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Kidnapping: the draft in Honduras

by Jack Epstein

It was a typical sweltering Central American afternoon as the olive green bus manoeuvred its way through the streets of Teguciyalpa.

Inside were 10 soldiers of the Honduran military forces, heavily armed and ready to carry out their mission. The bus passed a public park where a group of young men were engrossed in a game of soccer. Suddenly, the drab coloured vehicle made a U-turn and pulled up alongside the unsuspecting players.

Led by a sergeant, the soldiers quickly filed out and approached the football field. "This game is over," barked the abrasive sergeant. "Get your hands up and march peacefully onto the bus. Do not try to escape or we will shoot."

Reluctantly, the orders were obeyed, and the bus hurriedly drove off into the mid-day traffic.

If this scenario seems to describe a kidnapping, that's just what it is. However, in Honduras, it's called military recruitment.

During the last eight years, Honduras has been ruled by a succession of military dictatorships. This period has been characterized by severe oppression, including the numerous violations of human rights.

For young men between the ages of 16 and 20, these kidnappings can occur at any time and anywhere. They can be forcefully removed from a movie theatre, playground, bus stop, school yard, or street corner.

For the military brass, the formula is simple — a monthly quota is to be filled, and a corporal or sergeant is told to fill it. Nothing else matters except obtaining a male body who appears to be within the required age limit. Student, the sole supporter of a family, in poor physical condition — it's of no consequence. Deferments are given only to those men who are legally married, and many poor Hondureños are not legally married.

One young man told me that he worries only when the word is out that a new quota is to be filled.

"I stay in the house until it's over," he said. "It usually doesn't last very long."

But there are those who protest. The day I arrived in Teguciyalpa, there were hundreds of high school students marching through the streets in protest. They demanded the release of all political prisoners.

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Interview with John Sayle Dennis Corcoran talks to the author of Union Dues and At The Anarchist Convention

Search Constitution

by Norman Penner

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It is apparent to us that such a newspaper is possible to produce. Talent abounds in Toronto in writing, editing, photography, illustration, ideas, your skills and your help in producing enough money, through donations, to cover the reality of the type of paper we're talking about. That is the purpose of this special appeal. Without sufficient funding, to help our readers and supporters, to help us overcome restraints will force our efforts to be less than we would eagerly support a weekly paper.
Together, we can build a newspaper that reflects the diverse and creative community of people.
Contact us now. At 390 Dundas Street West.
The Clarion staff

The Friedman prescription Tired of valium? Try electric shock

by Barry Diacon

They loved him. For the most part, Milton Friedman recently told 300 members of Canada's corporate elite exactly what they wanted to hear. Little gems, such as slow growth is caused by giving too much money to the poor when it could be given to the rich instead. Or that inflation is caused by too much money in circulation rather than by monopolistic price-fixing. But from random conversations with a few members of the audience, I got the impression that they are not ready to go with him all the way — not just yet, anyway. The reason is that Friedman is a consistent free-enterpriser. Stamped in the same mold as Adam Smith (who's been dead now for about 170 years), Friedman says that he is actually not a neo-conservative at all. He says he is, in fact, a "liberal," as the word was used in the olden days when the bourgeoisie was struggling to free itself from the fetters of the aristocracy. Some of the businessmen playfully called him a "radical."

The audience's enthusiasm for Friedman mellowed slightly as he spun out some of the finer webs of his philosophy. He advocates, for instance, absolute free trade, which would probably mean the demise of much of Canada's (especially Ontario's) protected manufacturing industry. And he supports greatly increased provincial powers, to the chagrin, once again, of Ontario and the federal government. But most important, a thorough-going application of Friedman's economics would mean an era of devastation that would destroy many of the gentlemen seated in the audience. Canadian business is not yet sufficiently desperate that it will swallow that pill. They have no promises that the pill is not made of cyanide. But they want to play with it, roll it around in the sunlight and then bring it up within a few inches of their lips before setting it down again. The Bank of Canada, you see, is only giving "lip service" to the description. It is true that Gerald Bouey is holding the highest rates in the world.

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He quoted from Claude Ryan's book to demonstrate that he too had the concept because indeed it has been the centre of the struggles of Quebecers since the Conquest. But no sooner had Levesque made his point when the centre of gravity shifted away from Quebec, to a bitter struggle between the federal government and the western provinces.

Dear reader,

The Toronto Clarion has been publishing now for four years. We think that during this period it has been, at times, both a useful and newsworthy source of information on developments in Toronto. However, we believe a re-evaluation of the Clarion is in order.

Our readership, though a supportive one, remains confined to relatively few people and communities in this city. Although we have tried to expand our coverage and analysis, the Clarion, quite simply, has remained isolated. We have not expanded to become the type of newspaper which is obviously missing and needed in Toronto.

Those of us involved with the Clarion believe that this city needs a weekly newspaper which receives the widest possible distribution and attracts strong advertising support, which carries a critical perspective on news, politics and the arts; a paper with concise analysis and a left viewpoint, which appeals not only to activists but to as wide a range of people in Toronto as possible. Music, theatre, literature, politics, labour — the struggles of people in Toronto to control their own lives and productive output — are all areas of coverage which concern us.

It is apparent to us that such a newspaper is not only necessary, but quite possible to produce. Talent abounds in this city: many people have skills in writing, editing, photography, illustration, design and production. We need your ideas, your skills and your help in order to build a new Clarion.

But most of all, right now, we need help with fund-raising. We need your enough money, through donations and sustaining contributions, to make a reality of the type of paper we're talking about, and which we've tried to give you a taste of on these two pages.

That is the purpose of this special four-page issue: we are asking you, our readers and supporters, to help build the type of newsweekly this city needs. Without sufficient funding to set things up on a firm foundation, economic restraints will force our efforts to remain isolated from the vast majority of people who would eagerly support a critical, visually stimulating, thought-provoking weekly paper.

Together, we can build a paper here in Toronto which truly appeals to and reflects the diverse and changing interests of a far-reaching and wide-ranging community of people.

Contact us now. At 363-4404.

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RAPE: Lie detector tests of victims, harmful laws, cutback in crisis centre funding, all hurt women

by Peter Flosz
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A review by Robin Wood

The Festival of Festivals

Watch for:

● Anniversary: October Crisis

Ten years ago, 497 people were arrested under the War Measures Act. They included singer Pauline Julien, péquiste Gerard Godin and labour leader Michel Chartrand. Richard Cantrall interviewed some of them to find out what happened in 1970, and how easily it could happen again.

● Shutdowns and sit-ins

Some workers are trying to get a better deal when plants close down by occupying them. Is it working? The Clarion talks to people who say yes, and some who say no. Plus, interviews with workers who have participated in the occupations.

● Combatting the Klan

When the Klan set up shop in Toronto, government officials said a lot but didn't do much. The Clarion looks at how activists are organizing against the KKK, and talks to people in the community the Klan is trying to influence.

● The trouble with co-op living

It used to be Rochdale, and a co-op house on every corner. Now, we're hard-pressed to come up with many people we know who live in communal houses. We seem to be the new one- and two-bedroom apartment generation — though we may live in housing co-ops. What happened to co-op living, and why?

- The battle to save Island home
- An analysis of the civic elections

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Prison crisis near Northern Ireland

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The ongoing "blanket protest" of Irish Republican prisoners in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh prison camp for the restoration of political status is in danger of escalating into a mass hunger strike, says the National H-Block Committee, a coalition which includes representatives of Irish political, labour, cultural and civil rights organizations.

In their present condition, it is obvious that should the prisoners embark on a hunger strike, they would soon be coming out in coffins.

The protest and the reasons behind it are not well known in

Canada as the media have maintained an almost total blanket of silence on it. The only significant exception to date has been the wide press coverage given to a statement in August 1978 by the Roman Catholic Primate of Ireland, Cardinal Tomás O Fiaich, in which he condemned the conditions in H-Block as reminiscent of the sewers of Calcutta, and criticized the British govern-

See story next page on Canada's National Prison Justice Day.

ment for denying the prisoners' basic human rights in an attempt to force them to accept criminal status.

For as long as there has been a Republican tradition in Ireland, imprisoned Irish Republicans have always rejected the label of "criminal" for actions undertaken to free Ireland from British rule.

In 1972, Irish Republican Army (IRA) prisoners in Belfast's Crumlin Road Jail went on hunger strike for the right to be recognized as political prisoners.

After many weeks, the British government gave in when it became clear that there would be bloody riots across nationalist areas of the North if any of the prisoners died.

What Britain conceded was

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Parkdale bachelorette scam. Union-busting at Sick Children's Hospital. Plutonium shipped through Malton. Scoops from Cindy Fortunata and Fred Mooney.

Where did you first hear about these stories? Not the Star, not the Globe, not the Downtowner, and certainly not the New York Times.

The Toronto Clarion? You know it. And we know it. But our goal is to make sure the rest of Toronto knows it and reads the Clarion. It's an awesome task, but that is no reason not to strive for it.

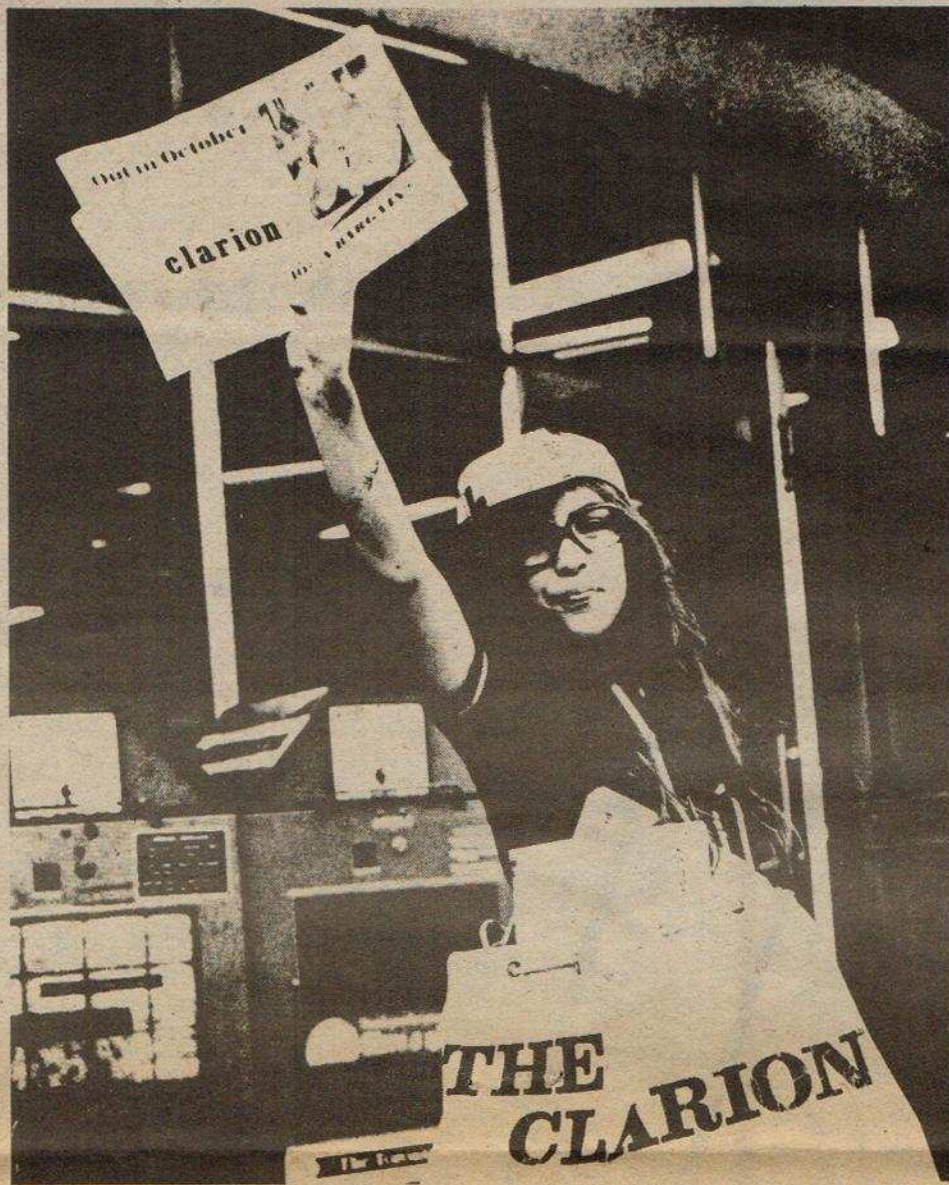
Our coverage has greatly expanded since we began four years ago. We've been dealing with labour, international news, union-busting, housing — both co-op and non-profit — humour, entertainment, film criticism by Robin Wood, restaurant and book reviews, music, sports, and a rapidly expanding classified advertising section unlike any other in this city.

But we haven't published in the last two months. Without your support, we'll have difficulty continuing to publish, let alone expanding and improving our content and design.

It is essential to our survival to build a strong financial base now. Without one, we are unable to plan ahead — for anything. There will be no guarantee that we will be able to publish, to bring you the kind of news and information that you look to the Clarion for.

The ongoing financial base that sustaining memberships can give us are essential to our survival as are subscribers and advertisers.

Here's a rough breakdown of our costs: printing two issues each month costs \$1,000; the salaries for two paid staff members are \$1,500 each month; and production, mailing, telephone and



Get ready for the next issue of the Clarion — which will hit the streets on October 10. Absolutely final deadline for classifieds, ads, and calendar items is Monday, October 6. If you have ideas for stories, please call as soon as you can: don't wait until October 6.

rent is \$500 per month. For a year, the total comes to \$36,000. We are hoping to increase the number of subscribers, in order to bring in \$12,000 in revenue per year, and double our advertising to bring in \$12,000 per year. That leaves \$12,000 in revenue that we need. And that is where we hope sustainers will come in.

We wish to see the momentum that is building, and has been building over four years, continue. After only two months of not publishing the Clarion, a gap in the information available in Toronto is only too visible.

With help from our friends, we can make sure that the gap is filled — permanently.

We believe, and we hope you'll agree, that the Toronto Clarion must continue to publish: and that's why we've designed a different Clarion. It will still carry "all the news that's left" but with a more eye-catching cover and new design. There'll be a balance of news reporting and analysis, a more comprehensive listing of events in the city and out of town, and an ongoing series of in-depth spreads on issues which affect our daily lives.

But all of this will only be a dream if we can't finance it properly. Left-wing, progressive publications are notorious for never having enough money, and often folding as a result.

Perhaps if there were a surplus of those publications in Toronto the matter wouldn't be so urgent. But the Clarion is one of a kind in this city, which is why it must, quite simply, be kept alive.

However, those who want the Clarion to continue publishing and to improve have to pay a price. Nobody said change came easy — or cheap.

We believe it is worth the price. We hope you will too.

Are you one in 100?

The Clarion needs 100 sustainers — people who will help support the paper financially to give us the base we need to continue and thrive. You're one of them if you can commit \$10 a month, or more, to the Clarion over one year.

Sustainers receive:

- a free subscription, or renewal
- 2 free gift subscriptions
- your name in the masthead as a sustainer, if you like
- 2 free tickets to Clarion benefits (the best parties in town!)
- invitations to 2 gatherings a year to meet the staff, see the office, and discuss the paper

Clip and mail this form today.

Yes. I'm one in 100.

I'm enclosing post-dated cheques (or lump sum payment) for:

- \$10/month for one year
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We need your time, ideas and participation

It'll take more than just money to make the new Clarion work. Here's a list of some of the other ways we'd like you to get involved in making the Clarion a success:

Participate in workshops. We're revamping the way we organize our coverage and generate story ideas. The basis of the new way we'll do this is workshops: groups of people with special interest or expertise in areas of coverage, who will meet as often as they wish to discuss what kind of coverage the Clarion ought to be providing in their areas, and taking much of the responsibility for turning those ideas into stories and features. We hope that when those of you with particular interests and information in these areas get directly involved in planning the Clarion's coverage, we'll be able to provide much more comprehensive, ongoing and analytical coverage.

The four workshops we've decided are the priority areas for coverage are labour, community organizing, culture/sports, and personal liberation. To find out more about any of these workshops and to get involved, call the Clarion at 363-4404. Or call the contact person for the workshop: labour, Norman Rogers at 535-4699 or Sue Vohanka at 920-2431; community organizing, Paul Weinberg at 463-6990; culture/sports, Mike Edwards at 533-7800 evenings; personal liberation, Allan Meisner, leave a message at 363-4404.

Call us with story ideas. Whenever you're involved in or hear about something that you think might be an interesting story, let us know about it. And remember that our definition of news isn't the same as that of the dailies — many of the things that happen to people at work or in their communities which are not publicized are often stories that the Clarion should be carrying. If you're not sure, call us anyway.

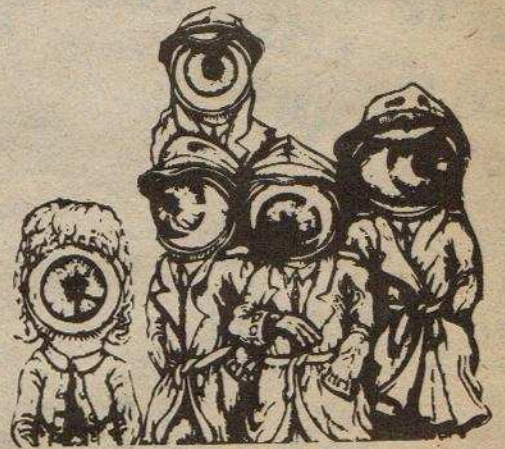
Help with production. You don't need any experience in newspaper work to be invaluable to us at the Clarion. Producing a newspaper involves many tasks that aren't obvious but are useful and necessary. Like proofreading, writing headlines and cutlines for pictures, paste-up, and countless others. We'll

help you learn other skills too, if you want, like writing, editing, design, photography, typesetting, or using a process camera. Call if you're interested.

Patronize our advertisers. And tell them you saw their ad in the Clarion. It may not seem like much of a contribution, but it's a very important one to us.

Help with distribution. Do you know a store, organization or other public place which should be carrying the Clarion but doesn't? Or are you willing to help distribute the paper at events or in your neighbourhood or workplace? Call us if you can help.

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