Spokesmen for Neill-Wycik say the northern extension of the Omnitown project will lessen sun on their garden and back yard areas. Further, they fear the construction noise will cut into the co-op's valuable revenue from their summer hotel business.

Omnitown proposes to fund the development through the C.M.H.C. Assisted Rental Program. The project would require the demolition of the two easternmost buildings with a remaining four buildings being re-

tained. The lower floors on these would be designated retail space. These houses are historical according to the Toronto Historical Society.

Although Omnitown hopes to finance the project with C.M.H.C. the architect says the rents will be equal to current market rates in the area. Specialty shops along the first level will further sophisticate it.

Neill-Wycik has scheduled a public hearing for January 26 to debate Omnitown's proposals.

Saving energy at home

How and where to insulate

By A. Goldes

Canada is committed to raising internal energy prices to the international level over the next four years. Since international prices are rising as well, that could mean that energy for living will become a major expense, along with rent and food. It is for this reason that home insulation is especially important.

Insulating your house could also run into a fair chunk of money, but the saving in heat bills would make it up in about four years.

Some good indications that your house is not insulated properly are: icicles from the roof or windows, snow melting around walls and on the roof and, of course, draughts in the house.

Why Insulation Works

The real insulator is air. Materials used to insulate homes are those that trap air and prevent air flow through walls, floors and

ceilings. In addition to this, there should be a moisture barrier to protect the insulation from the moisture from inside the house. When temperatures outside are below freezing, the temperature inside the wall at some point must be freezing, which will cause condensation and damage to materials.

What to Insulate

All exterior walls, the ceiling where the attic is unheated, the roof if the attic is heated, the first floor if the basement is unheated, basement walls and leaky windows should all be protected. The greatest heat loss is not always through the ceiling. Often the loss through the walls is greatest — and the most difficult to remedy.

Kinds of Insulation

1. *Batt and Blanket* This is the most common, and consists of wooly blankets of fibre glass or slag, which usually come with moisture barrier. Batts are four feet long or less, blankets are over four feet. These are tacked to

wall studs, laid down between ceiling joists or suspended between floor joists.

2. *Loose Fill* This can be in pellet, fibrous or granular form which can be blown or poured into spaces between wall studs or ceiling/floor spaces.

3. *Rigid Insulation* Either polyurethane or polystyrene in sheet form. As these materials produce poisonous gases when exposed to fire they should always be protected by noncombustible coverings like gyproc or wall-board.

4. *Foam* Plastic foam formed by pouring into the walls.

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On the dole

By Neighbourhood Legal Services

General Welfare Assistance is the government's way of filling the gaps in Unemployment Insurance. If you are out of work and your first UIC cheque hasn't sailed through the mail slot, or your UIC payments ran out before you got a job, you still may be able to get Welfare.

If you are out of work but the welfare office thinks you are capable of working, they will see how much money you have and will check out your "employability." This means they will look at three factors: you must be willing to work, actively trying to find it, and out of work for reasons beyond your control.

You will be asked three questions. First, will you take any work that you are physically capable of doing? It's up to you to prove that you are willing to work, and if you have physical problems you will probably have to prove it to the welfare worker. Keep telling the welfare worker how hard you are trying to find work. Usually you need a doctor's letter to prove that you have physical problems.

Second, are you making a reasonable effort? Keep a job search list even if you are not asked for one and always keep a copy for yourself. The list should include this information: the name of the company, its address, the name of the person contacted, the job applied for, if any work was available, and date and time of contact. Usually the welfare office thinks it is not good enough simply to phone the company from which you are hoping to get a job.

Finally, why are you out of work? The welfare officer must look at the reasons that you haven't got a job. They can't bounce you off the welfare rolls if the reason you are out of work is beyond your control.

Recently, a judicial decision was handed down that interpreted this part of the law. Examples of reasons for being unemployed that are out of your control are as follows: the state of the job market, your unsuitability for the jobs available, and your unsuitability to particular employers. When the welfare office decided whether you fit in this section it can't look at your job record up to the time you applied for welfare. Their job is to find out why you can't get a job not why you lost your last job. However the welfare office may find that an applicant has been absent or has quit a job for no good reason, at least as far as they are concerned. If there is enough evidence of this (and a phone call to a boss is enough for the welfare officer) then they may decide that the applicant can be cut off because he doesn't fill the first two requirements — being willing to work and trying to find it. However the courts have not made decisions on this question.

Mothers deported

A halt to the deportation of hundreds of immigrant mothers — 50% of whom are Jamaican, is being demanded by the Committee Against the Deportation of Immigrant Mothers.

These women are being deported for allegedly falsifying entry documents. The committee says they were advised by a Canadian government representative at the time of applying to enter Canada that it was not necessary for them to declare their dependant children.

"From 1955 to 1974," says Sherona Hall, a committee spokesperson, "the Canadian government has been involved in a series of schemes with governments and other British West Indian colonies to facilitate the immigration of black domestic servants to Canada."

She says this has provided a good source of cheap labour for Canada where immigrants are willing to come and take low wage jobs Canadians refuse to accept.

Phony immigration consultants, working for a fee in the immigrant community, may have misled these women about the need to declare children, according to a government spokesperson.

The committee says the immigrant women are harassed by immigration officials who raid private homes and question people for information leading to the arrest of illegal immigrants.

A rally is being sponsored by the committee on Jan. 28, 1978, 7:30 at St. Paul's Church, to discuss the issue.

Diana Fancher's city contest

Well, it was hard, friends, and of course we had to wade through thousands of closely-reasoned submissions to the **Diana Fancher City Contest**, but at last we decided that the first prize should be shared by two entrants — David White and Barry

Wellman.

The coveted contest award — a snugly-fitting Clarion t-shirt — will be sent to the winners. As they are not Siamese twins and live at different addresses, we have decided to send one t-shirt to each of them.



Rick Curtis

Bryant

Feminists, gays unite

Anita Bryant's mid-January visit to Toronto took an unexpected twist. The demonstration she prompted solidified the very women and gay groups she opposes. Originally a Bryant vs. gay rights campaign, the first stop on her six month tour of Canada brought together a coalition of gays and feminists for the first time. More than 1500 protestors joined together over the weekend. Some placards proclaimed, "Women, Gays, Youth Unite! Same Struggle, Same Fight!"

Bryant is the figurehead for a movement that does not just attack gays but also advocates the traditional father-ruled family, and opposes labour unions.

Last summer, Bryant led a "Save Our Children" campaign to overturn a Dade County

Florida bylaw protecting teachers and social workers from being fired for sexual preference. She told a Toronto audience that she would rather have her children taught by "an incompetent heterosexual" than a "competent homosexual."

Bryant drew a barrage of criticism for mounting her anti-gay crusade under the slogan, "Save Our Children." She repeatedly evaded questions about what she was saving children from. This was in reference to domestic child abuse and the manner in which her employer, the Florida Citrus Growers Commission, exploits children who pick fruit. The campaign, she said, is to uphold the Bible, and "the Bible does not refer to such things."



Condo rules Only lawyers gain

Jim Phillips

Real Estate lawyers make a bundle — especially when they make the laws themselves. Ask Mr. X., a Korean newspaper publisher.

X moved into a new condominium in 1976. In February 1977, he finally became the registered owner. He paid \$210 in advance for his share of common expenses of \$70 a month, thinking this sum would cover March, April, and May, and ignored his super's notes claiming arrears.

In early May he learned that the \$210 was held in trust as a deposit and that he really was in arrears. He immediately paid the condominium corporation the sum owing.

Then the fun began. X received a letter from Del Zotto, a well-known Toronto law firm acting for the condominium corporation, informing him that he owed \$210 plus \$25. The \$25 was Del Zotto's charge for sending the letter.

X ignored the letter. After all, he'd already paid his arrears.

Another month went by, a

second letter (to collect the \$25 for the first letter) and legal fees had escalated to \$50.

Ho hum. A third month, another letter, and a demand for a total of \$25 in legal costs. And then Del Zotto served X a Writ of Foreclosure, threatening to repossess his condominium if the debt wasn't paid and asking for yet \$150 more.

Somewhat intimidated, X called his own lawyer. There ensued four months of negotiation, interviews, letter writing, phone calls, and legal procedures. X finally had enough. He settled a payment of \$180 — the result of a \$25 letter about a debt he'd already paid.

The saddest thing in this story is that the law was squarely against X from the beginning. The condominium by-laws (drawn up by Del Zotto) say that owners are personally liable for the condominium corporation's expenses in collecting arrears. So everything Del Zotto did was by the rules — its own.

The Clarion wishes Mr. X a happier — and less litigious — New Year for 1978.

Food facts your mother never told you



by Lesley Stevens

Mendelsalad

It's Mendelson Joe, or Joe Mendelson, as you prefer. Or Joe Mendelson Precious, or Joe "Pretty Boy" Mendelson, depending on which bar you frequent and when. He recently rode the Riverboat to distraction as Mendelson Who? You may or may not have encountered any of the Joe M's on the Toronto folk music track — he's not the promotable package that Dan Hill is.

Joe is a fine musician, a painter (with a recent show at the Shaw Rimmington Gallery) and an astute judge of hype and verbal tripe. His lyrics cut quietly into the smoke of Anybar, instantly separating the quick from the dead in the audience.

Here, with Joe's unminced blessing, (You'll either like it or you won't) the ingredients of the Mendelsalad with latitude enough for audience participation. Add your own pretty dash of precious self expression and toss these as you please:

broccoli
cauliflower
banana
mushroom

oil
lemon juice
tarragon
hickory smoked salt

Salad comes from the Roman word sal, for salt, and should properly have some of that quality to its makeup, though not wholly in the form of sodium chloride. Build your salads around anything green and crunchy and choose a punchy herb to suit — 2 tablespoons of fresh minced or 2 teaspoons dried herbs to one quart of greens. For Joe's salad, you can leave the broccoli uncooked or steam it until just cooked. Combine in chosen quantities with raw cauliflower and mushrooms and smaller amount of banana. Let tarragon stand in oil for 1/2 hour before adding to the salad along with salt and pepper to taste. Add lemon juice and a small amount of hickory salt last. Take care with the tarragon, which is fragrant but strong, its name justly related to the Greek work drakon (dragon!).

Free Classifieds

Co-op at Danforth and Logan has two openings available. Share in food and chores. We are independent leftists looking for same. Call Paul at 363-4404.

Co-op of dancers and university students seeks new member. Near Ossington and Bloor. Call 536-7873.

Material and tapes on life under apartheid in South Africa, are available to students, teachers, or any other person who wants to make a presentation from the Schools Committee for the Liberation of Southern Africa, (TCLSAC), 121 Ave. Rd. 967-5562.

TCLSAC also wishes to announce the availability of their new slide-tape show "On Our Own Ground" which concerns the recent resistance to apartheid in South Africa. The slide-tape show can be bought or rented. Schools wishing to use the show can do it free of charge. 967-5562

Need a mover? For a fast, cheap (\$10 per hr.) move phone David at 366-0377.

Food distribution hearings. A group is organizing a study into Canada's food distribution, production, marketing etc. system. The hearings will be held next fall and winter but organizers are needed now. Small farm producers are particularly encouraged to take part. Call The People's Food Commission at 964-6560 for more info. Ask for Roberta, Nancy or Mike.

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Announcement

Bloor Bathurst Information Centre, 1006 Bathurst Street, offers free information, advice and referral in English, Spanish, Portuguese. **Legal Assistance Clinic** on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5 pm - 7:30 pm. **Housing Registry** of local accommodation. Call us to list your room, flat, apartment, free of charge. Call 531-4613.

Free Reference Library: A helpful source for people interested in economic and political issues in Canada and the Third World. The periodical library at the **Development Education Centre (DEC)** is open to the public in St. Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Rd., at Davenport. Call 964-6560.

Announcement: Law-line is a telephone legal information and referral service sponsored by the Students' Legal Aid Society at the University of Toronto Law School under a grant from the federal Department of Justice. For information on consumer law, family law, Unemployment Insurance, Welfare, compensation, immigration and various other Acts, call Lawline at 978-7293, M-F, 10 am to 5pm.

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The growth of winter cycling

by Paul Weinberg

The joy of winter cycling increases each time they raise the TTC fares into the stratosphere. As Torontonians passively accept seven tokens for three dollars, more bicyclists are taking to the road this winter to escape the tyranny of the fare box.

"It's amazing how the costs of bus transportation add up," says Cathy McPherson, who commutes daily on her bright yellow standard bike from Spadina and Bloor to her job at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

"I cycled all last winter and I'll do it again this year if I have to. There's no bloody way they're going to make me pay so much."

Pat Malony of the Bicyclesport store at King and Sherbourne calls winter cycling "invigorating".

"You ride all summer having a great time and then suddenly winter comes and you have to jump back into your car again," he says. "This year I decided it wasn't necessary to stop riding in the winter. It's one way to get through the season."

Mike Barry, who also works at Bicyclesport and is an expert cyclist himself, has hardly missed a day of cycling so far this winter. He makes it sound so natural you wonder why you asked.

Night driving safe

"It is not as dangerous as people might think, particularly when the city cleans the streets of ice and snow quite regularly. The

odd day has been too icy but usually it isn't too bad."

Barry doesn't mind cycling from his home at Mount Pleasant and Eglinton to the store at King and Sherbourne — even at night.

"You start feeling the cold when it falls below 15 degrees, but night is the best time for riding the bike because there isn't as much traffic or people around. Besides it only takes me 20 minutes to get to work, as opposed to 40 on the subway. Driving a car you have to search for parking, too."

However, people should not hop into winter riding until they are prepared. A rider, he says, should know how to handle a bike on a bad surface without being too tense. He should also know how to fall safely.

Dress lightly

Dressing for winter cycling is the same as cross country skiing. Overdressing can be hot, tiring, and uncomfortable. While riding, a lightly dressed person can generate enough of his own heat to be warm.

A layered jacket such as an anarak, a tuque to protect your ears, decent footwear, and long underwear, are what every well attired winter cyclist should wear, says Barry.

"Some stores carry rain capes and spats. Spats are plastic overshoes that will cover your feet and leg up to the knee to protect against cold and slush," he added.



Jerry Dunn

Clarion staffer Norman Rogers enjoys winter cycling, when the streets are dry.

A good light generator with a spare battery is essential for the slushy snowy weather. Also the thicker the tires the better the traction on winter road surfaces.

Thick tires better

Three speed bikes are better for winter cycling than ten speeds, says Pat Malony, because their thicker 26 or 27 inch tires make the bike easier to control on the winter road surfaces. "They also have fewer sensitive parts exposed to the snow than would a ten speed."

Studded tires for bicycles might be an answer to safer winter riding, says Joan Doiron,

founder of the City Cycling Committee, a group promoting the bicycle as an alternative for urban transportation. "We had an engineer on our committee who was actually designing such tires."

"The technical means exist to make bikes very much part of our transportation system. But instead, people are conned into buying glamorous racing bikes that aren't suited to city driving," she continued.

Zero auto growth

Doiron is an advocate of "zero auto growth" where bicycle lanes and inside parking facilities for

winter cyclists should be possible.

"Bikes make so much sense in the winter. You don't have to worry about heating them up in the cold or pulling them out of a snow bank when they're stuck."

Cycling is terrific for your cardiovascular system, says Ed Slogar, an instructor at the Fitness Institute. Forty minutes a day round-trip to and from work for each individual can be physically satisfying.

Unfortunately the winter halts this form of exercise for many people for four months. By the time they return to their bikes in the spring," Slogar said. "They have to start from scratch to get back into shape."

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To provide financial assistance to elderly home-owners, City Council has authorized the City Treasurer to allow certain owners of residential property a credit of \$100.00 against the 1978 taxes imposed on such real property subject to the following qualifications:

TO QUALIFY, THE OWNER OR SPOUSE OF THE OWNER MUST:

- A. Be 65 years of age or more by March 31, 1978, which is the last day for filing applications;
- B. Be in receipt of the monthly Guaranteed Income Supplement provided under the Old Age Security Act (Canada);
- C. Occupy the property on which the municipal taxes are imposed and
- D. Have been continuously assessed as the owner of residential real property in the City of Toronto for not less than 5 years immediately preceding March 31, 1978.

If you qualify for this assistance and have not received an application form telephone the City Clerk's Department at 367-7036, and an application form will be mailed to you.

Application must be made each year for this assistance. This credit, where allowed, will be an outright grant made by the City and will not entail repayment of any kind.

For further information or assistance, telephone 367-7036.

ROY V. HENDERSON,
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Fred Mooney

About this time each year sportswriters get together and pick the Best and Worst of the past 12 months. You know — "The Basketball Boswells of Brazil present the Ten Best Fives". Or "Most mediocre Moments in Murderball".

Not the *Clarion*. Oh, we were tempted. We almost gave our first ever "The Good, the Bad and the Brainless" award to Canadian Olympic swimmer Graham Smith.

Smith, a mesomorphic moron from Edmonton with a Maple Leaf beauty mark over his left nipple, let the entire galaxy in on his secret ambition. "I'd like to be swimming's Clint Eastwood", he said. "I've got the style, grace and sex appeal."

The galaxy's response is unknown. But the *Clarion* was itching to give him a fistfull of (silver) dollars — and watch him sink to the bottom of the pool.

But we didn't. No awards for 1977. We just don't think any year has been worth remembering since 1967.

It's not Expo we're nostalgic for. Or the drunken fan who smashed me in the face at the Grey Cup game.

It's a hockey image that comes to mind. A playoff game at Madison Square Gardens. Chicago at New York. And Bobby Hull racing down the ice to loft a shot that hits Harold Ballard square in the face. Broke his nose. King Clancy couldn't sneeze for a month.

Tom (the Leaf fan who lives upstairs) came home from work chuckling the other night. I wasn't sure the noise was chuckling at first. Tom does a mean imitation of *Globe and Mail* publisher Richard Malone gnashing his teeth in *Impotent Fury* over Union Greed and Falling Productivity. It knocks them out at the shop.

But it was chuckling after all. Seems someone had come up with a whole new batch of hockey jokes. For instance:

- What's brown and lumpy and stays in the slot? Phil Esposito.
- What's purple and plays golf in the summer? Andy Bathgrave.
- What's yellow and wins face-offs? Stan Chiquita.
- What skates fast and goes "ding-dong"? Avon Cournoyer.
- The guys kept asking for more. Union greed.

One last (promise) note on the Junior World Cup and Team Canada Junior. I had to sympathize with the thousands of Québécois who stayed home (along with most of the best Québec juniors) rather than watch Team Anglo get thumped for Christmas. But I wonder if that unofficial boycott isn't a symptom of a kind of political myopia, or rather, deafness. Language is an imperfect battleground in a nation with thousands of Anglo workers and not a few native Québécois bosses.

Anyway, a friend sends me a newspaper clipping which shows just how sensitive the issue has become. It's from *Le Devoir* in Montréal. And it complains that the program notes contributed by the American team at the tourney were in better French than the CAHA's version.



Cross-country skiing in High Park
Sports Ontario

Internat. hockey series

Play excites despite timing

by D. Kidd

The latest series of games pitting the pros against the Russians and Czechs has finished. As to be expected the excitement generated was not the same as in the last Canada Cup series but the games for the most part were still more exciting than regular league play.

Because the NHL and its Russian and Czech counterparts were greedy, the series was poorly

scheduled and many players were tired and bored.

The WHL has a good policy — it makes the games they play with international teams count in their league standings. It would be better to allow various countries to compete for the Stanley or the Avco Cup with the top teams here. The NHL should also send a team to the prestigious *Izvestia* tournament in Moscow.

It was interesting to see the internationals play on smaller rinks

than they are used to. It forced game than the sluggish physical them to adopt the pro's offensive strategies such as dumping the puck over the blue line and then chasing it.

The different size of rink has always made for a completely different game. The larger surface is much more conducive to a faster and more opened up passing game we're used to here. Our hockey development demands international size rinks in Canada.



Frank Huck



Tony Esposito



Pete Mahovich

Video replay vital

Refs miss crucial calls

The Super Bowl is over and another NFL season is finished. Other than the surprising play of Miami and Denver, the big news this year has been officiating and off-the-field financial transactions.

Three crucial games were decided by referee mistakes. Houston Oilers had a touchdown nullified that would have given them a victory and advancement into the playoffs. NFL Commissioner Rozelle even apologized to the Oilers for the call.

In a game that decided playoff positions, Baltimore Colt's Bert Jones fumbled the ball. After it was recovered by the opposing team the referee whistled the play dead and ruled that Baltimore maintain possession. The Colts scored the winning touchdown on the next series of downs to advance to the playoffs.

The third crucial call came in the Oakland Raiders vs Denver Broncos playoff game. Oak-

land's Mike McCoy recovered a Bronco fumble on the Oakland two yard line and was running up the field with the ball, only to have the play nullified by a referee. Apparently none of the officials saw the Bronco player lose possession of the ball. Denver scored on the next play.

The video replay shows otherwise but the referee's decision held and Denver went on to win 20-17. Due to NFL rules the press was unable to question the officials after the game. The NFL changed this rule for the Super Bowl due to the controversies.

This isn't the answer, however. The referees are already busy watching the possible infractions by the 22 or 24 players on the field. A game with so much action in each play needs either more referees or the use of video replay as an aid to making difficult rulings.

Most of us traditionalists would cry foul at such a move,

because we are so used to games being decided by the accuracy or ineptitude of the referees. With the technology we have now, questionable calls by a referee could be viewed then and there and a decision made.

Other sports have instituted instant review procedures using the other referees involved, such as baseball and tennis. Why can't the NFL take a step and use video in such a way? They have the money, that's for sure.

The other big news this year was the television contract the NFL signed with the U.S. networks. For the first time each team will now receive more money from their television share than they receive from gate receipts.

The NFL will be even less amenable to pressure from the fans. It will now be more necessary than ever for organizations such as the Ralph Nader originated consumer group for sports fans, F.A.N.S., to emerge.

Free recreation around town

Here is a list of some recreation opportunities for adults available in the city.

All programs listed are administered by the city's Dept. of Parks & Recreation.

ALL ARE FREE

EAST

Fairmount Park,
90 Bowmore Road.

Jarvis C.I.,
495 Jarvis Street
Co-Ed Gym Class
Sun. 1:30 p.m.

Women's Keep Fit Class
Wed. 7:30 p.m.

Kimberley,
62 Kimberley St.
Women's Keep Fit Class
Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

CENTRAL

Essex,
98 Essex St.
Co-Ed Keep Fit Class
Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

Bedford Park School,
81 Ranleigh Ave.
Women's Keep Fit Class
Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Men's Keep Fit Class
Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Co-Ed Team Sports
Tues. 8:30 p.m.
Co-Ed Badminton
Wed. 8:00 p.m.
Co-Ed Badminton
Sat. 2:30 p.m.