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"Hi rise up your Annex" Charlie Farquarson and 200 say No!

By Carl Stieren

More than 200 Annex residents jammed 121 Avenue Rd. on March 8 to boo the architects for a planned 22-storey tower.

The tower at Prince Arthur and Avenue Rd. is just part of a proposed 225 unit apartment. The project also includes three floors of retail and office space on lands owned by Stanley J. Garden.

"Garden doesn't want to make a profit — he wants to make a super-profit, and that's what this issue is all about," Toronto Planning Board vice-chairman John Bosson told the *Clarion*. The project would be almost twice the density which is recommended by Toronto's Central Area Bylaw, now before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Beat the Bylaw

Garden, however, may turn out to be only the tip of the iceberg. "There are half a dozen stages for the southeast annex," City planner Janet Dey told the 200 residents.

"The southeast Annex is so tempting to developers because it's at the corner of the "City Core tip "at Avenue Rd. and Bloor," Dey said.

But the city's new Central

Area Bylaw could put a stop to some of the developers' plans.

With hearings for the new by law now going on at the OMB, developers have begun to scramble for a loop-hole to beat the bylaw.

Garden may have found just such a loophole. Section 35.22, an obscure clause of the Ontario Municipal Act, allows prospective builders to appeal for exemption from any new municipal zoning law by going directly to the OMB.

"What the developer is trying is an end run around the whole normal chain of hearings and procedures that a development normally faces at City Hall," Bossons said.

Magic Didn't Work

Garden planned a host of alluring features in his development, most of them the work of his architect, Boris Zerafa, who designed Hazelton Lanes.

Zerafa explained how he had contoured the outer wall to prevent any greater shadow from the project than now falls on the Annex from hitting neighbouring buildings. As well a "Winter Garden" at the end of Lowther Ave. was added to

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Does somebody up



there like them?

The RCMP Veterans Association has emitted the latest bit of religio-militarist-chauvinist assen-spoopy; they have produced a button that reads as you see it above.

These consultants to Nelson Eddy have printed up 15,000 of the buttons for all the rest of us patriots and 1,500 of them are

destined for distribution in Ontario.

We got our button from Ed Boone, at the Insurance Crime Prevention Association Bureau of Canada (sic), 365 Evans Avenue, Etobicoke, (252-5215). We hope all sincere and loyal Canadians will accept no substitutes and do the same.

We at the *Clarion* have only two small complaints: Since the RCMP is a force for national unity, is it not prejudicial to have to read French at the *bottom* of the button? Further, since our tax money pays the pensions of the RCMP vets, we have requested that they begin selling the buttons forthwith and that they donate all receipts to Tom Cossit's bail fund.

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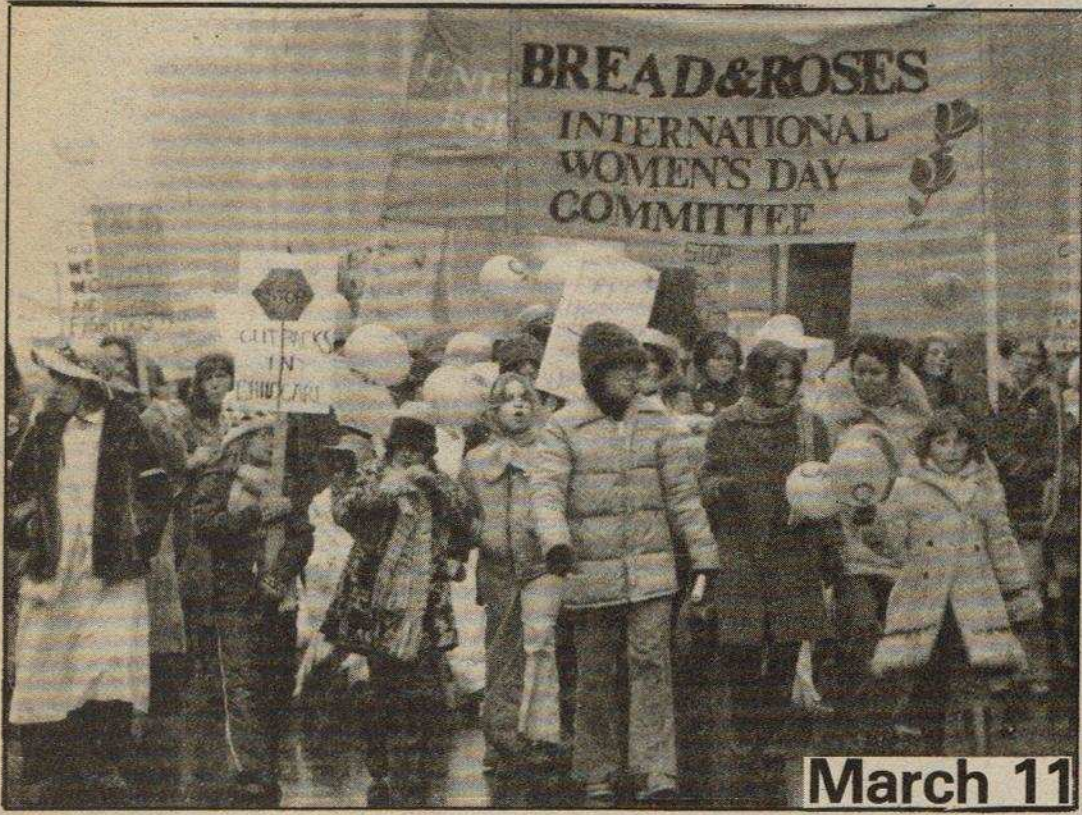
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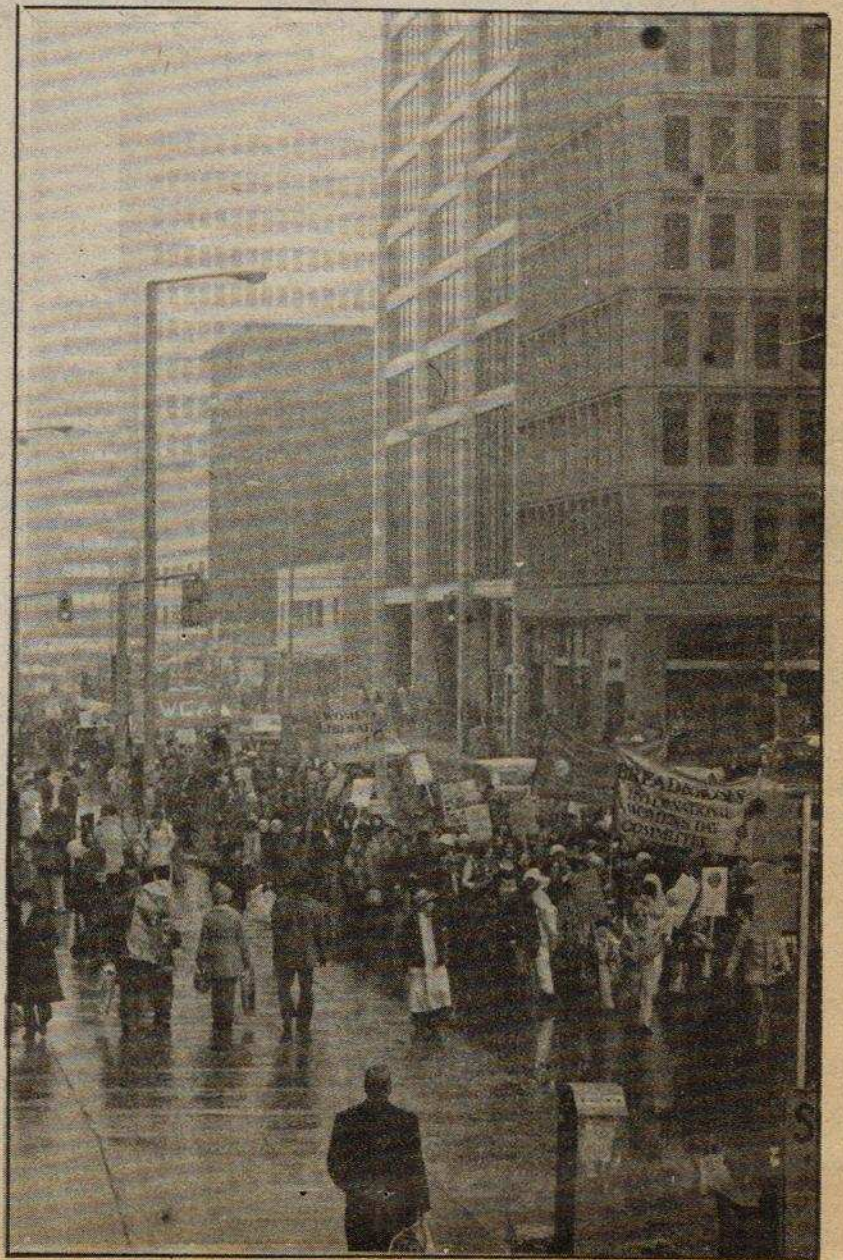
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International Women's Day — Toronto



March 11



March 11

Nearly 2,000 women, men and children marched from Convocation Hall to City Hall on March 11 to celebrate International Women's Day. It was the first time in 10 years that the police failed to force a march onto the sidewalk from Yonge Street. Chants of "Stop the Deportations" (of the Jamaican women) and "Equal Pay for Equal Work" mingled with melodies of "Bread and Roses" and "Union Maid". Speakers from Shirley Douglas to B.C. bankworker organizer Heather McNeil addressed the crowd at the start, and folk singer Margaret Christl sang Peggy Seeger's song, "I want to be an Engineer".



March 8

150 women marched in the streets of Toronto on March 8 to commemorate International Women's Day. Many women dressed in costumes depicting the numerous jobs that women do. The parade followed a feast where Kari Reynolds and Mary O'Brien spoke of their experiences as women and what the Women's Movement can do. Eventually, the parade ended at Convocation Hall where Rita McNeil and Beverly Glen-Copeland gave a concert to celebrate the day.



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Opposing police power :

Opération Liberté

By Norman Rogers

Legalized RCMP mail tampering is being challenged by the Quebec Human Rights League. On Feb. 16 it announced the start of Opération Liberté, a nation-wide campaign against the proposed federal legislation, bill C-26.

The league claims this is part of an offensive by the security service of the RCMP to increase its own power "with the complicity of politicians at the expense of the rights and freedoms of the citizen."

The league fears that current revelations about the RCMP may only be the "tip of the iceberg", and warns that now is

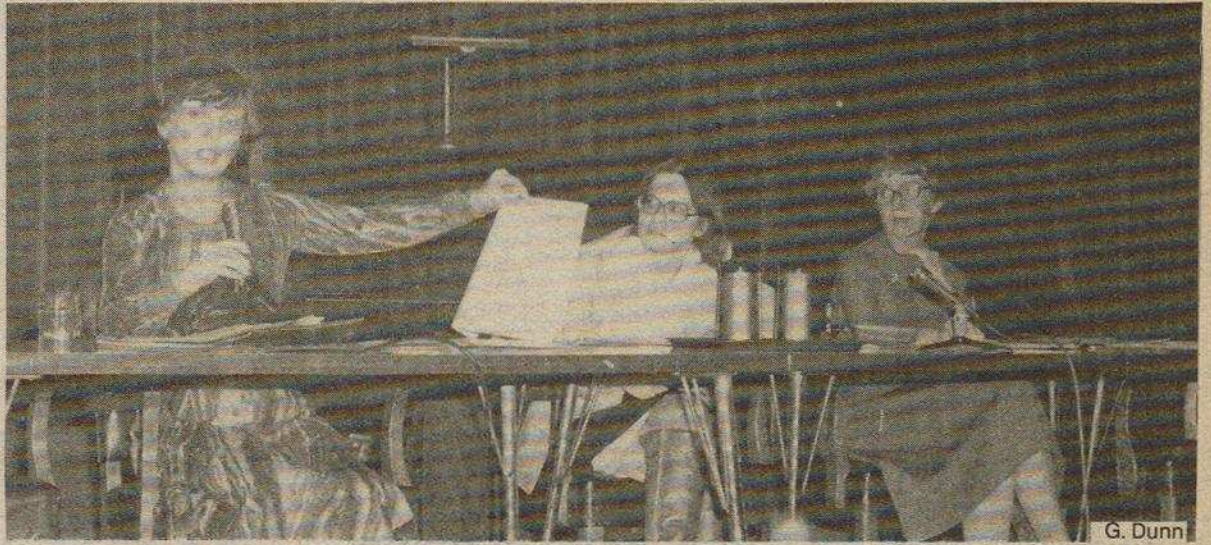
the time to "defend ourselves against the gradual erosion of our civil liberties."

It urges all groups and individuals to express their opposition to bill C-26 by writing to the Solicitor General or the Prime Minister and sending a copy to the league.

"Operation Liberté" has prepared a booklet entitled "A Black Dossier on the Political Police" and postage stamp stickers saying "no to RCMP mail tampering."

Both are available in French only from, La Ligue des Droits de l'homme, 3836 St. Hubert, Montreal H2L 4A5. The booklet is 50 cents and the stickers are \$1.00 for a sheet of 50.

R.N.'s want security



Barbara Dundas of NURSE (left) condemns document of Ontario College of Nurses (OCN) which would strip qualifications from all RNs and RNAs who have not nursed in Ontario during the past five years. Dundas debated Joan MacDonald (right) of OCN at March 10 rally held by NURSE.

By Penny Star, R.N.

Thousands of Ontario nurses may soon lose their right to work in nursing through no fault of their own, according to the recently formed action group

NURSE (Nurses United for Registration Security and Employment).

In the most recent of a series of meetings organized by NURSE across the province, March 10, 300 people in Toronto hotly debated a proposal of the College of Nurses. The College, the legal regulatory body for all nurses, has proposed that all those who have not nursed in Ontario within the last 5 years automatically lose their Certificate of Competence. They must have this certificate to call themselves RNs or RNAs.

Organizers of NURSE feel that competence cannot be regulated in this arbitrary fashion, noting that the Health Disciplines Act already has provisions for dealing with cases of incompetence.

"No one should have the right to remove an earned certificate through sweeping legislation, without proving individual incompetence," said Barbara Dundas, speaking for the group.

Nurses most directly affected include those working in the U.S. because of severe unemployment in Ontario, mothers at home

raising children, and those working in related areas such as counsellors and medical illustrators. Even occupational health nurses may risk losing certification as the definition of "nursing" shifts to suit the College.

Joan MacDonald, representing the College, had no words of reassurance for those women. When pressed for fuller explanations of the assumptions underlying the proposals, and information on guidelines for the evaluation of competence, she stated repeatedly that "details have not been worked out yet." Many older nurses, recalling regulations previously passed by the College, feel this sort of vagueness cannot be trusted.

NURSE plans further activity concerning this proposal. For more information, phone 781-3456 or 533-4620 (evenings), or 497-8356 (days 10-1 or 4-6), or write NURSE, P.O. Box 34, Komoka, Ontario, N0L 1R0.

Parkdale squabble

Beach bullies



By Diana Fancher

Will the Dowling Ave. free beach continue to provide waterfront park space for Parkdale residents? Even its supporters have a hard time agreeing on how best to serve the public interest.

At a recent meeting of the city's parks and recreation committee, so many overlapping pro and con motions were put forward by aldermen that the committee ultimately asked everyone involved to get together and sort them out before coming back to the committee.

At issue is a master plan drawn up by the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (MTRCA) for development of Toronto's western Beaches.

The \$4 million plan would transfer ownership of the Dowling beach from the city to MTRCA. Plans for the beach call for a lookout point and boating bay to extend the moorings of local yacht clubs.

The official plan shows a retaining wall which shuts off the beach from the open lake. Work on the project was originally scheduled to begin this spring, but funds are not forth-

coming, due to cuts in MTRCA's budget.

Beginning last November, the Western Beaches working committee, a group of community representatives and concerned citizens, met with Ward 1 alderman David White to discuss the future of the beach and of the adjoining Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club, whose lease is due to expire in 4 years.

In general the working committee favoured keeping the beach out of MTRCA's hands, according to Swansea resident Audrey Jardine. She also said that the Palais Royale had been exempted from the plan without a great deal of difficulty.

However, at the working committee's last meeting on Feb. 7, Ward 2 aldermen Negrige and O'Donohue showed up with an angry group of local promoters to demand that the beach be dredged for moorings and developed as planned.

"Speakers were heckled and shouted down. O'Donohue took over the chair and promptly ruled David White out of order. The clauses concerning the beach and ownership of the land were ripped out of the committee's report," said Bill

Zock, vice-president of the Parkdale Tenants Association.

"If the land goes over to MTRCA, the beach will be renovated to suit yacht club members and the residents of South Parkdale will lose out," according to Zock.

Alderwoman Rowlands has suggested the Dowling beach is the least polluted of the western beaches and is safe for swimming.

"A steel and concrete wall doesn't sound like a beach to me," Alderwoman Eayrs commented.

Govt. introduces new Mental Health Act

By Don Weitz

The government of Ontario is about to make some long-overdue changes in its Mental Health Act. But some believe it will remain an outdated violator of civil liberties.

To date, nobody has seriously challenged the act of involuntary commitment itself. But it is a direct violation of the right to a public hearing or court trial before commitment or imprisonment.

The act, governing all psychiatric institutions and their inmates, has only been amended once or twice since it became law 11 years ago. The government has only now decided to change the notoriously vague and ambiguous clause that can put a person into a mental institution against his will. It authorizes involuntary commitment of a person, "in the interests of his own safety or the safety of others."

The bill may reduce periods of commitment between appeals and require two doctors instead

of one to examine a person before an initial lock-up. The act originally required a committed person to stay in hospital for 30 days before review. The bill may shorten that to 72 hours and cut subsequent renewal periods in half.

But Dr. Jan Dukszta, a psychiatrist and the NDP health critic in the Ontario Legislature has mixed feelings about the new bill. He believes the bill is an improvement over the Act but he asserts it "still provides no real protection for the civil rights of the individual."

The new bill proposes both major and minor changes. It substitutes more specific grounds for commitment in place of the present Act's "safety" criterion. Under the new legislation, a person could be committed for "threatening bodily harm" to self; for acting "violently" towards others and for "showing lack of competence to care" for him or herself. However, the bill still

fails to spell out the meaning of such terms as "threatening bodily harm."

The bill also tightens up the confidentiality of patients' medical records. It specifies that records cannot be made public in court or anywhere else. But neither the bill nor the present Act give psychiatric patients access to their own medical-psychiatric records.

The proposed changes to the Act came about as a result of a study by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association which showed that Ontario doctors and psychiatrists were committing people illegally, for actions that were not potentially dangerous to anyone. Some of the reasons given were: "shows no insight"; "paranoid"; and "wife complains husband drinks too much."

The study also said that 71 percent of a random group of 200 committal forms from 1972 to 1973 were filled out incompetently and illegally.

As we see it The Budget

For once we all seem to agree. The Ontario budget brought down this past week is terrible. In fact, it is the worst budget inflicted on the people of Ontario in six years of Davis government.

The *Star* called it "A budget that makes little sense." "With 300,000 Ontario people out of work," intoned the *Star*, "it's incredible that Treasurer Darcy Mckeough could bring down a provincial budget that offers practically nothing to stimulate the economy and create jobs." The *Sun* called it "a grim fairy tale." And even the *Globe*, a bastion of conservative hindsight, said little that was good about the balanced budget that wasn't.

Claire Hoy, the *Sun's* vitriolic vicar, may have put it best. "What he (Mckeough) has done," wrote Hoy, "is to continue the Tory philosophy of stiffing the average guy (and lady too) while sweetening the pot for the corporation and then bragging about spending cuts while continuing to blow our nickels and dimes in record numbers."

That's what Tory governments are expected to do — feed the corporate appetite for greater profits or as Mckeough puts it, to improve the business climate and increase private investment. The budget does primarily that and it is instructive to learn that the major recipients of this government-sponsored corporate welfare are the insurance, tourist and surprise, surprise, the mining industries.

What passes for the Davis government's program of job creation are incentives to those same mining industries who have taken public money for years and now are abandoning their Ontario operations for higher profits abroad.

Charity for mining corporations

The budget proposes amendments to the Mining Tax Act. This will not only allow the mining industry to write off new mines and major expansions in Ontario but also to deduct the full cost of processing Ontario ore abroad. Under this program ore can be mined in Ontario, shipped abroad for processing, and then sold back to us; all supported at the public's expense. Mckeough claims this program will cost us \$5 million in 1978-79 and more in following years. But the real cost, both in terms of lost taxation and insufficient job creation by the mining monsters, may be far higher.

Tax incentives to the tourist industry, the second largest sector in the Ontario economy, will cost \$30 million in lost revenue in 1978-79. According to Mckeough, suspension of the 7% sales tax on all taxable accomodation will help regenerate Ontario's sagging tourist industry by stimulating massive numbers of much needed jobs.

It's a big gamble with similar programs being initiated in other countries and air fares to far away places becoming cheaper daily.

The only direct job creation program in the budget is a 78.3 million plan to yield 60,000 summer jobs for those between 15 and 24. It's needed but it's only a spit in the bucket in a province where youth unemployment is a year-round problem.

Mckeough's talk of streamlining and restraint is also misleading. One aspect of this streamlining is phasing out the Ontario Mortgage Corporation and selling off \$125 million of its portfolio. But it's a giveaway to private lenders which will ultimately lead to higher mortgage costs for the homebuyer.

Nowhere does Mckeough deal with those bureaucracies that would not be impaired after a little fat-trimming of overpaid administrators at the top and middle levels. And when he talks of restraint what he means most is cutbacks in services and programs to people at the bottom.

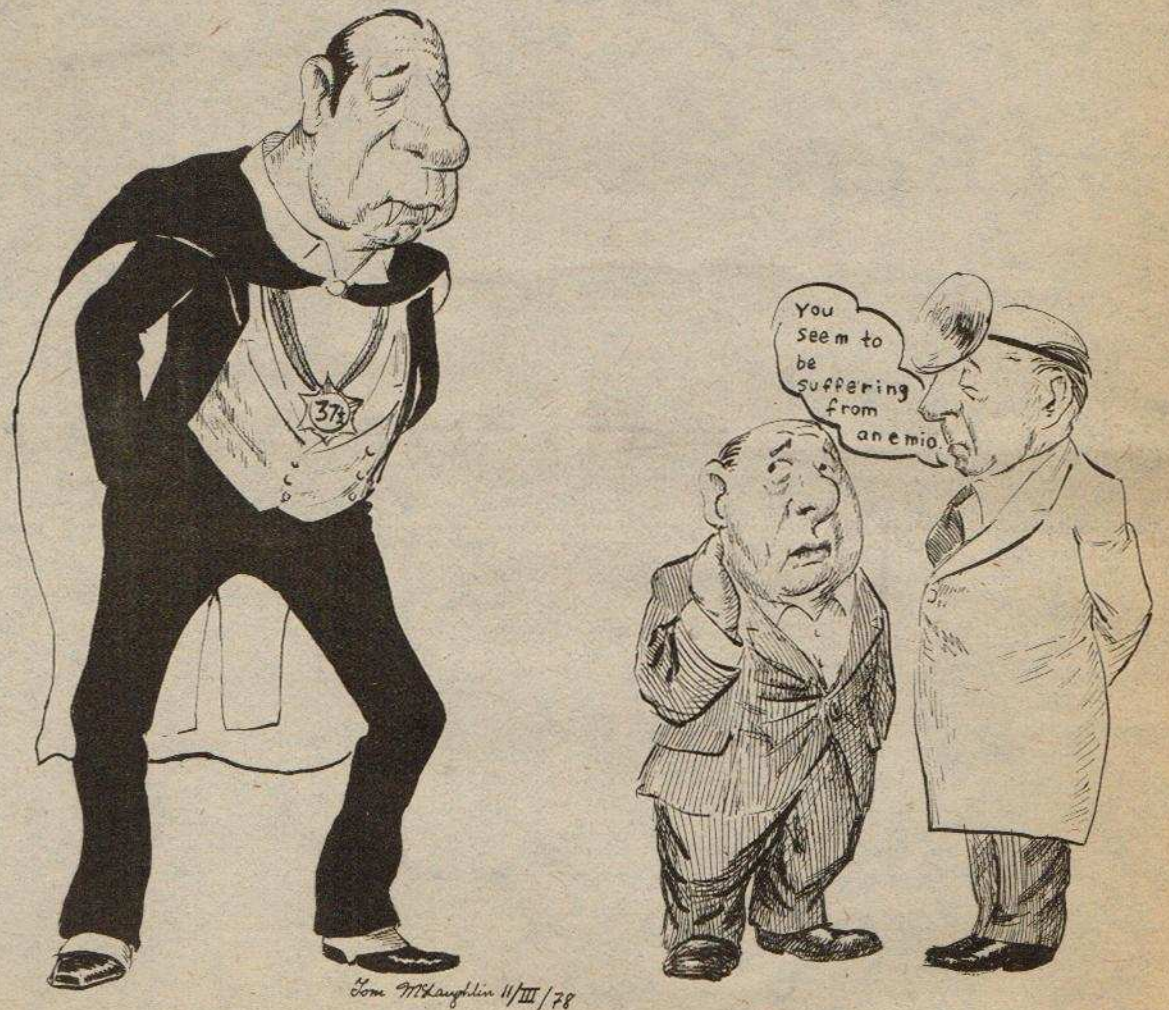
Budgetary priorities show increases in expenditures for social services, post-secondary education and health that barely keep pace with the rate of inflation. The major increase in government expenditures for 1978-79 is in interest on the public debt, a whopping 15.4% increase.

Tax bite

How will expensive corporate tax incentive programs and debt financing be paid for? The major part will come from those who can least afford it in the form of increased taxes on alcohol, tobacco and to add injury to injury OHIP payment.

The proposed budget represents the Ontario government's latest concessions to the corporate blackmail of plant closings and lay-offs which have become rampant across Ontario in the last year. It relies on multinational corporations to create jobs through generous tax write-offs. It lacks the dynamism to deal with the current unemployment crisis and holds out little hope that things will improve substantially in the near future.

Mckeough announces 3 1/2% increase in OHIP payments



LETTERS LETTERS

To the Clarion:

Reading the *Clarion* is like settling down to a scotch on the rocks only to discover that there is a fly in the ice cube. The paper is excellent when it sticks to specific topics that are researched properly and documented intelligently. Most of the articles fall into that category.

But then there's that fly.

To read the *Clarion* is to be told that profits are the evil production of a Free World. Profit is never the necessary excess of an organization's cash inflow over its cash outflow... something your co-operative will need to survive. And automation is a gleeful corporate profiteer's weapon trained against his hapless employees, rather than a relatively age old tool that all mankind resorts to in adapting to a competitive and changing world.

Don't lose sight of the fact that most complex problems have simple solutions — and they're usually wrong.

Best of luck in your second year.

George Carr
(Toronto)

To the Clarion:

Congratulations on your progress with the *Clarion* to date; I enjoy reading it and think it has a lot of potential. I hope you will give the gay liberation struggles in the Toronto area the coverage they merit; there's no need to go into the how's and why's of the distortions and media blackouts we get from the bourgeois press in Metro.

Paul Trollope
(Downsview)

Whoops!

In our last issue we made three errors in printing Dan Heap's article on the NDP convention.

For "Nationalization of nickel plus uranium are not part of the NDP industrial strategy which is urged on the Ontario government 'at once'." "now" should be substituted for "not".

For "We recognize that we cannot really escape a bitter struggle with the corporations who are running our economy for the benefit of a few." "ruining" should be substituted for "running".

And for "We removed old links and formed new ones and can now take part vigorously in debate on the party's 'industrial strategy'." "removed" should be replaced by "renewed". We apologize for these errors and regret any embarrassment they may have caused Mr. Heap.

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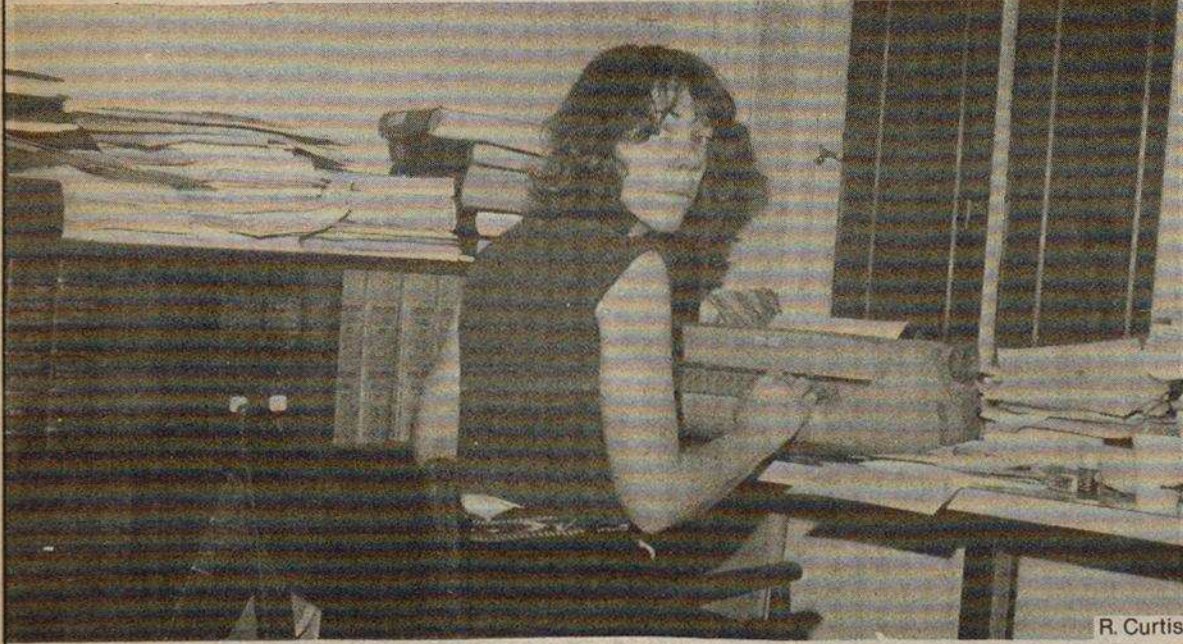
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People & Law at work



R. Curtis

Rosemary Tait, a staff member of People and Law, faces a layoff with her fellow workers if the community legal clinic is forced to close for lack of funds, at the end of March.

Meetings in February with the Clinical Funding Committee of Ontario's Legal Aid Plan failed to convince that body that People and Law's work deserved renewed funding. The clinic, one of Toronto's oldest, was established in 1973.

People and Law has provided legal resources to groups working for social change and political reform. For example, it has helped the Cleaners' Action Group,

made up largely of Portuguese and Spanish women in the cleaning industry, to interpret the provincial Employment Standards Act and translate it to lay language suitable for material for English as a Second Language courses.

Provincial Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, concerned that People and Law was not given adequate reasons for losing its funding, asked for them from the Clinical Funding Committee. He received them March 6, almost a month after the initial decision to cut funding was made.

People and Law staffers propose to counter the Committee's response to McMurtry, which they consider inaccurate.

Open season for landlords if rent control discontinued

By Jonathan Craven

"There will be an open market for tenant slaughter by landlords if rent controls are abolished," says Albert Moritz, community legal worker at Neighborhood Legal Services.

Moritz, commenting on Ontario's recently released green paper on rent controls, says the paper shows too much preference for landlords and forgets about the rights of the tenants.

The paper, prepared by the Ministries of Housing and Consumer and Commercial Relations, proposes four options for the government to consider when controls expire Dec. 31. The Cabinet is expected to introduce new legislation in the fall session.

The Green Paper

Three of the options deal with continuing controls in a diminished form, while the fourth option, most favoured in the report, proposes the complete abolishment of rent controls.

The paper states that should rent controls be curtailed, not only would this eliminate an expensive government programme, it would also provide landlords with higher profits, resulting in the improved quantity and quality of the rental housing market.

"The paper is biased in favour of the landlord. The government is more concerned

with the landlord's margin of return than good housing," says Bill Carey of the Federation of Metro Tenants (FMTA). "It's the same old story of private enterprise making more profits at the public expense."

Carey and Moritz feel the best method to deal with rent controls and landlord-tenant disputes is a separate court system that is concerned solely with these two problems.

At present the Landlord and Tenant Act, dealing with repairs and upkeep, and the Rent Review Act, dealing with rent controls, have separate jurisdictions. The FMTA suggests the two acts be combined under one jurisdiction which would ultimately have the power to deal with all landlord and tenant disputes.

Metro Toronto's 1 million tenants could be hardest hit if rent controls are removed. According to a report prepared by the Ontario Ministry of Housing, Metro has the highest average rent in Ontario, at \$246. per month. Even with the six percent limit on rent increases imposed last year, Torontonians paid an average rent increase of 8.6 percent, (the highest in the province).

Ontario Not Alone

Ontario is not the only province where rent controls are due to expire before 1979. Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and

Nova Scotia have programmes that end this year. As with Ontario, they have yet to decide which direction to take.

Newfoundland, British Columbia and Saskatchewan have no deadline for their rent control programmes, although Newfoundland has implied it is in favor of keeping controls while the two western provinces have suggested they will end theirs.

Only Alberta and Quebec have made definite decisions on rent controls. Alberta has decided to discontinue controls over a three year period, while Quebec intends to keep controls permanently.

Quebec has had controls for over 20 years, longer than any other province, although their system is less stringent. There is no fixed percentage on allowable rent increases. The landlord can raise the rent until the tenant files a complaint.

The problem with Quebec's system, according to Moritz, is that it puts the onus on the tenant to complain about repairs or high rents, whereas the onus should be on the landlord to prove, at a rent review hearing, that he needs to raise the rent.

"The basic assumption that tenants need landlords as much as landlords need tenants is completely wrong," asserts Clarey. "Landlords need tenants because they need profits, but tenants don't need landlords, they need housing. Housing is their right."

Strip mines invade North

By Elinor Powicke

Strip coal mining will rip into Northern Ontario despite the opposition of Treaty Nine Indians.

Onakawana Developments Ltd. has been granted a 21-year lease to mine 12,800 acres of Crown land in the James Bay lowlands at a rent of one dollar an acre per year.

Onakawana Development, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Manalta Coal which carries out extensive mining in Alberta and Saskatchewan, is planning to strip mine an estimated 190 million tons of lignite (a low grade coal). The expected life span of the project is 36 years.

The Ontario government has promised that the development will be subject to the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. According to a spokesperson in the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, a \$650 million bond will be placed with the government by the Company to guarantee stage by stage rehabilitation of the mined land.

A recent brief from the Grand Council Treaty N° 9 to the Hartt Inquiry into Northern Development says the James Bay region could suffer from extensive air and water pollution which would reduce local hunting and fishing catches. The brief also notes that the company's rehabilitation plans are not a guarantee: the rehabilitation efforts at its Western mining sites are still in the experimental stages.

Onakawana Development says it will employ 1,200 people

during a six year construction period and 500 to 600 people on a regular basis for its 30 operating years. Native people have been promised involvement at the design level as well as involvement in job training programs.

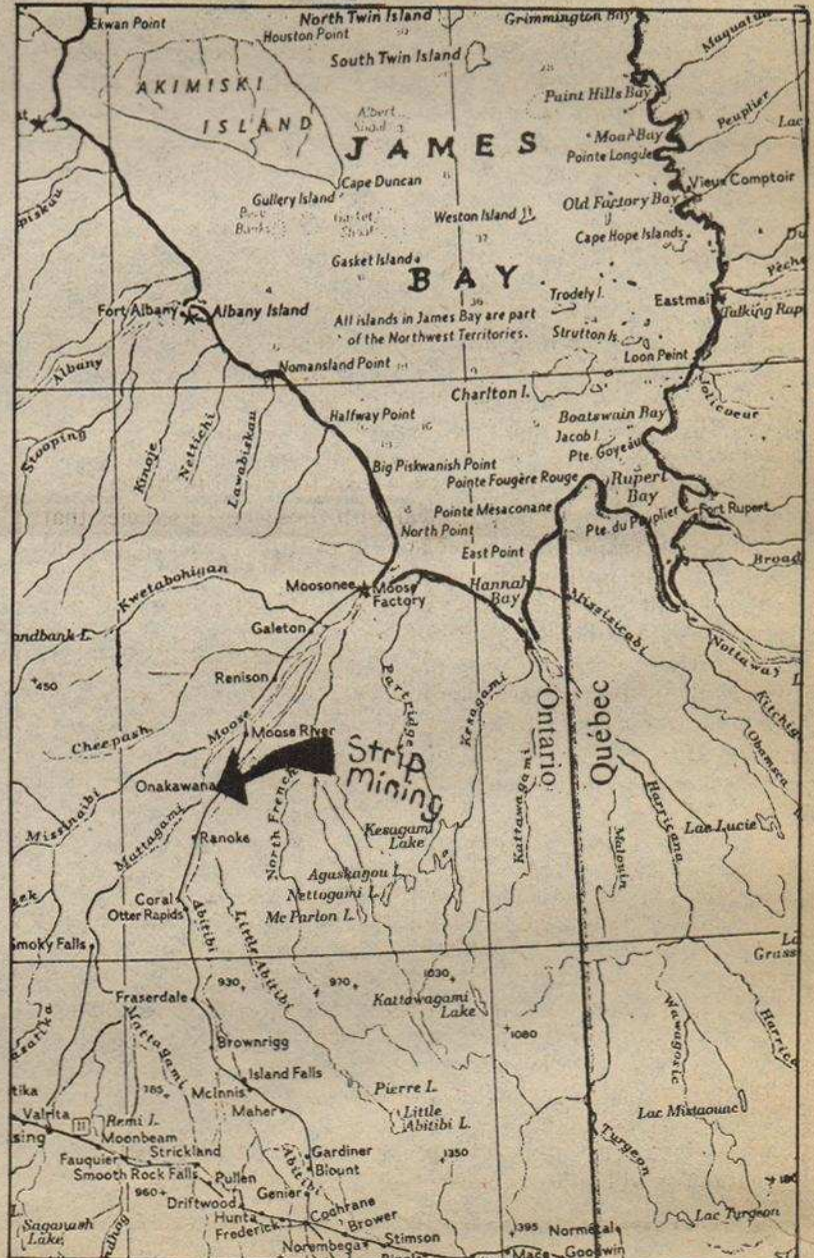
Heather Ross, researcher for Grand Council, Treaty N° 9 declares that "Asking them to design something they don't want in the first place is like asking them to design their own gas chambers."

The Treaty N° 9 brief says native people do not have the skills or inclination for meaningful participation in this type of economic development.

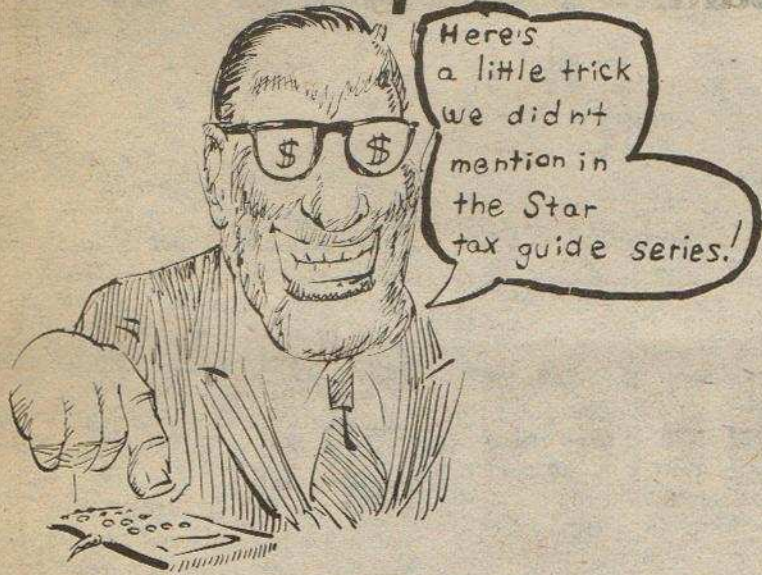
Asked why the Ontario Government decided to give the go ahead with the development in the face of Treaty N° 9 opposition, a spokesperson replied, "The Government in its wisdom determined that the mine and minerals must be developed for the use of all the peoples of Ontario."

During the Hartt Inquiry into development in Northern Ontario above the 60th parallel, Ontario Hydro stated that the coal project did not have its backing and had not been included in Hydro's long-range plans for energy sources.

When asked how the development could benefit the people of Ontario even though Hydro found it unnecessary, the Government spokesperson said it was the first time he had heard of Hydro's unfavourable comments.



Star sues tax dept.



Some answers may finally be forthcoming on what really happened when the Toronto **Telegram** died. At the time, the **Toronto Star** paid **Telegram** owner John Bassett \$10 million for his papers subscription list and \$2 million for rental of the **Telegram** printing plant.

Bimonthly Reports, a Toronto business periodical, reports that Torstar Corp. has filed suit against the federal tax department for their interpretation of that \$12 million. The magazine says Torstar filed the

money as a tax deduction, saying it was a business expense to save money on new subscriptions. The tax department says Torstar was buying out a business and the money was a capital outlay. The **Star** reported a loss of \$7 million but if the tax department wins the **Star** could be assessed \$1.2 million in back taxes.

Whatever the outcome of the tax question, the suit should shed some light on what really transpired between the **Star** and the 'Telly' back in September, 1971.

'Rubber' by-law

By Diana Fancher

One columnist called it a "reluctant step into the 20th century" when York Council finally brought in an interior housing-standards by-law as a sort of Valentine's Day present to the Borough's tenants.

But the present came attached to a snap-back rubber band and tenants may not see any benefits for two years, says York Alderman Oscar Kogan.

The Borough's by-law enforcement office must hire at least two new inspectors even to begin taking care of complaints, and salary money is hard to squeeze out of the council. The two-year period Kogan refers to is the length of a course that inspectors must take at George Brown College.

Even after inspectors are hired and enforcement begins, more delays will occur, according to Wey Robinson of Tenant Hotline. The Ontario Planning Act requires several notice periods and a committee hearing before a landlord can be prosecuted for not providing repairs.

Oakwood MPP Tony Grande of the NDP and members of Tenant Hotline presented an independent legal opinion to the Borough's Legislation and Property Committee on the advisability of seeking private legislation from the province.

Previously the borough's solicitor had not only turned thumbs-down on writing tough enforcement measures into the by-law under current provincial law, but had been very

skeptical about seeking private legislation from the province to go beyond the Planning Act.

"We went to relieve their fears, to remind them that with minority government it is easier to get private legislation through the Procedural Committee," said Grande. "The Committee is waiting for a whole batch of public bills so they can meet and look at them all at once."

Meanwhile, angry tenants are getting no response after complaining to the borough offices about living conditions in their buildings. According to Robinson, even complaints which have been covered by York by-laws for years are not being investigated or enforced.

CMHC buildings face sky high rent

By Murray Bush

A recent county court ruling favouring the landlord of a CMHC-financed building may set a precedent allowing rent increases to whatever level the landlord decides.

The decision, handed down March 13 in a test case between tenants of 800 Richmond Street West and Mount Briar Building Corporation Limited, approved rent increases above the CMHC's prescribed eight per cent ceiling.

Twenty-seven tenants were issued eviction notices in September, 1977 after CMHC approved without explanation rent increases of ten to fifteen percent. About 50 tenants had

responded by withholding the difference between the new rents and the CMHC-approved rents, and later the difference between the new rents and previous years rents.

In making its decision, the court said the National Housing Act offers no remedies for tenants. Only the CMHC could attempt to control rent increases, by raising interest rates on the mortgage, calling the mortgage due, or insisting on the posting of rents in the building.

CMHC was not present at the hearing, although they had been represented at the original appeal. Attempts to subpoena the then Federal Minister of Housing Barney Danson were

made by the tenants association were unsuccessful.

Following the court decision, Parkdale Community Legal Services lawyer Colleen Swords said, "The CMHC's mandate is to encourage low rent housing, but if they're just going to throw up their hands when something happens, what's the point?"

Her client, Heather McMurray, is also spokesperson for the 800 Richmond Street Tenants Association. She said the association will now launch a publicity campaign. The case could be appealed but McMurray said raising more money for court costs could be a problem. "We're low income tenants."

Whose Annex?

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attract winter strollers. However, citizen opposition to closing off Lowther Ave. forced him to scrap the plan.

Another feature was a pedestrian walkway designed to replace the narrow sidewalk on Avenue Rd. from Prince Arthur to Elgin. A tunnel would be built under Avenue Rd. leading to the proposed "Four Seasons Yorkville" (planned for the east side of Avenue Rd.).

Battle At OMB

But Zerafa's magic, which charmed the residents' association into supporting the smaller Hazelton Lanes development, didn't work for Garden.

The battle over the project will come to a head when the OMB resumes its hearing April 3.

On one side is Garden, with architect Zerafa, complete with stylish design and lists of benefits to the community.

On the other side are both the

area's aldermen, Susan Fish and Ying Hope, actor Don Heron, the Annex Residents Association under president Paul Martel, and the Elgin-Lowther Association.

And the Annex Residents are

going to pack the OMB boardroom to the rafters.

"We hope as many people as those who came her tonight will pack the OMB office," said Annex Residents Association president Paul Martel.



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Developer Stanley Garden "scaled down" his apartment high-rise from 24 storeys to 22, but most of the 200 Annex residents at meeting were against the Avenue Rd.-Lowther Ave. project.

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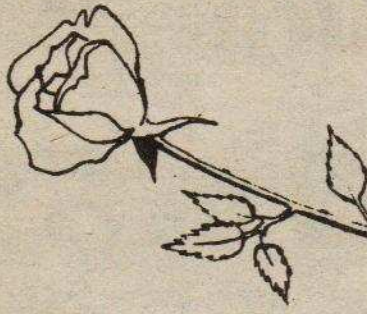
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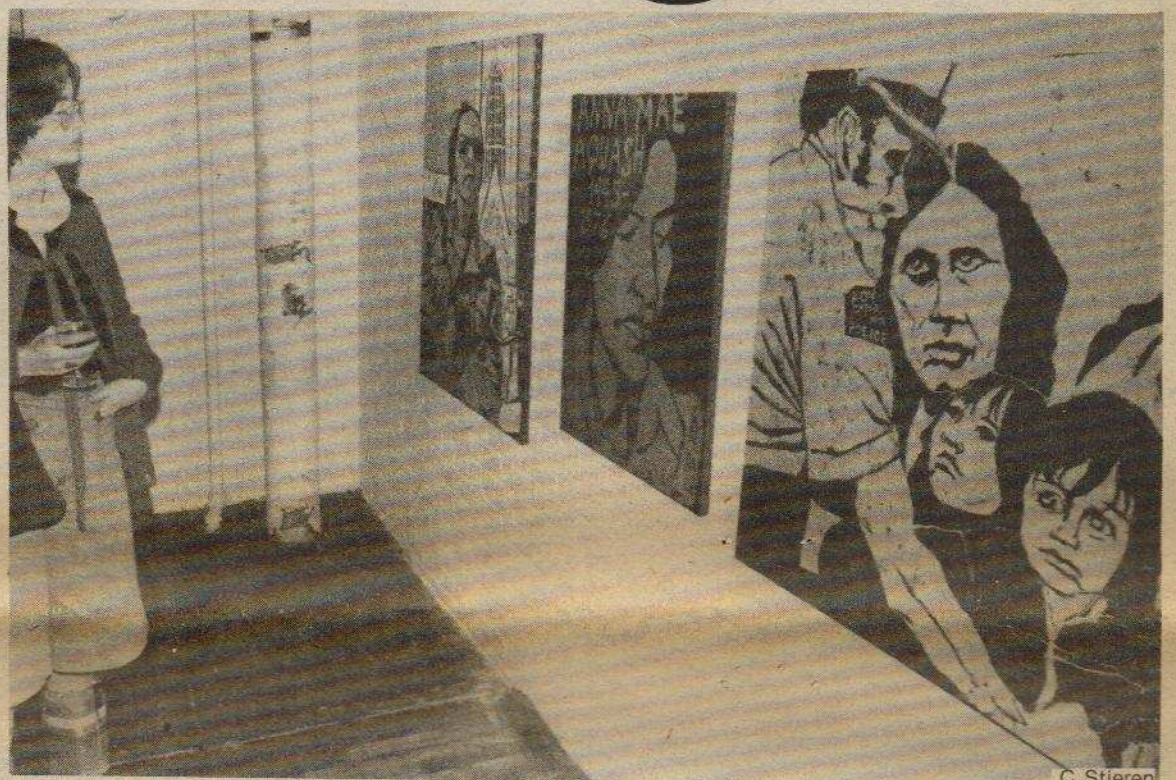
Bread & Roses

Food And Entertainment Guide

"Art on Target"



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- ▲ The drama of Anna Mae Aquash and the Native People of Grassy Narrows and White Dog Reserves was portrayed by artist Mary Paisley at Partisan's exhibition.
- ◀ This striking mural of the progressive American singer Paul Robeson greeted visitors to Partisan's recent "Art on Target" exhibition at the CEAC gallery Duncan St. Toronto.

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Bertolucci's 1900 reviews reviewed

By Janet Mellon

There is a scene in *1900* in which the farmworkers' children are gathered at a political puppet show before leaving on a train, to bring food to striking factory workers. All at once a couple of mounted police ride into the square, tear down the stage and drive out the children, a senseless and ridiculous attack. Much of the critical response to *1900* in Toronto is in the same vein.

John Simon of *Maclean's* leads the list of absurd put-downs, labeling the Communist protagonist too-good, the landlord protagonist too bad, the cinematography too "artificially beautiful" and the manure too excremental. After sneering

at the movie for being too propagandist at the beginning of his review, he ends with "it's difficult to tell whether Bertolucci is praising or reprehending something."

Clyde Gilmour dishes out his usual bad-tempered nonsense, comparing the movie to a Verdi opera and cataloguing a list of "crudities". Robert Martin in the *Globe* gets closer to an artistic evaluation of the film as an epic, but finds Robert De Niro too passionate to be impotent (ignoring the difference between physical and mental passion). He finishes with a wrist slap to Bertolucci for being too naively Communist for us political sophisticates who know all about what nasties those reds really are.

I suspect all three reviewers of

being put out that director Bertolucci could get his hands on 6 million dollars to turn out an epic on the rise of communism in Italy. Needless to say, the Hollywood money-men didn't know what they were funding at the time, basing the bankroll on Bertolucci's success with *Last Tango in Paris*.

This reviewer suggests that you forget all of that stuff, take along a cushion if necessary and sit through the whole four hours next time the movie comes to town. Not only is it a grand epic and visual delight, it's excellent historical background for understanding why the Communist Party is about to come to power in Italy today.

1900 is an example of Italian moviemakers' fascination with

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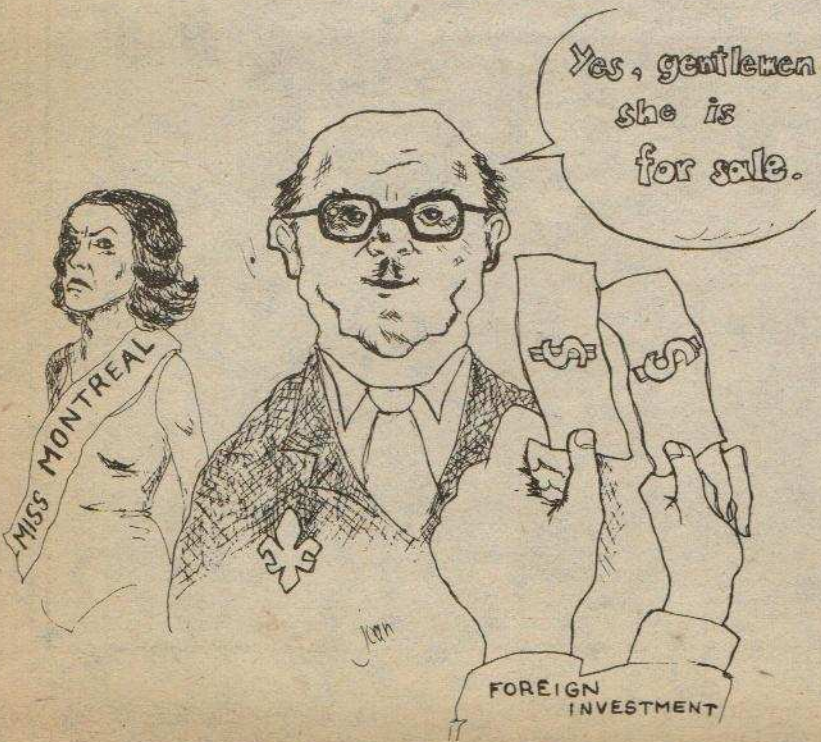
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International finance moves in

City of Montreal is up for grabs



Trizec, the second largest developer in Canada. To look at its board of directors, the company is as Canadian as the beaver, but in the abracadabra moves of a financial empire Aubin shows how they only, "seek to take on the colouration of their host country. They want to be perceived as Canadian by Canadians."

You'll see how an international company, virtually unknown to Canadians and the world, controls this country's number one owner of developable land, Genstar.

La Société Générale de Banque manipulated and colonized Africa's Congo until they were kicked out 15 years ago. Needing somewhere to move, 15 months later they were in Canada full force; mining, real estate, construction, housing — in fact it would be easier to list what they're not into rather than what they are into.

The strangest of the empires that has infiltrated Canada, is the Italian firm Societa Generale Immobiliare — one of the largest real estate companies in the world. But the company itself is not as strange as those who controlled its massive growth until 1969 — the Vatican.

Aubin illustrates how this multinational seeks profit to spread the gospel. He comments, "Some observers have found it hard to reconcile the concept of the Pope as the representative of Christ on earth with that of the head of a global financial empire."

City for Sale's subject is complex, but Aubin's readable style and attention to detail make it a useful reference guide to the commercial real estate market in Canada.

City for Sale
by Henry Aubin
éditions l'étoillette
James Lorimer
1977, 389 pages, \$10.95,
reviewed by Dale Clifton

and a half. In a series of articles for the *Gazette*, Aubin began his exhaustive, in depth revelations of who owned Montreal's real estate. But this book could be written about any Canadian city.

He roamed the financial centres of the world: London, Paris, New York, Rome to find that this country is a virtual pot of gold — for foreigners. "Foreign buyers of Canadian real estate have been welcomed here... with all the enthusiasm of brothel owners when the fleet comes in."

For example, he finds that the Rothschild financial empire is at the forefront of Canada's urban development. Another is

One day the city editor of the *Montreal Gazette* called reporter Henry Aubin into his office, offering him a reporter's dream assignment — an investigative piece on anything he wanted.

Aubin thought of the oil industry, but realized everyone else was digging there. So he decided to find out who were the builders, the shapers, and the providers for Montreal's sick urban setting. He told the editor he would need two to three months — it took a year

Sex pistols at 20

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Super salad suppers

By Sandra Bernstein

Spring approaches, and the perennial question of salad lovers blooms again: Where can you get a good salad in Toronto?

I speak not of the small, possibly tasty items that loll on a saucer to the left of the main course, but of salads that dominate the menu. Striding between soup and dessert, they have no need of more muscular entrees as bodyguards on their gastronomic forays.

Some places do offer good "salad bars", where, for a set price, patrons are asked to construct their own salads. Perhaps the best known of these is the Groaning Board on Bay

St., where there is a good selection of items for about \$3. Bassel's at Gerrard and Yonge has a reasonable soup-salad combination of this kind.

Unfortunately, other good salad bars are situated in less than ideal atmospheres. Two examples spring to mind:

1) The Great Canadian Beef Company on Mutual St. has, ironically, one of the better vegetarian meals around. For \$3.00 you get homemade soup, a hot roll, ice cream, beverage, and a salad that can include chick peas, fresh mushrooms, egg salad, potato salad, jello, greens, and cottage cheese. To enjoy all this, however, you have to be oblivious both to the Roy Rogers school of inter-

ior decoration, and to staff who are busy devoting themselves to those who buy beef and liquor.

2) Mamma G's, 279 Yonge (near Eaton's) is a basement restaurant which turns into a disco hot spot at night. Before 8:00, they have reasonable prices on Italian food. The salad bar has to be the cheapest in town: for \$1.25 you can heap a plate with good Greek salad, potato salad, beets, marinated chick peas, and cole slaw. The place, although clean, is gloomy and slightly disreputable-looking. I went in around 6 p.m. one weekday, and it was so empty I wondered whether they were closed, but the staff were too

polite to tell me. Add to this a very powerfully amplified supply of Italian disco records playing while you munch on your greens.

An alternative to the salad bar is the vegetarian feature in specialty restaurants. The Star of Omar Khayam, on College St., has a tabooley salad renowned for being tasty, nutritious and cheap. The Byzantine at Logan and Danforth has (like many Greek restaurants) a snappy rendition of the feta cheese/kalamata olive combination.

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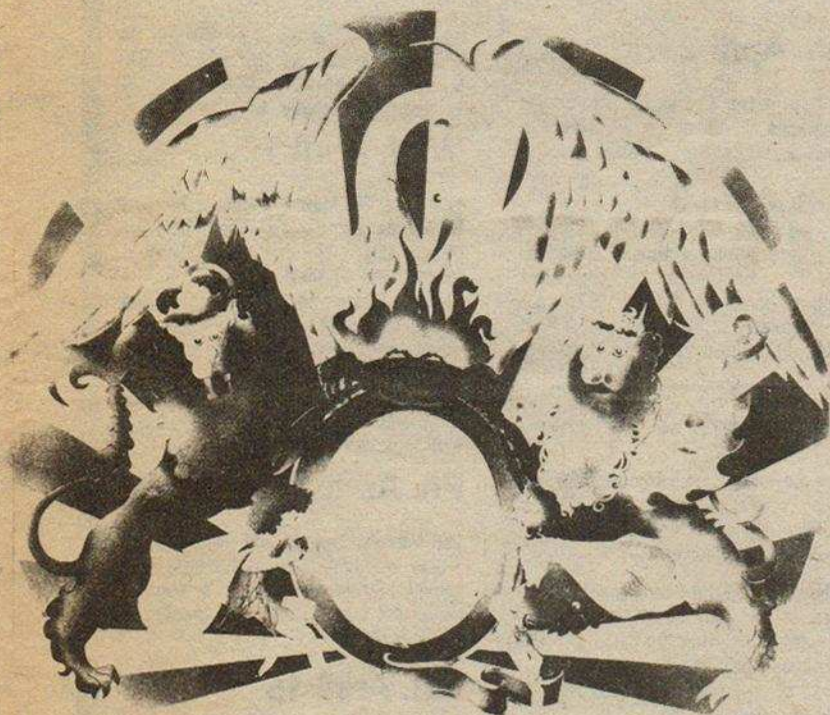
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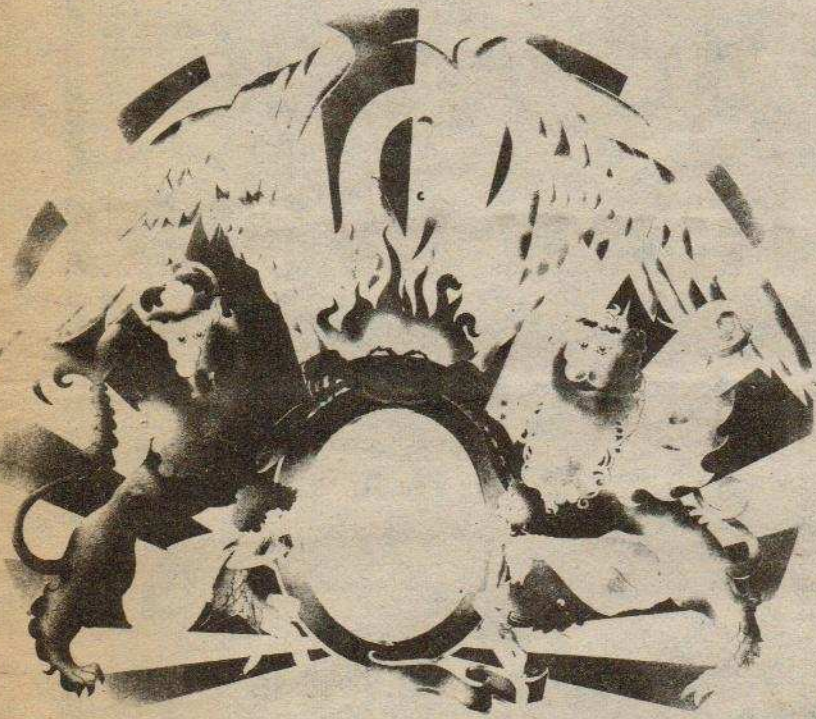
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Introducing Lilo the Clone

New science fiction

By Jeremy Hole

The Ophiuchi Hotline
by John Varley
Dial Press, James Wade 1977.

Truism: exceptionally wealthy and powerful men have a predilection for playing God.

Observation: One of the better-known attributes of God is His ability to create beings in His own image.

Fact: the genetic process known as 'cloning' makes it possible to produce carbon-copies of an original from a single cell.

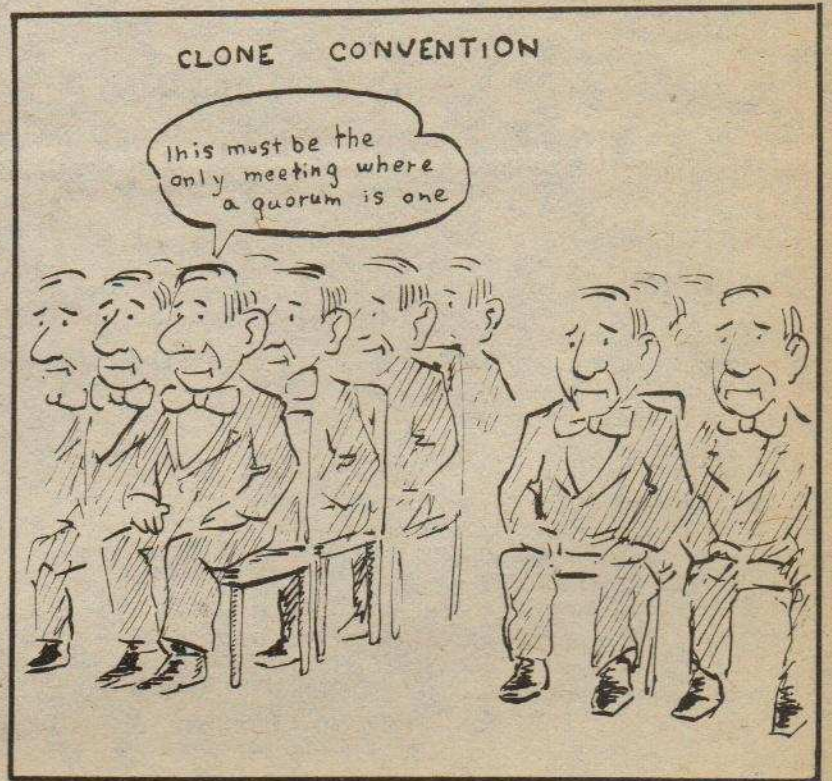
Frogs have already been successfully cloned. Now the existence has been reported of a healthy, 14-month-old boy, cloned from an American millionaire who apparently offered 'any kind of money' for a duplicate of himself.

The story is unconfirmed and has been sceptically received by some scientists prominent in the field. Even among the doubters, however, there is general agreement that genetic research is proceeding at a rate which urgently requires a thorough examination of the ethics involved.

If human cloning is an imminent possibility, then the implications are frightening indeed. It need hardly be stated that there are not only individuals but also power-groups who would, if unchecked, be quick to capitalize on such a situation. Train the perfect soldier, the utterly passive worker — then multiply.

The concept of cloning is central to John Varley's *The Ophiuchi Hotline*. It is explored within the context of far-future adventure — a superior example of its kind, though not especially original.

The human race has spread through the solar system but has been effortlessly pushed off Earth by the unapproachable and incomprehensible aliens



known simply as the Invaders.

On Luna, renegade politician Boss Tweed heads the fanatical Free Earthers. To further his plans for the recapture of Earth, Tweed kidnaps a number of researchers and scientists including Lilo — the novel's main protagonist or rather protagonists. Lilo has been illegally cloned and thus exists and acts in several manifestations.

Superficially, the story follows her efforts to escape from Tweed's manipulations; to rescue her friends and lover(s) from his doomed operation. On a deeper level, the concern is with the various Lilos' respective attempts to cope with the scattering of an original, single personality through space and time. What is it like to meet yourself, but a self with separate memories, separate experiences?

Varley's exploration of clone-consciousness is as subtle and as

sensitive as anything done in this area since Ursula LeGuin's poignant story *Nine Lives*. The book is otherwise lively and colourful, replete with exotic locales, bizarre supporting characters and thought-provoking ideas.

For instance, the death-blow given to sex-role stereotyping by 'cosmetic surgery'; the general availability of uncomplicated, easily reversible sex-change operations.

The creative energy is such that the author has some difficulty in maintaining control over his wealth of ideas. The narrative can be confusing. Occasionally its flow is impeded by awkward expository passages.

This is Varley's first novel. While it is to be anticipated that he will learn to integrate his material more effectively in the future, it is nevertheless an impressive debut.

Working class epic

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sex and violence and the art of ugliness, a sort of Theatre of the Grotesque repellent to the North American mind perhaps, but none the less fascinating.

The countryside near Parma supplies some of the best footage.

The film is one of those sweeping epics that relate more to the land and the times and the life than to specific characters (other than the protagonists, of course). All the major characters have the same ties to the land and their families and childhood that kept driving Scarlett O'Hara back to Tara (Terra?) and not much more luck with their wives than Scarlett had with Rhett.

The story chronicles the life of two neighbours, Olmo Dalco (Gerard Depardieu) whose

grandfather was a peasant on the same land where Alfredo Berlinghieri's (Robert De Niro) grandfather was the padrone. They are born on the same day in 1900 as Guiseppi Verdi dies and the story goes on to 1945 with a brief vignette of the present at the end.

Along the way they develop from boys to men, Olmo a Communist, Alfredo a liberal landlord. Neither Olmo nor Alfredo will do each other in, though they do manage to shove each other around a lot, literally and figuratively.

Olmo is busy with the work of farming and political struggle, Alfredo pursues the leisurely aristocratic country life in which he grew up, after a brief sojourn in the city with his homosexual uncle. During this interlude he meets a gorgeous,

unpredictable French bohemian named Ada (Dominique Sanda) who becomes his wife. Olmo also takes up with an out-of-towner (Stefania Sandrelli) who is briefly his comrade and lover until she dies in childbirth. Both women are "too pretty for this place" as Alfredo's cousin puts it, and orphans as well.

Ada stays in the film long enough to provide a delightfully sophisticated contradiction to the landlocked protagonists, managing to be more liberal and more decadent than her husband and to have more of a mind of her own as well.

Throughout the movie peasants suffer and endure, landlords gradually die by their own hand and Olmo the socialist/communist/partisan hope, emerges not as a hero but as a survivor whose victory is a matter of time and numbers.



CALENDAR

Sat. March 18

Storytelling Old favourites at the Northern District Library, 10:30 a.m., and at 2:00 p.m., **Dances that tell a story** with the Aurora Chinese Dancing Group. For ages 3 and a half up. Hope you guys are reading this. Call 484-6087. **Free.**

Ciaran Mac Mathuna and the Golden Harp are playing traditional Irish Music at Harbourfront, 8:00 p.m. **Free.** Call 364-5665.

Committee for Better Race Relations meeting with Walter Pitman, author of Metro's Human Relations report at the Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair West, 1:30 p.m. Call Chai at 653-9329.

Sun. March 19

Jazz at Harbourfront The Bob Deangelis Band is playing in the Brigantine Room. \$1.00 cover. Call 364-5665.

Galileo: Film adaptation of Brecht's play. 7:30 at the ROM theatre. **Free** with \$1.00 Museum admission.

Mon. March 20

Rookie of the Year, a film about a girl who wants to play on the boys baseball team. 2:00 p.m. at the Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd. Call 484-6087. **Free.**

Crafts for Easter Bonnets! Baskets! Bunnies! Gosh! At the Parkdale Library. 2:30 p.m. **Free.**

Tues. March 21

Paint to Music at the Dufferin/St. Clair Library. 2:00 p.m. Call 652-1460.

Films around Prejudice with speaker Frances Henry, professor of anthropology. At the Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. West, 8:00 p.m. Call 653-9329.

Modern Dance Workshop for children at Harbourfront in the afternoon. 50c. Call 364-5665 for information.

In the Jungle There is Much to Do: A film inspired by an illustrated allegorical letter from a Uruguayan political prisoner to his daughter. At the Cross Cultural Communications Centre, 1991 Dufferin St. Call 653-2223.

Wed. March 22

Play International Chess Master Lawrence Day at the Toronto Chess Club, 109 Vaughan Rd. For ages 13 and under. **Free.** Call Erik Malmsten at 656-9054 any Sunday afternoon for details on regular Sunday tournaments.

Two Films by **Robert Frank** featuring Allen Ginsberg, Larry Rivers and Jack Kerouac. 8:00 p.m. at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Gallery admission \$1.00.

Bertolucci's 1900, 7:30 p.m. at the Revue Repertory. Call 531-9959. From Thursday March 16.

Thursday's Children and Every Day Except Christmas: Films by Lindsay Anderson at the Ontario College of Art Auditorium, 100 McCaul St. 7:00 p.m. **Free.**

Thurs. March 23

Basic Filmmaking a 4 week workshop starts tonight, 8:00 p.m., at the CEAC School, 15 Duncan St. \$25.00. Call 368-4933.

Making Caterpillars You guys should learn something useful during your holidays. 2:00 p.m. at the Dufferin/St. Clair Library. **Free.** Call 652-1460.

Films at OISE: **Battle of Chile - Coup D'Etat** at 7:30 p.m. and **Blood of the Condor** at 9:30. \$2.00 double bill. Call 961-3035.

Creating together, a learning and playing programme for parents and children under 4, is held every Thursday morning at the West End YMCA. Registration \$15.00. Call 536-1166.

The Celtic Heritage: Irish gold and British bronze artifacts from the first and second millennium B.C. at the ROM. Closing today. \$1.00 museum admission.

No to Argentinian Junta: A public meeting at the steelworkers' Hall, 25 Cecil St., 7:30 p.m. Speakers from the OFL, No Candu, and churches. Followed by a candlelight march to Nathan Phillips square, commencing a 24 hour vigil for Argentinian political prisoners.

Fri. March 24

If you still haven't seen **Roots** (cretin), the 2 last installments are being shown **free** in the Community Gallery, Harbourfront, at 8:00 p.m.

Sat. March 25

Telling Stories Through Cartoons 2:00 p.m. at the Dufferin/St. Clair Library. **Free.** Call 652-1460.

Think Twice, It's All Right Charnie Guettel's one woman cabaret at Harbourfront, 8:30 p.m. \$3.00 in the Brigantine Room. Call 364-5665.

Sun. March 26

Who is Charles P. Schott? A one-man variety show combining mime, song and dance. **Free** at Harbourfront. 8:30 p.m. Call 364-5665.

Tues. March 28

Independent Choreography classes at the CEAC School, 15 Duncan St. Starting today at 1:00 p.m. 4 week session \$25.00. Call 368-4933.

Immigration with guest speaker Gloria Montero, author of **The Immigrants,** Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair West, 8:00 p.m. Call 653-9329.

Films on India at the Dufferin/St. Clair Library, 1625 Dufferin. 7:00 p.m. **Free.**

Wed. March 29

Art and Social Reality, an investigation into the fine art of cultural domination. 4 week session at the CEAC School. \$25.00. Call 368-4933.

Thurs. March 30

Toward the Notion of a Gay Art, a 4 week session at the CEAC School on cultural developments after the Stonewall riots of '69. Starting tonight, 8:00 p.m. \$25.00.

On a Drop of Water Science lecture at the ROM, 8:00 p.m. **Free** with museum admission.

Canadian Electronic Ensemble concert at the Theatre Upstairs, 26 Berkeley St. 9:00 p.m. Tickets \$3.50. Call 465-5082 or 864-9994.

Fri. March 31

Run Appaloosa Run A film about a girl who rides her horse in a stampede race. 4:00 p.m. at the Deer Park Library, 40 St. Clair East. **Free.**

Le Théâtre du P'tit Bonheur présente **Quatre à Quatre** de Michel Garneau. Du 14 mars au 1 avril à 20h30 au Centre St. Paul. Téléphonez 363-4129.

The War of 1812 Closing day for this graphic exhibition of the last international war to be fought in Canada. At the Canadiana Building, 14 Queen's Park Crescent. **Free.**

Sat. April 1

Urban Alliance on Race Relations Annual General Meeting. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St. All welcome. Call 598-0111.

Master Prints — Recent Acquisitions in the Trier Gallery of the AGO, to April 2. Prints from the 15th to the 20th century. \$1.00 admission to the Gallery.

Full Employment Coalition of Toronto's General Meeting to discuss Women and Youth Unemployment and to outline plans for future actions. For more information call 363-4404 or write P.O. Box 6171, Station A, Toronto, M5W 1P6.

Sun. April 2

Last day of the **Eadweard Muybridge Photographs** exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario. \$1.00 Gallery admission.

Mon. April 3

Buying and Selling a Home: a Toronto Community Law Programme course **free** tonight and tomorrow night, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Presented at the Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd. Call 967-5183.

Tues. April 4

Cross Cultural Communication Centre Annual General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Bloor and Gladstone Library, 1101 Bloor West. Get involved.

Wacousta! A theatre evening adapted by James Reaney from the classic Canadian novel opens tonight at the Bathurst Street Theatre. To April 30.

Wed. April 5

Cathie Stewart at Queen's Park, a noon hour folk concert in the St. Lawrence Lounge. **Free** (courtesy of your tax dollars, that is).

The Brides of Dracula continues at the Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley St., 8:30 p.m. Call 368-2856.

Fri. April 7

Santiago's Ark A film about a boy who struggles to build a boat on a tenement rooftop. 4:00 p.m. at the Deer Park Library, 40 St. Clair East. **Free.**

Sun. April 9

Fear Eats the Soul: a German film about a Moroccan "guest worker" (read: exploited immigrant) by Werner Fassbinder. 4:00 p.m. at the Art Gallery of Ontario. \$2.00.

Mon. April 10

Art and Communication discussions at the CEAC School, Monday evenings 8:00 p.m. **Free.** Call 368-4933.

Employment and Unemployment Rights: a Toronto Community Law Programme course presented **free** tonight and tomorrow night, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. At the High Park Library, 228 Roncesvalles. Call 967-5183.

Tues. April 11

Canada's only weekly Poetry Reading is held every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Harbourfront Cafe. Open readings follow the guest set. **Free.**

Costume from the World of Islam in the ROM Textile Gallery, to Sept. 10. The Museum is open to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, by the way. \$1.00 admission.

Wed. April 12

Films at OISE: **Montreal Main** at 7:30 and **La Vie Revee** at 9:30. About men and men and women and women, respectively. \$2.00 double bill.

Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon: a film based on Somerset Maugham's novel, with Leslie Howard and Bette Davis (does she play Watson, Sherlock, or the Secret Weapon?) 7:30 p.m. at the Bloor and Gladstone Library. **Free.** Call 536-3402.

Fri. April 14

The Toronto Super Eight Film Festival: Today and tomorrow at Harbourfront, activities include workshops, screenings, equipment displays and photographic exhibitions. Call 367-0590.

Sat. April 15

Income Tax Clinic continues to April 19 at the Centre for Spanish Speaking Peoples, 582A College St. By appointment. Call 533-8545.

Heroes and Heroines: Changing perceptions of ideal personality from the 17th century to the present, at the AGO, Education Gallery. To May 14. \$1.00 Gallery admission.

Sun. April 16

Loot, a wierd sounding play by Joe Orton at the Phoenix Theatre, 390 Dupont, **Sunday Pay what you can.** 3:00 p.m. Call 922-7835.

The Toronto Super Eight Film Festival: final day. Public screenings at the New Yorker. Call 367-0590.

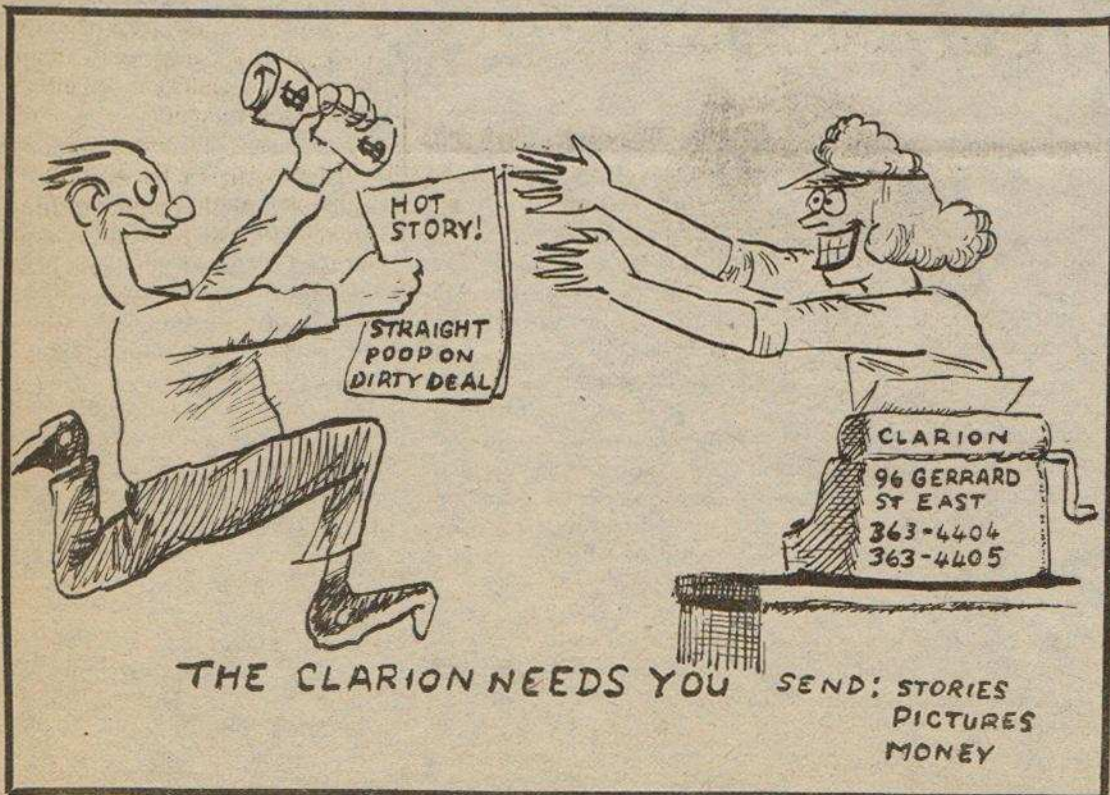
Mon. April 17

Distances and Dreams at the McLaughlin Planetarium. Astronomers have proven that the universe is considerably bigger than a bread box. 7:30 p.m. Admission \$1.50. Continuing to June 18.

Announcing the **New Invertebrate Palaeontology Gallery** at the ROM. An exciting new collection of slimy things which used to hang around Ontario 1400 million years ago.

Glimpses of Central India, Raju the Guide, and **Music of India** (drums) are being shown **free** at the annette St. Library, 7:00 p.m. Call 651-1400.

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Immigration law stalls organizing: union leaders say

By Paul Weinberg

Immigrant workers will be under the thumb as of April 1, say labour representatives.

Madeleine Parent, president of the Canadian Textile and Chemical Union, and Andre Beckerman, president of the United Garment Workers Union, both contend that immigrant workers will be discouraged from union organizing by the new Federal Immigration Act. The Act allows the deportation of landed immigrants if there are "reasonable grounds to believe that they will commit an indictable offense."

A security certificate based on secret police reports and

signed by two cabinet ministers will be enough to deport an immigrant. The immigration department will not be required to give reasons for the deportation.

Immigrant workers are afraid to take part in union activities, or to walk on picket lines for fear of being called "subversive", according to Parent.

She told the *Clarion*, "I had a case recently of a young fellow involved in a lawful strike who was charged with an offence on the picket line. Even before his case was taken to court, the immigration officials came to see him. Luckily we were able to send our best lawyer to court with him."

"This young man was not very radical but he was afraid for his life. If he had been deported to his home country, he would have been put into the army."

Andre Beckerman feels that immigrant workers get the poorest jobs, and the purpose of the new Act is to keep them in their place. Both he and Madeleine Parent fear that the legislation could drive a wedge between native-born Canadians who want to unionize, and immigrant workers who don't for fear that they might be branded as troublemakers, and deported.

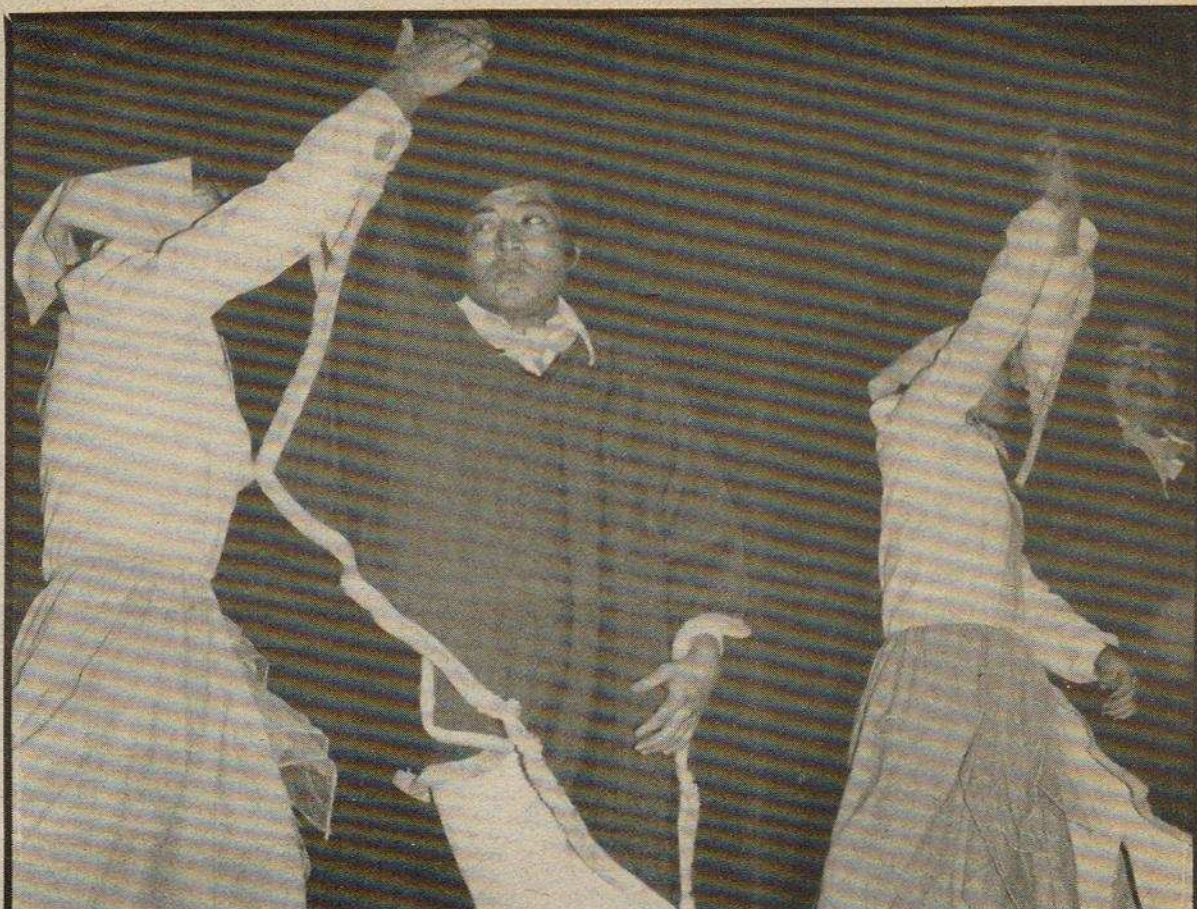
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The Victor Jara dancers of the Toronto Chilean Association entertained 150 people at the Canada Peace Congress' rally, March 11, at 252 Bloor St. West.

Frank Cunningham of the People's

Assembly on Canadian Foreign Policy, co-sponsor of the rally, urged people to come to Ottawa, March 31-April 2, for the Canadian Assembly on Disarmament, before the U.N. disarmament conference begins.

People's food commission

By Peter Davies

One of the most significant movements leading to social and economic change in Canada is underway.

The People's Food Commission, the first comprehensive enquiry into Canada's food system independent of government and business influence, starts this spring with a series of more than 65 hearings in communities across the nation. Ten commissioners, two from each of five regions (Ontario is one), will conduct the hearings.

Farmers and fisherfolk, food industry workers and consumers, will have opportunities to bring to the hearings their experiences

of the faults, failures and horrors of producing, processing, distributing and marketing our food.

Poor people will describe lives burdened by ever-increasing food prices. Primary producers will talk about rural depopulation, declining fish stocks, the cost-price squeeze and marketing boards.

The commissioners will learn of the assaults on third world economies by multi-national agribusiness bandits — the corporations which sell for unconscionable profits the plundered products of Latin America, Africa and Asia in Canadian supermarkets.


They will be presented with first-hand accounts of the frightful working conditions — for women and immigrants especially — in Canada's food processing industry. They will have before them deeply disturbing reports of the effects that the poisonous advertising practices of food corporations have upon the health of Canada's youngest generation.

From all the evidence, The People's Food Commission will present a picture, undistorted by the colourings of partisan politicians and their corporate lobbyists, that will show, the contemporary food scene in Canada. The picture, in the form of a written report, will be presented to those who took part in the hearings so that they may discuss it and use it to move from words to action.

The report, to be ready in mid-1979, will include recommendations about ways and means of ensuring an adequate supply of nutritious food. Food that is grown, produced, distributed and sold in circumstances that care both for our environment and our humanity.

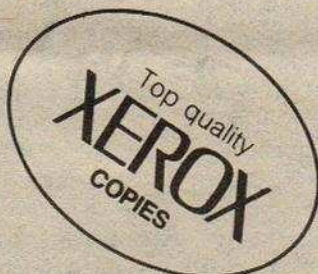
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In Toronto, the offices of The People's Food Commission (which is supported by the Canadian Labour Congress, the United Church of Canada, the National Union of Students, OXFAM Canada and more than 30 other national and regional organizations) are at 121 Avenue Road (St. Paul's Centre). To join in the Commission's work, telephone Mike Carr, Nancy Vander Plaats or Roberta Rivers at 964-6560.


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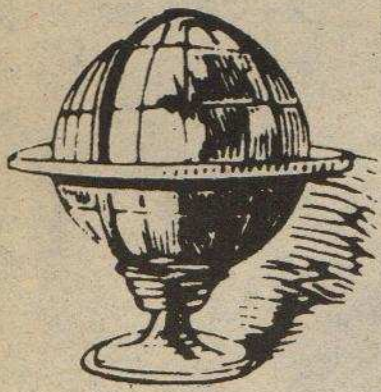
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World In Brief

Political prisoners

Campaigns for the defense of political prisoners in two widely separated countries, Guyana and China have produced different results.

Arnold Rampersaud, a Peoples Progressive Party militant, was recently freed by the High Court of Guyana after over three years of imprisonment. He had been charged with the shooting of a policeman on the flimsiest evidence and despite split juries in the first two trials had been held for a third trial. Members of the Association of Concerned Guyanese in Canada organized an active support committee and credit international solidarity with an important part of the victory.

Chinese officials, however, have not yet responded to appeals for the freedom of two anarchist students currently being held in a labour camp as counter-revolutionaries. Supporters of Li I-che and Yang Hsi-Kwang in Hong Kong put up big-character posters and in Adelaide, Australia plastered a Chinese trade show with stickers in English, French Japanese and Chinese. Actions have also occurred in major cities around the world and Amnesty International has taken up their cases.

No Nuke victory

In the election for town manager of Kise-cho, Japan, Nawate Mizucho of the antinuclear power plant faction defeated a candidate from the pronuclear power plant faction.

The election was held because the former manager of Kise-cho had resigned the post after he was arrested for receiving bribes from Chubu Electric in return for promoting the Ashihara nuclear power plant construction project.

The election campaign was fought solely on the issue of the proposed nuclear power plant construction. The government and Chubu Electric were unpleasantly shocked by Nawate's victory, which spells further trouble for the pending Ashihara power plant construction project.

New Asia News

Defence is no defence



In These Times

French jurists protest the extradition trial of Klaus Croissant and demand justice for other West German lawyers under indictment.

Kurt Groenewold, a lawyer, is now on trial in Hamburg. His crime: "association with criminals." The criminals were his clients in the Red Army Fraction, better known in the press as "the Baader-Meinhof gang."

Like Klaus Croissant, another lawyer whose trial begins soon, Groenewold is accused of carrying messages among imprisoned members of the RFA concerning their defense and public statements on their hunger strike. Some of the clients have since been murdered in the maximum security Stammheim prison.

"It's true that the vast majority of Germans are very hostile to the terrorists," says Groenewold, "but who could believe that I approve of the crimes committed by some of them? A lawyer should defend a man or a woman against the crowd without constraint. When this freedom is obstructed, democracy as a whole is threatened, even if a majority of my compatriots don't understand this yet."

Dominican Republic & Sudbury Falconbridge in trouble

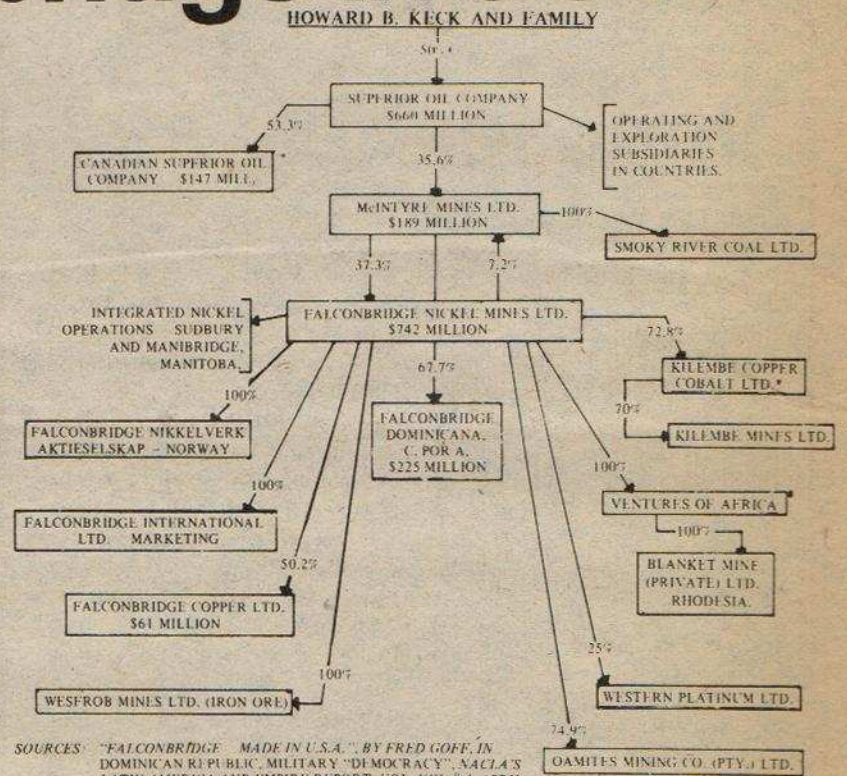
Earlier this year, Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd. announced that it was laying off 550 workers at its Falcondo operations in the Dominican Republic. These lay-offs affect more than a quarter of Falcondo's 2000 workers and will have a serious effect on the town of Bonao, where the Falcondo Plant is located.

Falconbridge has been operating in the Dominican Republic for five years. During that time, the Falcondo plant has netted Falconbridge most of its total profits, since the company can take advantage of a repressed Dominican labour force and the total absence of pollution control legislation.

In his speech to the annual shareholders' meeting last year, Marsh Cooper, President of Falconbridge, said "Falconbridge Dominicana was the most significant contributor to the company's consolidated earnings for the past year, accounting for \$8,834,000 of the aggregate contribution of \$11,428,000 by the subsidiary companies."

Despite its fine performance however, Falconbridge Dominicana has been subject to the same production cut-backs as Falconbridge's nickel operations in Sudbury, Ontario.

Two years ago, Falcondo shut down one of its three furnaces without laying off any workers. With the lay-offs in



SOURCES: "FALCONBRIDGE MADE IN U.S.A." BY FRED GOFF, IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MILITARY "DEMOCRACY", NACLA'S LATIN AMERICA AND EMPIRE REPORT, VOL. VIII, #4, APRIL 1974.

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FINANCIAL POST SURVEY OF MINES, 1975. FINANCIAL POST, TORONTO, 1975. dollar amounts express assets in millions as of 1974.

January of this year, another furnace was shut down.

This situation is paralleled by the recent events affecting Falconbridge workers in Sudbury. After suspending its entire 4,000 member workforce during the month of September, Falconbridge announced further long-term lay-offs in December affecting 750 workers. The company does not want to accept the union's work-sharing proposal even though the plan would eliminate the need to lay-

off workers.

Public resentment against Falconbridge in the Dominican Republic is high not only because of the lay-offs but because the company owes its workers \$5 million in overtime wages. The government and the company have done all they can to ensure that the people affected by the lay-offs have no say in the company's decision.

Latin American and Caribbean Inside Report

Latin America Racists find greener pasture

The minority regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia have been seeking closer ties with the military dictatorship of Latin America.

These ties can be seen in many ways: Chilean soldiers fighting SWAPO in Namibia, increased trade relations; and joint training exchanges of military officers. Now the countries of the southern cone of Latin America are opening their doors to white immigrants from South Africa and Rhodesia.

At the same time, governments such as those of West Germany and Canada have offered to support financially massive programs for the resettlement of white Rhodesians, primarily to Bolivia, but also to Uruguay and northern Argentina. Acknowledging the inevitable victory of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe, white Rhodesians have been seeking other countries to which they could emigrate and hopefully maintain their same privileged status.

Since January, 1977, the Bolivian dictatorship declared that they intended to 'encourage the entry... of a large number of white immigrants of German and Dutch origin, specially from Namibia, Rhodesia and South Africa.'

In its eagerness to populate Bolivia with reactionary non-Indians, the Banzer regime is also in the process of accepting a possible 40,000 anti-communist farmers from Laos, Cam-

bodia and Vietnam. The norwegian-based organization, Food for the Hungry International, which is sponsoring the program, is presently appealing to the present B.C. provincial

government for a \$2 million contribution to finance the enterprise, according to the Vancouver Province, Nov. 24, 1977.

Venceremos

Italy

RR blocked

By Bart Kreps

On Wednesday, March 1, several hundred angry workers and students got off their train at an unscheduled stop, fanned out over the tracks, and stayed there for four hours, stopping all traffic on the busy rail line between Rome and Florence.

The previous day, the train had arrived in Florence an hour-and-a-half late — at 9:20 instead of 7:47 as scheduled. When workers tried to explain to their angry bosses why they were so late, many bosses called the office of the state-operated railroad to check out the alibis. The official answering the telephone gave each caller the same response: "Only ten minutes."

So on March 1 at 8 a.m. when the train, already 20 minutes late, made an unscheduled stop at Pontassieve, about ten miles southeast of Florence, the irate passengers spilled out onto the tracks and sat down on the rails. Soon they were joined by a thousand more people from the station and from the town.

They didn't move until noon, and thus all traffic on the busy

corridor was halted for four hours, causing chaos for the rest of the day.

The commuters were also protesting the uncomfortable conditions on the train. While new trains go into service on the long-distance express lines, the workers who ride the rails for an hour or more every morning and night put up with the oldest and shabbiest cars. The seats are wooden benches (many passengers, of course, have to stand in the aisles anyway) and the heating systems function erratically or not at all.

Off-colour disaster

A Soviet supertanker carrying 100,000 gallons of red paint destined for Ethiopia recently collided with a Liberian freighter transporting an undisclosed quantity of purple dye, sources say.

Coast Guard officials arriving on the scene reported that the crews of both ships had been marooned.

Opinion: Unemployment

By Ethan Phillips

Canada is experiencing the worst unemployment crisis since the Great Depression. By the government's own figures, 991,000 people are unemployed.

These figures, however, ignore all those people who have given up their search for work. They leave out the parents of small children who would work if suitable child care were available. They do not include the many native people living on reservations who cannot find jobs. They don't count numerous people who have been forced into early retirement by lack of work, or the 250,000 part-time workers employed at greatly reduced incomes because they are unable to find full time jobs. Finally, they fail to take into account all those who reluctantly return to school because of dismal job prospects.

So, while the government's figures show 991,000 unemployed, in reality there are at least twice that number. To fully appreciate the human tragedy of a million unemployed Canadians we must also take into account those groups that are hit particularly hard by unemployment.

Unemployment among young workers is now almost 15%. People between the ages of 15 and 24 account for 48% of Canada's unemployed, but only 27% of its workforce. The social and economic costs of severe youth unemployment measured in increased vandalism, racial strife, and psychological problems are becoming all too apparent.

A survey by the *Financial Post* (April, 1977) showed that women, while making up one-third of the labour force accounted for 43.3% of total unemployment. In spite of what is said about women working for "pin money", women, because of economic need are forming an even greater part of the labour force. Forty-three per cent of working women are single, widowed or divorced and thus self supporting. Moreover, 50% of working wives are married to men who earn less than \$8,000 per year.

Government and business consistently place the blame for this country's economic problems including high unemployment on the 'high cost of labour'. High wages, they say, weaken the manufacturing sector. This is simply untrue. In recent years, with inflation rocketing upward, real wages in Canada have actually diminished for Canadian workers.

Between 1967 and 1975, wages in other Western countries such as Sweden, West Germany and Japan actually rose 2 to 3 times faster than in Canada. Wages in the US rose at the same rate.

Twenty years ago wages were almost 30% lower than those in the US. The wage differential did not lead to any great expansion of manufacturing investment in Canada. Low wages then did not create a strong manufacturing base 20 years ago; nor will diminishing real wages today strengthen the Canadian economy. Diminishing real wages and high unemployment simply mean one thing — a reduced standard of living for all workers and their families.

Readers are invited to send in their comments. The column does not necessarily represent the editorial position of the Toronto Clarion.



Gay Alexander, of Youth Services Network, asked Hitching whether the Labour Council was just taking a "social casework" approach to unemployment. D. Clifton

Labour Council shuns Coalition

The Toronto Full Employment Coalition (TFEC) held its second general meeting Feb. 25, to elect a steering committee and to discuss strategy.

A representative from the Metro Labour Council (MLC), Peter Hitchings, told the meeting he couldn't see the MLC joining the coalition either at present or in the foreseeable future. "Why would we want to join you," he asked, "when we're off and running on our own?"

Instead, he invited members of the coalition to volunteer to get the MLC's Unemployment Help

Centre off the ground.

Coalition members have gone on record as supporting the centre and have urged those interested to get involved with it. However, the coalition does not want to provide services to the unemployed.

Rather, group members said they wish to provide a focus for political action of the unemployed.

According to a coalition spokesperson, "We support other groups that are providing help to the unemployed, and actively endorse struggles against cutbacks and layoffs."

"This type of coalition can present a forum of action," said Peter Rowe, another coalition member. "We can go to areas where there are problems actually taking place, and help."

The immediate goal of the Coalition is to expand its membership by means of a publicity campaign. It considers women and youth to be a priority in organizing the unemployed since they have been the hardest hit. The coalition intends to hold a mass rally in May to voice the concern of Toronto's 150,000 unemployed.

Cut-back demo

By M. Burnett

The Ontario Federation of Students and the Metro Committee Against Cutbacks are organizing a rally and demonstration at Queen's Park on March 16. The rally is the first since 3,000 students demonstrated against budget cuts and student aid changes in January, 1976.

The March 16 action is to protest the recent cuts in post-secondary education and changes in student aid (OSAP). The cuts have not only meant layoffs of part-time faculty at Ryerson, York, Trent and other institutions but also the dropping of classes.

The cutbacks will put post-secondary education out of the reach of many students. The decreased subsidies will shift the burden onto low-income families forcing them to dig deeper into their paycheques," said Dale Martin, OFS Researcher.

Opposition to the cut-backs has been steadily mounting in the past two weeks. Students at Trent University occupied the Comptroller's office demanding that classes be cancelled for the rally. The Trent Senate subsequently voted to close the school. Other occupations at Carleton, McMaster, Ryerson,

University of Toronto and Guelph were spurred on by the changes in the OSAP programme. OFS leaked to the *Globe* a confidential document outlining the proposed changes in OSAP.

Demonstrations against cutbacks are not only occurring in Ontario. Students in all provinces but Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland are also planning actions throughout the week.

Robin Hood goons acquittal appealed

The Crown has accused Montreal judge Paul Reeves with eight errors in interpreting the law earlier this year when presiding over the case of the Robin Hood goons, Antonio Rolland and Marc Levesque. The two security guards were acquitted of charges that they had shot strikers at Robin Hood's Montreal flour mill last summer. The Crown is appealing the decision.

Claude Millette, of the Quebec attorney-general's office, has accused Reeves, of failing to sufficiently instruct the jury in the value and implications of

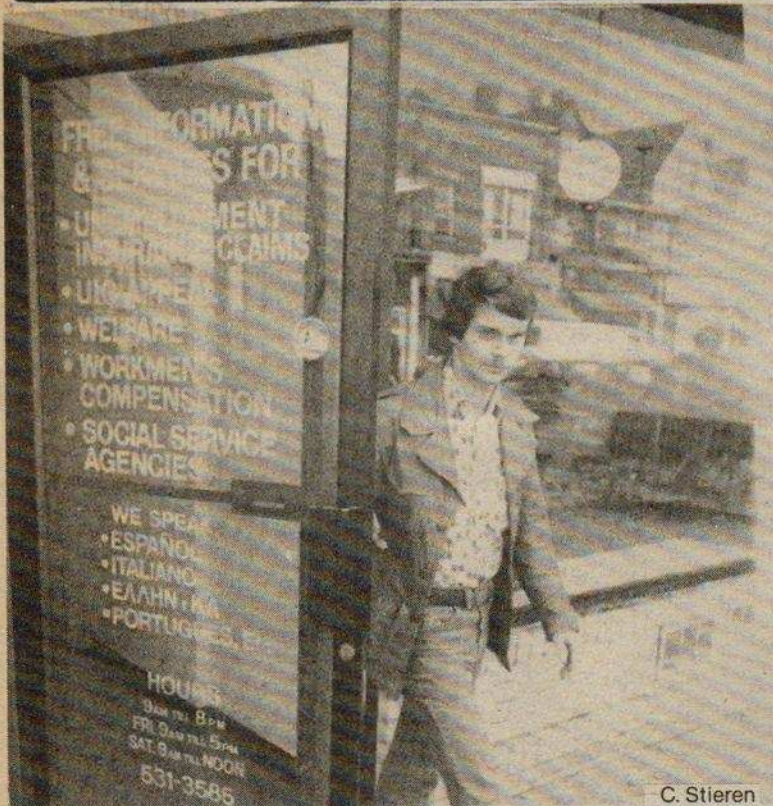
"We hope to have 10,000 students and faculty at the rally," said Sylvie Baillergeon, a member of the Ryerson anti-cutbacks committee.

"We are expecting busloads of students from at least 10 schools in the province. We are going to show the government that there is broad opposition to the cutbacks and that to go ahead with them is unrealistic," stated Martin.

circumstantial evidence in the case.

Among his other imputed errors were certain unjustified remarks concerning the defense of private property by necessary force.

The CNTU, the union to which the wounded strikers belong, had earlier called for a new trial, on the grounds that Reeves was acting in a conflict of interest in judging the Robin Hood case. He had had a close interest, over a period of 15 years, in a security agency bearing his family's name. The agency was founded by his father.



C. Stieren

This unemployed worker with a complaint about UIC is one of nearly 500 a month who pass through the doors of the Unemployment Help Centre at 853-B Bloor ST. W. With sponsorship from Metro Labour Council and funds from United Way, a staff of four and 15 volunteers counsel jobless workers in Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Greek. Counsellor Keith Oleksiuk estimates 1,000 unemployed a month will soon be coming through the centre. Volunteers who speak Portuguese, Chinese, Italian or Slavic languages are still needed.

Spadina oasis to dry up soon

By Paul Weinberg

Grossman's Tavern is closing but no one has yet told the employees. Owner Jack Fong is awaiting permission from the city to tear it down and have a restaurant and retail outlet built in its place.

Not that anyone around College and Spadina is surprised by the decline of Grossman's — except for the closet intellectuals who used to come down weekends wearing their beads.

O sure, the jazz crowd still shows up to listen to Kid Bastien's great Dixie land jazz; but Grossman's regulars are an endangered species.

It hasn't been the same since old man Albert Grossman left five years ago, says a veteran drunk who now haunts the Paramount, just down the street.

The music scene has changed radically since the early 1970's, when Grossman's was one of few bars in Toronto to play raunchy jazz and blues. "I remember many times then when there would be 50 people lined up freezing outside while the tiny bar was filled to capacity", says Don Walsh, guitar player and harmonica player for Downchild Blues Band.

Walsh still comes down to jam with Kid Bastien on weekends. In the early 1970's his band was one of the big attractions.

"I got my start there. I was 21 years old driving a cab when I started performing with a band that was only three weeks old."

Walsh recalls how many of the veteran black blues players like John Lee Hooker and James Cotton would come down to play and jam.

"Once Cotton got so drunk jamming with us on a Saturday afternoon, he couldn't perform that night at the Ex in the Automotive Building. He fell off the stage and that was it."

Grossman's was always the hub of activity in Lower Spadina but the locals started turning away when the crowds came. Nothing changes the tone of a neighbourhood bar quicker than discovery by the media.

The area has seen incredible changes in population since the war with successive waves of Jews, blacks, Hungarians, Americans, and now Chinese says Albert Grossman, who owned and operated the tavern between 1951 and 1972.

Taverns as homey places where people can mix, drink,

and hear music are not popular among the Chinatown population who prefer restaurants.

Grossman does not regret leaving: "After ten years of working from morning to midnight I'm glad to call it quits."

The wave of American exiles fleeing the Vietnam war passed through Grossman's as one of their haunts. Grossman himself would help them find a place to stay.

"I got a lot of flak from some very uptight people but it wasn't my business what the kids looked like or what their feeling about the war was."

He remembers helping exiles like Alec (he forgets his last name) who he says introduced artistic candle making to the city. "He made beautiful African and Egyptian faces and figures. I loaned him the money to get the wax."

Neighbourhood bars are rare commodities and Grossman says they will stay that way for a while. "Times have changed with the bad employment situation. There's a lot of violence in the air and the music. A friend of mine asked me if I wanted to run another but I said I did not want the aggravation."

"I agree with Al," says Bobby Brown, an ex-waiter at Grossman's who drove a transport truck until his back was injured. "Before, if two guys had a brawl in a bar it was clean. Strictly Marquis of Queensbury rules. A guy would drop and the two would stop and sit and drink beer again. Now people will kick you into a pulp."

Grossman's Tavern is so quiet the owner has to close the place in the afternoons because he is not doing enough business. "Not enough is happening," says Sid Wilson, the bouncer and another Grossman's stalwart, "to give me any trouble."

The fun days of Grossman's Tavern are gone. Ozzie the waiter does not sell his boa constrictor on top of the cigarette machine anymore. Foul ketchup smotherers the famous cabbage rolls.

Meanwhile outside there are rings of people around the El Mocambo waiting to hear Elvis Costello.

Maybe Grossman's should be declared a historical site. After all, where would places like the El Mocambo be if Grossman's had not been around to set the pace ten years ago?



R. Curtis

Ward 1 residents want to use this former YWCA building as a community centre, since there is presently no community centre in the area. The city bought the land under it for park purposes and senior ward alderman Elizabeth Eays would like to see the building torn down to provide green space. The building is located at the point formed by Dundas St. W. and St. John's Road. Repairs would cost \$40-60,000, but demolition and land fill costs would be \$30,000 minimum.

Militant truckers rally:

"Teamsters for teamsters"

By Ray Kuszelewski

Toronto-area Teamsters' Local 938 is in an uproar over continuing moves by some vocal rank and filers to counter a reported lack of adequate service by their union leaders.

Militants in the Local's rank and file say that their business representatives do not defend ratified contracts when these are violated by management, and that rank and file participation in union affairs is frowned upon by the Executive.

These militants have formed Teamsters for Teamsters, a caucus that aims to fight the Local's executive, which it considers undemocratic. Although Teamsters for Teamsters have already lost a hard-fought and reportedly rigged election, they are still attempting to enlarge their base of support among Ontario's

organised truckers.

Other problems that Teamsters for Teamsters hope to fight are the prevalence of scabs in the trucking industry, sporadic layoffs, shoddy organizing drives and skimpy fringe benefits.

Teamsters for Teamsters now consider themselves the only alternative to Ontario's incumbent Teamster executive. They intend to advertize their existence as that alternative by the distribution of their newspaper and Teamsters for Teamster's jackets and t-shirts, and by affiliation with Teamsters for a Democratic Union, a powerful left caucus in the U.S.-based International Brotherhood of Teamsters. This affiliation would bring much-needed information and specialized legal assistance to 938's reformers.

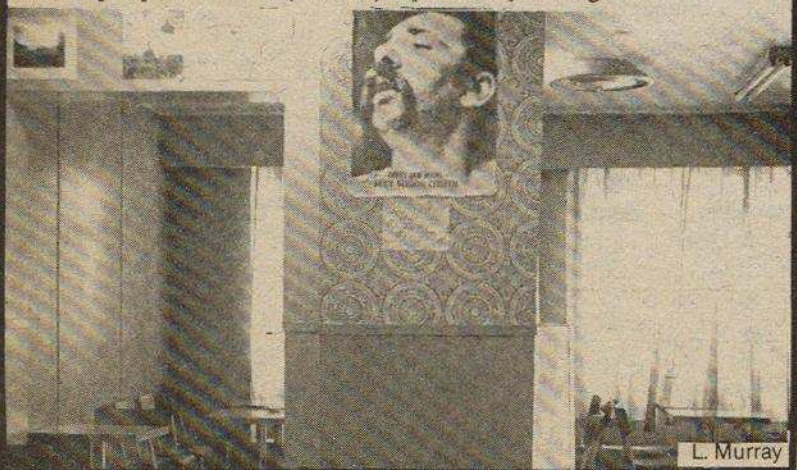
The TDU are now fighting a

crucial battle against business unionism in B.C., where Canada's largest Teamster Local (213) faces a split. This impending split has been instigated by a fierce jurisdictional dispute between reform members of 213's executive and Ed Lawson, a former president of the Local and now a Trudeau appointee to the Senate.

Lawson still holds a number of powerful positions in Local 213, in the B.C. and Yukon Joint Council of Teamsters, in the Canadian Conference of Teamsters and in the IBT, of which he is vice-president.

In B.C., as a result of the fight between the beleaguered Lawson and his enemies, rank and file members have shown their support for reform by doubling their attendance at union meetings.

Back home in Ontario, Teamsters for Teamsters are hoping to light the same sort of fire in their fellow-workers. Those wishing to support the struggle against Ontario's Teamster hacks can contact Teamsters for Teamsters, P.O. Box 331, Brampton, Ontario, L6V 2L3.



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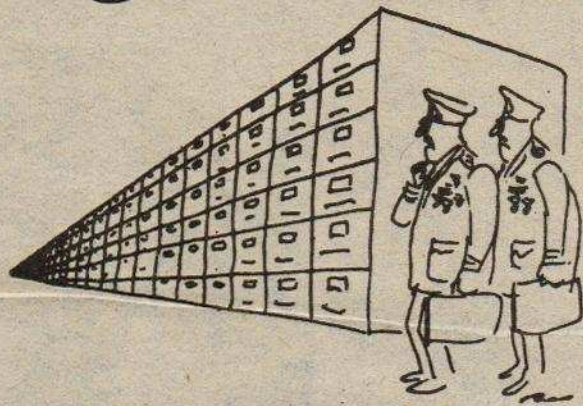
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Human Rights Act is a sham



"It does frighten one. It is the special file on dissenters."

The new federal "freedom of information" legislation means that all Canadians now have the right to review and challenge any information about them that might be stored in the Dept. of Agriculture's Artificial Insemination Units Data Bank N° 1013.

Beyond that, however, Part IV of the Human Rights Act is really a sham. It took visits to two Post Offices, one Postal substation, five phone calls and two visits to the Toronto outlet for government publications for a **Toronto Clarion** reporter to get appropriate forms and the Index of Federal Information Banks.

There are over 500 separate data banks listed. A detailed separate "record access request form" must be filled in and sent to the appropriate office for each file to be checked. Of course, for reasons of "national security" all of the most sensitive information banks are

exempted from access. Such files are the ones that would be most likely to hold damaging misinformation, rumours and details of political activity.

Despite this, a **Clarion** *Tennessee Waltz*

Johns-Manville skips town

By Tom McLaughlin

Johns-Manville has just signed an agreement with Beaunit Corporation to purchase an industrial complex in Etowah, Tennessee. The purchase comes in the wake of Johns-Manville closing its plant in North Bay, laying off 170 workers out of a 230 strong workforce.

Despite a demonstration at Queen's Park by the Johns-Manville workers, the Ontario govern-

ment has made no plans to protect their jobs. Johns-Manville rejected an offer made by the Canadian Paper Worker's Union, representing the North Bay employees, to buy the plant. It was instead, sold to a local businessman who plans to convert it to another use.

The new Johns-Manville industrial complex in Tennessee will produce glass fibre for roofing material. \$50 million will be spent to convert and equip the plant.

reporter has submitted 19 access request forms to a variety of the information banks including exempt RCMP files. The results will be reported in future issues. Stay tuned....

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Spend two weeks this summer on a wooded island in Ontario, learning about peace, Third World struggles, sexism, structural violence, and the New International Economic Order. The 1978 session of the Grindstone School for Peace Research, Education and Action will be held from Aug. 5 to 19 on Grindstone Island, 105 km south of Ottawa, Canada. Cost is \$200 for tuition, room and board. Co-operatively designed for university students, teachers and activists, the school is an intensive course on major social issues. Twelve resource people include university peace researchers, Native People's organizers, anti-nuclear power leaders. Write Co-Ordinator A, Grindstone School, Box 571, Stn. P, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 2T1 for information and applications.

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Gay Community Information. call 923-GAYS anytime for the latest in information on what's happening in Toronto's gay community.

Groups and individuals wishing to be part of the Canadian delegation to the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students to be held in Havana, Cuba, July 28 - August 5, 1978 are now invited to apply to the Preparatory Committee of Canada. Applicants will receive information relating to the delegation as it becomes available. Applications will be open until March 31, 1978 and the selection of delegates will be completed by April 30. For application forms and further information write to:

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Women's Fundraising Coalition (WIF), a special project of the Women's Information Centre, is raising emergency funds to sustain women's groups between grants or when they are in danger of folding through lack of immediate funds. WIF provides fund-raising expertise to women's groups. Membership in the Coalition can be arranged on an individual basis, group basis, or sustaining basis and allows for participation in the Coalition's decision-making process, notification of all fund-raising events, and opportunity to participate in the Coalition's working committees. For further information write to 15 Birch Ave., Toronto, or call 925-3137.

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opinion: Skilled labour

By Peter Carver

Prime Minister Trudeau said in a recent speech in Prince George, B.C., that the Canadian economy is not in a crisis, but is only undergoing certain readjustments. Another way of saying this is that the pigeons are coming home to roost for decades of little and poor management of the economy.

Symptomatic of such readjustment is the paradox that in a time of high unemployment Canada, and Ontario especially, is beginning to experience a serious shortage of skilled labour in the manufacturing sector. The facts which no one is disputing are that retirements, let alone expansion, in important skilled trades such as tool and die making are outstripping the number of replacements. This is adding to production slowdowns and the importing of foreign technology.

The immediate cause of the problem is that immigration of skilled labour, which has been Canadian industry's chief source of supply, is falling off due to improved relative conditions in Europe. The **Financial Post** of February 18 reports that a 1977 survey of such workers in Toronto and Hamilton showed 72% were foreign-trained and 87% were over the age of 40.

Though the facts are not disputed, their meaning is. Government and industry tend to point fingers at the expectations and lack of initiative of young people.

In reality the problem is rooted in the structure and performance of Canadian industry. Canada is the only developed nation that has never systematically created its own corps of skilled labourers in these processes.

John Eleen, Research Director of the OFL, attributes this largely to foreign ownership: "We are a branch plant economy, and most research and development is done at the home base, south of the border." This means, he adds, that subsidiaries in Canada have been able to get by without paying for training programs, by hiring already trained Europeans, and by raiding smaller Canadian plants.

The lack of institutionalized apprenticeship programmes is the immediate problem. It is likely the Davis government will bail out the companies by announcing a policy of subsidies for on-the-job training.

Even the NDP is advocating this approach. Bob Mackenzie, NDP labour critic at Queen's Park, says "We are prepared to support incentives for industry in this area because the problem is acute, but the companies must be forced to use this money specifically for apprenticeships." Meanwhile government cutbacks in education grants are hurting the community colleges where the theory of the skills is taught.

As long as the economy as a whole is depressed, there is little chance of improvement. "What shortage of skilled labour?" asks Gordon Willing of the United Steelworkers of America, "It's academic while manufacturing is operating at 80% capacity. The shortage of jobs, period, is our concern."

It makes little sense, Eleen adds, for a young worker to settle for low wages for up to five years in an apprenticeship programme, when layoffs always affect him first.

In most sectors, particularly construction, skilled workers are facing unemployment. Up to 20% of last year's 18,000 community college graduates cannot find work.

Clearly there is no shortage of interest or need for such work, only a reasonable opportunity. An adjustment is indeed necessary; but whose?



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Fred Mooney

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Invading Darryl Sittler's privacy.
Shame on you. Especially when the story (a 5-column job by Rick Matsumoto) was called "Sittler's Search for a Private Life". How could you pry into the man's affairs after that? And don't tell me you didn't know what you were doing. Just to make sure, the Star put the title in a box on the front page, along with Darryl's picture. So there'd be no mistake about which Sittler was searching for a private life.

You all know Darryl just wants to be a face in the crowd, another ordinary guy doing ordinary things.

Like selling CB radios. "Darryl needs a 'handle' for his new CB" says the ad in the Star coloured comics. "Just fill out an entry form, available at all Mr. CB locations. The winner will be Darryl's guest at a Leaf hockey game, and will have dinner with him following the game.

Well, let's just hope they have a great meal — in privacy — and that no boor bugs Darryl to do anything dumb, like autograph a box of that breakfast cereal he gets paid to advertise.

I'd sure tell a pushy guy like that where to get off. And I might get my chance, at that. I've got the CB "handle" which is a sure bet to win that contest, just the thing for a private guy like Darryl.

"Hockey Hypocrite".

March is a funny month for football. But then Hodgson's Heroes usually have their season end early, so maybe they deserve a head start.

The Argos have already gone through more changes than Craig Russell on Hallowe'en. The most prominent Argo-Not is kicker Zenon Andrusyshyn, the Big Zee, a leg-end in his time. He's off to LA and the NFL Rams.

Zee, a "devout Christian" when not maiming his fellow man, likes the City of Angels "because it has a Crusade for Christ campus".

Not that the Argos don't believe in saviours. This year's miracle worker is Terry Metcalf, an ex-St. Louis Cardinals running back. Metcalf (unlike former false messiah Anthony Davis) can also run forward, for some 2000 yards all told in 1977. But his real value to Argo owner Bill Hodgson is measured in inches — the columns of type which celebrated his signing, for \$250,000 a year including bonuses, last week.

The Argo plan is to use Metcalf — and the hype around him — to add new suckers to their select list of 39,000 seasons ticket holders. And then — when they've got something near the 53,000 limit at CNE Stadium — to ask Metro Council to build another deck onto the south side stands. They'll write off Metcalf's salary against their taxes. And they'll build their new deck with ours.

I'm sure Metro Chairperson Paul Godfrey will be only too happy to oblige. He gets so bored when the Blue Jays' season is over.

Cup site under seige

By D. Kidd

The Argentinian junta sorely needs the World Cup soccer tournament this June to bolster its international prestige. They've been taking no chances in staging the event either.

Four hundred million dollars have already been allotted for the tournament (whereas the national health budget for 1977 was 372 million dollars).

During the last two Grand Prix races held in the country the race site was heavily patrolled. The junta wanted to illustrate to the International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) that no internal dissension would disrupt international competitions in Argentina.

A Lot of Armour

"There was a lot of armour around," said Jody Schecter, winner of the 1977 race. "They'd shove those machine guns right at you and demand to see your pass. Their fingers would be right on the triggers too."

Hundreds of policemen and soldiers patrolled the streets of Buenos Aires when the FIFA recently held a planning session.

The junta has reason to be paranoid about its international prestige. March 24th marks the second anniversary of the coup which deposed President Isabel Peron.

Since that time the regime has jailed more political prisoners (18,000 according to Amnesty International) than all of the other Latin American countries combined. Priests have been jailed as subversives for working with poor in shanty towns. As well, many Jews have been imprisoned and tortured.

The junta's goals have been to lower the standard of living to attract foreign investment and to



destroy the workers' organizations. In the first year of the regime wages dropped 58.5% in 9 months while prices increased 347% in twelve months.

The right to strike was abolished with a ten year prison sentence for anyone advocating a strike. Collective bargaining was also erased. Military officials now head trade unions. And the GCT (the CLC equivalent organization) has been disbanded.

Boycott World Cup

Throughout Europe, groups are organizing to pressure their governments to boycott the World Cup. Holland's parliament has decided to do so. Sweden has taken a middle position condemning the junta but leaving participation in the

World Cup up to the players.

In Toronto the No Candu For Argentina Committe (NCFA) is mounting a campaign to halt the sale of a Canadian nuclear reactor to Argentina. NCFA wants to stop the sale until the junta restores human rights.

The Canadian government has responded to the NCFA campaign with a statement that "business is business" and the sale is important to future uranium sales.

You are urged to write to your MP or the minister of external Affairs denouncing the Candu sale.

The NCFA is planning a number of events around the 2nd anniversary of the junta. For more information contact NCFA at 175 Carlton St. or phone 960-5473.

Women in sports Fresh developments

By D. Kidd

Two new developments recently occurred in the ongoing controversy of women's participation in the predominantly male world of athletics.

On January 10th Judge C. Rubin of the U.S. District Court in Dayton, Ohio, ruled that girls cannot be prohibited from trying out for school teams simply because they are female.

Typically, area high school officials immediately expressed their fear for the safety of girls in contact sports with boys. A spokesperson for the medical aspects of sports committee of the American Medical Assoc. (A.M.A.) responded that contact sports between teams of girls was fine, but advised against having girls on boys' teams.

"There is no medical reason to suggest that physically qualified girls are more prone to injuries than boys," said Dr. Gerald Laros, a professor in the department of surgery at the

University of Chicago and the chief orthopedic surgeon at Billings Memorial Hospital. "If you put a 150 pound girls against a 150 pound boy, they're equal. In fact growth finishes earlier for a girl, so she doesn't face the risk of bone growth disturbances that boys do".

Unless overturned by a higher court, this ruling will apply throughout the U.S. the ruling does not ban separate teams for either sex. It means only that girls must be allowed to try out for all-boy teams if they are qualified to do so.

Women Catch-Up

Another event of note has been the New Scientist (Sept. 22, 1977) article on Dr. Ken Dyer's research, titled *Female Athletes Are Catching Up*.

Dyer has concluded a study of male and female athletic records in swimming and track events over the years.

"Women may one day run and swim as fast as men... the

systematic improvements in women's performances in track and athletics and swimming are today forcing scientists to take it seriously.

In 1934 the men's 100 m track record was 13.6% better than the women's. This difference has declined to 9.1% by 1974. In swimming the differences are less.

At the present time the greatest differences are in the long distances... it is just these events in which women have been competing for only a few years and are improving most rapidly.

The fact that eventual equality between the sexes in this domain is at least a plausible idea must mean a re-examination of previous thinking and an examination of why social factors have hitherto been so consistently undervalued."

A Question of Technique

At present Toronto's Cindy



Nicholas holds the world record for crossing the English Channel in both directions. She subtracted more than 10 hours from the previous record which was held by a male.

"I think a woman can give a good account of herself in any competition with men as long as it's a question of technique, stamina and maybe courage and determination," she said earlier this winter on the banquet circuit.

"Marathon swimming is a good example of this. In races

nobody can touch John Kinsella. He reels off those 15-minute miles and nobody can get close to him — male or female. But when it comes to sheer endurance, like in the Channel or something like that, other factors come into play and then I feel somebody like Loreen (Passfield) or me has special qualities that even things up."

If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the article *Female Athletes Are Catching Up*, contact D. Kidd at the Clarion.