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A boss budget

"We will move much more quickly to non-inflationary growth if the conviction spreads that we are heading back towards stable prices and lower interest rates. The whole process will be much easier if everyone feels he is being treated fairly. That is why I have put so much emphasis on restraint with equity . have also emphasized the promise of renewal.

— Allan MacEachen

From the Budget speech November 12, 1981

Fine words, but the budget is a fraud. Far from dealing with the problems most Canadians face - unemployment, inflation,loss of farms, high rents and mortgages and a deepening reces sion — the budget seeks to gain widespread support for the retrenchment of the capitalist economic system by pretending it will be fairer in the future. The budget, MacEachen has promised, will redistribute wealth. And indeed it will - from the for to the rich.

onsider carefully these figures. The poorest 25 per cent of copulation earn a scant four per cent of the income. The adde 50 per cent earn 56 per cent. The top 25 per cent earn did to 50 per cent earn 56 per cent. The top 25 per cent earn 40 per cent of the income. So for there to be any *real* distribution of of income (not to mention wealth) the richest 25 per cent would have to be heavily taxed. But the budget does just the opposite. The top rate of taxation for those earning in excess of \$53,000 a year will be reduced from 64 per cent to 50 per cent. Plus they will now pay-25 per cent tax on their capital gains instead of 32 per cent. For the 30 per cent of the population earning less than \$11,000 a year, and for the 25 per cent who earn between \$15 - 25,000 the basic tax rate remains the

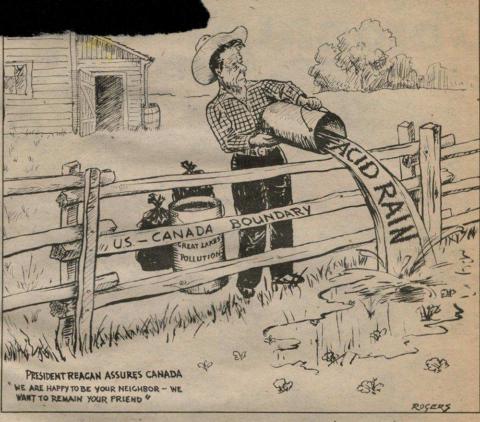
This is Reaganomics. For all MacEachen's talk of fairness, budget mimics the tax reduction legislation introduced by Reagan in August to aid the rich. If MacEachen had truly wanted an equitable leady with record profits? Why record profits? Why record profits? Why record to income? Why not tax wealth, the true source of income? And what about the large And what about the large one decade to the next, corporations that don't endlessly deferring the to the future.

Thirty years ago corportion, individuals paid 30 pe 70 per cent of all taxaratio has been reversed, and the budget continues and away from the corporate as the f shifting the tax burden to ensure their profitability) onto the individual ayers, and more particularly onto the poorest among

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yment, MacEachen's most unemployment is unarce of milion less, corporations nent Insurance Commission to pay out. Which can only se the argument: "If you pay to expect less in benefits" to pressed by the recession.

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Off base

To the Clarion:

Richard Lippe, in his review of the film Rich and Famous (Clarion, November 6, 1981) is so totally off base that I'm not even sure we have seen the same film.

Anyone who would call the friendship between Jacqueline Bisset and Candice Bergen "intuitively supportive" has no idea what those words mean. The two women in the film were portrayed as catty, bitchy, jealous, manipulative, competitive, spiteful and even verbally and physically abusive toward each other. Movies like Rich and Famous perpetuate myths about women' friendships which undermine and trivialize women's relationships with each other and serve to strengthen male domination over women's lives

It is interesting to note that while the male reviewer saw the film as challenging traditional notions about women and somehow contributing to women's personal and sexual freedom, every woman I know who has seen the film has been deeply offended by its portrayal of women.

I find this review of Rich and Famous an exception to the Clarion's usual fine reporting on "women's" issues and events.

Diane Nannarone Toronto

Anti-zion

To the Clarion:

I was sorry to see the Clarion join in the denunciation of Zionism in its article on the Beirut conference in the November issue. The paper has adopted without criticism the position of Abie Weisfeld and his Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews. He starts out with the erroneous statement that Zionism was built on a slogan of "a land without people for a people without land'

Anyone with a knowledge of Jewish history will know that Jews inhabited Israel for over a thousand years before the "imperialist" Romans expelled them almost 2,000 years ago. Since then, the collective con-



sciousness of the Jewish people yearned for a return to their homeland, while a small but sizeable number of Jews maintained a perpetual habitation on the land.

Jews were late in redeveloping their national consciousness in the late 19th century and when in numbers they started returning to Israel they found another people had migrated onto the same piece of land. While this has created a moral and humanitarian problem that must be resolved by negotiation, it does not undermine the legitimacy of a right to the Jewish people that every other people enjoy, namely the right to national liberation and statehood. Jewish people should not be expected to give up this right until all nations combine together in a true universal internationalism. Furthermore, the rights of Jewish people should not be opposed merely because its national leaders have abused

the powers of government.

Thus anyone who opposes Zionism per se must recognize they are opposed to Jewish self-expression. That does not mean one should not criticize the immoral policies of current and past Israeli governments. In fact there are organized political groups in Israel and elsewhere who accept the right of Palestinian selfdetermination as well as strug-

gle for social justice in other areas of Israeli life. Barbara Walsh may even b

surprised to hear that there is an active branch of the Progressive Zionist movement operating for some time right here in Canada. In the mean-time, Mr. Weisfeld should examine his self-denial and recognize that Non-Zionist Jews have as much credibility as Quebecois who advocate assimilation Canadian milieu. Shalom Schacter Toronto

Solidarity

To the Clarion:

N. Rogers claims (*Clarion*, November 6, 1981) I erred in questioning the political direction of Solidarity. He remarks that this is something that I and others of my "political ilk" are prone to do since we don't understand that the people make social revolutions "not leaders and bureaucrats. (That's the old leaders or followers conundrum from the Continued on page 4

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Ex-patients to be uprooted

by Michael Crystal

The Ontario Ministry of Health has responded to the housing crisis faced recently discharged mental health patients by preparing to reinstitutional-ize them, Pat Capponi, community activist and member of the Supportive Housing

Coalition, told the Clarion.

"What's worse," Capponi said, "people are going to be uprooted and shipped out of Metro for the winter."

Steve Lurie, chairperson of the Supportive Housing Coalition, a group of consumers and providers of mental health services, said the province's solu-tion for homeless mental health con-

Mayor Art accused of plagiarism

by Andrea Bain

About 150 tenants from all sectors of the housing field in Toronto gathered at Toronto City Hall November 7 for the People's Housing Conference organ ized by concerned activists and alderpersons in response to the lack of affordable housing in Metropolitan

Kari Dehli, chairperson of the Con-ference, said the conference was organ-ized in response to the Mayor's Conference on Housing, held November 21, because no solutions to the housing shortage could be anticipated to come out of that conference.

"We want to let people know that it's the tenants who are the experts in hous-ing, not the development industry, because it's the tenants who have to tolerate the conditions in which they live,"

Five approaches to solutions of the housing crisis were presented, including the formation of a broadly based coalition of people from all housing sectors to press for government action resulting from the housing shortage. Thirty-six resolutions were unanimously passed at the People's Housing Conference and it was also unanimously resolved to take all the resolutions to the Mayor's Con-

ference on Housing.

Other resolutions called for an additional 10,000 rent-geared-to-income units to be added to existing OHC stock; CityHome (the City of Toronto's Non-Profit Housing Corporation) to return to its previous strategy of expanding the housing stock at 1,000 units a year; for the introduction of a rent registry; for universal standards of accessibility for the disabled to be required throughout apartments and multi-unit residential buildings where the Ontario Building Code requires an

Participants were very surprised to then find that their resolutions were incorporated into Mayor Eggleton's opening remarks November 21. Morris Saldov, a tenant from one Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) development and a participant at the People's Hous-ing Conference, told the Mayor, "I'd like to know how and where you obtained your resolutions. Since you did not give credit to your source of information, you have in fact plagiarized.

Mayor Eggleton's response was re-sounding silence on his "solutions" to the housing crisis. Nevertheless, the People's Housing Conference attendees succeeded in passing their resolutions at the plenary session of the Mayor's Consumers is to send them to cottages at the Whitby Psychiatric Hospital and a nursing home in Ajax.

The coalition could have provided supportive housing in Metro," Lurie said, "if the Ministry of Health had been willing to raise their daily rate by just a few dollars. The way it stands now, the province will not be providing a single new bed within Metro in response to a Metro problem.

Lurie added that the supportive housing the coalition was prepared to provide "would have created an environment where residents could take part in the operation of their home and become reintegrated into the community. Whitby and Ajax will only continue the old patterns of dependence and isolation."

Housing became a problem for men-tal health cosumers when Ontario's deinstitutionalization program began, said Joanne McAlpine-Sudac, a community worker at Parkdale Community Legal Services. She said deinstitutionalization was supposed to transfer mental health care from the hospitals to the com-

It seemed like a good idea, as patients who previously spent years on back wards would be reintegrated into the community. "But", McAlpine-Sudac said, "all the government did was empty the hospitals. They did not establish any community programs to speak of." "Even now," she said, "only 1% of the mental health budget is spent on community programs." munity programming

According to a study conducted by the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, housing is a problem affecting large numbers of mental health consumers. The study found that 14,000 people are discharged from psychiatric facilities in Metropoli-tan Toronto every year. Of these, the Institute found almost one-quarter, or 3500, required immediate housing and had no place to go.

For the person without family support, the road from a psychiatric ward leads most often to Parkdale. Accord-ing to the City of Toronto, about 1200 mental health consumers live in this area. According to Capponi, most live in private boarding and lodging homes. Residents are usually housed three or five to a room and generally served rather scanty, low protein meals. Capponi said room and board can cost residents as much as their entire welfare cheque. At best they can expect to keep about \$20 a month for clothing and incidentals.



Group home for ex-psychiatric patients, Parkdale.

Last July freelance writer Betty-Jane Wiley moved into a Parkdale boarding and lodging home for two weeks under the guise of a former psychiatric patient. Wiley told *the Clarion* life in a boarding home is "absolutely mind numbing".

"Every aspect of life in the home was regimented," she said. "Meals were served on a schedule, doors were locked at midnight and absolutely no decisions were left to residents."

Wiley said that although she was not on medication as the other residents were, she began to feel like she was.
"This is the worst kind of dead end for
these people. They have no chance whatsoever to develop.

To make matters worse, what hous-

ing there is for mental health consumers has been progressively drying up. A study done by the Supportive Housing Coalition found that 202 boarding and lodging home beds had disappeared in the last year and it was likely that another 150 percent and the state of the other 150 were about to go. Mary Stern, co-ordinator of a Parkdale drop-in cen-tre, said that some people simply don't have anyplace to go.

"Some stay in the parks and back alleys during the warm months and wan-der from hostel to hostel or sleep in parking garages during the winter. There is very little keeping these people from committing suicide," Stern said.

For further information on the Suppor-

tive Housing Coalition, call Sue Campbell at 531-2411.



Former patients are crowded into rooms often containing four beds

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Handbook of Sophistry.)

To rebut my assertion that Solidarity is not a socialist movement he provides a few lines from the "Declaration of the Solidarity Congress". must thank him for making my case. Nowhere does the document say that Solidarity has socialist goals! Earlier on Solidarity did claim to be socialist, but when it came time to adopt their programme the Solidarity leadership chose to remove socialism as part of its guiding philosophy (they chose to leave in the nation and the Church). Not an encouraging development.

I'm happy to see that N.
Rogers does not dispute the
fact that Walesa is an admirer
of Reagan's. More is now
known of Walesa's political predilections. During a CBS news special, Oct. 21, 1981, Walesa told Walter Cronkite that his model for Poland to emulate was none other than that paragon of progress, the United States. Lucky Poland.

Undoubtedly the masses have the final say and they will not choose to follow a leadership that wants to pattern itself on Reagan and his capitalist system. But it is our duty to be of help here and everywhere to see that the facts are known about those seeking to mislead

the Polish people.

By trying to ignore the prob-lem of Walesa's outlook and by misunderstanding the programme of Solidarity, N. Rogers is being so dangerously naive that I have to hope that there are no others of his "political ilk

> John Owen Toronto

More

To the Clarion:

In his letter printed in your October issue, John Owen expresses concern about the political direction of the Polish union movement Solidarity. However, his descriptions of Reagan's attempts to identify Solidarity's struggle with the North-American anti-communist fervor, and Lech's personal infatuation with the similar way in which Reagan "waves his hands and arms" are hardly grounds for establishing a realistic appraisal of the political essence of a social movement as profound and complex as Solidarity. Surely we cannot deduce the political content of a 10 million member strong union by observing the personality traits of its leader, particularly a leader who was re-elected with only 55 per cent of the

total delegate vote.

Owen could just as easily have quoted Edward Lipinski, one of Poland's most renowned economists and a co-founder of KOR (Commit-tee for Social Self-Defence) who, commenting on the recent events in Polish history, at the union's first national congress stated, "Socialism was to be the solving of problems of the working class, the libera-tion of the working class, the creation of conditions in which every man, could be fully developed. But the socialism that was created, was a socialism of mismanagement and inefficiency, that brought about an economic catastrophe unequaled in 200 years. It is a socialism of prisons, censorship and police. This socialism has been destroying others It is this socialism that is antisocialist and antirevolutionary.

Nevertheless, the heterogeneity of the membership should not obscure the fact that, at its most fundamental level, Solidarity represents a genuinely democratic and antielitist (bureaucratic or capitalistic) force. The most accurate representation of the central thrust of Solidarity must still be found in the statements of the membership itself. The following excerpt is taken from the newspaper of Szczecin Solidarity, JEDNOSC, (Unity),

No. 11, Oct. 30, 1980: "For the real liberation of the proletariat can only take place on the road to the socialisation (something quite different from state ownership) of the means of production. It is necessary for the workers and peasants to become the real owners of the machines and tools with which they work and of the land which they cultivate.... This move-ment, as is evident, is socialist in its very essense, and anyody who cannot grasp this is condemned to remain on the sidelines of the current history of the nation, far from the creative current of history.

Furthermore, it is not sur-prising that the Western press, once apparently enthusiastic about Solidarity, has already begun to shift. This was most clearly seen in the September 12 Economist, the British business weekly. They said, "The Polish government, under the sensible direction of General Jaruzelski, is trying to take a grip on the country. It has pushed through some huge and much-needed, though unpopular price rises. It has refused to yield to some of Solidarity's absurder demands While advising Solidarity to show "more realism", the Economist reminded Jaruzelski, "In most countries, the best way to handle over-powerful trade unions is to ignore their demands and withstand their strikes.

The suppression of Solidarity would be a serious setback for Polish workers. The privileged few could once again treat themselves to fancy villas and shopping sprees in Paris and economic decision-making power would return to those responsible for incurring the massive debts to Western banks. Solidarity is an inspira-tion to workers in Canada and other Western countries who are confronted with rising unemployment, rising prices and declining real wages, and a living example of the power of working people when they are united.





Rights rejected, Hawkes ejected

On November 10, Brent Hawkes of Meton November 10, Brent Hawkes of Met-ropolitan Community Church along with two other supporters was ejected from the public gallery of the provincial legislature after hand-cuffing themselves to the railing. Conveniently the guards had on hand a pair of wire cutters to free Hawkes after he

read a statement denouncing the undemocratic method that the Legislature's human rights committee used in considering gay rights.

"The committee hearings were democratic in form," said Hawkes, "but certainly not in content."

The legislature voted down an NDP amendment that would have included gay rights in the Ontario Human Rights code.

"We believe that the call to justice, love and truth," said Hawkes, "comes from too far beyond and too deep within to be smothered by any government."

By helping to shatter the image of dictatorial and invulnerable Warsaw Pact countries, Solidarity now makes it very difficult for Reagan and his allies to con-vince us that we are threatened by a Communist monolith. It is harder for Reagan to prop up a string of reactionary governments from South Africa to El Salvador, and harder for him to hold together the Western military alliance in the face of the massive peace move-ment sweeping Western Europe.

Clarion readers can learn more about Solidarity by con-tacting the Toronto Polish Workers Solidarity Committee, 191 Lippincott St., Toronto, M5S 2P3. We have copies of the draft program which Solidarity discussed at its September congress.

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Hunger

To the Clarion:

The October 9, 1981 issue of the Toronto Clarion states on page 4 under "The Hunger Project", that "World Vision. has called for a boycott of this (The Hunger Project) thinly disguised offshoot of the profit-oriented EST movement.

World Vision of Canada is not actively engaged in a boy-cott of The Hunger Project across Canada. If we are approached and asked to express an opinion concerning this organization we respond. Not otherwise. Our time is better spent in dealing with the issues facing millions of hurting and hungry people and in the raising of funds to be used in helping to bring them relief

and a positive change in their

Apart from this correction we find no disagreement in the remaining comments ex pressed by your editorial staff.

Ian J. Stanley Director Marketing Division World Vision of Canada

Thanks

To the Clarion: Thank you for the complimentary copy of your fine Toronto newspaper. I enjoyed the real news and also the edi-torial articles. Sadly, I must inform you that I will not be subscribing to your publication at this time.

When I visit your city I usually try to secure a recent Clarion edition to scout the current events. However, an annual excursion to Ontoryo's commercial/artistic centre is hardly reason for me to spend money to stay abreast of the events that occur in distant Toronto.

I earned \$2,000 last year from all sources. I would probably support you if my own fiscal situation were more more ... oh well, I wish you luck and hope you wish me the same.

Yours in peaceful cooperation for a sane future, Richard Cuyler Sault Ste. Marie

If there are any Clarion sustainers out there who would like to give Richard a gift subscription, let us know. - The Clarion collective.

No, Mr. Metric, You Ain't For Me

To the Clarion:

In the current Canadian sweat over metrication I would like to proffer the average citizen's feelings in the following poem:

The metric system is quite confusing. To fathom its mess-ups is not amusing. And using decimals in lieu of fractions Leads to the most befuddling reactions. The tables do not directly relate, And so with conversions I sweat and debate. So many times have its standards changed, Forcing the values to be rearranged. It can hardly deal with time whatsoever Because from the second it can't itself sever. And when it tries to treat with angles It ties itself in terrible tangles. You cannot use commas, or you'll fall from its graces. From its rigid structure it cannot unbend, So with hundreds of units I'm forced to contend. And when it comes to subdivision Metric's indigence merits derision. It only the fat cat's coffers fills And leaves the public paying the bills Oh, what a nightmare you've proven to be! No, Mr. Metric, you sure ain't for me!

Ian B. Patten Anchorage, Alaska

Family Benefits to disappear

Moms set to battle 'workfare'

by Barbara Sands

A coalition has been formed in Toronto in response to a plan by Minister of Community and Social Services Frank Drea to transfer sole-support mothers from the provincial Family Benefits program to the municipal welfare program.

Representatives from many groups make up the coalition and include Action Daycare, the Family Benefits Work Group, Focus on Change, Neighbour-hood Legal Services, the Ontario Public Services Employees Union (OPSEU), the Sole Support Mothers Group, Times Change, and others. Individual mothers have also voiced opposition to the plan and they are determined to block it.

Drea calls sole support mothers "ablebodied recipients or spouses who require some kind of support service in order to get off assistance." They are now to be classified as "employable." Financial responsibility for them — and for getting them to work — is to be transferred to municipalities.

Two other classes of welfare recip-

- the sick, the disabled, the mentally handicapped and people who are "usually on assistance for a shorter period of time" — will not have their classical transfer of the classical

sification altered.

Even though there have not yet been any policy announcements, the information in reports, interviews and propos als suggest that an announcement of the transfer and reclassification can be expected sometime before Christmas. Already, the provincial government is run-ning pilot programs in Peel and Water-loo to iron out the bugs in the new

We are dealing with the welfare bum idealogy.

workfare program. In other words, 48,875 sole support mothers would be

reclassified and forced to look for work if they want to continue to be eligible

for assistance.
Why is the Ontario government doing this? We are dealing with the welfare bum ideology, and the generally held belief that mothering is not a socially productive job.

"When they start stealing poor peoples' only source of income...'

If Frank Drea uses the Grace McCarthy (B.C. Human Resources Minister) model, a sole support mother will be eligible for work when her child reaches six months or (if she has more than one) when her oldest child reaches 12 years. The implications of this plan are very

Firstly, these women are being forced out of their homes to look for work at a time when jobs are scarce. In today's labour market, with its growing layoffs, there are fewer and fewer openings in the traditional women's sector. Most recipients cannot get clerical or service jobs because they usually require expe-

rience or training.

According to Drea, "a real alternative" is available in the existing range of "life skills" programs (learning how to groom for an interview, fill out an application, develop self-confidence) and "work incentive" programs (encouraging women to take minimum wage jobs). In fact, there is a terrible shortage of such educational and employment training programs because of cutbacks.

But in any case, these programs offer no chance for advancement or wage gain and women who get off assistance this way often find that they are worse off financially. "In the Basic Job Readiness Training," said Vivien Green, a Fopower training allowance. Although family benefits allowance is responsible for making up financial losses, in reality women lose out by going back to school because they often have to wait up to six weeks with no income while waiting for family benefits to get itself in gear."

Another alarming aspect of Drea's plan is that mothers will be forced to look for daycare at a time when it is extremely scarce. There are over 350,000 children in Ontario under the age of six whose mothers work outside the home but only 30,000 full-time licensed daycare spaces. Women forced off family benefits into menial jobs will thus likely be forced to place their children in inadequate facilities. Karen Brown, a Family Benefits Work

Group member, spoke to the Clarion about her fears. "Setting up daycare centres takes hundreds of thousands of dollars. Women who can't find a job will be expected to provide daycare in their homes for those who do.



A woman should have the right to choose whether or not she wants to give up her "life" on family benefits for the life of a "working woman," said Monique Burchell, Family Benefits activist. "Having been kept out of the workforce for so long, we are now being forced into it to perform degrading underpaid jobs, and forced to give up the care of our children when we may not want to do this for our child-

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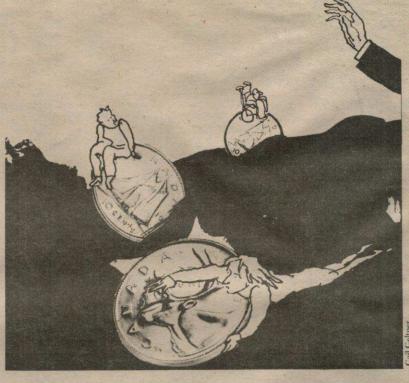
native but to fight

"Sole support mothers want the same thing all women want," added Jackie Waldren, also on family benefits. "We want the right to choose whether or not to do the work of mothering full-time, part-time or overtime. It's not easy raising your children in poverty. A woman who chooses to stay at home to provide care for her children should be commended." part-time or overtime. It's not easy rais-

"We are part of this coalition," said Lisa Weintraub of Action Daycare, "be-cause we've been fighting for free uni-versal daycare available on a part-time full-time and 24 hour basis including relief daycare and emergency services.

Members of the coalition have been meeting with sympathetic aldermen to rally opposition. But as Arlene Brown, sole support mother puts it, "when they

start stealing poor people's only source of income, we have no alternative but to fight back and that's what we'll do. "We don't know for sure when or if the pilot programs will become policy but we're going to tell all the mothers and the public all we know. We're going to be ready and we're going to fight, like the women in B.C. We're not going to take this sitting down.



cus on Change counsellor, "some wo-men have to wade through miles of Assuming the transfer goes ahead, women and their children will be faced bureaucratic red tape as their income is changed from family benefits to a mansomething resembling Reagan's

B.C. battles

VANCOUVER — Two days after B.C. Human Resources Minister Grace Mc-Carthy announced the welfare cutbacks in August of this year, her Social Credit office was trashed. No sooner had the windows been replaced, than it was trashed again.

In the four months since McCarthy made her announcement, a Human Resources office on Vancouver Island was fire-bombed, a \$360,000 fire was set in the Lower Mainland regional headquarters and a bomb threat cleared another regional office in central Vancouver.

McCarthy's welfare policies are at the root of these actions. According to the root of these actions. According to the new welfare policy, anyone who is not 65 or over, does not have a physical or mental disability, is not a single par-ent with a child under six months of age, or with two children under 12 or is not a single parent with handicapped children requiring full parental care is considered employable.

This means that "employable" single parents must reapply for assistance every four months. A single person's cheque will be reduced by \$55 to a maximum of \$320 a month and they must reapply for assistance every month.

Direct action has not been the only sign of revolt over the new policies. On a more general level, the Welfare Rights Coalition, composed of people on welfare and their supporters, has blitzed the local Human Resources offices at cheque collecting time, encouraging people to appeal their cutbacks and

The coalition, people who "have joined together to fight for a better life for ourselves and our children," hopes to flood the local welfare offices with appeals, which must be processed before the individual cutbacks can be instituted. Already many recipients have appealed their cutbacks, but these have not truly crippled the operations of the welfare administration, only stalled the implementation of this program.

As well, the coalition has organized monthly demonstrations. On November 21, 500 welfare recipients demonstrated outside the Hyatt Regency where the Social Credit party was holding its annual convention. Over 100 people entered the hotel, where a fight broke out. A welfare recipient was punched and a Socred member was treated in hospital for a "severe bite" to the arm.

The welfare cutbacks have been de-

nounced by churches, the provincial NDP Human Resources critic, the Downtown Urban Core Workers Association (group of social service workers), unions and other groups.

B.C. Federation of Labour executive B.C. Federation of Labour executive Jim Kinnaird attacked the policies saying, "Welfare rates were already inadequate when she (McCarthy) took an axe to them. Has our society sunk so low that we'll allow governments to wage war on women and children who are already victims of this society?

"The labour movement will have no part of that immorality and I call on every citizen to fight these regressive

Problems for single parents are compounded by a housing crisis, inadequate day care and high unemployment. Although McCarthy claims there are 5,000 jobs listed each week in the newspaper, the Welfare Rights Coalition counted only 1,700. Only 73 of the jobs were for unskilled labour, the category into which most welfare mothers would fall.

McCarthy also said she would create 1,000 new day care spaces, yet this will hardly be sufficient for the 40-50,000 children of single parents on welfare

Italian-Canadian conference

Congress' role in doubt

By Domenico Diamante

Value conflicts between youth and adults, cultural orientation and the relationship between schools, parents and chil-den were the themes of an October weekend conference of the Italian Canadian Con-

Although the congress claims to represent the entire Italian-Canadian community in Toronto, only 70 people or so attended the first day of the event and about 200 the second day small fry when one considers the urgency of the topics, and that the size of the Italian community in Toronto hovers around the half million mark.

Time and time again, the congress has tried to get people to support its initiatives; but all to no avail. The congress's idea that it can represent the collective interests of the entire community has not been bought. The differences are too great between those who work on construction sites and in the factories, and those who have reached financially greater heights.

Within the past twenty years, a social stratification has taken place in the Italian-Canadian community. Different classes have emerged demanding different political and social programs. It is hardly possible for any organization to represent the views and aspirations of the entire community, not only

because of the diversity and complexity of the questions that an organization has to deal with, but also because often the solutions preferred by one interest group contradict the solutions promoted by another.

The conference itself was well organized, however, and the themes it raised important. On Saturday, the traditional and cultural views of the parents were contrasted those of their sons and daughters. A group of actors presented a series of vignettes dramatizing domestic conflicts in the Italian community: wife battering; what to do with the aged; the lack of freedom for teenaged girls

At no time did the audience participate as actively in the conference as when the question of integrating the Italian-Canadian community into the wider society was raised. A debate took place: on one side the proponents of assimilation and on the other, supporters of

multiculturalism.

The theory of assimilation, which requires immigrants to get rid of all their cultural heritage and totally adopt the prevailing culture was rejected by the participants.

But multiculturalism was also placed in doubt. This policy, proposed by the Liberal party and passed by Parliament in 1971, promotes the retention of the culture and traditions of each ethnic group. As a conference participant, this writer suggested that multiculturalism also isolates eth-nic groups, both from each other and from the mainstream

Others suggested the government should take a different approach toward integration, one which would permit the proud retention of a newcomer's heritage, but that would not isolate an ethnic group from mainstream society.

On Sunday, panelist Rocco Mastrangelo, a teacher in North York, eloquently described the many problems facing children in the schools. He advocated more parent involvement in the schools. A recent Toronto Board of Education survey points out that a parent's occupation exerts a stronginfluence on a student's choice of secondary school program than does race or ethnic background. But the system tends to direct students from working class backgrounds into technical courses, while middle class kids generally go to institutions of higher learning. Mastrangelo suggested people start looking at education not as an ethnic problem, but as part of a particular socio-economic system.

Quite a lot of money was given by the provincial and federal governments to the or-ganizers of this conference to make it successful.

But all the effort served only to prove again that no one organization exists which can in volve the grass roots of the community in solving the problems facing them.

The congress views the community as a unified whole, whose interests are consolidated on the basis of ethnicity,

opinion

that is, on being of Italian extraction. According to this analysis, there are no contradictory interests in the community. Consequently, only one organization should emerge to represent the interests of the community vis-a-vis the broader society and its institutions

But the low turnout for the conference, as for many other activities sponsored by the congress, indicates the low prestige and small following this organization has within the community. The event was advertised and commented upon in all the community media; vet attendance was dismal.

Tennis ace blows image

as the reason for a fine levied at American tennis ace Vitas Gerulaitis during a recent competition. But the real obscenity was the tournament itself: the "South African Open."

Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe were invited, but declined to appear at the Apar-theid Invitational, for whatever reasons. Unfortunately, a play-er of Gerulaitis' calibre at the tournament has temporarily legitimized, however slightly, the South African government in

the eyes of the sporting world.
Ironically, Gerulaitis has something of a reputation for the philanthropic use of his in conducting tennis clinics for ghetto kids in his native New York. It's doubtful that he

fred mooney

used this jet-setting opportunity to hold court with similar children in Soweto..

Is there a doctor in the house? For the Haitian and El Salvadorean national soccer teams at the recent world cup qualifying tournament in the Honduras, that seemed to be the question. Franz St. Lot, a Haitian mid-fielder, com-plained that injuries or illness among the players go un-

I had diarrhea for 21 days and was totally dehydrated,"
St. Lot said. "My potassium level had reached a critical level and I was near death before I realized I'd have to get outside tréatment

The El Salvadorean team, on the other hand, has a psychologist to deal with the players anxieties concerning the fate of family and friends left behind. One player's father-in-law and brother-in-law had been mur-dered just before the tournament began. The players must feel better out there on the playing field knowing that genocide is just a state of mind.

So one team gets a Baby Doc, the other gets a shrink (sigh) guess it's time to hang up the cleats and join the revolution.

Shawn O'Sullivan, who captured the gold medal for Canada in the light middleweight division at the World Cup box ing championships in Montreal November 18 must surely have a bright future ahead of him. Even failing a professional career, O'Sullivan sounds like he'd welcomed by the Metro Police Force.

O'Sullivan's trainer and Cabbagetown Centre director is Peter Wylie, a member of the Metro Police Emergency Task Force. Wylie has also been instrumental in getting ETF members active in kick-boxing (full-contact karate) at the Cabbagetown club.

Certainly O'Sullivan's remarks about his semi-final victory (2:08 of the first round) in Montreal against Berez Landinez of Venezuela sound eerily like those of a budding billy clubber.

'My plan was to get inside and start working on his body, said O'Sullivan.

"You know what they say, kill the body and the head will die

The hold-up squad couldn't have said it better



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Official admits policy differs

Asians detained Poles Admitted

by Martin Harle

Supporters of a group of East Asians claiming refugee status say preferential treatment was given to more than 100 Poles who received visas and landed immigrant status in October.

"Had (the East Asians) been Polish coming to Canada, immigration policy would have been very different," says civil rights lawyer Charles Roach. The East Asians have been detained in a Toronto motel for several months.

And Jagdish Bhadavria of the Canadian Council for Racial Harmony calls the consideration given the Poles "a blatant case of discrimination."

According to Douglas Aldworth, Chief of Immigration Coordination Division in Ottawa, "cultural considerations" are clearly in the Immigration Act's statement of objectives, and "Europeans are closest in culture to Canadians."

The Canadian Immigration Act states that "any person who seeks admission to Canada..." is not to be discriminated against on the grounds of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion or sex. However, persons are to be selected "to enrich and strengthen the cultural and social fabric of Canada..."

"We do have to adopt different policies with people of different countries with discretion on the part of the individual (immigration) officer," Aldworth told the *Clarion*.

According to Ralph Gerrard, Director General of Refugee Affairs in Ottawa, the Poles were not treated as refugees. "The people from the ship Stephen Batory (on which the Poles arrived) are members of families already here...there are some who are not, and we've given them work visas for a year."

"We do not see these Poles as fleeing persecution; they've been granted status under the family reunification program." The family reunification program is designed to facilitate entry to Canada of blood relatives of Canadian citizens.

But according to Roach, "People in India have been waiting

for as much as seven years to be united with their families."

Roop Sharma, a lawyer acting on behalf of a number of the East Asian detainees, agrees. "What is more," he says, "many of the people detained have blood relatives here too... this family reunification program is a mockery for them."

According to Bhadauria, the problem lies, not with the immigration laws, but with the Canadian immigration office in New Delhi, where all East Indian applications are handled. He calls the New Delhi office, "corrupt, inefficient and despotic."

"The laws are very fair, but the enforcement is discriminatory. The genuinely qualified applicants are getting really agitated. There are people whose wives have been waiting three years...the people in New Delhi are totally to blame."

Dr. Sahota Sarwan, a biochemist at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, doesn't think racism is the issue. "People are prejudiced everywhere," he says "but this treatment of the Poles ... is a double standard ... a loss

policy."
While many of the East Asians remain in detention awaiting an appeal procedure, Kuldip Samra,

credibility in immigration's

a member of the Canadian East Asian community, says he will continue to help organize peaceful demonstration and lobby groups on behalf of the detainees. Says Samra, "We have to raise support from the grass roots level."



Anti-war group targets Litton

by Robin Kobryn

About 300 people took part in an early morning Rememberance Day demonstration and civil disobedience action at Litton Systems Ltd. in Rexdale. Litton is contracted to produce the guidance system for the Cruise missile which NATO has scheduled for deployment in Europe by late 1983.

The demonstrators marched and sang while 23 people in two separate "waves" blocked the main roadway into the plant for about an hour. A number of cars had to be turned away by Litton security before the last occupiers were carried off past the cheering crowd. The 23 were charged under the Trespass Act. All were released within hours.

The Litton plant on City View Drive is the only producer of components for the Cruise outside the U.S. The computer guidance system it is manufacturing is the brain of the weapon, responsible for navigating and steering the missile over and around objects in its path. This gives the missile the ability to cruise toward its target only a few hundred feet off the ground, too low for it to be detected by radar.

The cruise is extremely accurate. The Pentagon claims it is able to strike within a few feet of a target from a launch distance of up to 3000 miles. Antiwar sympathizers, particularly those in Europe, fear these two capabilities mean the Cruise is being constructed as a first-trike weapon.

"The Cruise represents a turning point in American military strategy", says Ken Hancock of the Cruise Missile Conversion



Protesters block entrance to Litton's Rexdale plant where Cruise missile controls are made.

Project, the group that staged the rally. With its decision to build the Cruise, Hancock says the Pentagon is for the first time publicly admitting its willingness to launch an initial nuclear

The Cruise Missile Conversion Project began to evolve when Litton Systems refused to answer, a request for information. Further research revealed arms production at Litton to be a very secretive operation. In the two years since then, the project has publicized Litton's activities through a number of demonstrations at Litton, an attempt to occupy the management buildings there, a march from Litton to downtown Toronto, and public speaking engagements.

But their most consistent activity has been weekly leafletting and discussions with the workers at the plant gate. The group would like to establish solidarity with the Litton workers, rather than alienating them as they feel some groups have done in the past.

Len Desroches is one of the people who has regularly leafletted and talked with Litton workers. Desroches believes the workers understand what the group is trying to do.

"I think they have seen us enough now that they know we are serious and they have come to respect us for being there. One man came up to me and said he personally works on the guidance system itself, 'I think about it a lot' he said to me and just in that moment you could really see in his face that this is a very emotional issue for him—that he's really worried about what they're building in there."

We're for shutting down the production of the Cruise, not for shutting down the plant" says Hancock. The name "Conversion Project" comes from the group's belief that an airms plant that employs a number of highly skilled workers should not be closed down, but should be converted to manufacturing socially useful goods.

Litton already makes such products as microwave ovens and electronics systems for commercial airlines, and, according to Hancock, the arms technology at Litton could easily be converted to other uses. He

points to the \$20 million federal grant that Litton received to locate in Canada as an example of money that could be spent on conversion.

At a non-violence training session held in preparation for the November 11 rally, Rosemary Cooke told Clarion the group has had its "ups and downs—there have been a lot of disagreements at various times and we've just had to work them out."

What the group seems to have worked out is a fairly unique approach to working against the arms race. They say they are a small, consistent group which has a long term commitment to regular action aimed at a specific target—tactics needed to supplement the mass demonstrations which are more common in North America.

At an evaluation meeting held two weeks after the rally, most of the November II participants praised the action as well planned and well received by the media and the public. A large number of people—many from other cities—now want to work with the group. It is expected that a number of small collectives will be formed to deal with specific issues, and there is talk of working with groups in other cities in North America and Europe to plan a major action in June.

On December 16, there will be a day-long meeting at Bathurst St. United Church to formulate a two-year plan for those who can commit two years to this project.

If you want more information on the Cruise Missile Conversion Project phone 532-6720.

The 350 members of the International Association of Machinists Local Lodge 2413 have been on strike against their employer, General Aviation Services Ltd. at Terminal 1, since midnight November 28. Their struggle centers around a proposed freeze in wages between June 1981 and June 1982. "This," said a union spokesperson, "is totally unacceptable to our members in these difficult times of high interest rates and soaring infla-

The union is picketing charter flights for J.A.T. and Laker, passenger agent and ramp services for British Airways, Lufthansa, B.W.I.A., United, Alitalia. In addition, ramp services for American Airlines, U.S. Air, Wardair and Swift Air Cargo are also being picketed.

The Canadian Airline Flight Attendants-(CALFA) at Wardair have voted to accept the contract presented to them by Max Ward on November 2. They returned to work November

The new contract runs from April 1981 to October 31, 1983. The highlights are pay increases of 8 per cent for the first six months, 12 per cent for the next year and 11.5 per cent for the final year. This does not achieve parity with attendants working for other airlines.

The crew rest period, which was 24 hours between North American flights has been reduced to 12 hours for flights of 12 hours or less.

The previous sick leave benefits plan of one day per month accumulative over the working

day per month accumulative over the working life of the employee has been replaced by the company's plan which provides for three and a half hours per month which can only be accumulated. lated to a maximum of 160 hours during the term of employment.

Steelworkers at the Stelco Hamilton works have settled their contract dispute and returned to

Striking steelworkers at Irwin Toys continue their struggle for a first contract and have called for a boycott of Irwin Toys. The workers, most of whom are women working for the minimum wage, have been on strike since June 17. Irwin has hired an American strike-breking compny to drive transports and truck scabs through the picket line

Strikes and lockouts



Amnesty to investigate

by Alex Smith

Institutionalized torture is a crime usually associated with Latin American juntas and other repressive governments. A group of more than 60 Toronto criminal lawyers has initiated a written appeal to Amnesty International's London headquarters requesting them to investigate the Holdup Squad of Metro Police.

David Martin, one of the lawyers involved in the action said, "I asked for an investigation on the basis that the allegations of torture, if true, are in violation of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights. We want the truth to be known and we want recom-mendations to be made to prevent a continuation of

Genevieve Cowgill, a spokesperson for Amnesty, spoke with the Clarion about the organization's role. Amnesty operates under the principle that human rights are the same for all people in all countries.

Amnesty's research department in London will try to independently verify the information provided by the group of lawyers and then decide on whether or not to act. The information included a brief history of the Holdup Squad, its role and structure, and 11 case histories of alleged tortures which were submitted independently by a number of the lawyers.

For more information on alleged police torture see the November issue of the Clarion.

Harold Hambelton

On November 28 Harold Hambelton, a worker at Stelco's Hilton Workers for 26 years, died suddenly. During the recent Steel Workers strike Hambelton had assumed the responsibilities of acting president for the 12,500 member Local 1005 in Hamilton. It had been noted by those around him that the strain and toil during negotiations were affecting his health.

Hambelton is survived by a daughter and his partner in marriage, Lyne. Hambelton will be remembered with respect and admiration. His struggle and his life will live on through the working people.

Workshop reports highlighted

From page 3

ing majority, although Mayor Eggleton did not vote on any of the resolutions.

Morris Saldov said at the public housing workshop that many OHC projects were built without an architect and that OHC board meetings were held in private. The "empty nest" policy was a source of anger for many of the work-shop participants and nearly reduced one participant to tears as she described how OHC was planning to evict her because her son had been made a ward of the Children's Aid Society.

CityHome was also discussed in the Public Housing Workshop. Ray Bremner, former CityHome chief, had called a halt to CityHome's policy of land-banking (that is, buying up tracts of land for housing purposes) and conversion to co-operatives. This policy was vigorously attacked by CityHome participants. There are 3,400 people on the waiting list for rent-geared-to-income housing and expansion of CityHome is

The Private Non-Profit Housing Workshop on Co-operatives stressed the importance of landbanking, resolving that the City of Toronto should increase its own role in landbanking and seek additional landbanking funds from senior levels of government for the development of non-profit housing in the City

The main issues in the Private Sector Housing Workshop were maintenance and repair, security of tenure, the cost of renting, and the exceptionally low vacancy rate. Tenants are having ser-ious problems because of a lack of heating, and plumbing and appliance break-

downs. The workshop also agreed that action was required for tenants tem-porarily displaced by emergencies such

Security of tenure was an important item as well, because thousands of peo-ple are forced from their homes in Metro every year due to evictions, harassment, renovations, conversions and demolition. The call for action included restricting causes for eviction in order to take into account local economic conditions and a provision for compensation and relocation assistance where renovation, conversion or demolition for-

ces tenants from their homes.

Rent review, introduced in 1975, was examined with a view towards its in-troduction to all forms of rental housing except where rents are below market and geared to income, and once again, landbanking was a sure-fire way for all municipalities to provide decent affordable housing for its residents.

Demolition control by-laws were required immediately to permit munici-

palities to stop the destruction of affordable housing.

The Workshop on Organizing for Ac-

tion on Housing saw three major prob-lems in the current housing crisis: sup-ply, affordability and liveability. Tenants must be organized because the housing industry is mounting pressure on governments to help jack up profits to the private sector through tax loopholes and to cut back on co-ops and non-profit housing schemes by decreasing grant systems



Mayor's housing conference November 21

A quotation from the Sept/Oct issue of *Bottom Line*, the internal publication for Royal Bank of Canada employees.

Keep in mind that the Royal is the country's largest financial institution.

DUNNVILLE, ONT. — "On June 13, the (small, farming) town of Dunneville staged its annual Mudcat Festival Par-

ade and the Royal Bank created a float

The float's theme was services, and staff members, sporting bank baseball caps, dressed as Visa cards and "can

buttons to draw attention to what

The float, shown just before parade time with Manager Brian Dodge, won the trophy for best commercial entry.

the Bank has to offer.

Budget boon for rich

by Eric Blair

The fine print is in on Finance Minister Allen MacEachen's budget, and the good for the rich those who import metal for banding migratory birds.

According to a blue-chip accounting firm, Deloitte Haskins and Sells, Can-ada now has "duty-free entry of identi-fication bands of metal for banding migratory birds."

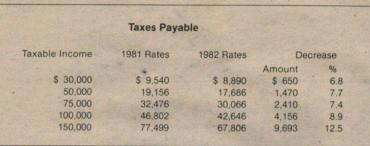
Imported "printed matter for the pro-motion of religion" also escapes the tax-man's bite, the firm said in its commentary on the budget.

For the rich, the budget MacEachen called one of "restraint, equity and re-newal" has big benefits, even though a few popular loopholes have been closed.

In the Deloitte commentary, the firm showed how those who make a lot of money will save a bundle in income tax under the new budget. Interestingly enough, the firm's table of tax cuts begins for those who have taxable income

"Effective for the 1982 and subsequent years, the tax rates for individuals in the medium to high tax brackets' have been reduced," Deloitte said dryly and without any indication of gratitude

	Taxes Paya	ble						
Taxable Income	1981 Rates	1982 Rates	Decrease					
			Amount	%				
\$ 30,000	\$ 9,540	\$ 8,890	\$ 650	6.8				
50,000	19,156	17,686	1,470	7.7				
75,000	32,476	30,066	2,410	7.4				
100,000	46,802	42,646	4.156	8.9				
150,000	77,499	67,806	9.693	12.5				





Money

Vatican tells all! Pope sez: Sex no hell in afterlife

by John Humphrey

It pays to read the small stuff in the Globe and Mail. Otherwise you can miss the real biggies among the humdrum littlies. On December 4, for example, the following was nestled inconspicuously between major articles on Nicaragua, the Canadian constitution, and the MX missile controversy, under the headline "Sexual differences stay in

VATICAN CITY (AP) - The Pope says there isn't marriage or procreation in the afterlife, but there are still sexual differences between men and women

"Human bodies, recovered and renewed in the resurrection, will maintain their male and female peculiarity, but the fact of being male or female in the other world will be constituted and understood will be constituted and understood." in a different way," he said at his general audience

Relegated to an obscure corner of page two! Maybe the *National Enquirer* will get the priorities right.

First thing I want to know: how did the Pope find out? Obvious. He en-quired of God, and she told him.

Thank God for his Holiness. Only he sallies forth to think the unthinkable, to utter the question that dares not speak its name. It preoccupied me briefly during adolescence when, baffled by the demands of life before sex, and ignor-ant of the nature of life after sex, I naturally began to ponder on the possibili-

ties of sex after life. I always thought angels — like fairies — as female. Wings at the back and breasts in front. I know there were supposed to be male ones too, but, with names like Gabriel, they were suspiciously effeminate.

Anyway, after all this time, it becomes clear. Angels have vaginas and penises. Their bodily "peculiarities" are quite intact. It's a relief that the Day of Judgement doesn't involve surgery

But my puzzlement returns. If their genitalia survive, what on earth (sic) do they find to do with them? Okay, so they don't produce kids. It would give angel children an unfair start in (after)life to be born inside the Golden Gates, with full landed status, without having had to answer those awkward questions on entry. But how then explain all those cherubim flitting about? (Come to think of it, at least half of them did have dinky penes). Guess they're merely the souls of babies who died on earth. And the seraphim? I'll have to look that up.

So, unless the angels are using birth control, in which case the Pope is holdcontrol, in which case the Pope is holding back a bombshell, we've probably got to rule out copulation altogether. Which kind of explains the absence of marriage. With the prevalence of bodily peculiarities, you'd expect holy matrix mony to be verthy activally exposured. mony to be pretty actively encouraged. If sex outside marriage is a sin on earth, how could it be condoned upstairs? But with no marriage and now sex, the prob-lem's cracked. No awkward questions about divorce either.

But I'd still like to know the purpose of these genitals. They can't just be ornaments. Will the female ones not ornaments. Will the female ones not swell? Will the males ones not get hardons? What outlets will these peculiarities have? Heavy petting? Masturbation? Gay love? Wet dreams?

Undoubtedly my mind's stuck on conventional lines. I can't think laterally enough. Like the Pope says, it will all be "constituted in a different way.

One thing, though. Remember the archangels, Michael and the boys? I mean, they're all men, aren't they? How come women never get to be archangels? Sounds like heavenly society is constituted in a very familiar way.

Coffee, tea and politics: new traders offer choice

An Alternative Marketing Organiza-tion (AMO), aimed at developing eco-nomic self-reliance in Third World countries, has recently been established in Toronto.

The organization, Bridgehead Trainwas set up by four Metro residents who believe it is the only one of its kind operating in the city.

The have imported instant coffee from Tanzania, tea from Sri Lanka and will soon be receiving one ton of filter-ground Nicaraguan coffee. The products will be available through either food co-operatives or by mail order.

Most AMOs, which have existed since the 1960's, are located in Europe and import a variety of goods. Last year alone, Sichting Ideele Import of Ams-terdam sold over \$1 million in Third World products.

According to Peter Davies, general manager and founding member of Bridgehead Trading, the products are sold at prices similar to commercial brands but "without the cost of exploitation to the

If any person sits down and analyses the imbalance between poverty and af-fluence," said Davies, "they can see that the cause is in the present trading sys-

We are hoping to show that it is at least possible to move towards change ... there is a need to alter the way producers in one country trade with con-

sumers in another."

He added, "We hope one of the consequences of our activities is to provide a bridgehead for Third World countries into Canada."

Bridgehead Trading contributes all profits to development projects in the Third World. Anyone wishing further information should contact Peter Davies at (416) 463-0618.



Born: Oct. 9, 1940 Murdered: Dec. 8, 1980

"You can go to church and sing a hymn, Judge me by the color of my skin, You can live a lie until you die,

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Nestlés

This is an attempt to stop Nest-lés from promoting its infant for-mula products in Third World coun-tries. The World Health Organizamula products in Third World countries. The World Health Organization has estimated that 10 million children have suffered from malnutrition and baby bottle diseases because of these products. The boycott continues despite the recent adoption by the WHO of an international marketing code for breastmilk substitutes.

milk substitutes.
Don't buy: Nescafe, Encore, Decaf, Taster's Choice, Nestea, Nestles Quik, Libby's, Souptime, Maggi soups, Cross and Blackwell, Wispride, Cherryhill cheese, Swiss Knight cheese, Oil Fort cheese, Montclair mineral water (are you listening, Karen Kain?), Beechnut baby foods, Time and McFeeter's honey butter.

It should be noted that the Toronto Board of Health has withdrawn its support from City Council's boy-cott of Nestlés products, Ignore their waffling! The boycott is still

The United Farm Workers are still urging a boycott of Maggio carrots, Garden Prize carrots, and Red Coach iceberg lettuce in an attempt to force the company to give its workers a fair contract. More than 350 UFW members have been on strike against the California company since January, 1979.

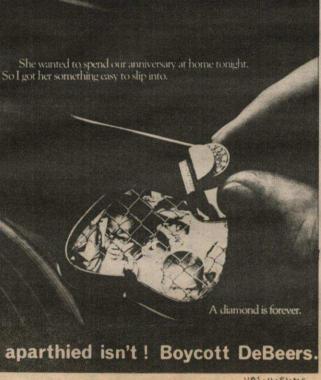
Ontario Blue Cross

The Canadian Labour Congress is still standing firm in its boycott, of the Ontario Blue Cross, giving its support to United Auto Workers members who have been on strike for more than a year seeking union security.

The Toronto Sun

This is an on-going boycott sanctioned by the Labour Council of Metro Toronto. Unionists have described the *Sun* as notoriously anti-

The Sun has responded to this boycott by hiring a labour reporter. This has been considered a small victory, but the boycott continues.



Michelin

The boycott mounted by the United Rubber Workers continues. The AFL-CIO and the Canadian Labour Congress have added the tire manufacturer to their list of "those unfair to organized labour." The labour organizations pointed out that Michelin tires, and radial tires sold under the Sears Allstate brand, are not union made. The URW has been frustrated in efforts to organize Michelin's plants in Nova Scotia.

Guatemala

The National Committee for Union Unity of Guatemala, the Inter-national Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and the International Food Workers Union have urged a boycott of the tourist industry in this strife-torn Central American country. Five to six thousand Canadians annually take vacations in Guatemala. The boycott is de-signed to dispel myths which are circulating about Guatemala being an unspoiled paradise.

Chile

To force the Chilean government to admit to, and terminate, all hu-man rights violations in that coun-try. A general boycott of all Chi-lean products is urged.

South Africa

Canadians Concerned about Southern Africa have initiated an

Ontario-wide campaign to boycott South African wines and spirits. The purpose is to pressure the Ontario government to ban the importation and sale of South African wines and spirits to Ontario. This has already been done in Saskatchewan and Quebec. The products banned include all Paarl wines and spirits and Bon Esperance wines.

Other products from South African-based companies include South African-based companies include South Af-

rica or marketed by South African-based companies include South Af-rican peaches, York, DC, Del Mon-te, Gold Reef, Success, Dominion No Name apricots, Pantry Shelf pears and DC pineapples. Rothman's of Canada is part of a South Africa-based multinational

South Africa-based multinational which, through its subsidiaries such as Jordan Wines and Carling-O'Keefe Breweries, produce the following products: Cigarettes: Rothmans, Dunhill, Perilly, Peter Stuyvesant, Craven A, Dumont, Number 7, Black Cat. Beers: Carling Black Label, Carlsberg, Old Vienna, O'Keefe, Buckeye, Colt 45, Toby, Heidelberg, Red Cap, Brading, Dow, Dow Porter, Black Horse and Cinci.

Irwin Toys

Following the arrest of four work for a nationwide boycott of Irwin's products. Most of the workers at

products. Most of the workers at Irwin Toy are women working at the minimun wage with no seniority rights or sick pay rights.

Irwin's offers to the workers thus far have been meagre, but there is nothing meagre about the media campaign that they've launched in preparation for Christmas.

Irwin Toy products include Atari electronic games ideal toys. Kenselectronic games ideal toys.

electronic games, Ideal toys, Ken-ner products. Tyco electric trains and car racing sets, Rubik's cube, Strawberry Shortcake figurines, "Star Wars" models and figurines, Stomper Trucks, Slinky and Transo-

Boycotts cancelled

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce: Following the settle-ment of a dispute with eight bank employees in East Angus, Quebec.

HELLO LECH / BOB POLI- OF U.S. HELLO RONNIE - THIS LEONID AIR CONTROLLERS SPEAKING -SPEAKING - SUCH A HOW ABOUT SHARING SOME OF YOUR NEGOTIATING KNOW-HOW WITH US OVER HERE PROBLEM I HAVE ! HOW ABOUT YOU SHARE WITH ME SOME GOOD OLD AMERICAN UNION-BUSTING KNOW-HOW ?

Double East-West dialogue?

Cindy Fortunata

Love makes the world go round, and if you don't believe me (cynic!) that's because you weren't at hockey VIP Alan Eagleson's lovebird luncheon November 25 for Mayor Art Eggs and his bride-to-be, Brenda.

Well, I wasn't there either, but I do read Zena Cherry's column in the Globe and Mail, and like any other working stiff, I've got a right to salivate over a little vicarious "veal Normande with calvados, mushrooms and

apples and cream." Don't I?

So as I was slobbering, I noted that there was another moonstruck couple featured at this exclusive luncheon at Le Rendevouz: Howard Ungerman and his affianced Judi.

Howard is the beloved son of Irving Ungerman - known to Clarion readers as "fowl" Irv Ungerman, the poultry-packing entrepreneur in the Junction Triangle area of west Toronto without whose smelly slaughtered chickens the local residents say they could do just

But back to love and romance. "As at many happy par-ties," continues Zena, "there were lots of toasts and speeches.

Among those enjoying it were police chief Jack Ackroyd, Nev-ille Kirchmann of Coca Cola (an Eggs campaign contribu-tor), Metro chairman Paul Godfrey, and Julian Porter, chair-man of the Toronto Transit Commission.

Now who says mayorages aren't made in heaven?

While we're on the subject of that mad social whirl, if you missed the Parkdale Action Committee Against Racism's benefit last month, you missed a helluva good time. There's some-thing about a boozy, smoky, jam-packed church basement bouncing to some good reggae sounds that gets my juices going more than enough to make up for a few missed lunches at Le Rendezvous.

Gee, I said to myself as I edged my way into the beer ticket line-up, maybe anti-racists do have more fun.

More fun than Klan grand wizard Alexander McQuirter is having these days. Squeaky clean, whiter-than-white Alex just got busted for driving with a suspended licence in a car containing "5,000 pills of an unidentified substance" according to a *Globe* item which didn't make it into Zena's column.

But maybe not as much fun as two Colorado former undercover cops are having. They recently made a small fortune for themselves in workers' comp by claiming they had a "mental disability" due to becoming 'addicted to cocaine and maridisability juana" in the line of duty.

Poor fellahs. Just goes to show you, it doesn't take a Weatherman to know which way the snow flies.

Snort, snort.

Landed status now possible

Domestics get new policy

by Clarion Staff

Immigrant women's pressure groups and front-line service organizations are giving a mixed reaction to Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy's recent announcement of a policy change affecting domestic workers.

The only breakthrough is that we can apply from within the country for landed immigrant status," says Mirjana Vukman-Tennebaum of Labour Rights for Domestic Servants. But she fears the legislation will be interpreted in a way that will force many domestics out of Canada more quickly than they are

Axworthy's new policy limits domes-es' chances of gaining landed status with requirements for "upgrading" and "self-sufficiency". According to one ministry document, domestics who do not enhance their skills with formal training either in child care or some other field may have less chance of remaining in the country than under the old work visa system.

"After the second year (that the do-mestic has been in the country)," the document says, "a formal, thorough assessment will be done with a view to granting landing from within Canada ... If the applicant has not been able to establish her/his ability to become selfsufficient, the immigration officer will advise her/him that (s)he will receive one more extension of her/his employment authorization, after which time (s)he must return home.

Anne John-Baptiste, who works with federal NDP immigration critic Dan Heap, is worried about this provision. Within the first year, you've got to prove you've started upgrading your-self. You're in a new country. You have to get accustomed to the family you're working for, and if you're from the third world as most domestics are, you have to get used to the new-fangled appliances

You've got to get used to the climate, the transportation system, the language, the neighbourhood; you've got to find out about the community organizations that can help you. Plus work and go to chool. How are you going to do all that in one year?"

A major concern is that even a liberal and well-intentioned policy will wrongly interpreted and unfairly im-plemented by biased immigration bu-reaucrats and officials. "Everything remains at the discretion of the immigra-tion officer and this has historically worked against black and third world says Erica Mercer, a West Indian counsellor at the Immigrant

Women's Centre.

Laurel Ritchie, a member of the employment committee of the National Action Committee (NAC) on the Status of Women, says the proposed guide-lines issued to implement the new pol-icy contradict the intentions stated by the minister. Ritchie said that during a December 4 meeting with senior immigration policy advisor Joe Stern, NAC committee members showed Stern a nine-page document on administrative procedures which he claimed he had never seen before

Axworthy's statement gave the impression the upgrading provisions were to "expand (domestics') horizons and allow them time out of the home," says

Ritchie. "The impression was not that acquire another skill to they had to become landed."

But in the procedural document, says "as they have expressed the upgrading requirements, they are far too difficult and unrealistic. If implemented, it will disadvantage third world

"Politicians are well aware of the reluctance of bureaucrats to land third world women. It is not sufficient to have a clear conscience (about the intent of the policy). It is the responsibility of the politicians and senior policy advisors to set tight procedures and regula-

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tions with a minimum amount of judgement and discretion on the part of immigration officials, because we know how those bureaucrats will use judgement.'

Women's groups and community organizations have been pressuring the government to reform Canada's domestic labour system since it was set up in

Since then, at least 60,000 domestic workers—most of them from third world countries—have entered Canada. They were required to leave after the expiry of their work permits, usually after three to five years.

Nevertheless, they have made com-pulsory contributions to the Unemploy-ment Insurance Commission and the Canada Pension Plan—contributions amounting to about \$11.25 million which they could never hope to reclaim.

For domestics and their supporters the new regulations make a mere dent in this system. For front line counsellors like Erica Mercer, the new regulations mean the work has just started: "Getting the information, educating women about the regulations, assisting the women who now qualify, and working to get the regulations changed to grant women who have lived and worked here a chance to apply without involving restrictions



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Lloyd Axworthy's announcement of an immigration policy change granting domestics the right to apply for landed immigrant status from within Canada followed on the heels of a spirited demonstration November 22 by 125 black, white and Filipino domestic workers and supporters outside the immigration building on Uni-

We scrub the floor, we cook the meals, we raise the children — why aren't we good enough to stay?" asked West Indian domestic Eulene Boyce in an address to the crowd.

The demonstration was organized by the International Coalition to End Domestics' Exploitation (INTER-CEDE). The coalition, composed of about fifty immigrant, church, women's and labour organizations, has been lobbying for changes in the legislation affecting domestic workers since 1979.

INTERCEDE's Judith Ramirez says that while the coalition is pleased with the advances made in the new policy, "we're very aware that the battle isn't over." policy, "we're very aware that the battle isp't over." The coalition is currently working on a set of recommendations to Axworthy's ministry on how the new policy should be implemented.

One of INTERCEDE's concerns is the plight of

women who have "gone underground", Ramirez says. "If you came in before there were any changes (in domestics legislation) and your employer was, for domestics legislation) and your employer was, for example, harassing you sexually, if you went to the immigration office, you feared deportation. Because there was no clear provision for changing employers, a lot of women did the inevitable: they simply went underground and found themselves a new employer. We think there are thousands — not hundreds — who are in this position." And, she says, Axworthy's announcement "didn't touch on that subject at all."

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Along with groups such as the Montreal Household Workers Association, the Ottawa-Carleton Immigrant Services Organization, the Committee to Advance the Status of Domestic Workers in Vancouver and the Ad Hoc Committee of Filipino Domestic Workers for Landed Status, INTERCEDE launched a letter writing campaign during the summer to pressure Axworthy on three basic demands for domestics. "One was for a full amnesty for non-status or 'illegal' domestic workers, as the government calls them," says Ramirez. "We have the support of many individuals and organizations for action on that front

Ramirez says her group's strategy is to "mobilize the

community first" in order to get action without jeopardizing the vulnerable position of domestics on temporary work permits. "They fear deportation... They could not step out on their own unless they had a lot of support.

The main tactics we've used — because we're a

lobbying group — are briefs to the government."

A brief written earlier this year and co-signed by support and lobby groups from other cities resulted in a meeting with the immigration minister last June. But, says Ramirez, "our delegation was made up not only of representatives from these organizations, but of almost a dozen domestic workers. We wanted Axworthy to hear from the women themselves, to hear in detail what their situations are and what they wanted." Ramirez also believes the media have a big role to

play in raising public consciousness about the treatment of domestic workers in Canada. She says the government can only get away with "shoddy and dis-criminatory immigration policies because the citizenry

isn't sufficiently aware of what's going on.
"We believe there's a lot of good will in the Canadian public," she says. "I think that hunch was proven

Constitution: fragile fra

Mel Watkins: Cost of a constitution

As I write, the constitution has passed the House of Commons and the Senate. I can safely assume that by the time you read this, it has been sent speeding on its way to Britain. So it is not a bad time for a retrospective look — if you can stand any more commentary on the

constitution! What lessons have we learned from this exercise in constitution-making? Was it worthwhile doing at all? If we wanted a new constitution, was this the best way to do it? What happens next? Why did all of this happen in the first place?

Let's take the last question first and let the others fall in place as we go. It's true that it's high time the constitution be freed from our colonial past; no one doubts the case for patriation. It's also true that Mr. Trudeau has been committed to patriation and a new constitution since becoming prime minister, and that he came perilously close to doing it in 1971, but was blocked by a Quebec government then still of the Liberal per-

You may, by now, have forgotten that this past year's constitutional attempt resulted from pledges made by Trudeau and anglophone provincial premiers to Quebeckers, in order to encourage them to vote non in the 1980 referendum on

sovereignty-association.

To recall that is to see the possibly fatal flaw in what has happened. For now, at the end of the road, the only province whose government has not agreed to the constitution is, of course, Quebec And then there was that revealing epiWe know the Supreme Court of Canada has already stopped Trudeau once in his relentless drive for unilateral patriation, compelling him to make one more - and, as it happened, successful - attempt to strike an accord with the provinces. No one seems to have a clear notion of what the court is likely to do this time, or of what the loser, whether Levesque or Trudeau, will then do.

In the midst of this sorry tale, it is possible to take some solace in one useful political development in Englishspeaking Canada the federal New Democratic Party has recognized Quebec to be "not a province like the others." In fact, both federal opposition parties, to their credit, have pushed for an attempt at an accomodation with Quebec. Predictably, Clark's accomodation—letting Quebec opt out of future programs with fiscal compensation —would be extended to all of the provinces. It thereby becomes a recipe for disaster.

The useful development has come from the NDP: Broadbent insisted that Quebec, but only Quebec, should be allowed to opt out with compensation. To my knowledge, for the first time since Trudeau became prime minister, the federal NDP was willing to make the case for special status for Quebec. But that is not to deny that this gesture is very little, and much too late.

On the very day the House of Commons approved the constitution, a poll showed that in September 1981, for the first time ever, a majority (53 per cent) of Quebeckers supported sovereignty-association. And an unprecedented 29

So, native organizations began lobbying hard, just to get their people's rights into the constitution. With much effort, they won the point, and aboriginal rights were entrenched. The "rights" were not defined, but "aboriginal people" were defined. And, for the first time, rights were granted not only to Indians and to Inuit, but also to Metis. This was an important breakthrough.

But at the same time, the native organizations suffered a huge defeat. Aboriginal rights were entrenched without a clause that said there could be no future amendment to the constitution affecting those rights without the consent of aboriginal people.

Denied that clause, many native organ izations mounted a lobby in Britain to stop patriation of the constitution. Their logic was impeccable: their rights flowed from Britain; Britain had developed these to the federal government; but there was to be no further devolution to the provinces. No matter how badly the feds had treated them, the provinces had always treated them worse. Then came the final meeting of the

first ministers last month. Incredibly, the aboriginal clause that all three fed-eral parties had agreed to — the clause native organizations opposed because it was inadequate — was dropped from the charter completely. The fears of native people about what the provinces would do in the future were wholly jus-tified in the present. Alberta and British Columbia in particular apparently saw a chance to weaken the already weak hand of native people in any land claim negotiations. And not one of the nine provinces who agreed to the accord, nor the federal government, with its special, trustee relationship to native people, was prepared to do the minimally decent thing: say 'no accord and no patriation unless aboriginal rights are

It was a black day in our history. I imagine it will haunt native people forever.

As we now know, this time the arro-

gant politicians had gone too far. A sense of outrage quickly permeated media commentary. Pressure built on the premiers. Bennett of B.C. said he would put the clause back in, provided it didn't cost his province a penny; this had been, he said, his province's policy since confed-eration! Such candor added to the gen-

Meanwhile, native organizations mounted massive demonstrations, in the face of which Lougheed of Alberta changed his mind. Well, not quite. Entrench aboriginal rights, he said, but add the word "existing", presumably to take care of the possibility that someone might in future argue that aboriginal rights as they existed were not enough, and that their definition should be allowed to evolve in the face of new perceptions of human rights. So, having taken away the half-loaf that native people had been offered, they returned it minus another big slice.

This is a dreary story, except for one

thing: the native people, with a bit of help from their supporters, did make Trudeau entrench aboriginal rights, however inadequately, and did make the premiers put something back in at the end. The kernel of hope hidden is that militant politics do work. But the system was rigged at every stage. Native people had to struggle mightily just to keep what they already

If proof is needed to show our new charter of rights is anything but a breakthrough in human and democratic rights, it is there in what was done, but mostly not done, to entrench aboriginal

There was another big political struggle at the end, around the rights of women. Equal rights for women were not in the first round of Mr. Trudeau's constitu-tional proposal. They were put in under intense pressure from women's groups. Then, at that infamous first ministers meeting where the accord was struck, they were, like so much else in the conthey were, like so much else in the constitution, made subject to a provincial right to opt out, a provincial 'overide'. Just as the native people were, Canadian women's groups were outraged; the ten first ministers had shown themselves to be literal 'whitemen'.

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successful lobby and got the equality clause for women exempted from the provincial overide. In this case, we can say with less ambiguity that tough polit-ical work paid off. If women's rights are still flawed, and they most certainly are, it is because everyone's rights are.

Overall, is the final constitutional deal

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sode in which the anglophone seven of the eight opposing provincial premiers jumped ship without bothering even to inform M. Levesque. The faint stench of long-standing bigotry seemed to be

What got exposed is the reality our whole federal-provincial system is designed to deny: the duality of Canada, our bi-national character, the fact that Quebec is not a province like the others, but a

Now, it cannot be denied that, in a world of realpolitik we may nevertheless get away with what has been done I think it more likely we won't, and that the country has taken another step down the road to its break-up.

The Quebec government is asking the courts whether the constitution can be amended without its consent as one

per cent would support sovereignty period. One should never make too much of one opinion poll, but Levesque says he's ready to advocate sovereignty, while Trudeau hints ominously he may have to stay on forever to douse the fires of "separatism" he keeps fanning with his politics of polarization.

What has been done to Quebec is bad enough. Worse, to the point of scandal and disgust, is what was done to the first people of this country, the

aboriginal people.

Initially, Trudeau's charter of rights did not entrench aboriginal rights; they were left to be dealt with in a later round of negotiations. Given that no one's rights have been so trampled upon as those of Canada's native people, this must strike you in passing as strange. It certainly did so strike native people.

freedoms, mean spirits

excluded. Native people have been humiliated. Within English-speaking Canada, we've gotten a checkerboard constitution in which provinces can opt out of guaranteeing the most basic rights. Perhaps that's the price we have to pay for federalism. Perhaps there will prove to be only limited opting out, and the price will be tolerable. Let's hope so.

I should confess I've had my doubts

I should confess I've had my doubts from the outset about the whole process used to remake our constitution. The parliamentary route, and in particular the federal-provincial conference process, were guaranteed to limit effective democratic participation. They also precluded any institutional reforms that might transcend the mindless federal-provincial conflicts.

A striking indication of how little most Canadians felt involved in making our constitution was the provincial election in Manitoba, which took place in the midst of the constitutional imbroglias. The two main parties had very different positions on the constitution, yet I'm told the constitution was hardly an issue at all

At the outset of the constitutional debate, some of us arged for a popularly chosen constituent assembly. We were ignored. Now, the experience has shown that what limited virtue the new constitution has come about through popular pressure while its flaws reflect our elitity political experience.

This whole process has increased my faith in democracy. Not as it is, at present, in this country, but as it might be, if it were allowed to be.

Berger speaks for freedoms and dissent

Justice Thomas R. Berger has served on the Supreme Court of British Columbia since 1971. As a lawyer, he frequently acted on behalf of native peoples in land claim cases. In addition to two brief terms in the BC and federal legislatures, and a short tenure as head of the NDP in BC, he has presided over several royal commissions, most notably the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiru.

His new book, Fragile Freedoms: Human Rights and Dissent in Canada, deserves to be widely read. Part history and part argument, it is a timely and lucid appeal for the entrenchment of the fullest possible charter of rights in the new constitution. Berger argues minorities have traditionally been treated badly by provincial and federal governments and a charter of rights is essential to give people the legal leverage to resist.

As so often happens with timely books, events have overtaken Fragile Freedoms. It now appears that we are going to be saddled with a charter of rights that falls far short of the original intent. With a built-in provincial over-

ride that seems to undermine all of our fundamental freedoms, the amended charter is quintessentially Canadian: we have human rights if necessary but not necessarily human rights. The mean spirit of Mackenzie King, one of the chief villians of Berger's book, lives on.

Nevertheless the book still stands,

Nevertheless the book still stands, both as an indictment of our past, and a challenge to action. "It is not the function of government to keep the citizen from falling into error," Berger writes, "it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error." That function continues, regardless of how shoddy a charter of rights we end up with.

The Clarion recently spoke with Thomas Berger in Toronto.

by Paul Wilson

I expected your book to deal more with individual rights, but all but three of the chapters deal exclusively with minority rights.

Human rights' is an expression whose scope seems to be constantly expanding. If you wanted to write a compre-

hensive book about human rights, it would be fifty volumes.

I thought there were episodes in the history of our country that should be better known to Canadians because of the indifference of the majority toward minorities and dissenters—and sometimes it wasn't indifference; it was downright hostility. In every instance, though, there were Canadians who with courage and conviction appealed to the eternal values that should be even more compelling for us today.

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I thought these were chapters in our history relevant to a time when we were developing a new constitution and a charter of rights, and at a time when human rights and dissent are the universal issues that transcend the miserable ideologies purveyed by the titans of the west and east.

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In every instance, I had a reason for going into the episode. For instance I was a lawyer for the Nishga's (a west coast Indian tribe fighting for land claims), so that was something perfectly natural to write about. I had never been taught about the Acadians when I was in school and I wanted to learn about it, and so I decided to write about it. (The Acadians were French settlers in the Maritimes, expelled by the British in the 18th century.)

I am concerned about the lack of emphasis given to the fundamental freedoms in Canada's charter of rights on individual human rights, which I still think are the bottom line in keeping the body politic healthy.

It is only, it seems to me, in recent times that the importance of minority rights has emerged and the presence of minorities in our midst is in the long run, conducive to a larger measure of freedom for the individual, because the idea of diversity is linked to the right of dissent.

When the U.S. constitution and bill of rights were drawn up in the 18th century, the emphasis was entirely on individual rights. Now Canada has been engaged in drawing up a constitution and charter of rights which offer explicit recognition of the rights of minorities in a way that makes it a 20th century constitution and charter.

The fact that the constitution and charter, as drawn up by parliament, provided for the entrenchment of linguistic rights, native rights, and the rights of ethnic minorities to be free from discrimination — those are distinctive features of the growth of the Canadian policy.

One of the themes that emerges from your book seems to be that entrenching rights in the constitution will take those issues out of the political arena and into the realm of jurisprudence. Is that a fair observation?

Well, I don't think minority rights

Well, I don't think minority rights will ever be taken out of politics. A charter of rights gives minorities a ground to defend, a place to stand.

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Quartet probes relationships

It takes four to tango on the Left Ban Alan Bates) who are also living in cosmopolitan Montparnasse.

Reviewed by Richard Lippe

The team of James Ivory (di-rector), Ismail Merchant (producer) and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala (scriptwriter) have worked together on a number of diverse film projects including An Autobiography of a Princess (1975), Roseland (1977) and The Europeans (1979). Occasionally, as in the Geraldine Chaplin/-Christopher Walken segment of Roseland, they have produced a rigorous critique of how social and economic factors control

female/male love relations. Their latest film is Quartet based on the 1928 Jean Rhys novel of the same name which, reputedly, is a thinly disguised autobiographical account of her experiences in the Bohemian Paris of the early 1920's.

Quartet is a remarkably lucid and trenchant depiction of how patriarchal domination infects male/female relationships. In particular, it funcions to show how money is the crucial factor in the power position of the male and that it is used, consciously or not, to manipulate women into identities that will serve the needs of the male ego.

This theme is dramatized in all the major relationships of the film which are centred on Marya, a beautiful young for-eigner (Isabelle Adjani), who, when her husband Stefan (Anthony Higgins) is jailed for felony, becomes involved with a wealthy expatriot English couple the Heidlers (Maggie Smith/-

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For Stephan, Marya is cast as

a fragile child-woman whom he can indulge as he pleases, whether with a box of chocolates or a new frock. Signifi-cantly, he doesn't tell her about his illegal dealings and when he's jailed, insists that she take up the Heidler's offer of a room since he perceives her as incapable of taking care of herself.

No security

Rather than finding security, Marya, like Lois Heidler, finds herself entrapped in a more monstrous form of male domination since Heidler can 'afford' both wife and mistress.

In fact, Lois is seen as being complicit in engineering Heid-'romances' with susceptible and vulnerable women like Marya. She repeatedly refuses the younger woman's request for money so that she can move out and get a place of her own, because, being older and less attractive than Marya, she knows that the only way she can keep Heidler and, by extension, her position as wife, is to collaborate in his 'arrange-

She deludes herself into believing that he is weak and needs her emotional strength. Consequently, Lois, like Marya, is forced to live under the strain of trying to satisfy both her own and Heidler's needs. Her frequent outbursts of panic and hysteria indicate that she inwardly comprehends the humi-

liation and degradation involved in the role she plays in their relationship.

By the time Marya's husband is released from prison, she has been irrecoverably cajoled into an emotional commitment to Heidler despite what she knows about the couple. In one se-quence, when Marya writes a personal letter to Heidler vain-ly attempting to leave him, she refers to her energies and will being drained away, implying an apt metaphor for the vam-pire-like Heidlers (who are later seen reading the letter to-

Manipulating

The response that the letter elicits is a visit from Lois' friend Anna who is sent to manipulate Marya into going back to Heidler which she does rather than break the relationship or carry out her threat of suicide.

Ultimately, all the characters are manipulating and manipulated, including Heidler himself. Indeed, it is a particularly perceptive insight of the film to

victims of their domination. At times, Heidler breaks down and tries to acknowledge his own inadequacy and asks for a kind of compassion from the women he is using. Such moments, at once desparate and self-indulgent, genuine and theatrical, function as a realization of the impossibility of the positions the characters have created for them-

Confusion

The ending of the film brings Marya's tragic situation full circle. In confusion, she attempts to reject both her husband and Heidler, to be, in turn, rejected by both because neither can accept the 'responsibility' she de-mands of them. In the final scene, she recognizes her trap passively surrendering to Stefan's sinister prison friend, who has rid himself of a young woman who looks remarkably like Marya because she was be coming too much 'trouble' (Ironically, Stefan leaves with this woman). And, while he talks about the crumbling traditions of society such as the state of the family, it is clear his interest in Marya is that of exploiting the exchangeable commodshe now accepts herself as being.

Director Ivory, who studied under Jean Renoir in California and was a protege of Satyajit Ray in India, has inherited from these great directors an uncanny rapport with actors. So, for all its tight thematic structure and loving attention to period de-tail, the film's real life is in its quartet of complex and subtly nuanced performances.

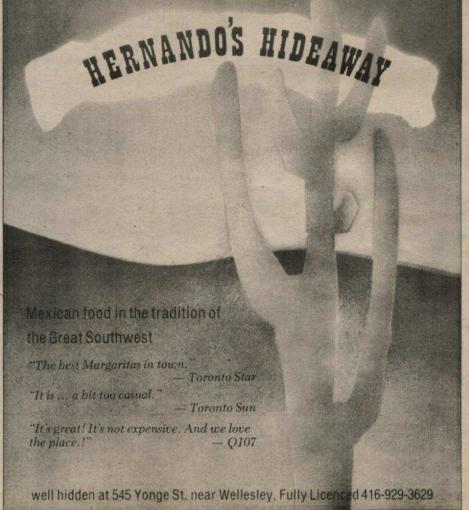
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Brazilian street urchins portray their own story

Pixote: Not so sweet

by Rob Wright

Pixote is a shockingly realistic and numbing glimpse into the unfortunate existence that some people face.

It is an existence that we hear about

on occasion but can neither identify with, understand or explain. Most of us prefer to sweep knowledge of such a world under the rug. Hide it. Pretend it's not there. Ignore it - it'll go away. It was a start of the rug. Yet the reality deosn't go away, it gathers in a heap under the carpet.

In the case of Pixote, directed by Hector Babenco, the reality is that of three million homeless Brazilian children. It is a world of brutal destitution, the definitive depiction of hell on earth.

Yet what is seen is only a glimpse, a microcosm of a larger reality, because we see this world through the eyes of a 10-year-old boy named Pixote.

homeless street children engage in pot-

reformatory bureaucrats and local police begin framing and beating the children (at least two to death) for murders they

black homosexual-pimp-pusher who shows them porno films and takes Lilica the transvestite to bed.

Pixote, Lilica, Dito and Chico get some cocaine from Crystal and head for Rio to make a deal. In Rio they give some dope to Debora who promises cash later that day. When she doesn't show, Chico and Pixote try to make a sale at the local, exotic dancing-Anglo businessmen's establishment and run into Debora, who is performing there.

Until now we know little about Pixote. We know he's cute, shy and relatively innocent. We know he wants a surfboard when he gets his money from the dope deal—meanwhile, Chico wants "A shiny new .38, to get respect from those ass-kissers." And we know.

Pixote left home because his grand-

mother nagged too much.

In a struggle with Debora over the dope money, Chico gets killed and Pixote stabs Debora to death. He takes her wallet and gun and calmly disappears into the night.

The next day the three meet and shack up with Sueli, a down-and-out hooker. Sueli, sitting on a toilet in front of Pixote, with her recently aborted fetus in a nearby bucket, threatens him with the aborting instrument—a knit-ting needle.

Nevertheless, they become a great team. Sueli gets her customers into their most vulnerable position and the three pull armed robberies

In a later scene Dito makes love with



Then comes the climax. A hesitant "gringo" (American) arrives for a night of pleasure, when all of a sudden he is interrupted by two gun wielding children. Another struggle ensues and Pixote accidentally shoots and kills Dito. Without flinching he pumps three bullets into the American.

As if nothing has happened, Pixote sits and watches TV and tells Sueli he will be leaving soon. His emotions are safely locked-up. He's been hardened by the street.

The final scene is a panorama of emotion. It opens with Pixote stretched out on the floor and Sueli trying to comfort him. Pixote's mouth has found her nipple. In a maternal way she says, "Baby, suck it. Mummy's with you," but she becomes disturbed when Pixote doesn't stop.

He is attempting to satisfy a pre-viously unfulfilled need for mother love. And maybe she also is, but her exterior is too tough and she cries out, "I don't want a child. I hate children. Get out of here! Scram!

Pixote gets up casually, puts on his coat, checks his gun and after a brief and emotionless last glance at Sueli, departs without a word. It is just another lesson learned.

This movie can be seen on several different levels. It is a study in survival, how one individual adapts to his world. It is necessary for Pixote to become tough, otherwise he couldn't survive on the street, and the street is his only chance. The robbing and murdering are all part of the territory. Pixote learns to adapt. His age is irrelevant.

The film can also be viewed as a statement on human nature. Babenco puts the viewer in Pixote's place and asks "Would you do it differently?" Just as Captain Kurtz does in Apocalypse Now Pixote finds his own sanity in an otherwise insane world.

This leads to the social comment

This leads to the social comment. The theme is how men and women are shaped by their environment. Whether such miserable conditions exist in Sao Paulo, Brixton or the Jane-Finch corridor, they have to be considered the major factor influencing Pixote's be-haviour. How can we blame little Pixote?

The intransigent bureaucracy and economic over-loads, of which we catch glimpses through Pixote's eyes, are no doubt responsible for the perpetuation, if not the creation, of such conditions. Babenco asks, "Who are the criminals?" The only response is, "Not Pixote." The film is a stunning look at a world

which is otherwise rately seen. The contrast with middle class values, tastes and habits, ubiquitous in mainstream Western commercial forms, is like a refreshing though somewhat painful, slap in the face.

Don't see this movie if you like fluff or fantasy. This is the real world. And that's the unfortunate part.



El Salvador

The slaughter continues

El Salvador—The People will win! Produced by the Film Institute of Revolutionary El Salvador, 1980. Directed by Diego de la Texera

Reviewed by Cathy Dean

People walked into this film laughing and chatting, with popcorn and soft drinks, then casually found seats and waited to be entertained. But this is not what you'd call a Hollywood film, and a few minutes after it started, there was absolute silence in the theatre. I doubt if many finished their popcorn.

This is a powerful, even brutal film. It starts out with shots of anti-govern-ment guerillas. At first it's a little diffi-cult to take them seriously. Some are children, and it seems as though they're playing a child's game with their red and black bandanas—a kind of cops and robbers. Then we see the govern-ment military search a bus full of civilians, and the deadliness of the game becomes clear to us as we imagine the terror. We see throngs of people march-ing through the streets with their hands over their heads. Then we are thrust into the midst of the massacre at Arch-bishop Romero's funeral. (Romero, who spoke out publicly against government repression, was assassinated by right wing terrorists two years ago.)

The difficulty with live shots like this is that events happen so quickly they're difficult to follow. People were stretched out on the pavement, others fell on top of them, and still the death squads fired indiscriminately. We could see the bodies writhe as they were hit.

The next scene shifts to a group of people belonging to ORDEN, a right wing, paramilitary organization. A man is informing the soldiers that left wing guerillas are hiding in the mountains nearby. A civilian is being interrogated, his thumbs tied behind his back. He tries hard to hang on to his dignity and he succeeds. This may be his only vic-tory. The survival rate of the chosen, many who get their thumbs tied behind their backs, is just about nil.

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Costello goes country uffin music exhilarates

Reviewed by John Williams

Martha & the Muffins Virgin/Dindisc

You know the usual pop song lyric—even the good ones—one catch line to match the hook, a few filler lines and that's it. No one wants the Encyclopedia Britannica set to music, but as Robert Venturi would say about architecture, it's univalent. One idea—that's it—bang!



The thing about Martha & the Muffins' new album, This is the Ice Age is that most of the songs are nulti-valent - at least two separate but obliquely connected ideas in one song. For instance Swimming starts out with shattering electronic approximations of fast-breaking cars. broken glass and angry shouts, followed by Mark Gane sing-

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against a pounding, rolling beat. After a brief instrumental break, the words switch to a desription of a nervous, fearful love making session.

The song ends with the line We're afraid to call it love, let's call it swimming' rolling over and over in over-lapping rounds. This is the way M&M connect the social to the personal. The tension and fear of daily street life affects and infects personal relations.

The song This is the Ice Age starts out with an incredibly sensual and graphic description of bicycling along a freeway. Never has music sounded quite so much like a physical sensation. From the sheer exhilaration of this passage the music swells to a gathering, ominous storm of sound while Martha sings This is the Ice Age'. The words don't say much, but they don't have to. People grab sensations where they can to escape the surrounding numbness

There's no chance of numbness with this record. The-back-ups match the lyrics. Long spaced-out trance-like passages are broken up by short punchy barrages. It's typical of *Ice Age* that all this musical variation insures the record's unity

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Reviewed by Mike Edwards Almost Blue Elvis Costello and the Attrac tions! Columbia FC 37562

It was just a matter of time. After tinkering with writing his own country-inspired songs on Taking Liberties and collaborating with country star George Jones on one of Jones' recent albums, Elvis Costello has completely crossed over into C & W. Costello has also made other departures on Almost Blue, his latest release. Long-time Costel-lo producer Nick Lowe has been dropped and a Nashville one, Billy Sherill, has been employed and Costello has relied totally on other writers' compo-

Rounding out the original Attraction's sound is guest pedal steel guitarist John McFee. Not that the band sounds hollow or uncountryfied. Steve Neive's piano work moves from highstepping honky tonk in one tune to tinkling sadly, like the ice in an empty glass of bourbon, in a bluesy weeper the next. Jazz-man Buddy Rich once said the mark of a great drummer shows

with the brushes. Pete Thomas superb brush work on Brown to Blue, a George Iones/Johnny Mathis composition, would do Rich 'real proud.'
Although Costello has appear-

ed to let his guitar fade into the background behind the brilliance of the Attractions, his vocals are very much up front. Unfortunately, Costello's choice of genre calls for a twangy ten-or; his crooning more closely resembles a whiney, nasal Gordon Lightfoot.



Still, when Costello sings you changed your name from Brown to Jones and mine from Brown to Blue," you gotta you gotta sound sad. He sure do.

> Popular Songs Clive Robertson Voicespondence VS 006

Fuse magazine editor Clive Robertson has a project: to complete three records in a year's time. The first of the series, Popular Songs, is now out. It certainly contains provocative songs. Titles like Hegemony and No More Shit speak for them-



selves. Banks, big business, and the police all take their licks from Robertson's pen.

The musical style that Robertson has deployed is basically electronic keyboard minimalist, comparable to the Flying Lizards and a host of other English electronic-based groups. In this department Robertson holds his own. His vocals, however, destroy the album. Lyrics addressing painful issues, such as on No More Shit — "They're get-ting low on criminals/They're trying to make some mor They're getting good publicity/By smashing down your door" become simply painful when delivered by a voice sounding like Mel Blanc's characterization of Bugs Bunny's munchkin Martian with the disintegrator gun and oversized Roman hel-

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New wave of good ol' folk music

More people know Charlie King's music than know Charlie King. His songs have been reprinted, quoted and reviewed out!, In These Times, WIN and the New York Times: His music is performed by the likes of Pete Seeger, Barbara Dane, Arlo Guthrie and the late Harry Chapin.

King has two records to his credit: Old Dreams and New Nightmares and Somebody's Story, both available from Rainbow Snake Records. With loving humour, King writes and sings of hobos and hobbits, presidents and prophets; of the quiet old lady embezzler or the man in the basement who watches the boiler, secretly "dancing the shift away".

In describing his work he

says, "I try to perform popular music that suggests people's lives really matter...not just an occasional romance, but the stuff we all do when we are on our feet and moving.

King will be performing at Trinity United Church on January 6. The concert is a benefit organized by the Cruise Missile Conversion Project, the Canadian Friends Service Commit-tee, the Toronto Association for Peace, the Toronto Safe Energy Group and Youth Corps. Check the Clarion for details

Tenor Tears, soprano Figueras shine ncient score revitalized

Reviewed by W.M. Pipher

Musical practice previous to the 18th century tends to be fairly vague from our pespec-tive. Style cannot be ascertained with any certainty, and even when it can, questions as to its application in 20th century performance are often bitdebated.

Moving backward from the 18th century, music notation itself becomes less specific. In the 13th century, for example, notes do not exist, but there are marks indicating for raising or lowering pitch.

In the absence of good data, historians might look at the way folk music is performed today by the descendants of the antique culture (as does Hesperion XX - see below). Musicologists more commonly look to other anthropological phenomena such as artistic depictions of musical instruments and linguistic patterns.

Weltlich Music Im Christlichen Und Judischen Spanien Hesperion XX EMI/Reflexe 1C 163-30 125/6. Two disc set.

This magnificent recording by the ensemble Hesperion XX (pronounced "twenty") offers secular songs, ballads, and dan-ces from 15th and 16th century The first disc is con-



cerned with music of the Christian tradition, the second with that of the Sephardic Jews.

The Sephardis lived on the Peninsula for years before being expelled in 1492 and 1505 by Spain and Portugal respectively. Many went to Europe, others settled in Northern Africa and the Middle East. Musicologists interested in the latter branch have gone to Morocco, Turkey, and other areas of "eastern" settlement in order to study and catalogue the music as it is performed five hundred years afrecords

ter the dispersion. Not surprisingly, the performance values are strongly Middle Eastern in flavour.

Hesperion XX has taken these studies, together with original surviving 16th century manuscripts, and synthesized incredibly beautiful chant, recitation, and dance music. The melancholic lines may haunt you for days, just as they have haunted people through 30 generations.

Hesperion XX uses percussion, recorder, lute, viol, bag-pipes, and the plaintive, liquid soprano voice of Montserrat

The other half of the record, worldly music of the Spanish Christians, conforms more readily to preconceived notions of what Spanish music sounds like. But what sets *Hesperion* XX off from other contempor-ary interpretors of old Spanish music is that darkly espressive and fluid voice of Montserrat Figueras.

Musique De La Grôce Antique Atrium Musicae de Madrid Harmonia Nundi HM 1015

How a piece of early music is performed by a contemporary ensemble is very much a result of the personal idiosyncracies, historicism, and ideo-logy of the group. Perhaps this is nowhere more apparent than in the performance of the mu-

sic of ancient Greece by the Atrium Musicae de Madrid under Gregorio Paniagua.

So little musical documentation has survived. A page here, a verse there, a line here, a word there, torn bits of disconnected letters. Atrium Musicae makes no attempt to fill in the blanks, to complete sentences, to pretend that what is lost can be regained. They do not at-tempt to alleviate, for the listener, the pain and frustration that they feel at the irrevocable

What appears on paper as fragments appears on record as incomplete sentences, disconnected words, samplings of



sharp consonants and phonemes, punctuated by precisely timed spaces. Into these spaces are inserted all manner of vocal and mechanical sounds, limited only by the very innovative imagination of the ensemble.

In making such a jarring, discordant record, the Atrium Musicae honours the culture of Ancient Greece in that it refuses to romanticize it. It thus has great-er integrity than is immediately apparent. Furthermore, the record notes are most extensive. They include the complete transcript of lyrics as performed; fine descriptions (as well as the etymological derivation for the names they chose) of all the musical instruments used, alphabetically arranged in some eighty entries. It is a scholarly work. It would make a great gift to one who may be bored with "classical" music, or to one who presumes to know everything about the genre.

Saint Nicholas Cantata Opus 42 by Benjamin Britten. First stereo recording Seraphim S-60296

This 20th century work is in ne grand choral/symphonic tradition. The choir in this recording is that of Kings College, Cambridge under David Willcocks, a choir reknowned for its crisp, clear style. The finest interpretor of English music alive today may well be the tenor soloist Robert Tear. He sings the title role, a role that calls less for agile gymnas-tics than for the ability to convey intense pain and anguish as

well as faith and hope.

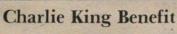
By trying to subsume his very human nature to what he believed to be the will of God, St. Nicholas subjected himself to terrible tensions. Out of these contradictions come the drama of the work. Britten forcefully and effectively ennunciates this drama throughout. However, Britten is like other English composers in that he tends to eschew the kind of expressionistic percussion and atonality often found in other 20th century work. He prefers to draw on the vast store of



English music, especially eccle siastical music, which forms a large part of his heritage

This is not to say that his music, and this music in particular, is remotely anachronistic or stale. Through melodic counterpoint (counterposing one line with another), Britten maintains the poignancy of a com-mon C. of E. hymn, even after 15 listenings. The constant, complex key changes and innovative chord progressions are positively electrifying. Only in one 30 second interval does Britten slack – when he appears to "borrow" a little choral man-euver from Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, composed some 10 years earlier. But one can forgive a little in a work which is, in all other respects, a mas-

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ance, music join art to politics

Reviewed by M.A. Morrison

Last month saw the second appearance in Toronto of the talented American dance col-lective, Wallflower Order. Brought here by Womynly Way Productions, they performed to the unusual sounds of Grupo Raiz, an American-based group

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comprised of five Chilean men and one American woman. To gether these two groups provided an evening of inspiring and unique entertainment.

Wallflower Order was a de-light — both artistically and politically. Extremely diverse, this collective of five women

performed jazz, ballet and mod-ern dance, combined with strong theatrics to weave moving scenarios of torture, political repression, feminism, and, on the lighter side, the selfdiscovery of growing up.

Their sense of humour is among their strongest assets, il-lustrated in a number depicting the pain, insecurity (and absurdness) of going to your first high school dance

Their choreography was dramatic and joyous as dancers moved passionately through their numbers, changing their costumes on stage when necessary, which included a threetiered woman in a white Victorian gown, adolescents in colourful outfits, and grey stretchy body-size bags in which they moaned and rolled about the stage in a manner reminiscent of Yoko Ono.

Grupo Raiz just recently started performing with Wallflower

Wallflower Order dance collective

Order. They have an array of over 20 instruments, giving forth eerie and very beautiful sounds of taditional Latin American folk music and beyond

The two groups united be-"it is so important to make alliances to strengthen the anti-imperialist movement. Wall-Order involves itself with political work year round.

They hold workshops while on tour and work with political or-ganizations within their community in Boston where they are currently living, and producing educational events.

These two groups, both combined and on their own, are good examples of marrying art and politics to effective, tangible ends.

Gov't defends interests not rights

Even if they never go to court, it gives them a kind of leverage, and the symbolic importance of the charter should not be underestimated. I think that if the French Canadian minoriin the west (of Canada) had had entrenched language rights in the last century, the provinces might not have suc ceeded in denying them their schools. If we had had a charter of rights in Quebec during the Duplessis era, the political and religious dissenters whom he prosecuted with such zeal

would have been in a better position to defend themselves.

You see, one of the points I sought to make is that the provinces have never been the guardians of minority rights. They may occasionally be the guardians of regional interestsusually economic interests-but they have been as willing, if not more willing than the fednot more willing than the red-eral government, to lead the cavalry charge against minori-ties on behalf of some spurious orthodoxy. That's why minori-ties and dissenters can't look to governments for protection of their rights; they have to look to an entrenched charter.

Of course, lying behind a charter is an informed public aware of the uses of diversity and dissent. I think the charter has educational and symbolic value that may exceed its purely legal importance

But will the federal government be any more amenable to minority rights than provincial governments?

The charter is designed to protect minorities and dissenters from any government: federal, provincial or municipal. That's the whole point of it The premiers have obtained their wish for an override, the provinces will now have the power when they enact any measure to say that it shall override the charter of rights.

The premiers feel that the power to interpret the charter will carry with it the power to make what are essentially political decisions and that that power should not be conferred on the courts; it should be retained by the legislatures. Now that's an argument for which there is much to be said. I am not persuaded by it, but I can understand that many people

One point you raised in the book was the question of to what extent provincial legislation, in the name of civil rightsmainly anti-discrimination legislation-can be allowed to encroach upon the notion of civil rights itself. Here in Ontario, a major issue.

I struggled with the question If there are people preaching racial hatred, do we make it against the law? Although I'm a member of the majority, I think I have some idea of the hurt and the anxiety that these utterances create for minority groups.

A report was written by a very fine lawyer for the government of British Columbia. It's alled the McAlpine report, and Mr. McAlpine urged the gov-ernment to pass legislation res-tricting the freedom of speech of the Ku Klux Klan. He made as compelling an argument as as compening an argument as we're ever likely to get for re-stricting their freedom of speech. I am still not persuaded. I think that it diverts the law into a bad precedent.

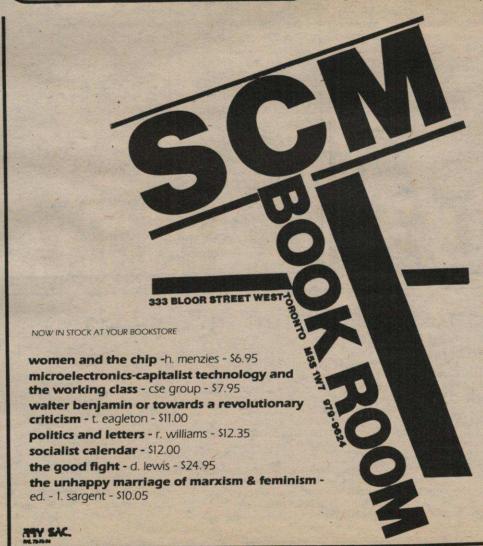
Once you start limiting freedom of speech, what other categories of speech are going to be proscribed on the grounds that they should not be toler-ated in a decent and human

If backed against the wall, I will come out in favour of freedom of speech. If, however, there is incitement to violence, then that should be proscribed. That clearly falls within the sanctions of the criminal law and no society can tolerate violence or incitement to violence.

Also you could argue that if you ban the propagation of race hatred, you could also ban the propagation of class hatred, and a number of other parties would fall under that interdiction.

I can think of some. You know the courts used to supress incitement to class hatred. Well, let me put it this way: they used to categorize calls for workers to organize, calls for the socialist system to be established in Canada as incitement to class hatred and therefore tantamount to incitement to violence. We've been through that.

I think there's something sad and even despicable about purveyors, of race hatred. Think how impoverished their own notions of themselves must be to have to resort to such con-temptible means to make them feel good about themselves.



Song and dance of the gods

Divine exchange mocks econo

by Cathy Smith

If you're looking for a cheery way to spend an evening don't see The Gods of Money - the economic message is a dismal one. As the song says, "It's gonna get worse before it gets better." Theatre Passe Muraille's latest pres-

entation is an amusing look at how Canada's financial situation affects one family. Mind you, it's not the typical one, since the minister of finance is the male half of the marriage. Alas, life is not a bed or roses for him either, as he tells us in the Elvis-like ditty, "I got the Cabinet Minister's Blues.

Diasporic music timeless

by Norman (Otis) Richmond

Since I've been back on radio with the show called Diasporic Music, I've been constantly asked: What is diasporic music? The word diasporic is taken from the word diaspora, which means "The dispersion of the Jews after the Babylonian exile.

When I use the words diasporic music I'm applying them to the African experience where people originally from that continent were taken by from that continent were taken by force to the Western world. Diasporic music is all the music that has been created by overseas Africans. Hence, the statement, "Diasporic music is made in the West, but is not of the West."

It is multi-lingual. When the European powers carried up Africa at the

pean powers carved up Africa at the Berlin Conference in 1885 the English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Dutch participated. Africans were taken to territories controlled by these nations. As a result, diasporie music is created in English (North America, Jamaica, Trinidad, England etc.), French (Haiti, Martinique, Guadeloupe etc.), Spanish (Cuba, Puerto Rico etc.), Portuguese (Brazil) and Dutch (Surinam, Aruba, Bonaire, Curacoa etc.)

Diasporte music is timeless. The recorded history of diasporic music dates back to the 1890's when overseas Africans in the United States gained access to recording studios. I find it ludicrous to listen to so-called Black radio stations on the weekends who only play music back to 1969.

Diasporic music can be serious as a heart attack. Bob Marley once sang, "I feel like bombing a church, now that I know that the preacher was lying" in the song Talking Blues. It can also be as silly as an episode of Sandford and Son; remember the Gap Band singing, "Jack and Jill' went up the hill to have a little fun, stupid Jill forgot her pill and now they have a son," on the song Oops Upside Your Head?

Diasporic music is for the feets as well as for the cerebral cortex. You can find something in the music to "shake your rump to the funk" or something to expand your mind.

Finally, diasporic music is source/ roots music. Paul Whiteman is not the King of Jazz, Benny Goodman is not the King of Swing, Elvis Presley is not the King of Rock 'n' Roll nor are the Police the masters of reggae/rockers. All these idioms of music came from overseas Africans in the diaspora.

Norman (Otis) Richmond hosts the radio show Diasporic Music, which can be heard every Tuesday from 11 p.m. to 12 a.m. on CFNY-FM 102.1.

Although there is the occasional missed cue and some of the stage business seems extraneous, overall this is a good presentation. There's enough humour to help the audience forget, for a while, that life these days really is an economic song and dance.

Some clever additions help the audience get involved in the action and get in the economic mood. Patrons must bargain at the box office, although "The Gods decree at \$5.00 minimum." The expenses for the play are listed in the program and such financial luminaries as Gerald

Robert McCormick, R.D. Reid in The Gods of Money

Bouey, the World Bank and Alan MacEachen are listed under the heading "No Thanks

The plot concerns the efforts of one family to conjure up the Gods of Money, after deciding that there must be some elusive "they" responsible for the state of the economy. To appease them, they offer up all their worldly goods, blender,

Author Bembo Davis has clearly integrated the plot and the reality of an audience viewing a presentation. The final offering that brings the gods running is the one thing the whole cast values: the box office receipts.

The Deities Themselves (as the program calls them) are a curious mixture of used car salesmen, capricious angels and perservers of capitalist business practices. Clad in gaudy robes, they enter strew-ing blank cheques and are dismayed to find they're not in Poland, where they're really needed.

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But no matter what they do, the gods can't upstage the infant, played by Michael Hogan resplendent in beard and trap

door iammies.

The end of the play leaves us with some ambiguous thoughts. Is there a call for socialist revolution when the gods are presumably struck dead? Or is there a plea for the gods to return to sooth the masses as the wife calls back to them in desperation?

Can a cabinet minister change his spots?



By Rhonda Sussman

Because of its depiction of sexually explicit scenes from pornography, Not a Love Story: A Film About Pornography was banned from public viewing in Ontario and can only be shown at specially-arranged screenings which cannot be advertised. One such screening took place on November 10 at the

St. Lawrence Centre.
Director Bonnie Klein took stripper
Linda Lee Tracey, an intelligent woman who enjoyed stripping and the "instant love" she received from her male audiences, through the world of pornographic movies, magazines and live sex shows and uncovered some startling sta-

• 6 of every 10 magazines published are so-called "men's entertainment" mag-

• Pornographic videocassettes outsell mainstream ones by 3 to 1;

• Pornographic materials generate \$5 billion yearly.

It is surprising that an industry this size could be ignored or unknown by most people, but such is the case. And it is this ignorance *Not A Love Story*

Interspersed between increasingly vio-lent examples of porn are comments by American feminist writers such as Kate Millett, Kathleen Barry and Robin Morgan, and from men in a "Men Against Male Violence" discussion group.

Millett describes violence in pornography as indicative of social attitudes about women and sex: "sex is evil and

Bonnie Klein and Linda Lee Tracey also spoke to men and women (mostly women) who work in the trade as well the proprietors and publishers.

Hustler and Elite publisher David
Wells say porn doesn't influence peo-

ple's lives and is harmless fantasy. Not A Love Story shows us some of these

Klein and Tracey enter a peepshow arcade with its rows of curtained booths, on New York's 42nd Street. Tracey asks to see one of the short movies available and gets permission to have it filmed. The movie is entitled "Beat the Bitch". In it a woman is being bound to a table, her mouth gagged and her breasts viciously bitten.

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Conspiracy centre: U.S. embassy

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The soldiers cannot contain the guerillas they are looking for, and they take revenge on the villagers. The commentator tells us of the slaughter which followed, of babies thrown up in the air before being skewered with bayonets. The Salvadorean government later denied knowledge of this attack, but it has been well documented by reporters who talked to the few survivors.

The second part of the film

gives background on El Salva-



another rises

dor's 500 year history of inva-sions. El Salvador has had a rapid succession of governments since 1931. A voice comments, "The farce is always the same; only the names change."

We hear the voice of Archbishop Romero saying "Without roots in the people, no government can be effective." A spokes-person for the FDR, a broadly based coalition of church, labour and political opposition groups, claims there are U.S. funded military bases in bordering Guatemala and Honduras ready to attack them. According to the FDR, the "centre of all conspiracy is the American

Several mothers who have lost their children are interviewed. They sob as they talk, but it is immediately apparent that their anguish is not a temporary hysteria. They live with des-

One woman said: "They chopped my husband into little pieces in front of my eyes and threatened to kill me too. said, 'Go ahead, but kill my children first because I don't want to go without them'." The children stand around their mother, trying to comprehend what has happened. The woman will have to leave her village because the soldiers said they would come back for her. She will lose any kind of commun-



The audience could no longer ignore the slaughter

ity support she might have had there, and of course she has no way to earn a living.

Juxtaposed to these scenes were shots of wealthy Salvadorians at a pro-American rally, cheering for American military and economic aid. They hold banners proclaiming, 'Patria, si, communismo, no".

yes, communism, no.")

There is a long and moving scene of a boy about ten years old mourning his father's murder. He tells those at the funeral, "Companeros, what will I do without my father? He was a good man. Father, I love you. I'm crying for you. My father defended me and I defended him, companeros." Finally his mother tells her inconsolable son, "Others have died too." In the next scene, the boy is asking to join the guerillas.

As the movie ends, there are shots of four leaders of the op-position who had been interriewed during the film but were killed before it was completed. We are assured that as one falls, another leader rises to take his

This film is not passive enter-tainment. It brought the slaugh-ter in El Salvador before the audience and they could no longer ignore it. There was no real need for commentary; the film spoke for itself.

El Salvador—The People Will Win! is distributed in Toronto by DEC Films (964-6560) and is available for group showings. Those who want more information on El Salvador or want to do volunteer work around this issue can call the Committee of Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (COSPES) at

of violence not harmless Sexual fantasies

Other "harmless fantasies" taken from other movies and photos include a woman being trussed up and hung upside down, a woman being forced to perform fellatio on a pistol, and other women in necrophilia fantasy poses.

These are horrifying images,

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clearly having more to do with violence and domination than with sex. Still, it is possible for people to try to put these images out of their minds and say they involve a small minority of women, catering to a small minority of men.

Pornography can thus serve to divide women from one another. The women who appear in pornography are generally working class women with few skills and few options. Many have been prostitutes and have found working in porn preferable to walking the streets. Society forces these women to serve as a "safety valve", to protect those women deemed to be respectable.

But pornography affects all f us. "It may be just simply how you treat your secretary four weeks from now. It may be what you decide you want your wife to do because she isn't as interesting as what you see in the films. But somehow, (pornography) gets translated back. And that's why all of us remain as potential, if not real, victims of what goes on in those theatres," said Barry.

Director Bonnie Klein also spoke to the actors and actresses in pornographic movies. woman who performed in such movies said that in any given scene she was the "fuckee"; a male performer said that he quit because he didn't like degrading women by beating them, urinating on them and so on. He said that he had been involved in loving relationships with some of his female coperformers, but the camera never showed that love

One of the weaknesses of Not A Love Story is that it barely touches upon sex in advertising. The appearance of a woman in an ad usually indicates sex or physical attractiveness; the appearance of a man, power. This reflects, in a more subtle and pervasive way, the roles men and women play in porno-

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The film also barely acknow-



Linda Lee Tracey and Bonnie Sherr Klein

ledges where pornographic images come from; they both come from and help maintain a society in which women are de-

graded. Myrna Kostash, in a 1978 This Magazine article entitled "Power and Control: A Feminist View of Pornography" said: We must begin to situate sexuality in our social relations to see that our sexual unhappiness is related not just to the anxieties of the sex act but also to the deadening relations of the family place, the workplace and the market place.

Not A Love Story rightly did not promote censorship; censorship of porn tends to increase its desirability rather than dim-inish it. Also, the film itself has been a victim of censorship

But the film did not suggest any alternatives to a society that condones violence against women, nor did it show women

and men who are opposed to violence against women) taking on part of that task of transformation by fighting back. Perhaps that is too much to ask of the National Film Board, which is, after all, government-funded. Perhaps the film would have been too "preachy" and would have alienated part of its potential audience by suggesting alternatives.

I left the auditorium feeling victimized and powerless, and from comments made during the discussion period following the film, I suspect that most men felt defensive and guilty. None of these states of mind are conducive to action.

Not A Love Story should be seen because it makes the gen-eral population aware of the extent of pornography in our society, but awareness is not enough. The film's effectiveness in fighting pornography is



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However, we would consider it presumptuous for the Clarion to impose its own standards of taste or morality on our reader-ship by accepting some person-

al ads and excuding others. We have therefore agreed, as a collective to exclude the 'percategory entirely from our classified section.

- The Clarion collective

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Toronto Safe Energy Group, has been campaigning against Ontario Hydro's pro-nuclear education program in Metro schools for the past year. Thousands of pamphlets have been sent to parents and teachers, and donations are urgently needed to help cover costs. Send cheque to T.S.E.G., 95 Robert St., Toronto, or call 536-1243.

Namibia Study Group, with the Tor onto Committee for the Liberation to Southern Africa, starts in January. Topics include: workers' resistance, women, SWAPO, Canadian links. Call TCLSAC, 967-5562.

Dial 530-GAYS. A new telephone service with recorded messages in which young women and men share their impressions and experiences of growing up lesbian and gay. New tape each week.

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The Family Benefits Workgroup is holding its third annual Children's Coat Campaign. This year many moms & kids on f.b. will need warm winter coats. Your donations will make this possible. Mail cheque to, or drop-off coats at 33 Charles St. E., Room 303, Toronto, M4Y 1R9. We now have a charitable number so now have a charitable number, so donations are tax-deductible. Our hours are 10am-3pm, Tues., thru Fri-day. 924-4646 ext 237.

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Friday, Dec. 11

Rosnuk, an exhibition of paintings and prints by Larry Rosnuk, at the Ralph Thronton Centre, 785 Queen St. E. from 1-5 pm. Show ends 19

Ontario Film Theatre presents three NFB films, Tudor Kings, (10 mins) The Unbroken Line (30 mins), and Empty Harbours, Empty Dreams (60 mins). At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. Admission adults \$2, students \$1, seniors



Gaugin to Moore: Primitivism in Modern Sculpture. A major international loan exhibition of 137 sculptures, prints and drawings at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Gallery hours Tues 11 am - 5:30 pm, Wed and Thurs 11 am - 5:30 pm. Admission \$1.50 surcharge added to regular Gallery admission. Show closes 3 Jan.

The Riddle of the World a play by David French at the Tarragon Thea-tre. For reservations phone 531-1827.

Ontario Film Theatre presents The Marquise of O, Heinrich von Kleist's short story with English sub-titles. At 7:15 pm at OFT 3, 770 Don Mills Rd, Don Mills. Admission adults \$2, family rate \$4, students \$1.

crafted creations in glass, leather, fibre, wood, ceramic and metal that have been produced by Ontario's outstanding craftsmen. At The Craft Gallery until 3 Jan. Gallery hours Tues - Sat 10 am - 5 pm, Sun 2 - 5

Homeland a play by Stephen Ral-stan at 8 pm at Palmerston Library Theatre, 560 Palmerston. Tickets \$5 and \$4 for students and seniors. Show ends 12 Dec.

An evening of song with the **Invic-**tones Men's Chorus at 8 pm at Scar-borough Civic Centre Central Space, 150 Borough Drive.

Dom-Basor Series India 1981 by Keith Sonneir at David Bellman Gal-lery, 134 Peter St, 3rd Floor, For more info phone 363-2308.

The Red Rooms, 3 pieces by Russell McGorman at YYZ, 116 Spadina. For more info phone 868-6380. Show ends 19 Dec.

tre presents a programme of film from the Kingston Ontario area by Blaine Allen, filmmaker and film pro-fessor at Queen's University. At 8 pm at 507 King St. E. Admission \$3.

Aggregation Gallery presents five printmakers — Moira Clark, Michael Earle, Ronald Headland, David Peter Hunsberger and Robert Seaton. Gallery hours Tues. - Sat. 11 am - 6 pm, Thurs. 11 am - 9 pm.

Handel's Messiah at 8 pm at 427 Bloor St. W. For info and tickets phone 964-6337. Repeat on 12 Dec.

Canada - USSR Association Film Series presents Ballad of Kovpak, a feature film, at 8 pm at 280 Queen St. W (near Beverley). Free coffee

Music of the Christmas Season by The Toronto Concert Singers at 8:30 pm at St. Anne's Anglican Church, 270 Gladstone Ave. Tickets \$6 and \$7 at the door, students and seniors For info and tickets phone

calendar

A Christmas Spectacular. CBC Festival Toronto presents the Toronto Mendelssohn Youth Choir and CBC Festival Wind and Brass Ensemble in a Christmas Concert at 8 pm at Metropolitan United Church, 51 Bond St. For tickets phone 925-3311 ext. 4835.

El Salvador - The People Will Win. tions above costs to the FDR

Spare Moments. Photographic fan-tasies by Huziak at the Adelaide Court Gallery, 57 Adelaide St. E. Show ends 20 Dec.

Murray McLauchlan with special guests The Lincolns are playing The El Mocambo, Spadina Ave. Two shows at 7 and 11 pm. Tickets \$7.50 at Bass outlets. Repeat on 12 Dec.



Swipe, a play by Gordon Pengilly, about a motley band of river robbers will enchant audiences of all ages. At Toronto Free Theatre, Tues. thru Fri. at 8 pm, Sat. at 4 pm and 8:30 pm, Sun. at 3 pm. Tickets \$6.50 to \$8.50 with a special family rate \$15 for 2 adults and 3 children. For reservations phone 368-2856.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Christmas Dance sponsored by the Committee of Solidarity with the People of El Salvador at 7 pm at Scadding Court Community Centre, 707 Dundas St. W. Admission \$3.

Photographs/Making Photographs:
"Mail art" related to photography
featuring winning submissions from
competition. At the Photography
Gallery, York Quay Centre. Show

Camerata Christmas Concert. A spe-cial programme of Christmas music performed by chamber music ensemble Camerata, with guest pianist John York. At 8 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission \$7.

Kaleidoscope. Children can spend the day making decorations for the Christmas tree. From 11:30 am to 5 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Cen-tre. Admission free. Repeat on 13

The Journey of the Fifth Horse a play about the life of a publisher's clerk in the 19th century St. Petersbourg at 8:30 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Show runs Thurs. thru Sun. until 20 Dec. For reservations phone 869-8412. Admission free.

IDÉE Gallery opens its' annual "Snow Show" running through to Jan. 8. More than one-hundred artists will be represented in this group show, including a *Toronto Clarion* photographer.

IDÉE is at 112 Queen St. E. at Jarvis.

Craft Show and Sale at Partisan Gallery, 2388 Dundas St. W. Twenty local artisans display a wide variety of Christmas gift-giving items at decent prices. Ceramics, quilts, fibre arts, wood crafts, glass, etc. Gallery hours Mon. - Fri. 6-9 pm, Sat. and Sun. 12-6 pm. Show ends today.

Christmas 1781-1981. A Christmas memorabilia exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Christmas tree in Canada. In the Community Gallery, York Quay Centre. Show ends 29 Dec.

Festive Sounds. Holiday harmonizing with local choirs at 1:30 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission free.

Family Matinee presents A Child's Christmas in "Wales", an adaptation of Dylan Thomas's collection of reminiscences about his boyhood in Wales. At 2:30 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission adults \$3, children and seniors \$2. Repeat performance Dec 13, 19 and 20

Le Centre Francophone presents folk group La Ridaine at 8:30 pm at 435 Queen's Quay West. Admission

The Chamber Players of Toronto are in concert at the Edward Johnson Bldg, University of Toronto. For more info phone 481-5940.

Sunday, Dec. 13

The Music of Khachadourion. Peggy Mouchian will lecture on the above as part of the Arab Cultural Work-shop Series. At 2 pm at Arab Com-munity Centre, 5298 Dundas St. W. For further info phone 231-7746.

The Magic Toy. On display at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre, will be antique toy trains, boats and planes, early and rare mechanical tin toys, toy soldiers, dolls and doll houses, folk art and a special display of teddy bears. Admission 50¢ or \$1.50 per family from 10 am to 5 pm.



Peter Oundjian violinist, and Charles Abramovic pianist perform at 2 pm at Town Hall, St. Lawrence Centre. Tickets \$6 and \$7. For tickets phone

Tapestry Singers will present a Christmas Celebration Concert including Flemish 17th century carols, Spanish medieval carols and modern English carols. The concert is designed to delight the young and young-at-heart alike, at 2:30 pm in the Lecture Theatre, Humber College, North Campus, Highway 27. Tickets \$6, students/seniors \$3.

traditions originated with special tales told by Jay Armin and Marta Goertzen at noon at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission free.

Festive Sounds presents French and English seasonal songs sung by La Ramasse at 1:30 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission free.

Victorian Carollers. Strolling singers in Victorian costume will sing Christ-mas carols in the halls at Harbour-front, York Quay Centre. Follow along and join in from 1-4 pm. Repeat on 20 Dec. A Classical Christmas with the Scar-borough Philharmonic Orchestra at 2 pm at Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive.

Jazz Club. The Metro Stompers entertain for dixieland fans at Har-bourfront, York Quay Centre. Admis-

David and Goliath is performed by the Pepi Puppet Theatre, at the Young People's Theatre,165 Front St. E. For times and tickets phone 864-9732.

Christmas Carols From Many Nations are presented by the Community Folk Art Council of Toronto at City Hall's Rotunda, For more info

Monday, Dec. 14

Phantom India. Louis Malle's cinematic epic is screened at Harbour-front, York Quay Centre at 7:30 pm. The first of three parts tonight and the conclusion on 15 Dec. Admission \$2.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

CUSO Informational Meeting. A new slide tape show will be screened on CUSO's role in developing urban housing in Mozambique. At 7:30 pm at 33 St. George St. (north of College). For further info phone 978-4022.

Clarion Labour Workshops. Anyone interested in working on labour coverage at the Clarion should meet at 7 pm at the Clarion office, 73 Bathurst St. For further info phone 363-4404.

Ontario Film Theatre presents three Ontario Film Theatre presents three NFB films, The Same Old Story (4 mins), The Tender Tale of Cinderella Penguin (10 mins), and Earle Birney. Portrait of a Poet (60 mins). At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. Admission adults \$2, tradeble Secretary 1988.

Reading Series. Canadian writer Clyde Hosein will read from his col-lection of short stories, The Killing of Nelson John, at 8:30 pm at Harbour-front, York Quay Centre. Admission

A Dickensian Christmas. A festive show of carol singing, Christmas tree decorating and readings from Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" at 8 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Cen-tre, Tues. to Fri. Admission \$3 (dinner

Wednesday, Dec 16



Open Screening at The Funnel Experimental Film Theatre at 8 pm at 507 films St. E. Amateur or independent filmmakers are invited to show their films. Admission free with a film, or \$3.

Ontario Film Theatre presents three NFB films Rosanna: Portrait of An Immigrant Worker (11 mins), Marastoon (28 mins), and A Sense of Family (55 mins). At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. Admission adults \$2, students \$1, seniors free.

Krieghoff, a National Film Board film Ariegnori, a National Film Board film on the story of a man forn between his art and the woman he loves. At 7:30 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission free. Meet director Keven Sullivan after the show.

Mariposa Mainland. Electric folk is featured tonight with Brigand. At 8:30 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Cen-tre. Admission \$4.50.

Nidikho Nomusa Xaba in Concert. An evening of piano, instrument and song at the Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St. (6thifloor), at 7:30 pm. For further info phone African National Congress 461-4255.

Thursday, Dec. 17

A Pre-Chanukah Celebration. Repre-School and Communal Groups of North York in co-operation with the N.E. Branch of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto presents the candle lighting cooperation. candle lighting ceremony, Israeli dancing, singing and dramatic pres-entations. At 7:30 pm at North York Civic Centre, 5:100 Yonge St. Willow-dale. Admission free.

Ontario Film Theatre presents five Natural History NFB films, Getting Started (12 mins), Gypsy Moths (14 mins), The Man Who Digs for Fish (13 mins), This Was The Beginning (22 mins), and The Great Blue Heron (45 mins). At the Ontario Science Centre at 7:30 pm. Admission adults \$2, students \$1, seniors free.

Erich Kunzel conducts the Toronto Symphony in a pops concert at Mas-sey Hall, 178 Victoria St. For reserva-tions phone 363-7301.

Oliver Button is a Sissy. The National Oliver Button is a Sissy. The National Tap Dance Company of Canada presents a delightful performance for all ages. Starring William Orlow shi, Beth Ann Cole and Arlene Meadows. At Town Hall, St. Lawrence Centre. Show times evenings at 8 pm Dec. 17-30, except Dec. 24 and 25. Matinees at 2 pm Dec. 19, 20, 24, 27, 28, 30. Tickets adults \$10, \$8, and \$6, children, \$6, \$5, and \$4. For tickets phone 366-7723. phone 366-7723.

Night Vision. Readings by poets Lillian Allen, Himani Bannerji, Marlene Philip, Krisantha Sri Bhaggiyadatta at Trojan Horse Cafe, 179 Danforth Ave. Sponsored by the Research Committee of the Riverdale Action Committee Against Racism. For daycare phone 461-9857 or 469-0778.

Opera Close-up. Learn about opera with the Canadian Opera Company at an informal discussion/demonstration featuring excerpts from Strauss Die Fledermaus at 8 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission adults \$5, students/seniors \$4.

Friday, Dec. 18

International Christmas. Learn how other countries celebrate Christmas at the North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St. Willowdale at 7:30 pm. Yonge St. Wille Admission free.

Ontario Film Theatre presents four NFB films. The treasure of the Grot-Oceans (15 mins), CoHoedman; Animator (28 mins), Lotomania (27 mins), and From the Ashes of War (29 mins). At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. Admission adults \$2, students \$1, seniors free.

The Funnel Experimental Film Thea tre presents Alan Sondheim who is currently teaching at UCLA. Sond-heim will show and discuss his feature-length 'new narrative' film completed in 1981. At 8 pm at 507 King St. E. Admission \$3.

Gilliard Ensemble. An evening performance by members of this popu-lar chamber ensemble at 8 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission adults \$5, students/se-

Saturday, Dec. 19

Margaret Atwood will autograph her new book Bodily Harm at the World's Biggest Bookstore, 20 Edward St.

Axle-Tree Coffee House presents an evening of poetry and music. Toronto poets Carolyn Smart and Shaunt Basmajian will read, Montreal singer/guitarist Noah Zacharin together with house musician Peter Acker will perform. At the Church of the Holy Trinity, behind the Eaton Centre. For more info phone 222-4690

Kaleidoscope. Kids prepare for Christmas making gifts, cards, and printing their own wrapping paper. At Harbourfront, York Quay Centre from 11:30 am to 5 pm. Admission free.

The Funnel Experimental Film Theatre presents Masters of Modern Sculpture Part III featuring Louise Nevelson and Louise Bourgeoise at 8 pm at 507 King St. E. Admission \$3.

The Arts of Italy in Toronto Collections 1300 - 1800. An exhibition of Italian art, spanning the 14th to 18th centuries, and drawn from public and private collections in Toronto. At the Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W. Show ends Feb. 14.

Stardust Dancing to the music of Toronto Sounds at 9 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre, Admission free.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Le Martien de Noel, a French film for children about a Martian's flying sauger stalling in a Quebec village on Christmas eve. At 1:30 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission 75¢ or \$2 per family.

Beryozka Russian Women's Folk Choir, Enjoy an afternoon of Russian song and dance at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre at 1:30 pm. Admission free.

The Tin Drum is featured at the Revue Repertory, 400 Roncesvalles Ave., until 23 Dec. For more info phone 531-9959.

James Campbell clarinetist, performs in the Cushion Concert Series at 3 pm at Harbourfront, Brigantine Room, 235 Queen's Quay West. Tickets adults \$3.50, students/seniors \$2.50. For further info phone 363-5665.

Christmas Stories, learn about various winter solstice celebrations in an afternoon talk with Bob Barton. At Harbourfront, York Quay Centre at noon. Admission free.

The Climax Jazz Band plays at 7:30 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay

Canada-USSR Association Film Series presents Dawns Are So Quiet Here, a feature film in Russian, at 8 pm at 280 Queen St. W. (near Beverly). Free coffee and cakes.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

World Dimension Occasion. Father Edgar Saguinson will be speaking on the "Plight of Sugar Workers in the Philippines. At 12 pm at 11 Madison Ave. For further info phone 924-9351.

Friday, Dec. 25



Saturday, Dec. 26

Amahl and The Night Visitors, an opera about a small boy's part in the christmas story is performed by the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Performances at 2:30 and 7:30 pm. Admission adults \$6, students/seniors \$4. For more info phone 869-8412 from 1 - 8 pm daily. Show ends Dec. 30.

Alice in Wonderland. The City Ballet performs this production at Harbour-front, York Quay Centre. Performances on the weekend at 1:30 pm and 7 pm, weekdays at 1:30 and 3:30 pm. Admission adults \$5, children/seniors \$3. Show ends Dec. 30. For tickets phone 869-8412 from 1 to 8 pm daily.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Spectrum Winds. Enjoy the mellow sounds of this classical music quintet in concert at 2 pm. At Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. Admission free.

Mariposa Winter Solstice Party. Songs and folklore for yuletide and the dark of the year by Caroline and David Parry. Family dancing led by Kathy Reid with the Toronto Country Dance Band. Potluck supper. cash bar, and surprises. Admission members \$2, other folks \$3. At 6 pm at Enoch Turner School House. 106 Trinity St. (King and Parliament). For reservations phone 363-4698.

Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears and City of Women are screened at the Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W. For more info phone 532-6677.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Modern Times and The Great Dictator, a Chaplin double-bill at the Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W. For more info phone 532-6677.

Wednesday, Dec 30

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? and The Elephant Man are featured at the Fox Beaches, 2236 Queen St. E. For more info phone 691-7330.

Thursday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Benefit Bash featuring Mama Quilla II and friends, 80 Winchester St., 8 pm. \$15 includes buffet and door prizes. Co-produced by the Broadside Collective.

New Year's Eve Spectacular, An all-inclusive price of \$25 per person includes a concert with Figgy Duff, dancing to the 14 piece Lamplighters orchestra, the film Honeysuckle Rose, hot and cold buffets, and lots more. At 9 pm at Harbourfront, York Quay Centre. For tickets phone 869-8412 from 1 to 8 pm daily.



Skate-in-the-New-Year at Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall from 9 pm until 2 am.

The Villains in Concert. A special New Year's Eve at Larry's Headspace, 121 Carlton. Tickets \$20. For further info phone 924-5791.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Ontario Film Theatre presents the British film Evergreen, a romantic musical comedy in which an actress plays her own daughter and falls in love with an actor who poses as her son. At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. Admission adults \$2, students \$1, seniors free.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Charlie Kingis giving a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church at 427 Bloor St. West. Tickets are \$4, \$3 students/unemployed, available from sponsoring groups Cruise Missile Conversion Project; Canadian Friends Service Committee; Toronto Safe Energy Group; Youth Corp. For childcare phone 690-2718.

CUSO Informational Meeting at 7:30 pm at 33 St. George St. For more info phone 978-4022.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Ontario Film Theatre presents the British film The Mikado. This film won the Best Colour Photography Award in 1940. At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd, Admission adults \$2, students \$1 and seniors free.



Latin American. Canadian Party of Labour Lecture series presents a lecture which describes the strategy and tactics of the armed people's movement. At 8 pm at U of T School of Nursing, Cody Hall, 50 St. George St. For more info phone 532-7562

Friday, Jan. 8



Canada - USSR Association Film Series presents Stalingrad, a feature documentary film, at 8 pm at 280 Queen St. W. (near Beverly). Free coffee and cakes.

Ontario Film Theatre presents the British film The Outsider, a romantic drama with a medical background concerning an unqualified Osteopath who cures a surgeon's paralysed daughter. At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. Admission adults \$2, students \$1 and seniors free.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Corpus Delecti Ball, the Festival of the Body in honour of the birth of the body moveable. A.V., live performance, E.D. Event. 8 - midnight, 16 Commercial St., Guelph.

Sunday, Jan. 10

The Family Benefits Work Group is holding a benefit concert for their coat campaign. Arlene Mantle and friends will be singing at the Trojan Horse, 179 Danforth Ave. (near Broadview) at 8:30 pm. Admission \$3. All welcome.

Nancy White benefit concert for the Toronto Committee for the Liberation of South Africa (TCLSAC) at Trinity United Church, 427 Bloor Street West, 8:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$5.00, \$6.00 at the door. Tickets available from SCM bookroom and TCLSAC.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Ontario Film Theatre presents the film The Tower of Terror, one of the first secret-service dramas of World War II. At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. Admission adults \$2, students \$1 and seniors free.



Workers In the Central American Struggle: The Role of the Popular Movements. A presentation and discussion sponsored by the Latin American Working Group, at OPSEU Head Office, 1901 Yonge St. (at Davisville), 8th floor, at 7:30 pm Admission free.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Wheel Throwing. A fourteen session pottery course on Wed, from 1 - 4 pm at Humber College, North Campus, Highway 27. Fee \$45. For more info phone 675-3111, ext. 506.

Ontario Film Theatre presents the film The Night Has Eyes, a small yet effective crime drama in which a Yorkshire schoolmistress proves that her housekeeper unjustly accused a Spanish war veteran of the murder of her friend, At 7:30 pm at Ontario Science Centre, 770 Dom Mills Rd. Admission adults \$2, students \$1 and seniors free.

Night and Day a play by Tom Stoppard about a bored woman who preys on three journalists in a small revolution-wracked African nation. At the Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkely St. For times and reservations phone 368-7601.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Quebec A forum on the struggle for equality of Quebec's people. Guest speaker Jacques Rose, Comite d'Information sur les Prisonniers Politiques. At 8 pm at U of T Nursing, Cody Hall, 50 St. George St. For more info phone 532-7562.

The Spoons in Concert at 8 pm at Jorgenson Hall, 380 Victoria St. at Gerrard. Proceeds help the Greenpeace Foundation. Admission \$6. For more info phone at 922-3011.



Musical experiments enhance Bruce Cockburn concert

By Ted Hebbes

Any popular artist who attempts to change musical directions risks losing a great part of his/her following. If the crowd's reaction at Bruce Cockburn's November 30 is any indication, he will have no such problems.

Cockburn's musical career stretches back at least 10 years and throughout there has been a strong emphasis on acoustic guitar playing. On his last few albums, especially *Intercity Front*, there has been a heavy emphasis on ensemble playing and, gasp, electric guitars. The show at the Concert Hall on the Danforth reflected this shift.

His increasing use of electric instruments and a back-up band is not a traumatic change, in fact it seems more of a natural evolution. Bruce Cockburn has always experimented with different sounds — particularly jazz — but now he is approaching the edges of rock.

A great deal of his earlier material cries out for a back-up band wailing behind. A good example was "Momma Just Wants to Barrelhouse All Night Long." first recorded on the Night Visions albums. During previous concerts he performed this song solo, but in this concert the addition of his band, consisting of John Goldsmith on keyboard, Dennis Pendrith on bass, Hugh Marsh on violin, Bob DiSalle on drums and Catherine Moses on sax, brings to it a greater dimension.

He started the song sitting on the grand piano, exchanging bluesy riffs with Goldsmith. They slowly worked into the song, dry ice flooding the stage with Catherine Moses singing the first chorus. Her vocals were strong and emotion-packed; it's a wonder that she isn't heard more on record. The song drew a standing ovation, the first I've seen in the middle of a Cockburn concert, but not simply for him — it was for the entire band.

His switch to electric guitar is not complete, as he is still experimenting with different sound effects pedals — consequently at times his soloing does not quite suit the songs. This could be a fault of the sound mix, because on record his playing is up front, enabling the listener to hear exactly what he is playing.

The greater bulk of the material performed was taken from his most recent albums, with old standards beefed up by the band, and new songs sprinkled throughout. But it's not what he played but how he played it.

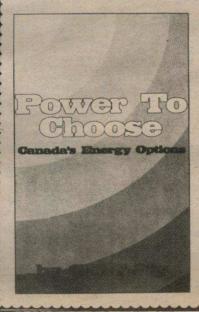
Catherine Moses was impressive throughout the evening, her sax solos scorching through his newer material. It was as if the songs were written with her in mind

The way Cockburn plays now is with a band, and that is quite different than solo guitar. But it's apparent that Bruce Cockburn enjoys this style of music, an electric jazz folk blend, very much. His fans, who demanded two encores, appeared to enjoy it just as

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