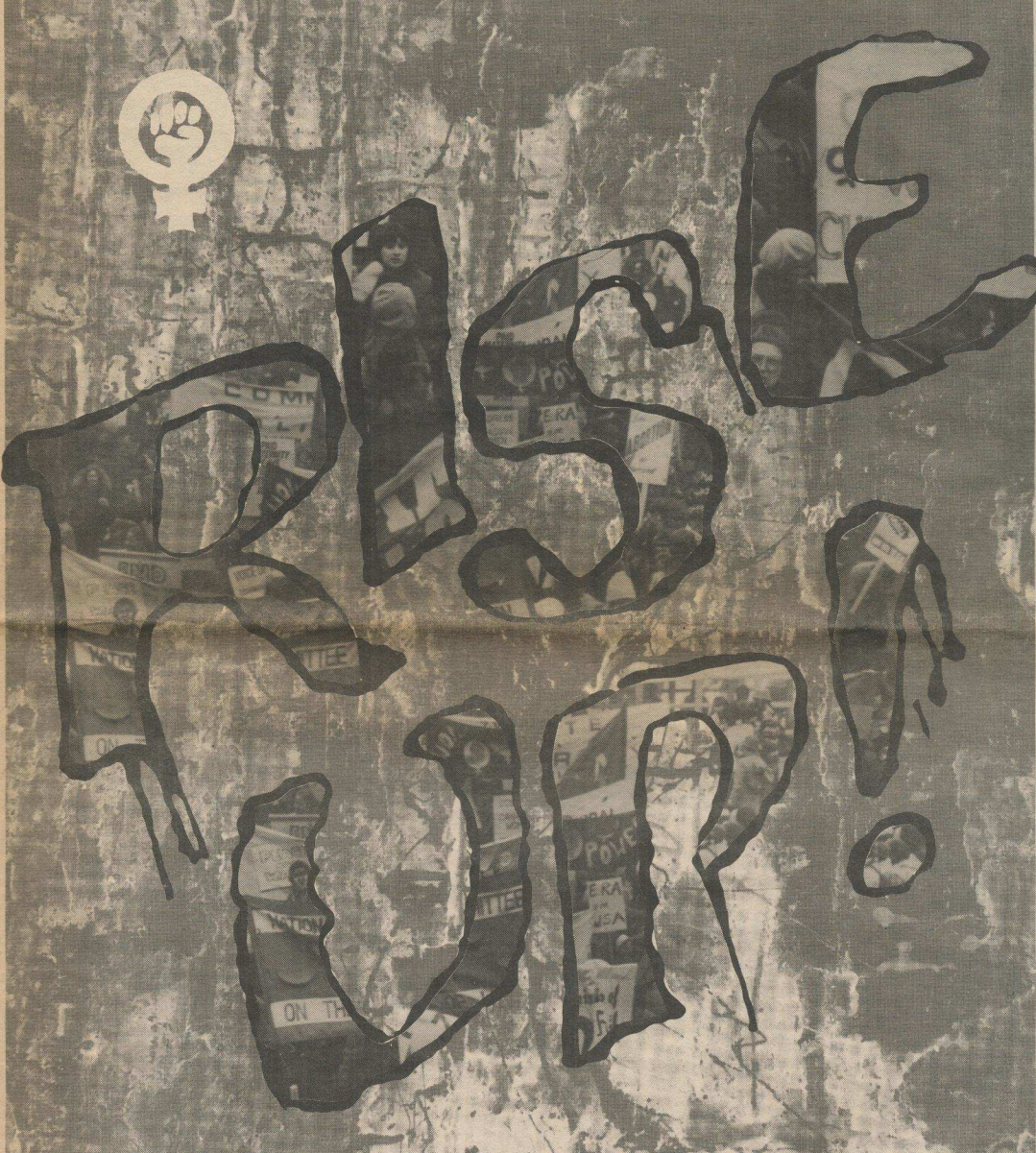


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**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY ISSUE**

"There is nothing loving about sex. Even an ape can do it."


— a R.E.A.L. Woman addressing the Fraser Commission on Prostitution and Pornography



True Love

You're born a healthy bouncing baby girl. **Miss a turn**


Daddy loves his little darling. **Go ahead 1**



You tell your teacher about Daddy's games. She phones the police. **Go back 1**

You're scared to tell on Daddy in court. **Go directly to jail**

Your high school counsellor encourages you to go to medical school. **Go ahead 2**




The job is at Commodore. The foreman is a pig. **Go back 2**

You find a job AND affordable daycare. **Go ahead 10**


The baby's healthy. You're happy. **Go ahead 3**

You're pregnant. **Go ahead 1**



He leaves town for medical school. **Go back 5**

You meet a nice boy. He says he respects you. **Roll again**



You and 5 co-workers go to the Human Rights Commission. **Go ahead 1**


You get a cash settlement — and the foreman is promoted. **Miss a turn**

You go to a Take Back the Night march and for the first time in your life you realize you're not alone. **Go ahead 7**

Your daughter wants a Barbie doll for Christmas. **Go back 1**

A Liberated Woman

A woman you met at the march offers you a job in a women's shelter. **Go ahead 5**



Your daughter is made captain of her co-ed soccer team. **Go ahead 2**


Mom's too scared to press charges. Dad goes free. **Go back 1**

Dad visits Mom at her new place — brandishing a knife. She grabs it, stabs him, and is charged with murder. **Go to JAIL**

Your daughter wants to be the next Margaret Thatcher. **Go back 3**

Mom is acquitted. **Go ahead 15**

Your daughter meets a nice boy. He says he respects her. You're nervous. **Miss a turn**




Granny is arrested for bombing a video porn outlet. **Go to JAIL**

Your daughter throws out her Cosmos, subscribes to Herizons, and joins Granny's pro-choice campaign. **Go ahead 7**

You meet a nice woman. She says she respects you. She means it. **Go ahead 5**

Morgentaler's clinic is raided. **Go straight to Buffalo**


Your daughter is pregnant. Lover-boy isn't into it and takes off. **Go back 4**



Your daughter meets a feminist daycare worker. She really respects him. So do you. **Go ahead 3**


Your daughter is accepted into medical school. **Go ahead 5**

A women's housing co-op opens. You and your lover move in. **Go ahead 5**



JAIL

Miss a Turn □□□□



Medical School

Mulroney, Reagan and Thatcher join forces. You're depressed. Don't be. **Just go ahead. Keep going ahead. DON'T GIVE UP!!!**

Don't Give Up!!!

Tax rip-off

To the Clarion:

I am irritated by a film put out by Revenue Canada which I saw on The Journal (CBC/TV). It was a film in which the Revenue Department was cast "as a virtual Big Brother in the lives of all taxpayers." (Robert Miller, Maclean's Feb. 13/84). I am more irritated by the reporters. Something is missing in all the reports I know. The missing persons were million-aires taxpayers. The film would have been good if Revenue Canada had aimed their guns at the millionaires who pay no tax on their exorbitant profits because they have found loopholes in the laws which permit them legally to pay no income taxes.

I don't have some of the following facts accurate but my feelings are very accurate. I remember hearing two NDP

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canadites in the last federal election talking about how they would fund their programs without jeopardizing programs through which poor people look after themselves, like UIC and Welfare.

Letters

They promised they would secure funds by collecting the millions of dollars owed to the government of Canada by certain developer millionaires who report millions of dollars profits and pay no income tax.

I have read, listened and watched many reports this month, especially Maclean's article on "The Tax Man vs The People". None of the reports mentions millionaires — the "Welfare Bums". Maybe I have found my answer! Millionaires are not people. Certain millionaires exist on the basis of people whom they have bled.

I am for advertising, for educating people, including millionaires, that certain millionaires are the enemy of ordinary people.

Don Keating

USSR and peace

To the Clarion:

Back in September, when the Korean KAL 007 was shot down over Soviet airspace, the "peace-through-strength"ers got a temporary shot in the arm. Though the U.S. has done far worse things, U.S. president Ronald Reagan was able to get up on his high horse and denounce the Soviets as "butchers" and "barbarians". He conveniently neglected to mention, of course, the 180,000 civilians massacred at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, or the equivalent number destroyed in the firebombing of Tokyo and Dresden. Or the use of napalm, Agent Orange, and other anti-personnel weapons in Vietnam. But, after all, that's what he's paid for.

Temporarily, the peace movement was put on the defensive since the brutality of the Soviet act seemed to suggest that "these people" could not be dealt with through reasonable negotiation. Of course, given their history, it was absurd for the U.S. to make such a charge.

But, in pointing out the hypocrisy of the U.S., we have been hampered by our lack of outspokenness when it comes to Soviet actions.

The left, traditionally, lacks moral authority because we seem so blinkered in our condemnation of political wrongs. We have long projected the viewpoint that somehow socialist militarism is better than capitalist militarism, socialist dictatorship is better than capitalist dictatorship, and socialist nuclear fallout is better than capitalist nuclear fallout.

One example of this sort of thinking is the reluctance on the part of many in the peace movement to criticize the Soviet leadership in the same terms as the U.S., either with respect to their involvement in the arms race, or, as regards their violation of other nations' territorial integrity. Several arguments are advanced to justify this position which, simply put, don't hold up.

Argument 1: "The actions of the Soviet Union — for instance, in Afghanistan —

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Voices From The Streets

The Clarion posed the question: In what areas have women made progress or no progress?
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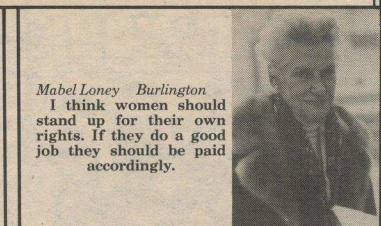
Ruby Petrie Toronto
Women do not seem to get a fair shake anyhow—especially in areas of work. Equal pay for work of equal value is still one of my big beefs.



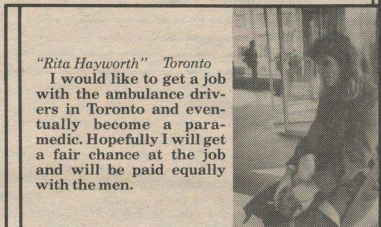
Libby Barnes Toronto
I'm satisfied with what's been done but there is so much more. Equal pay for work of equal value is still a big issue with me. In fact right now instead of being paid on par with men we are being paid much less in a lot of areas. This is especially difficult when you are a single parent.



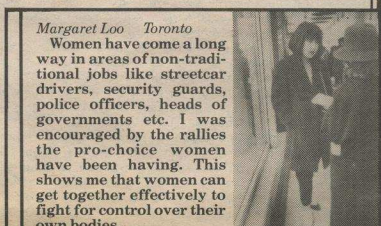
Karin Casper Sweden
Things in Sweden are further ahead than here. We are generally paid equally. We moved into the area of non traditional jobs long before North Americans did. However I still feel that this equality makes two times as much work for the women as we are still having the babies and in a lot of cases looking after the homes.



Mabel Loney Burlington
I think women should stand up for their own rights. If they do a good job they should be paid accordingly.



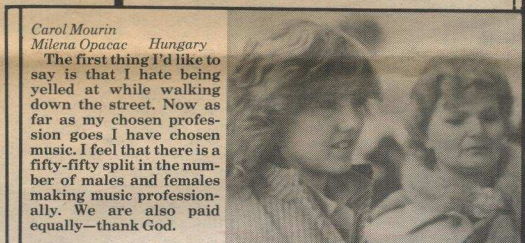
"Rita Hayworth" Toronto
I would like to get a job with the ambulance drivers in Toronto and eventually become a paramedic. Hopefully I will get a fair chance at the job and will be paid equally with the men.



Margaret Loo Toronto
Women have come a long way in areas of non-traditional jobs like streetcar drivers, security guards, police officers, heads of governments etc. I was encouraged by the rallies the pro-choice women have been having. This shows me that women can get together effectively to fight for control over their own bodies.



**Kora Wong Frances Choi
Elaine Chan Toronto**
All three of us agree that things are pretty equal in school. There are just as many boys taking math as girls. That goes for the sciences and other non traditional areas. We feel that we are getting a fair chance at education and will be able to continue on into university and eventually our chosen areas of professions.



**Carol Mourin
Milena Opacic Hungary**
The first thing I'd like to say is that I hate being yelled at while walking down the street. Now as far as my chosen profession goes I have chosen music. I feel that there is a fifty-fifty split in the number of males and females making music professionally. We are also paid equally—thank God.

IWD may mark start of women's fed.

by Sue Goodwin
International Women's Day organizers have come up with a proposal that could effect the city's women's movement for many years.

Organizers of the March 8th Coalition have embraced the idea of expanding the coalition to an ongoing women's federation.

"The federation will be activist oriented and the intention will be to carry on throughout the year what we achieve as a coalition," says coalition member Pat Knight. A committee has been struck to organize a post-celebration conference at which plans for an ongoing federation will be made. Normally, the coalition comes together about two to three months before the celebration and disbands immediately afterwards.

The idea to start the federation sprang from a proposal by Action Daycare to focus the day on abortion rights and developing a charter of rights for a new women's movement. The coalition

thought this might narrow the day's focus too much.

"The Action Daycare Proposal started a new train of thought and a new approach for organizers, which is a good thing" even though the coalition ultimately turned down the proposal, says Knight.

Organizers were concerned about broadening the base of women involved with the celebration and linking the most important issues she says.

Also, the coalition reaffirmed its tradition of centering the day around themes and demands, all of which will be highlighted at the rally and march on Saturday, March 10.

This year's themes are: jobs, choice and peace.

Under each theme are several demands such as mandatory affirmative action, jobs at decent wages, legal freestanding abortion clinics, increased daycare space and refusal of the cruise.

The events leading up to

and including International Women's Day will be similar to previous years with two fundraising dances on March 3 and March 10, and a fair at Jarvis Collegiate after the rally and march.

About 90 to 100 women from very diverse groups and backgrounds have been regularly attending the coalition's Wednesday night meetings at

the Metro library, says Knight.

Knight adds she is pleased with the increasing number of marchers each year, especially the increase in women from minority groups.

In 1981 an estimated 4,000 women marched, while the 1982 International Women's Day march drew about 6,000, she says.

Knight says that in the

past marchers have not encountered any problems with the police. And although this year's slogan is "Rise Up," Knight says she doesn't anticipate any security-related problems.

"Our head marshal always meets with the police before hand. We're not interested in any confrontation in terms of the march."

Martin in, Ng angry in Ward 6

by Beth McNabb
Former Federation of Metro Tenants' Association president Dale Martin has been nominated as the NDP candidate in the Ward 6 aldermanic byelection.

Martin, who was expected to take the nomination easily, squeezed by his opponent Winnie Ng, by a mere six votes - 109 to 103.

Martin's speech addressed major issues such as tenants rights and the development of the railway lands. Ng's speech

was more concerned with services being provided to groups such as the poor and immigrant women, and with jobs in the garment district.

Ng said she was angry and disappointed after the nomination. She thinks the members should know better.

"I sense that the result of the nomination reflects the mentality of the party members right now."

Ng said she would concentrate her efforts on organizing a membership drive.

"I would like to see the party membership reflect the social and ethnic population of the Ward," she said.

Ng pledged her support for Martin and urged her supporters to work actively on his campaign.

The election will be held on April 9 to fill the spot left vacant by former Toronto Mayor John Sewell, who has resigned to become a columnist for *The Globe and Mail*.

The senior alderman in the Ward, Jack Layton, is a member of City Hall's NDP caucus.

AT WORK



by Caroline Walker

While it's true that more women are in management positions and doing non-traditional jobs today than in the past, their numbers are still not great, and women still earn only about 60 per cent of what men earn. The number of working women is growing rapidly, and not because they need a little extra cash to supplement the family income. About 40 per cent of working women in Ontario are single, widowed or sole-support mothers, and they are among the most disadvantaged in society. Prevailing attitudes about what is or is not "women's work" have kept women in so-called job ghettos — the low-paying service, sales and clerical jobs — and are keeping them out of the skilled trades and the science and technology-related fields.

Impetus for change is coming from the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL), which has launched an affirmative action campaign with the slogan "making up the difference". The main thrust of the campaign is to put pressure on politicians for legislation which will ensure fair access to jobs and equal pay for work of equal value.

The OFL believes that legislation is the only way to bring about real change, since business and government have not responded in the past to requests for voluntary participation in affirmative action programs. In fact, only 44 of 1100 companies have responded to the federal government's 1979 request for affirmative action.

The OFL is creating a strong, collective voice to battle the opposition. The campaign began last fall with the formation of nine regional committees across Ontario which gathered submissions from individuals and groups on the problems faced by women in the workforce. The 170 briefs were then presented in public forums in the communities, some of them taking the form of theatrical or musical presentations. They attested to women's frustrations in being prevented or discouraged from moving into higher paying jobs and documented the many discrepancies between male and female wages.

The forums also generated a lot of excitement and motivation, says Deirdre Gallagher, a member of the OFL's Women's Committee. "The problems are enormous, but the spirit is great, and we're trying to mobilize that", she says. She points out that the campaign has activated new alliances between labour groups and women's groups, and is building a province-wide network of people working to improve the economic situation of women.

The next step in the campaign is a conference to be held at the Ramada Inn in Toronto on April 26, 27 and 28. Having met locally, groups will then come to Toronto to lobby politicians and share ideas with others from across the province. They will work on strategies to take the campaign to a new level, possibly taking aim at a few key companies, as well as keeping pressure on politicians for legislative change. The conference organizers want to have a cross-section of the community as well as union people represented at the conference, so if you would like to get involved, contact Shelley Acheson, OFL human rights director, at 441-2731.

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are not motivated by the same drive for profit that characterizes U.S. foreign policy."

The fact that they're using the same tactics — napalm, anti-personnel weapons, etc. (remember: socialist genocide is better than capitalist genocide) — is immaterial. They're not interested in exploiting Afghanistan; they're merely interested in preventing upheaval amongst the 20% of the Soviet population which is Moslem! This must be an immense comfort for the Afghan people — knowing that their opponents are motivated by concerns for social and political stability rather than naked economic aggrandizement.

Argument 2: "To admit that the Soviet Union is as 'bad' as the U.S. is to provide grist for the mill of the 'peace-through-strength'ers." This is a curious sort of argument. Somehow — by denying reality and refusing to admit the validity of people's perceptions and experiences — we make ourselves more credible.

In therapy terms, this is known as "not dealing". The left has a long history of "not dealing". People who lost their families under Stalin or saw their country subjugated by Soviet troops are considered "fanatical right-wingers." If many of them are right wing, it's probably partly because the left has never spoken out against the injustices committed against them.

Argument 3: "It's wrong to hold the Soviets equally responsible for the current reign of nuclear terror because the U.S. started the arms race. And, besides, the U.S. has a longer and more brutal imperial history."

It's true that the U.S. started the arms race, but it can no longer be said that the development of new missiles occurs as a response to specific acts of aggression by one or the other side.

The beginnings of World War 1 and 2 cannot be ascribed to a single act of aggression, and neither can World War 3 which, in a brutal sense, can already be said to have begun. As for the U.S. being the more brutal imperial power — this is true. After all, having been on top longer, it has had more time to commit its misdeeds. But, if the Soviet rulers were on top, is there any guarantee they would be any more benevolent?

To suggest that this is so is to be extremely pragmatic. The same argument would have led one to support Hitler in World War 2 since there's

no way the German Imperial record could compare, in brutality and longevity, with that of the French and the British. The Soviets have shown themselves to be capable of the most bloodthirsty acts. From the forced starvation of Ukrainians, which is estimated to have killed more people than died in Hitler's gas chambers, to the millions more destroyed in the course of forced collectivization and industrialization, the Soviet bosses are no slouches when it comes to shedding innocent blood.

Argument 4: "The Soviets are not imperialists in the traditional sense of the word — that is, their economy is not dependent on the exploitation of Third World countries."

The managers of the modern corporation are no more capitalists in the traditional sense than Andropov was in the Soviet Union. The modern executive doesn't own the means of production; neither does Reagan; neither do their opposite members in the Soviet Union.

For Marx, capital was not a "thing"; it was a social relationship between those who produce and those who appropriate what others produce. Or, more exactly, between those who contribute labour-power and those who are in a position (by virtue of their authority) to dispose of the labour power.

In that sense, the modern executive and the managers of Soviet industry are both unquestionably "capitalists". But what all this underscores is that the traditional categories delineating political power and economic power are no longer adequate. Economic power confers political power, and political power (as in the Soviet Union) confers economic power.

People who ascribe imperialism to economic motives alone are guilty of simplification. The Soviet Union does exploit the economies of other countries, but it doesn't always do it through traditional methods. In COMECON, the Soviets practice what they call an "international division of labour", in which raw materials and labour (and sometimes industrial goods) of the other East European nations are harnessed for the good of the Soviet state, while the economies of these countries thus subjected languish as a result of over-specialization.

But a simple profit/loss picture doesn't permit us to fully understand specific Soviet policies any more than it does those of the U.S. Was the war in Vietnam a profitable venture? True, the Soviets

give a lot of unprofitable aid to the Cubans, for instance, but they gain certain advantages thereby.

For one, the Cubans (whose revolutionary credentials are less tarnished than those of the Russians) can be made to do much of the dirty work which would otherwise fall to the Soviets to do. The U.S. derives the same advantage from its underwriting of Israel to the tune of several million dollars a day. The Israelis invade Lebanon and send arms and advisors all over the world. The Cubans send 20,000 troops to Angola, and ply for influence all over Africa and Latin America. So the "selfless" investment by both sides pays for itself in the end.

In sum, it's time the peace movement saw through the arguments which would have us take a different policy vis-a-vis the Soviet Union, and join the West German Greens in taking a stand against militarism everywhere, regardless of its source.

Don Alexander

Agent Orange money

Don't send money. The Herbicide Fund Society doesn't want your donation.

The HFS was set up to help cover the huge legal bills faced by the group of Nova Scotia landowners who fought Agent Orange and lost. After deciding that Nova Scotia Forest Industries can continue to spray the deadly chemical, the judge nailed the landowners with the company's court costs as well. The small group of people faced financial ruin, but have been assisted by donations from across the country.

According to *New Maritimes*, however, the landowners and the company have reached a settlement. Part of the agreement says any money left in HFS after the landowners have paid their own legal bills will revert to the company.

There are still about \$40,000 in bills to pay, but the Herbicide Fund Society is winding down so that contributions will not end up in corporate hands.

However, the Coalition Against Pesticides is starting up. The Coalition, which is beyond the reach of NSPI, will continue the fund raising campaign. Its address is Coalition Against Pesticides, c/o John Shaw, Treasurer, P.O. Box 54, RR #1, West Bay Road, Nova Scotia, B0E 3L0.

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Midwives collective envisions accessible birthing centre

by Pat Daley

A storefront birth counselling centre to provide home births could open in a year if fundraising efforts by the Midwives Collective of Toronto are successful.

The group would like a Harbord-Spadina location for a centre that would make midwifery care more accessible. They are also aware of the risks.

"Definitely I think we're in for harassment and I wouldn't be surprised if we were sued," says collective worker Sue Rose. But she said the only results of harassment would be positive because of growing community and media support for midwifery.

In a recent interview with the *Clarion*, Rose and Robin Patrick explained that the collective of five midwives came together over a year ago through a shared vision of feminism, of how to act politically and work collectively as midwives. As a collective they are active in the Ontario Association of Midwives and in the Midwifery Task Force's efforts to have legalized midwifery in Ontario. The birth counselling centre is a focus of that vision.

"We feel really strongly that midwifery should be legalized," Rose said. Patrick added that at present midwives operate outside the system, meaning that they are accessible only to a few because the care is not covered by OHIP.

"We don't refuse people if they don't have money," she said, "but for many people it's not a priority." Many people are not even aware of the alternative, she added.

"In Toronto, there are many people who would have had the care of a midwife if they'd stayed in their own country. They come here and accept that there are no midwives. And they're shocked and pleased to find that we're here." A birth counselling centre would provide a high profile for midwifery care before, during and after births.

Yet the lack of legal status for midwives means a centre could be open to harassment. The only mention of midwifery in Ontario statutes is in the Health Discipline Act's definition of midwifery practice. That means there is also no regulation of midwifery practice. While the laws in other provinces are similar, Patrick said there appear to be more supportive atmospheres in Quebec and British Columbia.

A midwifery school will open this year in B.C., she said and the students will be certified in Washington state. Arrangements have been made for the students to train in other countries.

"The school is being recognized internationally but not in its own country," Patrick said.

Ontario's Health Discipline Act is currently under review and a joint brief is being presented by the Ontario Midwives Association, the Nurse-Midwives Association and the Midwifery Task Force. Included in the brief is a proposal that native women in northern Ontario have access to midwifery training.

"Canada is the only industrialized western country that doesn't have midwifery care," Patrick said. "Northern Ontario women are being flown out to hospitals at 37 weeks which means three more weeks until the due date. They could be separated from their families for five or six weeks." Besides the cost involved, she said the women are separated from their support systems.

The Ontario Midwives Association is going ahead with a form of self-regulation through workshops for midwives and peer reviews. They are also beginning to form responsibilities for midwives as well as rights, including informed choice agreement with clients. While the association will work to provide financial support for midwives who may be charged, for instance, with criminal negligence in the event of a problem birth, Rose said, "Midwives have to have some political awareness of what taking something on is going to do to the rest of the midwifery movement."

For instance, Patrick said, while the midwives collective believes it is possible that women may be able to have vaginal births after cesarean sections. "At this time in midwifery it is not a good

idea. Outside of Toronto people can't even get this in a hospital. It's one step farther than we should be going right now."

The collective members do not expect the battle for legalized midwifery and a birth counselling centre will be an easy one.

"In Ontario the College of Physicians and Surgeons

(which regulates doctors) is probably the most reactionary in Canada," Rose said. "Obstetrics, and women's health in general, is big money-making business. They're not going to give it up."

But, she added, there is a growing number of women who want midwifery care not only for home births but for

Sue Rose examines a client at the Toronto Midwives Collective regular Friday clinic. (Photo: Viv Carson)

hospital births.

Meanwhile, the Midwives Collective will be holding several benefits to raise money for the birth counselling centre.

Services for teen mothers need much improvement

by Monika Orzechowska

In a 1982 study Maureen Orton, a professor at McMaster University, estimated that there were 20,000 single mothers aged 10-19 in Ontario. The 1980 Ontario Vital Statistics report indicates that 5,098 babies were born that year to single mothers aged 15-19, accounting for 47 per cent of all live births to single mothers. Since the 1960's the birth rate has increased only slightly, but the number of abortions has dropped dramatically.

Twenty years ago most teenagers who became pregnant subsequently gave their babies up for adoption; today most choose to keep them.

This shift is largely due to changing social attitudes, but major reforms in welfare assistance policy have also contributed. Most important were the changes of the late 1950's to the General Welfare Assistance Act and Ontario's Mothers and Dependent Children's Allowances Act which enabled unmarried mothers to receive welfare allowance; and the 1967 change to the Family Benefits Assistance Act which made unmarried

mothers eligible for support.

Although physical support networks for single teen mothers have been developing and growing, particularly over the last few years, and

several valuable programs have emerged, many serious problems remain. Most important among these are the lack of affordable housing and the sense of loneliness and isolation experienced by many single mothers.

There are six residences in the Toronto area for pregnant young women; Humewood House, Victor Home, Rosalie Hall, Bathany Home, Bethel Home and Armagh. In total they provide beds and care for about 100 pregnant teens. A couple also have beds for women after they have had their babies.

Humewood has developed one of the most successful programs. Since 1977 they have been concentrating on developing a strongly community-oriented program involving pregnant teens and young mothers who find themselves alone and alienated from the community. Divided into a two-semester year there are classes and events scheduled for every weekday which the women must attend. Group discussions are frequently held on topics of concern to the women as teens and single mothers.

A full-time housing director helps the women find distressed, linking ideas discussed in classes with practi-

dable and suitable accommodation. Although recently started, the housing program has already established one co-op with room for four mothers and four infants. The housing director has also succeeded in co-operating with one landlord in the area, resulting in the provision of cheaper housing for four more teen mothers. The staff at Humewood have observed that placing women in decent accommodation has resulted in a marked improvement in school and community program attendance.

In 1983 Humewood staff followed up on 40 of 62 women who had participated in the community program for a substantial period in the previous year. All save one were apparently doing well and were either enrolled in high school, technical colleges, job skills programs or some other type of ongoing education or training.

Affordable daycare is also essential if young single mothers are to succeed on their own. One particular program is the West Infant Toddler Center, which provides daycare for parents who wish to return to Toronto Board of Education schools. Located in Kent Senior Public School, the centre is designed to meet the needs of young

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HELLO I'M YOUR REALITY REPAIRMAN
PLEASE DON'T ADJUST YOUR SET



Mothers leap into Action

by Grant Pattullo

Accepting and distributing donations of food and kids' clothing creates a daily bustle at the Mothers' Action Group Free Store. But the fight for the rights of Ontario's 80,000 sole support mothers is the group's real focus.

MAG was initiated in 1980 by Toronto sole support mothers on social assistance. Since then, the women have produced two scathing critiques of the administered degradation they endure, *Protecting Our Own* in 1982 and last year's *Telling it Like it Is*. The reports detail the monthly round of frustration and anguish enforced upon mothers

by the Conservative provincial government.

Unique in its attempts to establish links with social workers and special organizations (all decisions are made by the mothers themselves but they receive professional advice via a large non-voting advisory council), MAG is a model that deserves emulation. And this is just what the Toronto group has tried to encourage.

Travelling to cities throughout the province during the last year, MAG has assisted in the birth of similar groups, from Windsor to Thunder Bay to Ottawa. There will also be a report published in April

revealing the discrepancies in benefits paid across Ontario.

Although a few of MAG's current goals derive from misplaced faith in the government—for example, the hiring of "advocates" by the Minister to act as ombudspersons—the mothers' energy and determination is encouraging. If they are to proceed from lobbying into additional creative ways of fulfilling their families' needs, then continuous, active community support is necessary.

Mothers' Action Group Free Store and office, 2683 Eglinton Ave., West, phone 656-3641.



Teen funding needed

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parents who wish to complete their schooling.

It is clear that the various support services for single teen mothers in Toronto are growing in number. Metro Community Social Services is steadily increasing funding for new and existing projects while also becoming more

active in establishing goals and guidelines for projects and organizations. However all the people interviewed stressed that the situation is by no means rosy. There is still a very long way to go before the services available come even close to meeting the needs of single teen mothers.



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Remember, you must apply for your Tax Credit on or before March 31, 1984.

Industry standards at odds with labour standards

Workers in the Canadian Standards Association head office in Rexdale went out on strike on January 17. The issue is job security. The CSA stamp of approval appears on product labels, ensuring the buyer of safety standards established by the industry. The CSA is not a governmental institution. The CSA has several branch offices across Canada but only the Toronto office is unionized. (Photo: David Smiley)

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WOMEN BEHIND BARS

Elizabeth Fry Societies 'gay' Quaker's

by Jean Wright

Elizabeth Fry was a "gay" Quaker. That was the term used by sterner members 200 years ago to describe Quakers who enjoyed music and the arts, went about in the world and lived well.

As a teenager, Elizabeth was very proud of her red boots with the purple laces. This joy in life probably played a part in her totally unconventional idea that women in prison are human beings and should not be treated like animals.

The 18 Elizabeth Fry Societies across Canada have been named in honour of this remarkable woman who, after a privileged upbringing, marriage and 12 children, embarked on a one-woman crusade of prison reform for incarcerated women and their children.

God knows, reform was needed then. It is still needed today. While the Kingston Prison for Women is a far cry from the squalor Elizabeth Fry encountered in Newgate prison in mid-eighteenth century England, this maximum-security prison, the only federal women's prison in Canada, holds women sentenced for victimless and property crimes as if they were violent threats to the community.

The closing of the Kingston Prison to permit incarceration of women in sites closer to their homes and families is one of the aims of the Toronto Elizabeth Fry Society.

The Society stresses treatment rather than punishment for all types of addiction and mental illness; supports the concept of alternatives to imprisonment; monitors court conditions; fought for the abolition of capital punishment and establishment of free

legal aid; makes many direct submissions to councils in the Toronto area supporting group homes and provides many services to women in conflict with the law.

Eleanor McDonald, director of community education for the Toronto Elizabeth Fry, urges half-way houses, treatment centres, restitution, community service, and victim-offender reconciliations programs instead of jail.

Community service programs, says McDonald, are "reasonably successful" but much depends on the attitudes of the people supervising the program.

"It can fail if there is a lack of understanding and offenders are given the most menial jobs. It's dumb to ask a management consultant, say, to stuff envelopes. Lack of public understanding could turn service orders into the modern equivalent of the chain gang."

Surprising

The facts about women and crime come as a surprise to most people. Compared to men, there almost aren't any women offenders in Canada. There are 22,000 men in prison in Canada and only 700 women. And what do you think is the most common crime for women? Most people immediately respond with prostitution. In fact, it's shop-lifting.

"Prostitution isn't a crime," McDonald points out. "Pressing and persistent soliciting" is the charge.

More facts: almost half the people in jail haven't been sentenced for a crime but are awaiting trial. Of these, only about 25 per cent will be sent to prison. Sentenced to under two years,

they go to a provincial jail; over two, to federal jail.

Prison reformers think it's a crime that perpetrators of victimless crimes go to jail. At a time when police and politicians are urging harsher laws against prostitution, Fry societies would like to see soliciting dropped from the criminal code. Gambling, alcohol-related crimes and crimes in which restitution can be made are all charges reformers would like to see go.

Of all the countries in the western orbit, Canada has one of the highest percentages of its population in jails. It costs lots of money to keep them there.

The Prison for Women in Kingston, being a maximum security prison, costs \$63,395 per prisoner per year, reports Darlene Lawson, executive director of the Toronto Elizabeth Fry Society. (And remember that no way do most of these women need maximum security.) In a medium security prison, the cost is \$35,000.

The Elizabeth Fry Society operates a half-way house to integrate former prisoners into society again, including accommodation, counselling and training, for \$18,000 a year per woman.

"What is a crime?" asks Lawson. "Many problems that were once handled in the community are now labelled a crime. We want the community to handle these problems again. Community treatment is much more effective."

Crime Down

Is there more crime now than in the past? No. In fact crimes of all kinds



Elizabeth Fry.

She would have been pleased

Gillian Sandeman, former executive director of the Toronto Elizabeth Fry Society, once amazed a television interviewer by stating that most women prisoners are no danger to society and should not be behind bars.

The interviewer said Sandeman seemed to be suggesting that these women should be let out of prison "tomorrow."

"Why not tonight?" she snapped back.

Elizabeth Fry would have been pleased.

Marlene Moore & the indefinite act

Marlene Moore made headlines in late 1982 when she was the first woman in Canada to be "gated" as she left the Kingston Prison for Women. "Gating" is the National Parole Board's practice of re-arresting prisoners released on mandatory supervision because they are considered dangerous.

In a decision on Moore's case, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled that "gating" is illegal under the Charter of Rights.

Moore was again the subject of recent attention when crown attorneys from Attorney

General Roy McMurtry's office asked the Ontario Supreme Court to declare Moore a dangerous offender — a decision which would have sent her to prison on an indefinite sentence. On February 10, the court did sentence Moore — to two years less a day for carrying a dangerous weapon.

Printed below are a letter and poem from Moore expressing her feelings about the possibility of being declared dangerous. With it is an article by Britta Geissler, a close friend of Moore.

'They're predicting my future'

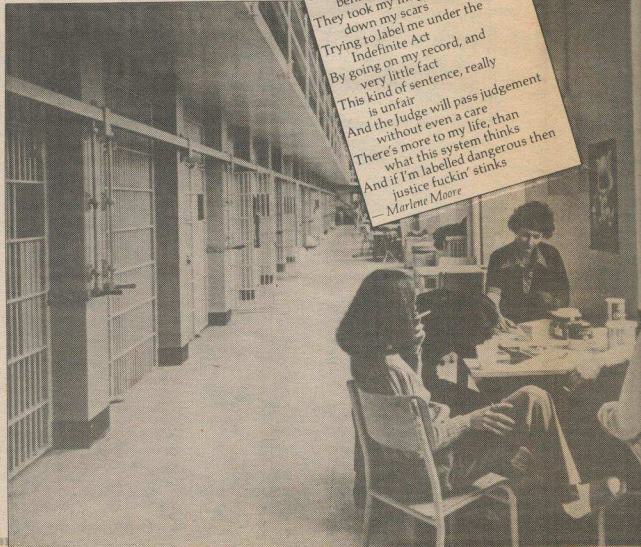
Dear Britta,

Hi there, thanks for the visit. That was right on. Basically Britta, that's how I feel about the Indefinite. It's unrealistic. Like I said, Britta, I haven't mugged or killed and I certainly haven't raped anyone. Granted, I was wrong, I'd be the first to admit that. But a life sentence for having a butcher knife and not causing any injury at all. It's totally unjustified. Britta, at this point they're predicting my future by saying I may kill someone. But hell, say the doctors predict someone's life. For example, you go to a doctor and say, "I have a headache."

The doctor says, "well, in the future you might have a tumour so we'll pull out half your brains." Britta, can you understand where I'm coming from and what I'm saying? Or you got a parking ticket, — say twelve. The coppers say, "well, here is twelve more, in case you do it in the future."

It's kind of hard to explain this. But I know what I feel and basically this bothers me a lot. But what can I do? I have a lot of faith in my lawyers. They're excellent people and they will try their best. Britta, I will write again soon. I miss you.

Love always,
Marlene



They took my prints, and put me behind bars
They took my mugshot and marked down my scars
Trying to label me under the Indefinite Act
By going on my record, and very little fact
This kind of sentence, really is unfair
And the judge will pass judgement without even a life
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And it's labelled dangerous then justice fuckin' stinks
— Marlene Moore

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(except bank hold-ups in Toronto, of course) are declining. The murder rate has been declining steadily since capital punishment was abolished. So why is the public so convinced we're living in sin city?

Three reasons. One is the "A.J. Leibling Phenomenon." A.J. Leibling was a respected American journalist who wrote extensively on "The Wayward Press," as he termed it. He pointed out most accurately that a newspaper can create a crime wave any time it wants by rounding up all the usual minor thefts and assaults that go on every day, putting them all in one story and announcing "Crime Wave!"

Crime sells papers. Whenever there is a rise in crime, it's front page news. A drop is noted at the end of the classifieds. Did you know reported rape was down last year? And let's not sneer at the papers. I, my sainted self, read every murder story to the end.

Another reason is the fact that Toronto, believe it or not, is now a big city. A conurbation of 3,000,000 is naturally going to have more crime than a city of 500,000, which Toronto was not so long ago. The biggest city attracts the biggest crimes. And Toronto is still growing.

And there's more good news. Most criminologists agree that crime is a function of the number of young men between the ages 15 to 25 in the community. (Women are nicer!) The famous baby boom peaked out in 1960 and slowly declined after that. In other words we have more 24-year-old men around than any other kind. Next year they'll be 25. The year after they will start calming down and so will crime, if all goes according to theory.

Third reason: police reports seldom emphasize the crimes that are declining.

Workers at the Elizabeth Fry Society don't see any sign of persecution of

women in the recent rash of jailing women witnesses.

"Judges have their fads, too," said one.

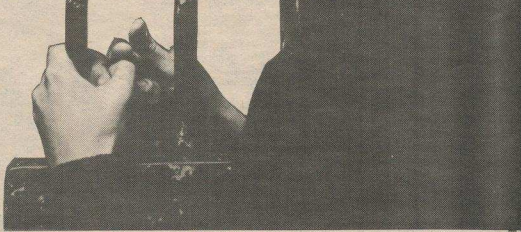
Volunteers Important

Volunteers are an important part of the services the Elizabeth Fry Societies provide. In Toronto, volunteers staff the College Park Courts, where all women charged appear for bail. Five days a week they provide an information desk and offer counselling, make phone calls, report to other agencies and generally act as a friend of the female accused.

Every Wednesday night another group of volunteers trek to the West Detention holding cells for a social recreation program in which 1,000 women took part last year. In February '83 a second Monday night program of befriending on a one-to-one basis was instituted there. It has been so effective that the program is being expanded to Tuesday nights as well.

At the Vanier provincial prison for convicted prisoners serving sentences under two years, volunteers provide a weekly social program in the assessment cottage.

Betsy Kappel, senior social worker,



(Photo: Pierre Gaudard/Zero)

reports that social workers travel to the Kingston prison weekly to work with women who want help in preparing to get out or on personal, marital or family problems or general life issues. There is also an Elizabeth Fry Society in Kingston.

Pointing out that the Society is not "bleeding hearts," Executive Director Lawson says that Elizabeth Fry is one

of the few agencies that look after a population the public doesn't know anything about. "Only the unusual reaches the newspaper."

"It's not only in the women's interests. It is in the interests of society as a whole that we find more alternatives to incarceration," she adds. "To prevent crime, to prevent repetition — these are our aims. It will only happen if women believe they have options."

Janice Gamble: A dubious first

It's usually something to celebrate when women are the first to do something but in the case of Janice Gamble, it's no accomplishment.

Gamble, 28, is the first woman in Canada sentenced to life imprisonment with no chance for parole until she has served 25 years. She has now served seven years.

Gamble was convicted of first-degree murder as "a party to" the 1976 shooting death of Calgary police officer Keith Harrison. Another man is serving life for the shooting and Gamble's

husband, who robbed a credit union before the shootout, killed himself before the police could reach him.

The case has become somewhat of a cause celebre since a number of Canadians began petitioning federal and provincial politicians to grant Gamble a new trial. They say Gamble was tried under the wrong law and should be granted another chance.

Supporters also point to the thin evidence against Gamble: she was not inside the credit union and was never seen with a gun.

'I'm not saying she's right, but I damn well think society's wrong ...'

by Britta Geissler

I've known Marlene Moore for the past two years, and I wish to tell my story and thoughts.

I first heard of Marlene Moore when I saw her in the movie P4W (Prison for Women). I liked what I saw — I could relate. It took me close to six months to trace her down, and find out whether she'd be interested in corresponding.

At the time I first heard of her I was a volunteer with the Elizabeth Fry Society (Calgary chapter) helping with prison programs, and doing friendly visiting at the Calgary Remand Centre.

Anyhow — my correspondence with Marlene began in November of '82 when I received my first letter from her. Naturally, it was filled with surprise, curiosity and mistrust. I wasn't at all surprised. How would one react to a letter from a stranger?

We traded lots of info about each other — me telling her who I was and why I wrote — she was quite surprised that I went through so much to find her. But I felt (then as well as

now) it was, and still is, worth every minute of the time it took. So we exchanged friendship through letters, and once I came back to T.O., I looked around to see where she was, and arranged to visit her. Again the surprise was very genuine, being corresponding friends is one thing — but coming to visit also? Great!

She finally trusted me, (more than earlier) and saw that I was "real" and a sincere friend, and we developed much more trust and belief in each other.

All the time I was visiting Marlene she proved to be very good company — humorous, real, honest, caring, interested in my life on the street, and fairly talkative. Of course we all get into moods where we need our own space, and that is respected. I find Marlene to be a lot more real as a friend than friends I'd had on the streets. She's very aware of the meaning of "friend" and is good on values.

Sure, she's in jail for several crimes, but not once have I judged her for who she is through the police records, or what she supposedly did. I never asked questions until I read the vast number

of statements brought out against her. I ask her if this is true, or not. She says it is, or if it isn't.

I believe her as she does admit when she does a mistake. She tells the situations, and most of the time I can relate to why she does something (illegal). I'm not saying she's right, but I damn well think society's wrong in condemning her from what they read.

Do any of these people bother to ask for her story? I'll bet not one has done that. All these newspaper reports show how dangerous Marlene is (to them) but if they took the time to talk to her, they'd be in for a shock. Her reputation's far worse than she actually is as a person.

Here's a letter I will share — it tells how Marlene thinks, and her feelings should she be declared a dangerous offender. It goes to show — you can't judge a book by its cover, so you can't judge a person for their reputation. I feel Marlene's been a scapegoat for society and the authorities — she deserves a proper chance, and I know at least five other people who testified on her behalf who agree with me.



Photostories show adult educators how to teach

Books

Getting There: Producing Photostories with Immigrant Women

By Deborah Barndt, Ferne Cristall and dian marino
Published by Between the Lines
110 pages, \$8.95

Reviewed by Sally McBeth

Getting There is a 'how-to' book about making illustrated stories from the real life ex-

periences of people who are learning English as a second language, or who are simply learning to read and write.

At its core are two anecdotes typical in the lives of immigrant women. Gloria Salinas describes her fear and confusion as she tries to find her way to the garment factory where she works through the maze of alien signs and advertisements in the Toronto subway.

Aurora Vieira's story is about fear also, but she has put her first factory job behind her and is on her way to apply for an office job. As she climbs a railway bridge her nervousness

overcomes her and she momentarily freezes, but collects herself and surmounts the bridge.

While Salinas and Vieira re-

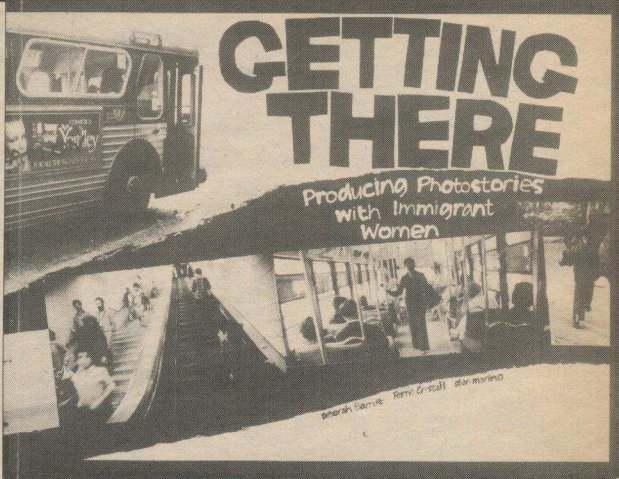
nacted their journeys, the authors taught a small group of immigrant women photography and production skills, so that the two illustrated tales in the book represent a stimulating period of learning and discussion for all those involved.

As a way of teaching and learning, photostories are an excellent device, and need not be as expensive or as beautiful as this rather imposing book, in order to be effective. The authors intended *Getting There* as a teaching resource, not a text. The message to adult educators is "Go and do likewise," and if they don't, the book's central point has been lost.

Getting There also contains two essays which elaborate on the obstacles faced by immigrant women. In "Advertising and Women," the authors argue that Gloria Salinas got lost in the subway not so much because her English was poor, but because the facile and foolish media images which confronted her there gave her not a single reference point—in fact they denied the existence of an ordinary woman like herself.

Amazing as it may seem, there are adult educators who struggle to teach from out-moded texts while the wealth of human experience in the class before them slumbers unseen. *Getting There* is not just an example of imaginative teaching; it's an example of the respect that all educators should show for those they teach.

Getting There is available from *Between the Lines*, 427 Bloor St. West, Toronto M5S 1X7.



Bookstore rises again

by Ellen Vanstone

When the Morgentaler abortion clinic opened above the Toronto Women's Bookstore on Harbord St. last June, store managers Patti Kirk and Marie Prins were uneasy.

"We obviously supported what they were doing and knew that there would be demonstrations and things happening," recalls Kirk. "It was exciting but we worried about it. And everyone kept telling us, 'relax, horrible things only happen in the United States.'"

They should have told that to Agostino Oliveiro Bettencourt, author of the fire that wiped out the bookstore and \$80,000 worth of inventory on July 29. Bettencourt was sentenced in January to two years in jail less a day—about the same amount of time it will take the store's finances to recover, says Kirk.

"We've raised over \$30,000, but we've had problems getting

our operating insurance and about \$20,000 of inventory wasn't covered." And, needless to say, sales have been down, while expenses are almost as high as the temporary store at 296 Brunswick.

Still, Kirk and Prins are confident the bookstore will prosper again. They have leased a new space at 73 Harbord, which will open when renovations are completed in late April. The store will have more space, with a lounge and offices on the second floor and eventually a wheelchair ramp outside.

It's the fourth location since the store opened in the Women's Place on Dupont Street in 1973. When Kirk and Prins began doing volunteer work for it in 1974, the store was part of the Amazon Workshop on Kensington Avenue. The two women were both daycare workers who wanted to get involved in the feminist movement and latched onto the

bookstore, then a collective and very casual.

"When we were at Kensington it was pretty slipshod, just bricks and boards," says Prins. "Patti and I knew it was not a good place to be—hard to find and it had a bad image. Only really brave feminists would come in. We wanted a place that women of all different backgrounds would feel comfortable coming to."

By 1975, Kirk and Prins were running the bookstore for the collective, but problems were mounting.

"Patti and I and another woman (Joy Wilson) decided to disband the collective," says Prins. "It was a bit of a coup to be quite frank and didn't create very good feelings within the group. But we were burning out under the collective structure and the store probably would have folded if it stayed that way."

They made the store a non-profit corporation in 1976, invested \$1,000 each and moved books, bricks and boards to 85 Harbord.

Business increased by about 20 per cent a year, says Kirk, and by the time of the fire they had 5,000 titles listed.

Both Kirk and Prins (Wilson is no longer involved) hope the store will eventually do more than sell books: more outreach programs with special mail-order catalogues, for example, and support for other feminist causes.

The immediate concern, however, is to get the bookstore back on its feet.

"We were in shock after the fire but before we knew it the community was there, and they were really terrific," says Prins. "We want to return that by making sure we have a really good, viable store for these people again."

The Women's Bookstore will move to its new location in April (Photo: Lorri Hayden)

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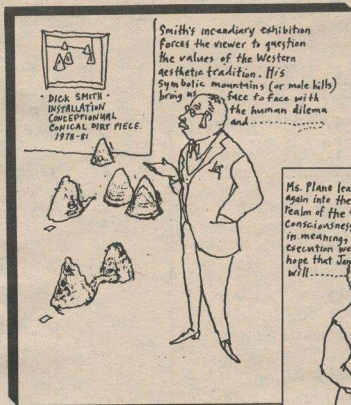


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(Illustration: Gillian Byrd)

FRED MOONEY



If there was any doubt left about Ronald Reagan having a tenuous grip on reality, the Gipper erased it with the traditional White House congratulatory phone call to the winning Super Bowl Coach — this year, Tom Flores of the Los Angeles Raiders.

For anyone who missed it the call went something like this — Reagan: "I just got a call from Moscow. They think Marcus Allen (the team's star running back) is a new secret weapon and they want him dismantled immediately... (laughter)... Maybe we should put the Los Angeles Raiders in these silos so we wouldn't have to bother with the MX missiles... heh, heh."

Many were surprised when Toronto's Blue Jays beat out the Toronto Argonauts as Canada's Team of the Year. Who cares? This sports writer's vote was for Canada's Women's Field Hockey Team. At the world championships in Australia, the team, in a narrow loss to the Netherlands, moved from a 12th ranking, to second in the world.

Sarajevo, Yugoslavia (site of the 1984 winter olympics) probably hasn't seen the likes of such pervasive military presence since the assassination of Austria's Archduke Ferdinand which sparked World War I. Residents have estimated that the security force is about triple its normal level. Officials explain this seemingly excessive security is prompted by the tragic murders of 13 Israeli athletes at the Munich Games in 1972. This military backdrop provides a sad irony to the original spirit of the modern Olympic Games, wherein political and cultural barriers are crossed in the pursuit of athletic excellence.

One wonders what it will be like at the summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Wait a minute... maybe Reagan is a visionary!

Women can undertake directory action in T.O.

You will notice that, unlike previous years, our Women's issue does not contain a directory of women's groups in Toronto. Due to limited space, and the fact that there are several good listings available elsewhere, we have decided instead to provide a list of the directories we know of:

A Directory of Groups and Resources for Women — available from the YWCA, 80 Woodlawn Ave. E., Toronto, M4T 1C1 925-1154, \$2, \$3 including postage and handling.

Women Like Me — a directory for business and professional women available from the Toronto Women's Bookstore, 296 Brunswick Ave., 922-8744, \$5.

People's Classifieds — a directory of progressive/alternative groups, businesses, services, professionals and individuals (see W for Women). Available at lots of bookstores around town. \$4.

Choosing a Therapist — of a more specific nature but definitely could be useful. Available from Women's Counseling, Referral and Education Centre (WREC), 348 College St., Toronto, M5T 1S4, 948-0766. Detailed information on about 80 of the nearly 200 non-sexist mental health therapists in Toronto, \$9.25 at the Toronto Women's Bookstore.

The Anti-Psychiatry Bibliography and Resource Guide — published by Press Gang, distributed by the Women's Press. Available at Pages Bookstore, 256 Queen St. W., 598-1447, \$4.50.

WEB — a monthly listing of women's events around the city. Put out by The WEB 348 College St., 2nd Floor, Toronto, M6T 1S4. Available at the DEC bookstore, 427 Bloor W. (in the basement), 964-6560. FREE.

It's also a good idea to check these publications:

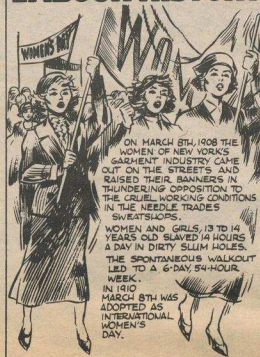
- **Broadside** (Toronto's feminist newspaper)
- **Pink Ink** (a gay liberation newspaper)

The following places might help too:

- the bulletin board at the Toronto Women's Bookstore (when the new store opens in April at 73 Harbord at Spadina).
- Women's Research-Resource Centre, O.I.S.E. 252 Bloor St. W., Toronto M5S 1V6, 923-6641 ext. 24.

You can always call the Clarion too — we'll do our best to help with phone numbers and the like.

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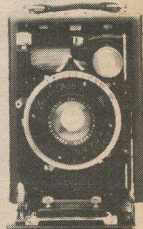
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Feminist flic cut appealed

The Ontario Board of Censors has given notice that it will prohibit the showing of the prize-winning feminist fantasy feature film *Born In Flames* unless it is cut. Even with the demanded cut the Board believes that the film should be restricted to an audience of 18 years of age and over.

The Ontario Censor Board decided in a three to two vote to cut a scene lasting only a few seconds which showed a close-up of genitalia.

The distributor, DEC Films, has given notice that it will appeal the Board's decision.

While the constitutionality of such decisions is still up for grabs in the courts, women's organizations, community groups and individual feminists have rallied against the decision.

"It makes you realize that the Censor Board is in the business of protecting the status quo. They can and do use their power to protect against us. And they try to make it sound like they're doing us a favour!" said Joyce Mason, managing editor of *FUSE* magazine, which is co-sponsoring the film's opening night with Broadside, Toronto's feminist newspaper.

The proposed cut is a brief shot of a condom being rolled on to a penis (this is visual information available in high school sex education classes in Ontario). When one of the central characters of the film, Adelaide Norris, is laid off her job as a construction worker, there follows a brief montage sequence depicting women's traditional work in the service trades: feeding a baby, packing food in a factory, placing a condom on a penis, doing the dishes, accounting and so forth. Aside from the cut, the Board has cited the film's "violence with bloodletting," as reason for giving it restricted classification.

The distributors say that with the exception of some TV footage which shows police attacking demonstrators, there is nothing in the film that implies bloodletting. *Born In Flames* has not been cut anywhere else in the world. The film was shown at Toronto's Festival of Festivals last year, uncut.

"We can only conclude that the Board's decision is political and has nothing to do with so-called 'community standards' which neither defines nor explains and that the Board wields unrestrained and



unpredictable power," says Barbara Emanuel of DEC Films. Anna Gronau of the Ontario Film and Video Appreciation Society puts it more angrily: "*Born In Flames* is definitely a

feminist film. This action of the Censor Board proves that they do not apply their power blindly. It is applied very specifically as a means of social

control." *Born In Flames* is still scheduled to open February 24 at the Music Hall.



150 YEARS OF PEOPLE'S HISTORY



This flat above Switzer's Delicatessen on Spadina Avenue is believed to have been the home of American anarchist Emma Goldman when she lived in Toronto in the late 1920's.

"... my Toronto comrades kept on insisting that I was wanted in their midst," Goldman wrote in her autobiography. "They had never believed that their city could respond so warmly to anarchist propaganda. They urged that I make Toronto my permanent home or that I remain there for several years at least."

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After this time, Goldman returned to France to write her autobiography. (Photo: Lorri Hayden)

Let women sue pornographers, Fraser told

by Pat Daley

A novel proposal to allow a woman, or any other representative of groups targeted by pornography, to sue a pornographer for damages, was presented to the Fraser Commission on Prostitution and Pornography in February.

Calling on commissioners to "empower us, recognize that pornography is a practice and not an idea," Toronto feminist writer Susan Cole put forward an approach that she says solves the censorship problem, takes police out of the picture and still leaves open the possibility for sexual exploration in a non sex discriminatory way.

Cole told the *Clarion* the proposal is based on a civic ordinance campaign in the United States led by feminist theoretician Andrea Dworkin and lawyer Kathryn McKinnon. At a conference in Toronto on pornography and media violence in early February, Cole said, "they delivered an incredible one-two punch to support the notion that if we let women, or children, or men, or transsexuals sue for damages as representatives of targeted groups we can redress the harm done to the victims."

Even more, Cole, who is known as a supporter of censorship, was dissatisfied with the way censorship mechanisms have been functioning in the province. She has realized, she said, that "obscenity legislation has nothing to do with

women." The final push came at the same conference when women staged a "brief but compelling" protest over written instructions in the conference kits forbidding talk on homosexuality and abortion. Ontario Censor Board chairman Mary Brown walked out during the protest.

"I am not going to deliver another political sou in that direction if they (censor board) are not willing to give any support—even asserting silence—to what women have said," Cole said.

Her new proposal, kind of a sex discrimination act, focusses on four different groups:

- pornographers who use coercive measures to get women to participate,
 - groups which form as clubs to show "sex discriminatory" material, which should be treated like organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan,
 - the consumer who beats his wife because she won't imitate magazine pictures. The woman would be able to file a suit against the pornographer for damages,
 - pornography that is forced upon us such as magazine displays in corner stores, pinups in offices or the "Sunshine girl."
- This approach, Cole says, means "some of the personal interactions that go on around pornography will come into the limelight." She is working to set up a committee to draft legisla-

tion by the end of May for presentation to the Fraser commission and to work out some of the problems the proposals present.

One of the problems is finding a way to provide legal aid and legal expertise for women since the court process is an expensive one. And another is that developing a law that circumvents current obscenity legislation could open the floodgate to a tide of pornography—in conventional terms—that Cole believes has been stemmed by Canada Customs. As she pointed out to the commission, only 10 per cent of the pornographic material consumed in Canada is produced here. Cole says some elements of the customs schedule should be kept intact with a definition change to prohibit "sex discriminatory" material rather than "immoral and indecent" material.

Cole, who is writing a book on pornography to be published this fall, presented the commission with several other ways of addressing what she called "the heartbeat of a sexist society." She urged provincial education ministers to take sex education seriously, saying "children are not learning good things about women." She also suggested that courses be given in "visual literacy" so we can learn how to look at the images, particularly in advertising, that are around us.

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Employment

The Funnel is seeking applications for a full-time director. The director is responsible for continuing to develop the philosophical and curatorial direction of the organization. For further information on exactly what that means, call the Funnel at 364-7003. Apply by March 1 to Michelle McLain, The Funnel, 507 King Street East, Toronto, M5A 1M3.

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Canada World Youth is seeking coordinators and group leaders for its international exchange program with developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The deadline is March 3. Please contact 922-0776.

Housing

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The Chinese Canadian National Council is recruiting interested volunteers to develop and redesign our library. Activities include developing filing system, data collecting, newspaper clipping, etc. If interested, please join us for more information and refreshments on March 10, 1984 Saturday at 2:00 p.m. C.N.C. Head Office, 150 Dundas St. West, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ont. (416) 977-3081.

Creative programmers needed to design math and English upgrading software for "Computers into the Community" program at Dixon Hall. Computer literacy courses are offered free of charge to the unemployed. Learners are primarily women. Contact the Coordinator, Terry Dance, 863-0495 after 1:00 p.m.

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What's a Ward For? It's for financing your sesqui project. Ward Four has \$15,000 available to promote neighbourhood activities around the sesqui-centennial theme. You might as well apply, it's your tax money anyway. Call Tony O'Donohue (947-7012) or Joe Pantalone (947-7910) for applications. Apply by March 15.

Visit the Syme Family Centre, a child-parent drop-in, education and resource center at George Syme School, 69 Pritchard Avenue, Room 5. For more info call 767-2166.

The Action Daycare Hotline is trying to connect parents seeking child care services with centres which have spaces available. For information on child care spaces available in non-profit centres in your area of Toronto, call the Hotline at 977-6696.

LEARN TO READ AND WRITE. If you want to work on your reading and writing skills either with a tutor or in a small group, call Marianne at St. Christopher House, Adult Services 366-8993.

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Feb. 20-26

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Tuesday, Feb. 21

Edna Alford, Alford, author of the critically-acclaimed and award winning collection of short stories *A Steep Full of Dreams*, reads from her work at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W. Admission free.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Anna Gutmanis, singer/songwriter, 9:00 p.m. at the Free Times Cafe, 320 College St. \$2 cover.



Women in Ontario: An Agenda for Change. Guest speaker Ellen Mills of the Ontario Women's Directorate. 7 p.m. at Sheridan College, Oakville Campus, Rm. B. 125. Pre-registration \$5. Call 845-9430 ext. 447.

Journeys From Berlin. A film focusing on politics and psychoanalysis. 8 p.m. The Funnel, 507 King St. E. \$3.50. For more info call 364-7003.

Mariposa Folk Foundation presents *Eritage*, in concert with Les Danseurs De La Nouvelle France at Fiddler's Green Folk Club, 292 Brunswick Ave. \$5.50. Tickets at The Millwheel (2 Elm St.) or from Mariposa (VISA/Mastercard). For more info call 363-4009.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Audrey Thomas an internationally-published novelist and short story writer will be appearing at **Words Alive** at Les Pleiades Restaurant, 315 Dupont St. For info contact Mr. Doug Donegani 926-9403.

Frozen Polluted Niagara. Pollution Probe presents seminar on how and why thousands of gallons of toxic waste are pouring into the Niagara River, and what can be done to stop it. Thursday, Feb. 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Ecology House, 12 Madison Ave. (Spadina & Bloor). Info: 967-0577.

Friday, Feb. 24

Chris Rawlings with Nova Tradilla, the group that sings in the open throat will be appearing at the New Trojan Horse Cafe, 179 Danforth Ave. Admission is \$4, 9:00 p.m.

Born in Flames. Fantastic Feminist Film with director Lizzie Borden. Broadcast/Fuse benefit. Admission \$4 in advance (\$5 door). Music Hall, 147 Danforth Ave., 8 p.m. Info at DEC 964-6901.

Theatre Arc presents *The Hollow* by Agath Christie at St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, 1710 Bloor St. W. Info 767-2533. Adults \$5, students/seniors \$3. 8 p.m.

Women and Economic Survival. a conference for unionists. 252 Bloor St. W. Sponsored by Organized Working Women & Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto.

Saturday, Feb. 25

NDP Women's Committee annual conference, focus on strategies for raising issues of concern to women. \$17 registration (\$5 pensioners, unemployed) 9 a.m., Queen's Park, Rooms 22, 8 & 230. Info 965-3311. Continues Sunday, Feb. 26.

Rick Fielding, well known musician and lyricist is back with a whole new repertoire. \$4 at New Trojan Horse Cafe, 9 p.m.

The Homecoming. Harold Pinter's masterpiece directed by Alan Scarfe will be continuing to Feb. 25 at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E. Tickets can be obtained by calling 366-7723 or by visiting the centre.

Harold Innis in the 1980's at Innis Town Hall, Innis College, 2 Sussex Ave. Tickets advance \$5, \$7.50 at door. Students \$2.50 advance, \$5 at door. For more info contact Roger Riendeau 97-8-6508 or 97-8-2511.

Dance for El Salvador, featuring the Stingers. The Trinity Buttery, 15 Devonshire Place. \$5, \$4 for students and unemployed. Cash bar. For more info contact Mark 767-8307.

Scriptwriting workshop with Lizzie Borden, sponsored by Technowledge. Trinity Square Video, 299 Queen St. W., Suite 501. Info 593-7165. Also Sunday, Feb. 26.

Resources for Feminist Research sponsors a *Workshop*. Location TBA. Info 923-6641, ext. 278.

Born in Flames, a film by Lizzie Borden at the Music Hall, Broadview & Danforth, 7:00 & 9:00 p.m. Sun. 2:00 p.m. Runs to Feb. 29. Info 964-6901.

Feb. 27-Mar. 4

Monday, Feb. 27

C.I.R.P.A. Citizen's Independent Review of Police Activities Third Annual Meeting. Will focus on policing in public housing, discussion of past activities and future plans.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Russian Art of Social Protest in the 19th Century, Professor Thomas Meiningner. For more info contact Lynn Cornett 667-3441.

Wednesday, Feb. 29

CUSO's public information meeting at 33 St. George St. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Walter Jollymore will look at the gamut of options available to help ensure that your heating system will be best suited to your needs. Ecology House, 12 Madison Ave. \$4. For more info, Helen Klein 967-0577.



Thursday, Mar. 1

Desire Show. Gallery 76. Feb. 2 & March 10, 76 McCaul. Mon-Fri. 10-5. Sat. 12-5. 977-5311 ext. 262. (Feminist Eros Festival)

The 519 Church Street Community Centre will be holding its first annual *Tax Clinic*. These clinics will be held every Thursday evening until April 26 and Sunday afternoons from Mar. 4 to April 22. Appts. can be booked by calling Kay Skinner or Penny Lamy at 923-2778.

Lally Cadeau, Les Carlson and Marti Maraden, an extraordinary trio of actors at the Tarragon Theatre, 300 Bridgman Ave., more info 536-5018.

The Fairies are Thirsty, a play about how women are prisoners of their sexually defined roles opens tonight at The Theatre Centre, 666 King St. 8:00 p.m. \$5.25, \$7.25. More info: 862-0859.

Friday, Mar. 2

Concertsingers, a chamber choir under direction of John Tuttle will perform at St. Simon's Church, 525 Bloor St. E. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors. For more info call 698-6935.

Theatre Arc presents tonight till the 4th, *"The Hollow"* a play by Agatha Christie. 8 p.m. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$3. St. Joan of Arc Church hall, 1701 Bloor St. W. More info: 767-2533.

March Warm-up. A weekend of music and dance begins this evening at 8 p.m. For the whole weekend it's \$60 or \$48 for Mariposa members. Friday only \$7.50. First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W. More info 363-4009.

Saturday, Mar. 3

Robert Priest at the New Trojan Horse Cafe, 179 Danforth Ave.

International Women's Day mixed dance. Live entertainment. 8 p.m. Ukrainian Labour Temple, 300 Bathurst St. \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door, \$4 for unemployed.

YZZ is pleased to announce an exhibition of sculpture and photographs by Toronto artist Caroline Simmons. For further info, contact Jennifer Rudder 367-0601.

Mar. 5-Mar. 11

Wednesday, Mar. 7

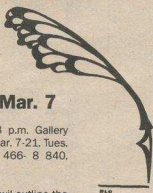
Eros East. Opening 8 p.m. Gallery 940, 940 Queen St. E. Mar. 7-21. Tues. to Sun. 2-7. Wed. 2-9. 466-8 840. (Feminist Eros Festival)

Researcher David Coon will outline the retrofit measures required to prepare your home for free solar gain. 16 Howland Road. Admission is \$4. For more info, call Helen Klein 967-0577.

Erotica, starring Canada's storyteller Helen Porter. 8 p.m. at the Palmerston Library Theatre. \$7.50, students \$5. For more info, John Karastamatis 463-4279.

Thursday, Mar. 8

National Film Board presents two films to mark International Women's Day: "Attention: Women at Work" and "I Want to be an Engineer". 12:15 p.m. The NFB Theatre, 1 Lombard St. Free. For more info call 369-4094.



Mar. 12-27

Monday, Mar. 12

The 519 Church Street Community Centre will be hosting a *Women's Coffee House* at 8:00 p.m. Free child care and live entertainment. For more info call Nicole Casseres at 923-2778.

CUSO Public Information Meeting. 7:30-9:30 p.m. 33 St. George St.

Wednesday, Mar. 14

To learn how windows and skylights can be used to maximum advantage. 16 Howland Road. 7:30 p.m. \$4. For more info, Helen Klein 967-0577.

Saturday, Mar. 17

Female Parts. a play at the New Trojan Horse Cafe. Info 461-8367.

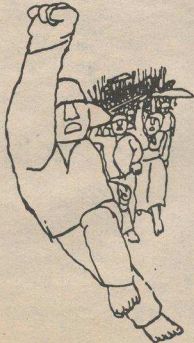
After/Eros. Opening 2:5. A Space. March 17-April 14. 204 Spadina Ave. Tues. to Fri. 10-5. Sat. 12-5. 364-3227. (Feminist Eros Festival)

Thursday, Mar. 22

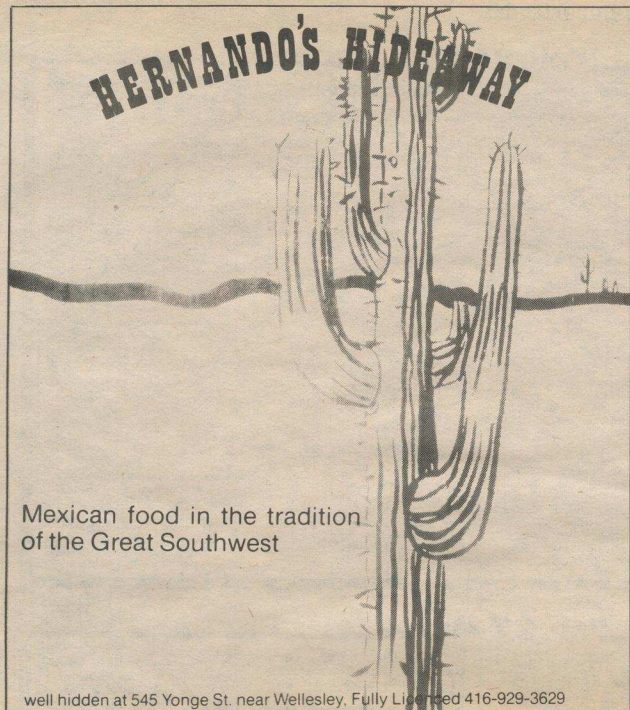
Pesticides to avoid. Pollution Probe will discuss how to avoid some of the more suspect products. March 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Ecology House, 12 Madison Ave. (Spadina & Bloor). Admission free. Info 967-0577.

Tuesday, Mar. 27

The Canadian Management Film Festival & Training Forum. Putting the One Minute Manager to Work, a full day seminar featuring Dr. Kenneth Blanchard. March 2 & 29 Festival Screenings and seminars. Tickets range from \$225-\$30. Held at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto. For info call 241-4483 or 243-3511.



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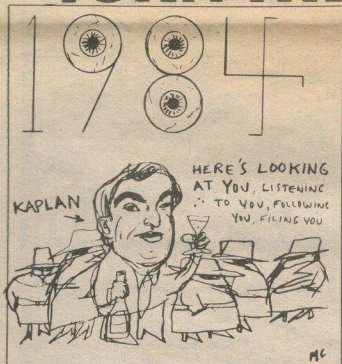
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