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Employers call it "worker participation." Postal union leader Jean-Claude Parrot calls it "an attack on the very basis of labour's strength — the right to negotiate and to strike." See page 9.



Performers at the fourth annual Owen Sound Summerfolk festival established an easy rapport with their audiences. When the sound system failed during a workshop on humorous songs,

Tex Konig (second from the left) led them into the crowd while all sang a hearty rendition of *Lloyd George knew my father* (*Father knew Lloyd George*).



The Native People's Caravan reached Ottawa just four years ago this September, only to be greeted by an RCMP riot. Native teacher and activist Vern Harper tells the real story in his book, reviewed on page 7.

When the bikers race, it's the beer that wins at Mosport. Top racers are slipped "start money" by some advertisers, to cover their transportation, and some others become "factory rides" — rolling subsidized ads for the motorcycle manufacturers. It's all on page 12.

## North York Controller warns

# Beware of a 'doublecross'

By Paul Weinberg

North York Mayor Mel Lastman is trying to save his political skin by compromising on the Yonge and Sheppard downtown development issue. This charge was levelled at an August 20 North York city council meeting by Controller Barbara Greene.

Speaking from her council seat to the 200 anxious Willowdale residents in the audience, she warned of another possible doublecross.

"You people out there should realize how often the mayor has changed his mind," Greene said.

By a large majority, council tentatively supported Mayor Lastman's compromise for mixed residential and commercial development. High densities of 4.5 times coverage will remain on the north-west corner of Yonge and Sheppard. At present, the strip of stores on that corner includes municipal,

federal and library buildings.

A developer, given 4.5 times coverage, can construct a four-and-a-half storey building on the entire lot, a nine-storey building on half the lot and a 36-storey building on one-eighth of the lot.

The plan to redevelop 70 homes north-east of Yonge and Sheppard was scrapped.

This was welcomed by local middle-class homeowners in Willowdale, who saw three

years of citizen participation in the planning process being in danger of going up in smoke. The planners had suddenly changed their minds and had tried to have inflated densities and heights passed at city council.

Residents had previously agreed to a population density of 60,000 people in the Yonge-Sheppard area (2.5 to 3.5 times coverage) and a height limit of 10 to 19 storeys. Planners raised the density to 90,000 people and the height to 40 storeys.

City Council, including Mayor Lastman himself, could not gather the required two-thirds vote, in June, to pass a proposal by planners which had not yet been presented to the planning board.

Willowdale residents organized quickly for the mid-July meeting of the planning board; but it was all in vain. The planning board members debated the new heights and densities and promptly passed them. The residents could watch

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## Coalition opposes mutilation

By Barbara MacKay

One hundred supporters of the Coalition Against Female Genital Mutilation demonstrated August 8 in Ottawa, demanding that the Canadian government take a stand against the forced circumcision of millions of women and girls in Africa and Asia.

According to the coalition, more than 14 per cent of all federal development funds for the

Third World go to African countries where female genital mutilation is practised. Additional funds are provided to Middle Eastern countries and Malaysia; these do not include funding by churches or other charities. Females are genitally mutilated in these countries also, the coalition claims.

Groups involved in the Coalition include the Ottawa Women's Centre, the Ottawa

Women's Lobby, the National Council of Women, the National Action Committee, the Feminist Party of Canada and the Canadian Association for the Repeal of the Abortion Laws.

Fran Hosken, who has researched genital mutilation for several years, says the practice is widespread, affecting more than 30 million women and girls in over 30 countries — from the horn of Africa and the Red Sea

right across to the Atlantic Coast, and from Egypt in the north to Tanzania in the south, including most of Nigeria. As well, there are claims that genital mutilation is practiced in the two Yemens, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Southern Algeria.

The practice of female genital mutilation has been cloaked in silence. Not until last February See CIDA page 2

Gerry Dunn



# Cindy Fortunata



**Hot poop.** Next time you tear off a tad of toilet tissue, you may be the one being ripped off.

Research by Mel Stewart, New Democrat MPP for Welland-Thorold, shows that toilet tissue and household paper towels made from Canadian pulp products cost up to 70 per cent more here than in U.S. border towns.

For example, a four-roll package of EB Eddy's Swan's Down toilet tissue sells for about \$1.37 in St. Catharines. Price for a similar Eddy's tissue across the line is 93 cents — which includes 8.5 per cent duty.

1979 first-quarter profits for forest products firms were 136 per cent higher than in 1978. Meanwhile, the Tories have proposed a grant of \$100 million to help the paper companies "modernize."

No wonder tissue buyers are bummed out.

**The racism is to the swift.** Some night dispatchers for Metro Taxi have taken to calling the Dufferin-Lawrence area "The Jungle." Of course, it's purely coincidence that's a largely black part of town.

**Eastern chauvinism.** I reported some time ago that the only Canadian outlet for the game *Class Struggle* is Octopus Books in Ottawa. Western readers inform me that you can get it at Liberation Bookstore in Winnipeg and Spartacus Books in Vancouver. Price: just \$199 (including air fare).

**Here's dust in your eye.** Acid rain laces our lakes and mercury ruins our rivers. Meanwhile, Environments Canada and Ontario are spending \$400,000 on a study of the greatest pollution problem since the Alien — road dust.

The study will look at "the kind and origin of dust particles present in Hamilton's air and . . . evaluate the effectiveness of street cleaning in reducing the amount."

Hamilton's worst industrial polluters — Stelco and Dofasco — will also be kicking in \$25,000 to the project. Cheapest smokescreen they could buy.

**We serve and protect.** Metro taxpayers have paid more than \$50,000 so far this year on legal fees for 53 police officers acquitted on various charges, mainly assault.

Metro rarely pays for officers who are convicted. Judges concerned about government spending please note.

## CIDA reluctant to oppose mutilation

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did the World Health Organization (WHO) seminar in Khartoum help break this silence by calling for the "adoption of a clear national policy for the abolition of female circumcision." By revealing the practice, WHO aided the formation of a number of indigenous groups in Upper Volta, Sudan, Somali and Kenya to oppose genital mutilation.

While local variations exist, there are three main types of female circumcision. All are excruciatingly painful and are usually performed in unsanitary conditions. Sunna circumcision, done in a minority of cases, involves the removal of the prepuce — clitoral hood and the tip of the clitoris. Infibulation, the most drastic of the procedures, and generally performed on girls aged 4-15, involves scraping and fixing the labia majora with large thorns. The most common and extensive of the mutilating procedures is excision and cliteridectomy, in which the whole clitoris, labia minora and other external genitalia are removed without anesthetic.

The medical complications of these procedures are numerous and catastrophic. According to various reports from physicians, midwives and health professionals, agony, heavy bleeding, shock and trauma are experienced during the operation. Damage to the urethra and rectum often results. As well, infibulation, because of the constant cutting and sewing during a woman's life, causes scars to harden, often making childbirth fatal.

Many reasons are given for the continuation of this practice: to increase fertility (in fact, 25 per cent of infertility results from mutilation); to increase female beauty (the clitoris is considered male by some cultures); to increase the sexual pleasure of the male (the smaller the opening, the higher the bride price), and to preserve virginity and prevent promiscuity by denying female sexuality.

Canadian funding agencies, such as CIDA, refuse to take a position opposing genital mutilation, for fear of being charged with interfering with cultural



Lisa Volkov

practices. According to the coalition, CIDA's women's advisor said that it (CIDA) can do nothing about the practice of genital mutilation until it is asked to help by the governments of the countries concerned. But CIDA's list of objectives clearly calls for it to support the growing number of organizations concerned about the practice. The United Nations and its organizations, including UNICEF, have also stated their reluctance to do anything about the practice without a call for help from the governments of the offending countries.

But as coalition spokesperson Lisa Volkov says, "if it comes down to a choice between cultural autonomy and basic human rights, I'll choose basic human rights. Surely self-determination is meaningless when you're talking about a child given no choice about being cut up."

If you would like further information about female genital mutilation and how you can help prevent it, write: Women Against Mutilation, Post Office Box 1018, Station K, 2384 Yonge St., Toronto.

## The horror of marriage

*The procedure of infibulation is traumatic and painful itself, yet for most Somalian women the horror does not end with the operation. Jacques Lantier describes marriage and motherhood for these women in the following excerpt from his book La Cité Magique.*

The wife goes to her husband's home where he takes off her clothes and whips her till she bleeds with a leather-thonged lash known as the courbash . . . He may not deflower his wife with his penis. For this he uses a double-bladed dagger that he plunges into the vagina which is ripped open and bleeds profusely . . . Then he penetrates the woman.

Tradition requires the man to have repeated and lengthy intercourse with his wife during the first week, the object of these "labours" being to keep a passage open and prevent the wound from scarring over. During all this time, the woman lies stretched out and stirs as little as possible to keep the mouth of the wound open.

On the morning after the first night, the husband wears the bloody dagger on his shoulder and calls on neighbours to receive their expressions of general admiration. Once these formalities are over, he goes back home immediately to resume his labours.

The woman becomes pregnant quickly. When the time for delivery arrives, she sits on a stool and the midwife opens the vulva with a kitchen knife . . . With every outward push of the fetus, the midwife cuts her open a little more. When the fetus has been expelled, water which is nearly boiling is poured on the organs, causing enormous blistering. Then the process of scraping the tissue off the inside of the labia, fixing them together with acacia thorns, binding the legs together, and scarring the tissue begins all over again . . .

## Toronto Board of Education Heritage Languages Program 1979-80

### School Programs

In 1979-80, all students in the Toronto Board of Education will be offered Heritage Languages Programs in any language requested by a minimum of 25 elementary age students. The programs will take place from mid-September to mid-May for 2.5 hours per week. Letters will be sent home to parents in early September about registering for the program.

### Instructors

Applications for instructors for Heritage Languages Programs are now being received in the English as a Second Language and Heritage Languages Department, Room 623 at 155 College Street.

### Evening or Weekend Board Programs

Some community groups may wish to co-operate with the Toronto Board of Education to establish evening or weekend programs for children from various areas of the City and of Metro.

Please call Miriam DiGiuseppe at 598-4931, ext. 605, for further information before August 31, 1979.

# Ontario's new 30% incentive to invest in small business

## Small Business Development Corporations Program

This new program is designed to encourage private sector investment in small businesses throughout Ontario by the formation of Small Business Development Corporations.

### The Incentive

Investors who purchase equity shares in a Small Business Development Corporation receive financial incentives that amount to a 30% grant for individuals and a 30% tax credit for corporations. On a \$1,000 investment, individual investors get a \$300 grant and corporations, a \$300 tax credit against Ontario Corporations Income Tax. It's a straightforward process and the Ministry of Revenue is ready to receive applications.

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## Canadian members pay plenty

# American based unions return little

By Sue Vohanka

American unions made a \$45 million profit from dues and assessments paid by their Canadian members in 1977, according to recently-released Statistics Canada figures.

And officials of the American-based Machinists Union have responded to the news by demanding that the Clark gov-

ernment do away with the act that requires unions to report the figures.

The most recent returns from the Corporations and Labour Unions Act (CALURA) show that in 1977, Canadian members of American-based unions paid \$75.3 million to the international unions while getting back \$29.9 million in payments.

In 1976, they paid \$72.5 mil-

lion but got back \$34 million in payments for union salaries and wages, strike benefits and pension and welfare benefits.

John Lang, secretary-treasurer of the Confederation of Canadian Unions, says that trend has been clear since the act took effect in 1962 — international unions have collected substantially more money from their Canadian members than they have paid back.

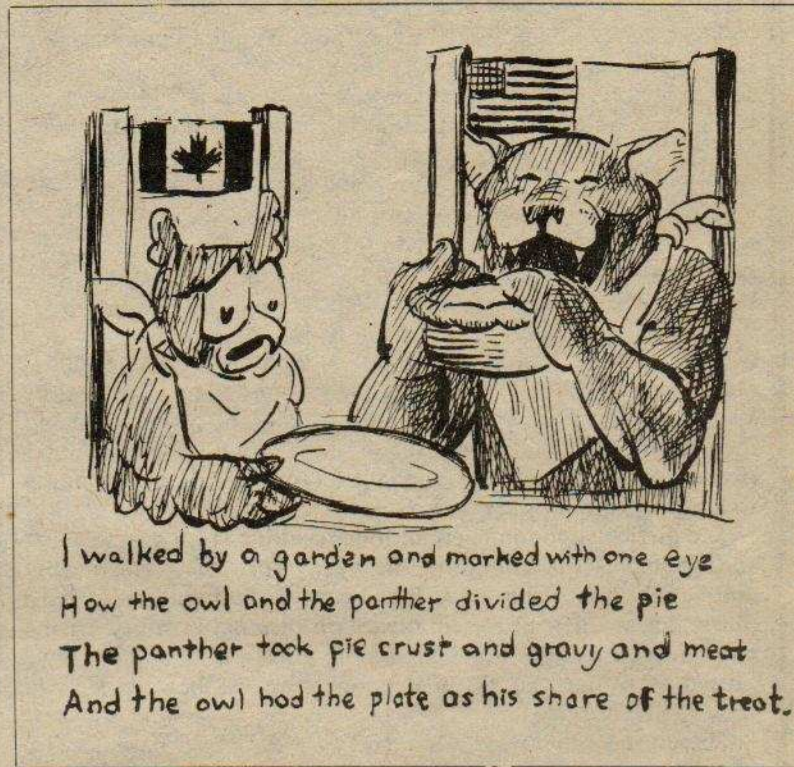
However, Mike Rygus, Canadian vice-president of the Machinists, claims that "what we have now is a law which requires us to deliberately file incomplete and misleading information. The government then publicizes that information which, because it is incomplete, shows that more union dues are being collected in Canada by international unions than is being spent here."

Rygus claims that CALURA prohibits unions from reporting all their expenses, and that costs like office rent, telephone, travel expenses and convention costs are not included in the survey.

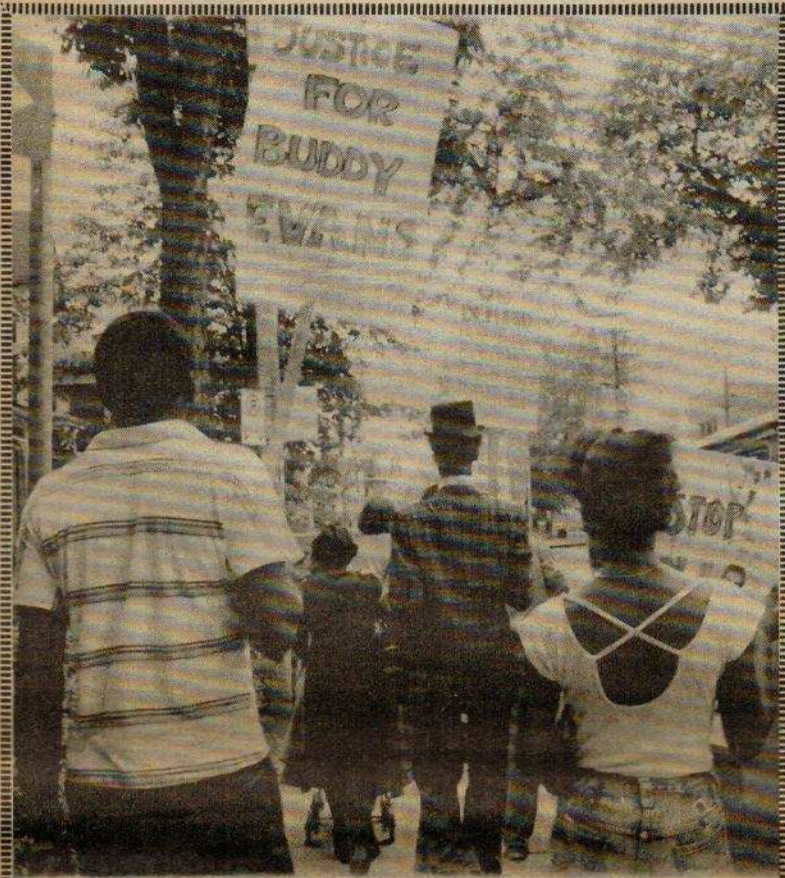
Lang's response is: "Well, poor Mr. Rygus. For 15 years we've been telling him that if the information is not complete, there's nothing to prevent them from making complete reports — and they've never done that. It's really crocodile tears."

Lang adds, "the costs that CALURA does report are the major costs — all the salaries, all the strike benefits, all pension and welfare benefits. The amounts that CALURA is not reporting are small amounts and would not change the overall picture.

"We know they (American unions) are making millions of dollars in profits off their Canadian members and always



I walked by a garden and marked with one eye  
How the owl and the panther divided the pie  
The panther took pie crust and gravy and meat  
And the owl had the plate as his share of the treat.



Sarah Power

On August 20, these people walked in memory of Buddy Evans, a young Afro-Canadian who was killed by a policeman last summer. The Committee for Due Process, which organized the memorial walk and several other protests, claims that Evans was shot while being attacked by five other police officers and that he was left to die while his killer was taken to hospital after fainting. They also claim that the coroner's inquest is biased in favour of the police because they have chosen the jury, intimidated witnesses, and because the coroner sides with the police. The Committee is demanding that the police officer who killed Evans be suspended and charged with murder, and that an independent investigation be held whenever police officers are charged with murder. Send contributions to Contrast Publications, 24 Lennox St., Toronto.

**'We know American unions are making millions in profits off their Canadian members and always have . . .'**

have — whether it's \$45 million or \$35 million," Lang adds.

He says the United Steelworkers of America have filed extra information in some years to show a deficit for the international on its Canadian operations. Lang says the only way the Steelworkers could do that was to claim Canadian members benefit from their contributions to running the

Steelworkers' head office in the U.S. "That's a clear case of paying double, as all the services are duplicated in the Canadian office."

Lang adds that the experience of Canadian unions which have broken away from American unions shows that they gain more services after breaking away.

He cited the Canadian Association of Smelter and Allied Workers in Kitimat, B.C., which broke away from the Steelworkers several years ago. At that time, the local had several thousand dollars in the bank.

"Now, they own their own office, have a strike fund well in excess of \$100,000, have done a comprehensive health study which cost about \$200,000, and they've got money in the bank.

"That sort of experience you can't turn around, no matter what budget sheets you present."

### Grange residents near agreement with city

The future of the old RCMP building within the Canada Trust block on Sullivan Street is clear now that block residents and the city non-profit housing department have reached a tentative agreement.

A block residents' association, the Grange Area Co-op Homes Inc. (GACHI), will get a 99-year lease on the building according to the agreement. City council must give final approval to the plan, but residents do not expect opposition.

One block resident said the acquisition of the building gives Canada Trust block residents a strong bargaining position in their negotiations with the Cimpello Charitable Foundation — their new landlord.

Block residents are anxious about the future of their block and the Grange community with the change in ownership of the block from George Weston Holdings Ltd. to Cimpello. The sale to Cimpello is expected to be closed in September.

The *Clarion* erred in its May 30-June 12 issue when it said on page two that the Cimpello Charitable Foundation has the same board of directors and address as Del Zotto Enterprises.

Cimpello's board of directors upon incorporation in 1978 were Michael Durisin, Alan Webster, Renzo Belluz and Edward Richardson.

Cimpello shares its office at 1055 Wilson Ave. with Gamin, Bratty and Co., a law firm that does legal work for Del Zotto Enterprises.

## News Update

### Preliminary trial postponed for Solomon

The preliminary trial of Meyer Solomon — slumlord, bachelorette developer and financier — was postponed yet again on August 13.

The charges of conspiracy to commit fraud, laid against Solomon, former Sterling Trust mortgage manager Arthur Iveney and Parkdale businessman Goyjo Kuzmanovic, are now scheduled to be heard on April 7, 1980.

It will be a full 17 months since the original charges were laid in early November 1978. Chances are that the trial itself will not be heard until the winter of 1980-81.

Rumour has it that the trial is being postponed until after the 1980 municipal elections, because of expected revelations concerning corruption at City Hall.

Solomon complained in early July that he found a *Clarion* article, which described him as a "bachelorette profiteer," libellous. He has yet to pursue his complaint.

### Boycott hurting Hunts

The current boycott of Hunts Bakery products is starting to hurt, according to union representative Herb Thorne.

"Del Zotto says he will get out of the sweet goods business altogether if he loses this decision and the boycott continues" says Thorne. The Labour Relations Board is holding hearings on charges of unfair labour practices laid by the union.

"They are negotiating for a new location near their Levy Bread plant to house the former Hunts bakery" Thorne said.

The 180 Hunts workers have been on strike since March 12 and most now have jobs or are receiving UIC.

### YUSA coffee grievance to be settled soon

The York University Staff Association is expecting an arbitration decision within two months on whether the women it represents have to make coffee when their bosses tell them to.

An arbitration hearing was held in mid-August on the case.

The union went to arbitration after management kept asking some of the women to make coffee even though the union's contract says union members do not have to perform duties of a personal nature as part of their workload.



## As we see it Misguided aid

The tragedy of the Vietnamese "boat people" continues and it's getting close to home. Canadian government agencies squabble about who will pay the costs of these new immigrants, while the Western press features their plight as if to say, "You see, the Americans really were the good guys in Vietnam."

The amazing amount of publicity given the "boat people" and the sudden nationwide prominence of the campaign to "save" them looks like a well-orchestrated CIA "disinformation" project. Despite this, we must be careful not to fall into the trap, as some have, of saying "let the reactionaries drown."

Without attempting to judge the social and political situation in Vietnam at present, we must look at who these "boat people" are and ask why they are leaving their homes. The very wealthy Vietnamese and the upper echelons of corrupt officialdom left the country with the Americans or shortly thereafter. If the refugees finding a home in Canada are typical, they are primarily small shop keepers and ethnic Chinese in origin.

The difficult economic conditions resulting from years of war and problems of rebuilding the agriculture of a chemically-defoliated countryside have led the entire population to hard times. These difficulties, coupled with internal hostility arising most recently from the Chinese invasion of Vietnam, have caused many merchants, professionals and skilled workers to leave the country.

These are people who often find a collectivized or otherwise socialist society not at all to their liking. And these people, as refugees, are looked upon with favour by the Canadian government. Special allowances are made, quotas are relaxed, armed forces planes are even used for transportation for refugees with the correct ideology, who will be forever grateful to Canada and our "free enterprise" system.

They will be happy to work, at least initially, at low-paying, terrible jobs, so that someday they may be able to buy their own businesses and be their own bosses once again, or in some other way be able to live in the style in which they were accustomed to live back in Vietnam.

Compare the treatment given the "boat people" to that given the Chilean refugees fleeing a fascist coup and subsequent dictatorship. The Canadian embassy in Santiago locked its doors and did nothing as thousands of Chilean activists were rounded up, to be tortured and killed. No special arrangements were made to assist those seeking to come to Canada.

In fact, the immigration department had the RCMP investigate the politics of many of those applying for asylum here, to determine whether or not they should be refused admission; they might have been dangerous to "national security," after all. That's what Canada's pious claim that every refugee case is studied "on its own individual merits" means.

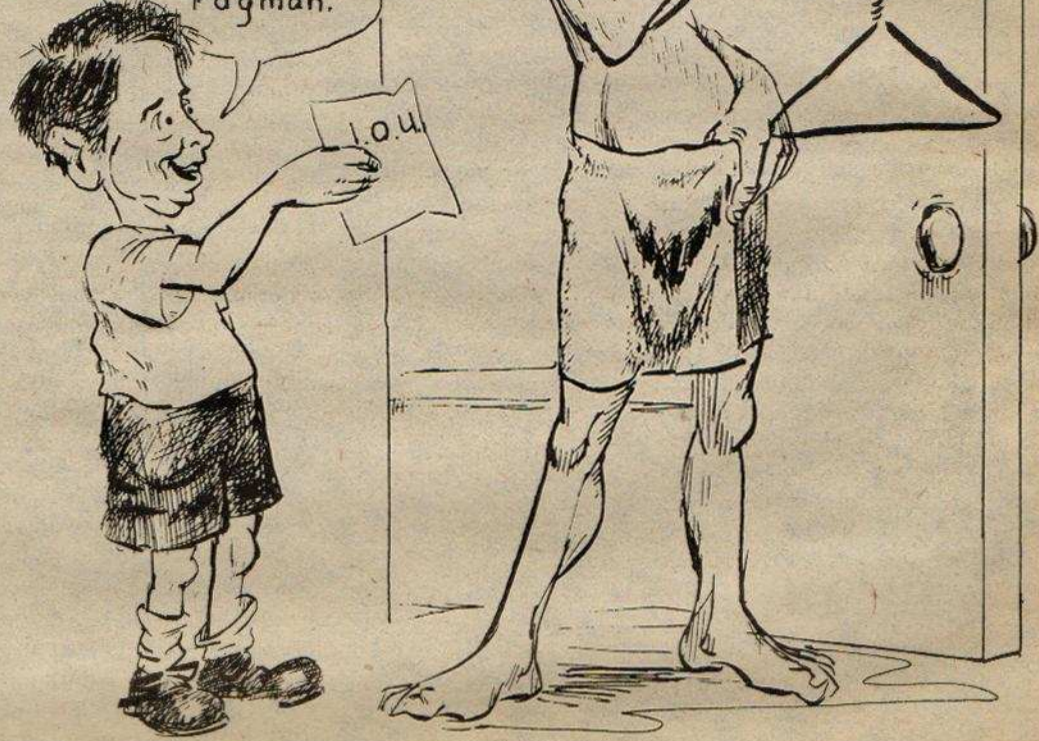
However, we are still faced with thousands of human beings in leaky ships wallowing in the South China Sea. Most people seem to think the solution lies in finding enough countries to provide foster homes for the thousands of "boat people." We believe that the best and most humane answer is to do what is necessary to enable them to return to either Vietnam or to their ancestral homes in China, should they wish to go there.

Pressure should be put on the Canadian government to start giving a lot of foreign aid to Vietnam instead of spending massive amounts to resettle the Vietnamese here. The American government should also be pressured to make the huge reparation payments required by the Paris peace accords. Such aid would significantly improve the economic situation in Vietnam and might make it more likely that the "boat people" would feel they could return. The government of Vietnam should be encouraged to accept them without any recriminations. Also, the Chinese should agree to accept any ethnic Chinese who wish to return to China.

If such a campaign could be organized with as much backing as the be-a-foster-parent-to-a-Vietnamese-family campaign, the results would be better for everyone.

Clark plans to  
sell gov't enterprises

I sold your  
clothes to the  
ragman.



As you see it

## Reader laments left

By Ian Allaby

The recent federal election revealed the sad condition of the parties on what passes for the left end of the spectrum. After saving their pennies for five years, itching for the fight, the end result showed that support for candidates left of the NDP had decreased in both absolute and relative terms compared to the 1974 election. Almost everywhere, in fact, it was easier for a Libertarian, or even a Rhino, to pick up more votes than the leftists.

For a number of reasons I was closely following the riding of Rosedale, where there were 10 contestants, although it was a foregone conclusion that victory would fall to the Tory, ex-mayor Dave Crombie. But the smaller parties felt they could put up a good show.

Rosedale gets its name from the upper-bracket enclave north of Bloor, but as returning officer Gary Rodrigues points out, "They really should have called it Cabbagetown."

It takes in not only the trendy, sand-blasted Donvale neighbourhood but also the drifter hostels round Moss Park and the strip joints along Dundas. It includes the blissed-out permanent cottagers on the Islands, as well as thousands of anonymous tenement-dwellers surrounded by concrete. The riding contains 8,000 public housing units, highest total of any riding in the nation. In the south end there are many single mothers, handicapped veterans, winos.

In Rosedale the futility and hopelessness of the leftist plight was personified by Joanne Pritchard, Dan Goldstick and Alan Miller. Among them they shared 164 out of close to 40,000 ballots cast.

Pritchard, 22, who hardly

appeared during the campaign, represented the Revolutionary Workers League, a Trotskyist sect. Stalin kicked Trotsky out of Russia in 1929, and in little clusters all over the world there are people who still care. It happens also that the RWL is into gay rights, and Pritchard, a lesbian, was hoping to receive support on that basis.

Goldstick, a professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto, was the candidate for the Communist Party of Canada (CPC). He worked hard on his campaign and his quick humour disarmed even hostile audiences in north Rosedale. Not that that won him any votes, though.

*The Clarion welcomes opinion pieces and letters from other readers. We'd prefer them typed on a 60-character line and double spaced.*

The CPC has been around a long time. The party was founded in 1921 at a secret meeting in a barn near Guelph. A lookout was posted on the roof in case the police came, but this was futile since there was in fact an undercover Mountie among the delegates inside.

During the Depression and then World War II, the Communists gained a following. In the 1945 federal election they captured two per cent of the total vote, the height of their popularity. Then came the Cold War and the Igor Gouzenko spy revelations, and with that began the long period of decline for the CPC. Only recently has it begun to attract young people to its ranks again.

Finally, Alan Miller represented the Marxist-Leninist Party, which claims to be pure unrevisonist communism. The

MLP denounces Russia for being as imperialistic as the USA. In fact, however, the MLP denounces everybody in the world except Albania, which is regarded as "the only true socialist state."

MLP members tend to be emotional rather than analytical thinkers. They rely on simplistic slogans like "Make the rich pay." They vow to abolish the federal and provincial parliaments.

One member of the CPC wondered aloud to me where the MLP got enough money to run 144 candidates across Canada, hinting that the Mounties were financing the operation. One Quebec paper described the MLP as a band of "agents provocateurs" whose task is to discredit the left.

It was true in Rosedale that Miller's behaviour was fanatical and authoritarian. His cruelist attacks always fell upon his rivals on the left. He dubbed the CPC as "the Moscow communists" and lashed out at the NDP as just another "party of the rich" as proven by the *Toronto Star* supporting it.

But at the same time, Miller was able to raise anger against the whole capitalist system. His finest speech was at Regent Park. Striking an aggressive pose, chopping the air with his hands, he condemned the whole election as a hoax and very effectively made the point that the media are, ultimately, in the hands of the rich.

In a way, you can understand the MLP's frustration. Twenty per cent of Canadians are below the poverty line, but you'd never learn it from the campaigns of the major parties. Worse, even the poor seem not to act in their own interest. When the votes were counted in

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## Police power a danger

# Groups fight by-law

The emergency by-law proposed for Metro is meeting increasing opposition from groups which are concerned that it is dangerously broad and open to abuse.

The proposed by-law gives the Metropolitan Chairman — a non-elected position — the power to declare an emergency and as a result give exceptional powers to the Metro police.

The Political Rights Working Group (PRWG), a coalition of Toronto activists opposing attacks on political and democra-

tic rights, has been the most recent to fight the proposed legislation.

In an August 1 letter to the Metro legislation and licensing committee, the PRWG says "the proposed by-law is so dangerously broad as to be open to an abuse for political purposes which would have the effect of undermining very important political rights.

"We do not want it to be open to the Metro Chairman or Metro Council to be able to use such broad police powers

against striking workers or peaceful demonstrators, for example. The . . . emergency definition . . . is much too broad and open to abuse . . ."

The group's letter echoes concerns raised several weeks ago by the Japanese-Canadian community in a brief to Metro Council.

The brief said the experience of Japanese-Canadians during World War II "gives us a unique perspective on the propriety of suspension of civil liberties in times of stress . . ."

The brief noted the proposed emergency legislation has:

- no provision for a proper public review of the invocation of the emergency by-law and actions taken under the by-law;

- no provision for compensation for damages or personal injury caused by people carrying out the by-law;

- no periodic review of the state of emergency once it is declared, or any time limit on emergency powers; and

- no explicit statement forbidding use of the by-law against minority groups or to suppress minority dissent.

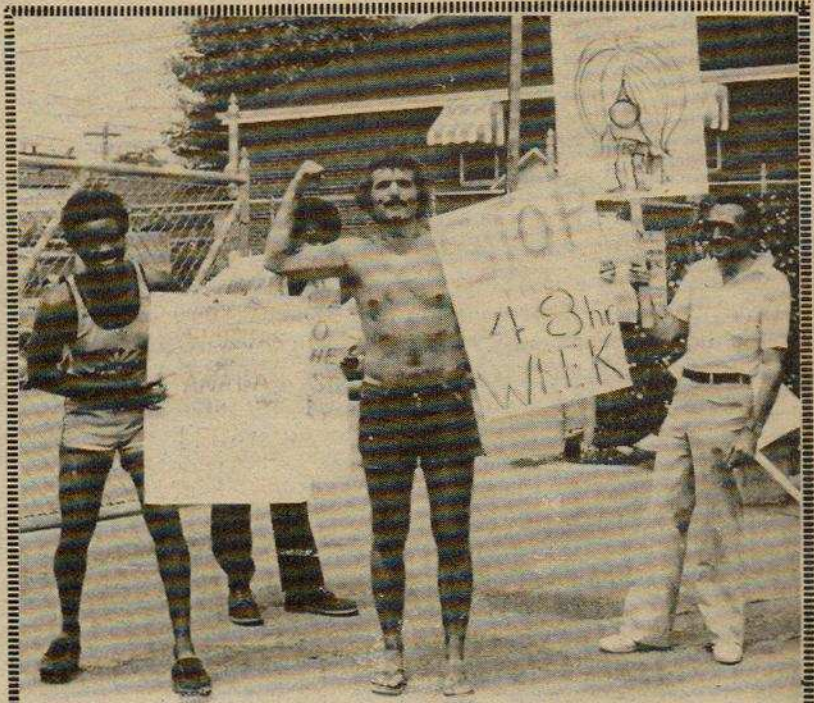
The PRWG letter not only urges the Metro committee to change the by-law to reflect those concerns, but also says that "the police should not be given such vague and unlimited powers as are contained in the proposal."

Those powers, the letter says, "violate our rights of privacy, freedom of movement, and freedom of association, for example."

"We think it important to express our opposition to this by-law because we are reminded of the serious abuses of the civil and political rights of Japanese-Canadians and the Quebec people which have occurred under another emergency law, the War Measures Act," the letter concludes.

PRWG has asked other people who are concerned about the legislation to write letters to the committee expressing their concern.

The committee, which is chaired by Alderman Pat Shepard, is expected to act on the by-law in September at the earliest.



Bell technicians and installers show high spirits as they fight the stingy telephone company that claims it can't afford to pay them wages equivalent to those for technicians in the rest of the country while it pays management \$23 an hour overtime during the dispute. The union wants your help. They want you to: hassle Bell if your phone isn't in service; return the payment envelope without payment and write "I'll settle with you when you settle with CWC" on the computer card invoice; call personally to demand a reduction in your bill if your phone is out of service for more than 48 hours; and be as unfriendly as possible when the jack installing crews come to visit you.

Marty Crowder

## 12 banned from U.S. get appeal hearing

Twelve people now banned from entering the United States have been granted a hearing in Detroit by the U.S. Department of Justice, to appeal the ban.

One of the 12 told the *Clarion* that no date has been set for the hearing yet but they will apply together for a date to the U.S. Immigration Department.

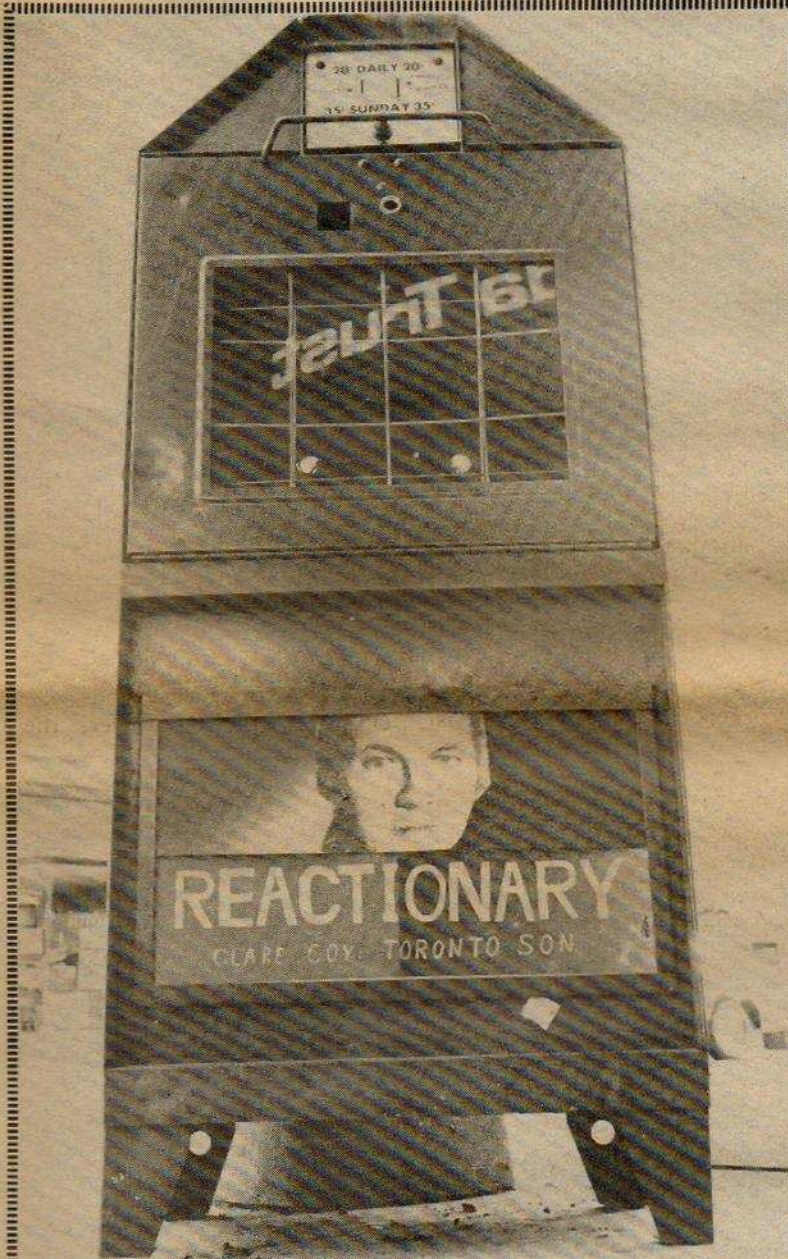
The 12 now face a two-year jail sentence if caught "entering the United States while under a ban." They were originally stopped at the border last April, when they wanted to go to an anarchist conference in Ypsilanti, Michigan. However, they have now been informed by the U.S. Department of Justice that the security of that country would not be threatened if they were to be allowed an appeal.

The American Civil Liberties Union is aiding the 12. Its lawyer has told the Justice Department that the original ban

was based on a distorted definition of anarchism. According to one of the 12, the ACLU is claiming there is "no meaningful association between anarchism as defined in the Immigration Act and anarchism as it is practised today."

The ACLU is also trying to have the appeal heard by a civil court judge rather than by an administrator of the Department of Immigration. The 12, as aliens, have no constitutional rights in the U.S. and are "just subject to bureaucratic fiats," one of the 12 said.

The anarchists have formed the Free Passage Defence Committee. Donations to this group will be used to defray costs of travel and the committee's newsletter, which will be sent free to anyone requesting it. Here's the address: FPDC, P.O. Box 2, Station O, Toronto, Ontario M4B 2B0.



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## Election

From page 4

Regent Park, for example, the Tories had outpolled the Liberals and doubled the NDP. The three candidates I've been discussing got a couple of votes each.

The left — I mean, left of the NDP — has to pull its socks up. Especially because a gap should open as the NDP moves towards the centre. The obvious place to begin would be by forming a common front. However, this would require compromise and political skills so far quite absent on the left.

It would be sad if, instead of engaging in some needed soul-searching, the wilderness parties continued in their old habits of blaming everybody except themselves.

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# Culinary delights close at hand

Exploring Chinatown: A Complete Guide to Eating Excitement In Toronto's Chinatown, by Martin Stollar, Toronto, Tan-Gent Publications, 1979, 84 pages, \$3.50.

Reviewed by Ted Whittaker

About ten years ago I heard of a small harbourside restaurant in Victoria whose ancient chef had been trained to serve the last dynasty of China. His skill was so great, his training so thorough, that he was revered as both doctor and cook. He received apprentices from the Middle Kingdom who studied with him for years and emerged as bearers of the great Chinese culinary traditions.

I made a pilgrimage to the restaurant and decided, after a meal or two, that the story was apocryphal at best. However, my interest in Chinese food was awakened and since then, I have been looking for a meal fit for an emperor, or his post-revolutionary equivalent.

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Stollar's book is much more useful than most restaurant guides. It's the most intensive book about eating in Toronto that I've ever seen. The guide includes a brief but careful history of Chinatown, with special attention to the history of Chinese immigrants' involvement in the various aspects of the food industry here. Stollar then gives precise definitions of the various style of Chinese cuisines; only one, the Shanghai/Fukien, is not yet offered in a Toronto restaurant.



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collection of *Toronto Life* columns, which covers a much wider range of subjects, and only occasionally talks about Chinese food. There aren't any major faults in Stollar's guide, and the minor ones — the prose and typography are fussy at times, too many italicized words, too many long, long clauses — go hand in hand with Stollar's dedication to covering the ground.

He's so thorough that one wonders how his stomach ever kept up with his research. He does acknowledge the help of friends, but it takes a lot of dedication even to begin to compare the pastries of seven Chinese bakeries!

### Buy it!

Buy this book. *Exploring Chinatown* was published at the author's expense, and though he should be proud of what he's accomplished, little or no vanity is to be found in this guide, just useful information. Take it with you when you walk through Chinatown looking for a snack or a feast, and never again will you have to be bummed out on Baldwin, morose on McCaul, depressed on Dundas or sadsacked on Spadina.

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## Politics in the native tradition

Following the Red Path: The Native People's Caravan, 1974, by Vern Harper, Toronto, NC Press, 1979, 93 pages, \$7.95.

Reviewed by Jennifer Sanders and Lyn Adamsun

*Following the Red Path* is a distinctly Canadian book, reflecting on experiences of a unique period of native history and Canadian politics.

The summer of 1974 was an active one for native people. It was the summer of the armed occupation of Anicnabe Park in Kenora and a road blockade protest in Cache Creek, B.C. It was also the summer of the Native People's Caravan to Ottawa, which left Vancouver in an impromptu way, with little advance planning, and no official funding, to arrive in Ottawa two weeks later for the 30th official opening of the Canadian Parliament.

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the Caravan, news clippings, and documents (e.g. the Manifesto). Numerous photographs provide a graphic account of the people involved, the situations they encountered, and the response they received. (Photos from the RCMP riot are of particular interest!)

We found the book to be well written and well organized — it is an impressive accomplishment, when one considers that the author has just taught himself to read and write before beginning the project.

Harper stoops to the occasional low blow at non-native people, i.e. when he speaks of his disillusionment with the churches. After first stating that the churches' understanding of support was giving blankets, stale sandwiches, and bus tickets, he adds: "We're very suspicious of people who give us blankets, ever since Sitting Bull's people got smallpox from the blankets that were given to them."

However, Harper can hardly be faulted for expressing some of the resentment which is so undeniably part of native experience. Fortunately, such occurrences are rare in the book, and much appreciation is also expressed.

In speaking of the future, Harper presents a positive vision, that of a circle of life, encompassing native and non-native alike: "the white man is also part of the circle of life . . . and only when the Red Nation emerges and we are living in co-existence with our non-native brothers and sisters will we be free."

The author has written *Following the Red Path* primarily for native people, both as a record of the Caravan from a native point of view, and to encourage other native people to record native experience as it happens. We found it to be worthwhile reading for non-natives as well; increasing our understanding of native philosophy and spirituality.

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## Friday, Aug. 24

**Toronto Humane Society** tag day is on Sept. 29 and THS needs your help. If you would like to volunteer as a tagger, driver, or area captain, please contact the Toronto Humane Society at 922-1191.

**Harbourfront's** Friday night horror film is *Night of the Living Dead* and *The Return*. Tonight in the Tent at York Quay Centre at 8:30.

**Woman, Black Woman, Me.** A one-woman show starring Sandi Ross, until the 25th, 8:30 at York Quay Centre, Harbourfront. Admission is \$3.50. For advance tickets call 364-5739.

**The Ontario Film Theatre** at the Ontario Science Centre is showing *Saturday Night Fever* (get down) tonight at 7 p.m. Adults \$2, students \$1, children 50c,

seniors free with government card.

**Liberal Ideology: Stumbling Block.** A full day of discussion (9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.) on liberal ideology as a stumbling block to the struggle. The Centre for Christian Studies (77 Charles St. W.), \$5 per person, bring your own lunch. Happens Oct. 12, register by Sept. 20, c/o the Registrar, Centre for Christian Studies.

September is almost upon us and lo and behold on to my desk comes the **North York Public Libraries** Goings On publication, a full listing of courses available in the fall and winter at your local libraries. Everything from tap classes to a war games club. Programs for adults, teens, children and pre-schoolers. So for a good time call the North York Public Libraries for your fall and winter courses selection.

## Saturday Aug. 25

**Dr. Bandoli's Travelling Goodtime Show**, a children's theatre troupe, will be at the Phoenix Theatre (390 Dupont St.) today and every Sat. and Sun. until Sept. 2. Show times: Sat. 11 a.m. and Sun. 2 p.m. Admission is \$2. Reservations 922-7835.

**The Greatest Grow on Earth** at Rainbow Park, Shelburne, Ont. Workshops, slide shows, theatre and music on energy, log building, beekeeping, woodstoves, organic gardening, spinning and dying, rabbits, etc. etc. Weekend \$15, Sat. or Sun. \$5. For information call 519-941-5001.

**Mule Theatre Co.** (mime) are at Harbourfront's York Quay Centre today at 2:30 p.m. and Sun. at 2:30 and 4 p.m. Admission is \$2.50, children \$1.50. For advance tickets, phone 364-5739.

both nights) from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Forest Hill Library (700 Eglinton Ave. W. 787-0179). Free. All welcome.

**The Commedia Theatre Company** of Minneapolis, for the first time in Toronto presents *The Physician in Spite of Himself* by Molière. The master's word on OHIP. NDWT Side Door Theatre, 736 Bathurst St. (one block south of Bloor). Today and until Sept. 1, Tues. through Sat. 8:30, additional performances Fri. and Sat. at 10:30 p.m. \$5, box office number 536-6663, advance tickets available at Bass outlets.

## Wednesday Aug. 29

**The Ontario Film Theatre** at the Ontario Science Centre is showing *Murder by Decree* starring Christopher Plummer for special senior citizen shows today at 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. Admission free with government card.

**Harbourfront's** Wednesday night dance film is *Behind the scenes: The national ballet school* (1979), and *Children of Theatre Street* (1978) tonight at 7:30, York Quay Centre. Admission is \$1.

## Thursday Aug. 30

**Grindstone Island** (Portland, Ont.) is holding a four-day conference on *Media and Social Change* from Aug. 30-Sept. 3. For registration information call Doug Saunders, 241 Rushton Rd. Toronto M6G 3J4 tel. (416) 656-0023.

**Harbourfront** concludes its reading series featuring six Toronto women novelists tonight with Marian Engel. 8:30 tonight in the Brigantine Room, York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay W. Admission is free.

## Friday Aug. 31

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**Harbourfront's** Friday night horror films tonight are *Monster on Campus* and *Creature from the Black Lagoon*. 8:30 in the Tent at York Quay Centre. Free.

## Saturday Sept. 1

**The Toronto Chess Tournament** runs today through Monday Sept. 3 with rounds at 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each day at York Quay Centre, Harbourfront. Entry fee is \$20, \$15 for those under 18. To register phone Martin Jaeger at 965-1064. Spectators welcome.

**Harbourfront** is celebrating the National Film Board's 40th anniversary with NFB shorts every Sat. and Sun. at 2 p.m. through to Nov. 4. Today's selection is *Experiments in Motion* screenings at York Quay Centre.

**Yippee I Oh? a Rodeo** today and tomorrow at Rolling Acres Ranch in Durham, Ont.

## Wednesday Sept. 5

**The Nylons** will be at Basin St. Cabaret Tues. through Thurs. at 9 p.m. and Friday and Sat. at 8:30 and 11 p.m. Cover weekdays is \$6, weekends is \$7. Dinner show package from \$12.95, for reservations call 598-3013. Official opening is Sept. 12.

## Thursday Sept. 6

**Nightwood Theatre** presents *The True Story of Ida Johnson* from the novel by Sharon Riis. Starts today until Sept. 15th at Bathurst St. Arena Theatre, 25 Lennox St. Admission is \$4, for reservations call 536-6663.

## Friday Sept. 7

**September Shakedown.** Rock 'n roll dance at 519 Church St. from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., disc jockey, cash bar, food. \$3 admission. Sponsored by the Young Communist League (I'll be the girl with the red dress on!)

**Toronto Public Libraries** is holding a book sale today from 5 to 9:30 p.m. and tomorrow from 9:30 to 4:30. Best buys in town. 222 Queen's Quay W. (across the road from last year's sale) money from the sale will go into the library's general revenue. Over 40,000 books and magazines on sale.

## Saturday Sept. 8

**In Concert: Holly Near** with J.T. Thomas at the Faculty of Education Building, 371 Bloor St. W. tonight at 8 p.m. For childcare and transportation for the disabled call 922-3011 by Sept. 1. Tickets at the door \$6, in advance \$5, available at the Toronto Women's Bookstore and the non-nuclear network. Sponsored by the non-nuclear network and Women Against Nuclear Technology. An educational on nuclear energy will be held in collaboration with this event on Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the faculty of education auditorium. 371 Bloor St. W.

Today and tomorrow a **Gem and Mineral Show** at the Cook Brothers Youth Centre in Kingston, Ont.

## Sunday Sept. 9

**Educational on Nuclear Energy** at the Faculty of Education Auditorium (371 Bloor St. W.) today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discussion, panel, video tape and theatre presentation.

## Tuesday Sept. 11

**Variety acts** needed for Ward Seven musical/comedy revue planned for spring 1980. Aspiring producers, directors and script writers are also needed. Planning meeting tonight, 7:30 p.m., Winchester School, 15 Prospect St. or call David Revell at 469-3149.

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**Pre-festival party** sponsored by Toronto Chilean Association, the Greek Canadian Democratic Organization, Canadians Concerned About Southern Africa and the Canadian Peace Congress. Tonight at 7:30, 121 Avenue Rd. Dance, Greek/Chilean food, and a cash bar. For further information, call 469-3422 (days) or 461-7300 (evenings).

**Jean-Guy Moreau**, Quebec's talented impersonator, will be doing his highly acclaimed impersonation of René Lévesque in an evening of participation theatre at Bathurst St. Theatre tonight. 8:30, tickets \$2.50 at the door. For reservations, call 536-6663. Tell your views to René.

## Monday Aug. 27

**Harbourfront's** Monday night film is Canadian. Tonight's feature is *In Praise of Older Women*, with two NFB shorts: *Syrinx* and *Pretend You're Wearing a Barrel*. Screenings at 7:30 p.m. York Quay Centre. Admission \$1. The ongoing tribute to Canadian movies ends tomorrow night with these same films.

## Tuesday Aug. 28

**Harbourfront's** poetry reading series has Michael Harris from Montreal tonight at 8:30 p.m. at the York Quay Centre.

**Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO)**, is holding a course on Children's Rights in Law tonight and tomorrow night (attend

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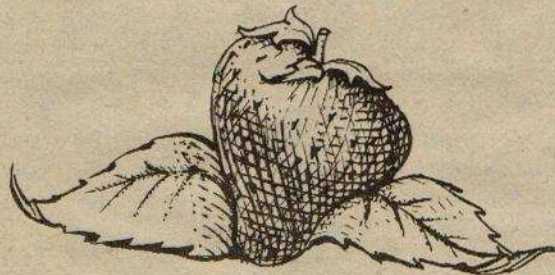


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# CUPW leader Parrot exposes joker in slogan 'consultation, not negotiation'



Wendy Iler

Jean-Claude Parrot, national president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, was keynote speaker at last month's convention of the Confederation of Canadian Unions. We are reprinting excerpts of that speech here. This Magazine plans to reprint the entire speech in a forthcoming issue.

... I know the CCU is no stranger to the type of attacks that postal workers have faced over the last year. Police harassment, injunctions, unjust firings and dismissals, union-busting campaigns, the government's manipulation or straight-out violation of the law, red-baiting, hysterical stories in the media, jail sentences — these are all as familiar to you as they are to us. . . .

Why, with continuous attacks on our jobs and our rights, do we continue to struggle? Why do some unions have a more difficult time than others? Are the employers' allegations true — are we just a bunch of wild-eyed anarchists, hell-bent on destroying everything around us? What's at stake?

... The law can recognize or not recognize our right to strike; the law can impose penalties on us for striking. But the law never gave us the right to strike and it cannot take it away. The right to strike is simply part of being a worker, not a slave.

But the right to strike is not the reason for our struggles. It is only a small part of what's at stake. What's at stake is our right, as workers, to some control over our lives, to decent living standards and working conditions and to the minimal protections, on and off the job, that workers have won over hundreds of years of struggle. What's at stake is our right to form democratic, militant unions, unions responsive to workers' needs, not to the employers' wish of higher productivity and higher profits at workers' expense. . . .

Back-to-work legislation, right-to-work laws, the hiring of casual labour, contracting out, legislation making union certification more difficult, the exclusion of more and more workers from the right to unionize, the use of the courts and the police to break strikes and penalize workers — all these weapons and many more have been used against us with increasing frequency over the past few years.

Meanwhile, employers continue to actively engage in union-busting activities without being prosecuted, and at the bargaining table in both the public and private sectors, employers are increasingly offering nothing but rollbacks and reductions in real wages. . . .

The first thing that we must recognize is that, despite the economic crisis, the employers, as a class, have grown stronger and more organized.

Just look at the strength of the multinational corporations when it comes to negotiating with their workers — corporations that are so large that they are

**'The first thing that we must recognize is that the employers have grown stronger and more organized.'**

able to withstand strikes because of their foreign subsidiaries which continue to operate and provide them with profits. And not only are these corporations becoming larger, but they are also becoming more diversified, crossing from industry to industry and country to country, thus making it much harder for even a major strike to affect their entire operations.

Just as workers organized during the 19th century to bring their collective strength to bear against employers, so too employers are organizing today, and on every level.

Consider, for example, the emergence of province-wide "employers' councils" in British Columbia, the enormous strengthening of such business-front groups as the National Citizens' Coalition, the open collusion of meat pack-

based industries, are using stockpiles to try and break the workers' determination to struggle. In the manufacturing sector, they can threaten to relocate the enterprise to a low wage country in an effort to blackmail workers into dropping their demands. And finally, the fact that more than one million workers in Canada are unemployed is a powerful weapon in the hands of employers trying to reduce wages and increase profits.

The main thrust of this high degree of organization, of this closer and more open co-operation between private and public sector employers is to attack the very basis of labour's strength — the rights to negotiate and to strike. And they are using a variety of tactics to achieve their objectives. . . .

The government's message to postal workers was, and still is, "consultation

easier for companies to gain acceptance of their board decisions and, most of all, because union officials can then be used to impose the employers' order and exercise a "restraining influence" on members. . . .

Unfortunately here in Canada the employers' campaign to co-opt unions into consultation forums is far from being a failure. Too many people in the labour movement have bought the employers' line on industrial democracy without fully exploring or understanding its implications.

But even where the employers' persuasion about "industrial democracy", "quality of work life" and all the other attempts to co-opt fail, *legalized union-bashing* to coerce workers into consultation schemes becomes the order of the day. The tactics may be a little different, but the object is exactly the same: to destroy the power of workers and reassert the unchecked arbitrary power of the corporate bosses, not just at the workplace, but throughout our society.

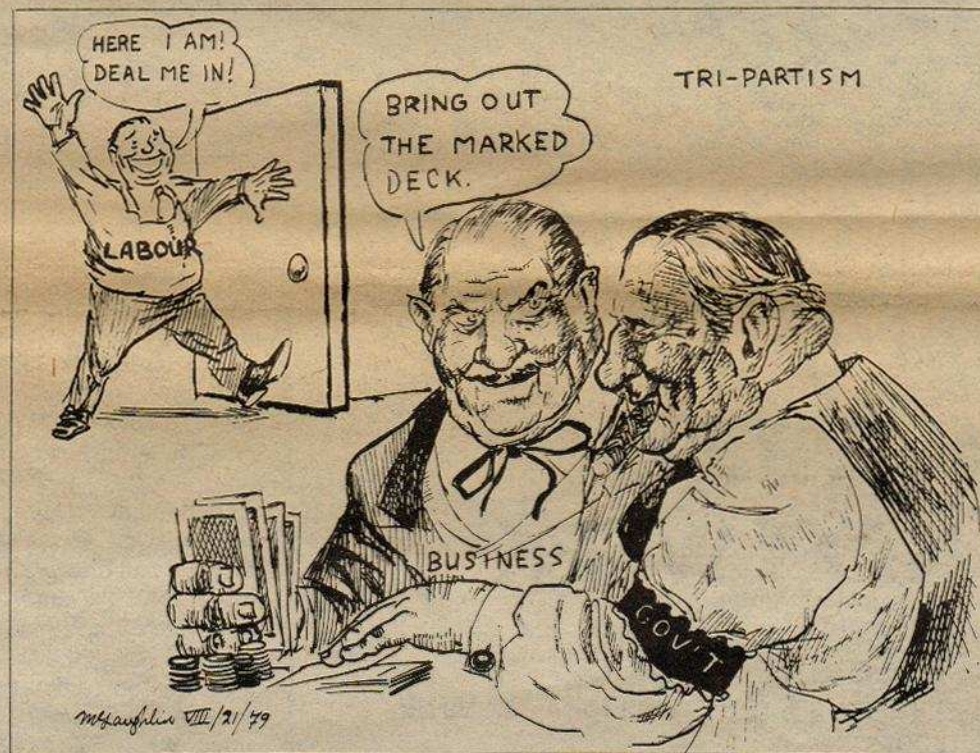
**'The right to strike is simply a part of being a worker, not a slave.'**

And this, brothers and sisters, is something we in the organized labour movement have a duty to fight. If we care about workers' rights on the job, if we care about the social protection mechanisms — like UIC, pensions, welfare, medical care, workers' compensation and so on — we have won in the past, if we care about the ownership, direction and control of our country, we must make the choice away from industrial democracy and towards the strengthening of collective bargaining. And this means we must reorganize and create new mechanisms that will enable us to more effectively wield our collective strength. . . .

The challenge before us is to create a situation where every employer considering forcing his employees to strike will do so in the knowledge that those workers will receive financial help from all organized workers. Where every employer considering using scabs will know in advance that that action will provoke a mass picket organized by the local labour organizations. And where every employer realizes that when the labour movement calls a boycott of anti-medicare doctors or of the products of a single company, that boycott will be actively promoted and supported by millions of workers.

It will not be easy to transform the trade union movement into a unified fighting force. There will be differences of opinion concerning priorities and strategy.

But these differences can and should be handled in a fraternal way — in the knowledge that the enemy is *not* those who desire change within the labour movement — the real enemy is to be found in the corporate boardrooms across the country. The enemy is not workers who desire to protect their rights — the real enemies are those who desire to repress and eliminate our rights.



aging companies throughout the industry during the meat packers' strike last year, or the private sector-public sector alliance of the Post Office Department and the Direct Mailers' Association during the CUPW strike last fall. . . .

Employers are just as well, if not better, organized on the international level. At a recent meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development — an international organization at which industrialized countries jointly develop economic strategies — government and business representatives from a number of countries decided on strategies to do away with collective bargaining. The measures they agreed upon included year-round media campaigns

- to break down public resistance to increasing profits;
- to isolate unionized workers and convince the public that the high unemployment, high inflation, and other economic problems are a result of their excessive demands;
- to convince workers that collective bargaining is outdated and should be replaced with more informal, co-operative methods of dealing with labour-management problems.

The fact that employers are so well organized now means that they can use the current economic crisis as a much more effective weapon against workers than they could in the past. More and more employers, especially in the resource-

instead of negotiations." And is it not the same message employers are sending to other workers?

Whatever name it goes under — industrial democracy, worker participation schemes, worker self-management, quality of work life experiments, intergroup and so on — both private and public sector employers are pushing this concept of replacing collective bargaining by consultation schemes. And let's make no mistake. They are pushing this concept very hard.

But why? Is it because employers like ours who have refused to offer anything at the bargaining table unless they were confronted by the strength of the membership, is it because these employers have suddenly realized the injustice of their ways and are now interested in the welfare of their employees?

Or is it because, through these industrial democracy schemes, all these employers know they can remove issues away from the collective bargaining process, away from the democratic control of the membership, away from the strength of the membership, away from any possibility of collective worker action or reprisals — and into the cozy atmosphere of back-room deals and bartered privileges which they call consultation? . . .

Why do companies push industrial democracy? Because it will increase profits, increase productivity, make it



**Grindstone group calls for renewable energy****Conference flies as energy dies**

Carl Stieren

Author and Clamshell Alliance activist Anna Gyorgy.

By Carl Stieren

Opposing nuclear energy won't make you glow in the dark, but it has its hazards.

"I know of a Montreal public school principal who was demoted because of his opposition to nuclear power," says Dorothy Rosenberg of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility. "He's now studying real estate because he expects he will soon be fired outright by his school board."

And Montreal filmmaker Ian Ball tells of the problems he ran into while producing *No Act of God* — the controversial NFB film on nuclear power.

"I made the film after countless film-makers had turned it

down for fear of the political explosion it could cause," Ball says.

"The Canadian Nuclear Association tried to have the NFB withdraw the film and accused me of unbalanced reporting. But after an inquiry set up by the NFB, I was cleared of all the charges except one — the fact that I hadn't balanced the anti-nuclear comments of Swedish nuclear scientist Hannes Alfvén with a pro-nuclear scientist."

**Demonstration**

The comments came at an August conference on nuclear power, held at Grindstone Island, north of Kingston.

**AES Data strikers win first contract**

Employees at AES Data Ltd's Mississauga plant have won a first contract after a five-week strike.

The workers, members of the Canadian Union of Operating Engineers and General Workers, local 101, voted July 23 to accept a company offer

that provides slightly more than a \$1 per hour wage increase across the board over two years.

The average wage at AES before the strike was \$5.35 an hour, which the union said was 15 to 30 per cent lower than rates paid at similar electronics plants in the Toronto area.

Fifty-four per cent of the company, which manufactures word processing machines, is owned by the Canada Development Corporation.

The settlement came shortly after union members and supporters picketed CDC offices in Toronto and Vancouver on July 16.

In Vancouver, about 30 people — from the CUOE&GW and other affiliates of the Confederation of Canadian Unions — picketed the Vancouver head office of the CDC.

Union representative Larry Haiven said he and several others went inside the building to present the CDC communications manager with a CCU convention resolution condemning the CDC for its "arrogant, anti-labour attitude" toward the AES employees.

"He expressed concern over the issues we were raising and assured us it would be brought to the attention of the chairman of the board," said Haiven.

Within a week, the president of AES came to Toronto from Montreal to negotiate with the strikers.

Haiven said the contract settled the two other outstanding issues — back pay was increased to \$400 from \$300, and management compromised on a work performance clause so that it is "liveable."

"It's an extremely good contract for a first contract," Haiven said. "It gets them moving towards industry rates."

The conference also planned a hot (but not radioactive) welcome for Joe Clark when he opens Parliament on October 13. A demonstration against nuclear power — and a reminder to the Tories of their campaign promise of a national inquiry into nuclear power — will greet MPs.

**WANT**

Delegate Lilith Finkler of Toronto, a member of WANT — Women Against Nuclear Technology — announced a benefit concert with Holly Near on September 8 at the Faculty of Education, Bloor and Spadina. The next day, the group will hold an educational on nuclear power, with Ursula Franklin of the Conserver Society, who is also a University of Toronto engineering professor.

Anna Gyorgy spoke about the international movement against nuclear power.

"When 100,000 West Germans began their anti-nuclear-power march on Hanover this spring, their slogan was 'Gorleben (a West German reactor site) is everywhere.'

"Before they reached Hanover, the Three Mile Island accident had happened and they immediately changed their slogan to 'We all live in Pennsylvania,' Gyorgy told the group of 45 citizens and anti-nuclear activists.

**Clamshell**

Gyorgy, a member of the anti-nuclear Clamshell Alliance, which sparked the mass demonstrations at Seabrooke, N.H., two years ago, is also the author of *No Nukes: Everyone's Guide to Nuclear Power*.

The group gathered to hear Gyorgy came from as far as St. Louis and Campbell's Bay, Quebec, where a coalition called PANAC (Pontiac Anti-Nuclear Action Committee) has just formed to oppose the digging of a uranium mine in the local cottage and farming country. Fifteen different anti-nuclear organizations sent delegates to the Grindstone Island conference.

The conference went beyond criticizing policy and exposing nuclear power hazards and proposed some alternatives.

Concordia University professor Fred Knelman explained that the use of energy produced from present energy sources, such as oil and gas, is really "living off our capital — a situation which no sane businessman would allow to happen for long." Renewable energy resources, such as wind, wood and solar energy, on the other hand, allow us to live off "energy interest" and save the capital, he added.

**THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ENUMERATION STARTS NEXT WEEK**

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When the enumerator visits, please check that the information on the Enumeration Notice is correct. If it is not, revise it and verify the changes.

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