

Northern native representatives are speaking out to southern Canada about aboriginal rights. Project North is sponsoring their cross-country tour and the *Clarion* records their appeals. See page 10.



Boomtown Rats invaded Toronto recently and we couldn't avoid picking up their plague. (We were jarred by the Clash's home truths too.) Expose yourselves to Rat Madness on page 6.

Major league umpires have even fewer friends than usual these days and they've stopped calling the balls and strikes. Tom Mooney discusses their hard times. Read the people's jock on page 12.



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Abortion "nightmare"

Patients criticize Toronto General procedures

By K. McDonnell

Several abortion patients have complained to Toronto General Hospital recently about pain during their operations, lack of preparation for not receiving anesthetic, and undue pressure from hospital staff to use birth control pills.

One patient told the *Clarion* the her doctor started persistent questioning about future birth control plans, while he was on the operating table, waiting for her abortion.

He recommended that she go on the pill and she told him she did not wish to discuss the matter at that time. She had already received birth control counselling from a hospital social worker.

The woman said that the conversation was very upsetting to her at that time, and that the operation was "excruciatingly painful."

She later wrote to Dr. J.L. Harkins, chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at TGH, about the incident. His written apology also explained that the doctor in question was "simply replying to your enquiries about family planning."

Harkins' letter stated further, "I think you must understand that to most gynecologists, an abortion is not a happy event. They have been trained to care for women and hopefully deliver living children, and they spend most of their time in that effort. When they have to turn around and assist people who, for a variety of reasons, would be best managed by termination of pregnancy, there is a dichotomy in their feelings."

A second woman told the *Clarion* that her abortion was also "extremely painful" and that she was not informed in advance that no anesthetic would be used.

Another woman had a similar experience at TGH. She had

been told by her doctor that she would be given a local anesthetic and did not get one. She did not receive any response to her letters of complaint to the doctor and to the hospital's medical advisory committee.

A third woman said she received only an intravenous tranquilizer more than two hours before her abortion took place. When she requested more, saying the tranquilizer had worn off, she was refused.

Toronto General discontinued use of anesthetic for most first-trimester, out-patient abortions some time ago, on the grounds that local anesthetics are not always effective in reducing pain and that use of any anesthetic entails increased risk to the patient.

Some doctors at Toronto General continue to use both general and local anesthetics for therapeutic abortions, however.

Several doctors polled by the *Clarion* said general anesthetics are risky and that local anesthetics often do not prevent pain during vacuum suction abortions. They added that response to pain varies greatly from patient to patient.

Harkins' letter stated that in the experience of Toronto General staff, "by and large, most patients experience little if any discomfort" during abor-



John Foster

About 100 people demonstrated outside George Weston Holdings on St. Clair East April 2. The action was organized by the Canada Trust Tenants Union, which protests the sale of their homes by Weston to a notorious developer. Neither rain nor the time of day (8 p.m.) dampened the spirits of the protestors, who are readying to fight eviction notices and redevelopment of their pleasant, unpretentious downtown

neighbourhood. Tenants and their supporters have formed the Weston Block Working Committee to focus for City Hall their community's opinions about current and future plans for their block. Among the tenants' demands are a call for the rehabilitation of the old RCMP headquarters, which stand on the block. The tenants want the building turned over to the City for non-profit housing.

tion. However, the women interviewed by the *Clarion* used words like "horrendous" and "nightmarish" and one described it as "more painful than anything I have ever experienced."

Howard Krieger, a Toronto family practitioner, said that women should be well prepared for abortions and should "be allowed to participate in the question of whether or not to use an anesthetic."

Michelle Dore, a birth control counsellor, said she was not aware of any other clinic or hospital which performed abor-

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**Emma
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Have
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*A party?
For me?*

Turn the page,
if you please





A taste of Emma's

Emma's First Event, *A Taste of Emma's* on Thursday, March 29, was a roaring success, a well-attended evening of inspiring entertainment.

Friends of Emma's jammed the hall of the 519 Church Street Community Centre to drink, eat, socialize, and enjoy emcee Bruce Bell, poets Andrew Vassius and Gwen Hauser, Dale the Dancer, Theatre Max, Stringband, Jean-Marc Amyot, Anne-Marie de Varennes-Sparks and Claude Marquis. Dancing exploded later with the fabulous Nylons and the progressive jazz-rock group "IT".

If you are interested in membership or in helping, call the Fantasy Committee at 363-4404. A committee spokesperson says, "Toronto is more than ready for a cooperative bar! We regretted having to turn so many people away, and we'll make sure everyone gets a taste of Emma's by having more events in the very near future!"

Keep your eyes and ears open....



Cathy McPherson
Able Weisfeld

Emma's is almost a reality — after the party for Emma's the money raised will be put aside to pay for the rent of an appropriate location.

The café-bar will be located in an area that can be easily reached from all parts of the city.

Emma's will be a social place where socio-political activists of the left and cultural animators will be able to get together and organize around the various issues that affect the lives of Torontonians.

Emma's will be open to all Toronto cultures and will act as a unifying force — drawing together women and men, gay and non-gay persons, anglophones, francophones and allophones.

Shares are now available for purchase. The money received from the sale of these shares will enable Emma's to realize the dream of a cooperative bar and meeting place for our city.

For more information call 363-4404.

INFORMATION IRAN

Monthly report published by the Committee to support the struggle of the Iranian People no. 1 February 1979



Long live the working class, vanguard of the historic struggle of the Iranian people (photo of oil workers on strike)

History of the mass movement

The bourgeois press, the huge press agencies and the state propaganda, centered on the so-called "liberalization" prompted by Carter, great defender of human rights as we all know. So they try to make us believe that in Iran everything started with Carter's "liberalizing" campaign and also that the movement was badly directed by the religious forces and "backward" masses. That would explain the changes in government, the substitutions of "civil" and "military" prime ministers etc. up until the day when suddenly (!) the armed masses rose up to profit from a stupid mistake of the army to dump the Shah-Bakhtiar regime.

The misleading vision full of lies is disproven by the facts. In fact, the Iranian mass movement was never directed by the changes in the government, which were ignored in the demonstrations. The masses concentrated their attention on the Shah and his regime, masked or not. Under Prime Minister Amouzegar, who replaced the Hoveida government that had lasted 13 years, to create a so-

called "more open" political atmosphere, the regime once again showed its real face of ferocious repression by organizing in August 78 the fire at the Rex Theatre in Abadan where 730 people were burned alive. The aim of this fire was to put an end to the uprising by accusing the progressive forces to thus divide the mass movement. But the people weren't fooled. On the contrary, it gave new spirit to the mass movement. So then the Shah wanted to give a new face to the so-called "liberalization". But the demagogic "democratic concessions" was to be again defeated.

When the new Prime Minister Shari' Emami (August 78) — one of the principal Nazi leaders in Iran during the Second World War, now presented as a "pious Muslim" — promised free elections, the revolted masses held on to the same target: "Down with the Shah. There was no question of free elections before completely overthrowing the regime and all its pawns."

At the beginning of August 78 in Isfahan, an important working-class city, the regime was shaken for the first

time for several days, in spite of the curfew and martial law. Numerous street fights became the people's assault to destroy the State apparatus. This movement was to increase and develop to spread throughout the country. By the millions, Iranians poured into the streets shouting: "Death to the Shah." "Down with the Pahlavi dynasty" and "Long live the democratic republic."

Monday, September 4, 78, half million demonstrators in Tehran, three million in the country. September 6, the regime, scared, declares all demonstrations illegal. Right away, 7 million demonstrators pour into the

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Cindy Fortunata

A word to the wise

A scab is a scab, right? Not necessarily for CBC folks.

CBC radio in Vancouver recently used that word to describe people working behind a picket line at a struck Vancouver restaurant. Did the switchboard light up with irate protests? Well, no. But an executive producer who doesn't think much of unions circulated a memo banning the use of the word 'scab.'

When it was pointed out that the dreaded word is defined in the Oxford English dictionary as it was used on the air, the official reaction was that the word was too emotional, too inflammatory.

Okay, how about the word 'fuck'? A CBC radio network program allowed that on the air just a few weeks ago. They probably thought they were being progressive.

What's on the menu

McDonald's, the well-known fast-food chain that likes to cater to families, really knows how to care. Among recent notices printed on its paper place-mats was the announcement that the Battered Wives rock group was throwing a benefit concert. True, the concert was in aid of "Operation Springboard," a service for the families of prison inmates. But of course, as we have come to expect of the Battered Wives, the concert was cancelled.

I heard that the band was touring the United States at the time. Actually, they went to the well-known McDonald's Hamburger University to learn public relations.

Sounds good

Speaking of music, rumour has it that a price-war is imminent in Toronto in the retail record business. Honest Ed's has slashed prices on good, new releases. Will Sam's and A and A's follow suit?

Animal farm

The Newfoundland seal hunt has again sharpened our thoughts about our furry friends. I think though, as usual, some people like to go overboard.

Further inland, the feds have come up with a more humane animal trap. The alternative they've seized upon as being more humane than the old 'leg-hold' trap is something called the 'foot-snare'.

"It acts something like a lasso. Gently conforming to the shape of the animal's leg, the metal clasp holds it firmly without pain or injury."

A leg is a leg is a leg. Animals are still caught for meat or fur. Both products tend to involve a certain degree of diminution of life-forces more or less, for what's left of the bio-form in question.

It's time we stopped pussy-footing around the issue. I find it difficult to understand those who eat meat yet worry about how the beast died.

Junk mail

Another hike in postal rates has hit us. Too bad, especially for those with a certain vision problem.

The new basic 17 cent stamp looks exactly like the old 14 center, except for the colour.

Says one postal worker I talked to, "It's just the thing for people with red-green colour blindness."

But that's not the end of it — the Post Office is going metric in three months. That means letters will be weighed in grams. "The only ones who'll know what they're doing will be the dope dealers!" predicts my source in the Post Office.

The soft touch

According to the graphic arts trade paper *Tempo 79*, the Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario and the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario have determined that municipal tax bills should be green, blue or grey, to be more soothing to the taxpayer.

The colour of the tax bill should be changed each year but "red, orange and deep yellow... should be avoided... because these are irritating colours."

Next, they'll be sending all-day suckers along with the assessment notices.

In any event, the next *Clarion* will be red all over.

The Real Iran

The Committee to Support the Struggle of the Iranian People* has begun to publish an Information Bulletin to tell Canadians about what is happening in Iran and why.

The first issue of *Information Iran* outlines the real nature of the revolt as a political struggle of the working people, rather than a "religious revival"; analyzes the state of that movement today; and details the role of the Canadian government in Iran.

Information Iran is available in single copies or in bulk from:

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ALSO AVAILABLE: Buttons: "Support the Just Cause of the Iranian People" (with graphic). Suggested donation \$1.

*Members of the Committee include: Confederation of Iranian Students, National Union; Movement of African Students in Montreal; En Avant (Haitian); and In Struggle

Maintenance staff retain job security

By Allan McAllister
and Tony Woolfson

At 3 p.m. April 1, it all seemed to be over.

A last-minute move by the left wing coalition on the Toronto Board of Education had apparently averted a strike

by the caretaking staff in Toronto schools. A strike would have led to the closure of the schools within a week. Six hundred members of CUPE Local 134 were set to walk out at 12:01 April 2.

The most contentious item in

the negotiations was job security.

In fact, another 20 hours of talks were needed before the union and the board came up with a contract acceptable to both parties. The CUPE workers were off their jobs for 12 hours before the strike was called off.

At an emergency board meeting April 1, the vote was 14 to 12 in favour of the left coalition's motion to reverse the board's stand on job security.

Acting on a right wing initiative, the board had wanted to remove a job security clause from the agreement. The clause had been in effect for ten years, guaranteeing job security to board employees with two or more years of seniority.

Removal of the clause from the contract could have led to the firing of 91 employees who currently have less than two years service at the board.

As in the recent secondary school dispute, the right wing on the board argued that any talk of job security represents an attempt to "featherbed" employees. Right wing trustee Timothy Rutledge argued that the board must get rid of job security because of the "unholy marriage" of tenure and a surplus of employees.

George Messenger, president of CUPE Local 134, argued persistently that in CUPE's case there would be no surplus of employees.

Attrition, through retirements and resignations, would get rid of the surplus,

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Local media shun Lebanese visitors

By Abie Weisfeld

A press conference called by the Lebanese National Movement (LNM) March 19 was ignored by Toronto's major newspapers. Albert Mansour, a member of the Lebanese Parliament, and lawyer Fouad Shabaqulo formed the delegation from Lebanon which was present at the conference.

Mansour is also a member of the Political Committee of the Lebanese National Movement representing the Independents in that united front coalition. Shabaqulo, also a member of the political committee, represents the Nassarites. Nassarism is a pan-Arabic political movement founded by former Egyptian president Nassar.

The reason for their visit to Toronto was the "occasion of the second memorial of the assassination of Canal Junglat, the founder of the Lebanese National Movement and former leaders of the Progressive Socialist Party," explained

Faisal Saab, the chairperson of the LNM committee in Toronto and organizer of the press conference. In addition, the day of international solidarity with "South Lebanon which is still occupied by Israeli troops and their allies, the reactionary Lebanese rightists," was being honoured, according to the organizer.

Saab pointed out that Mansour himself is a Christian and so contradicts the image generally painted in the North American press of a religious war. "Religion is not the factor," Saab pointed out.

Saab said he expects a conflict to break out soon after the signing of the "Peace Pact" which has formed a bloc of the U.S., Israel and Egypt. He said he expects Israeli troops to attack through Southern Lebanon, engaging the Syrians. Saab also predicted that Egypt will move again on Libya. "I think that this one condition was imposed on Sadat during the negotiations," he charged.

Crothers Caterpillar

Autoworkers locked out

United Auto Workers at Crothers Caterpillar remain locked out after negotiations were broken off by the company.

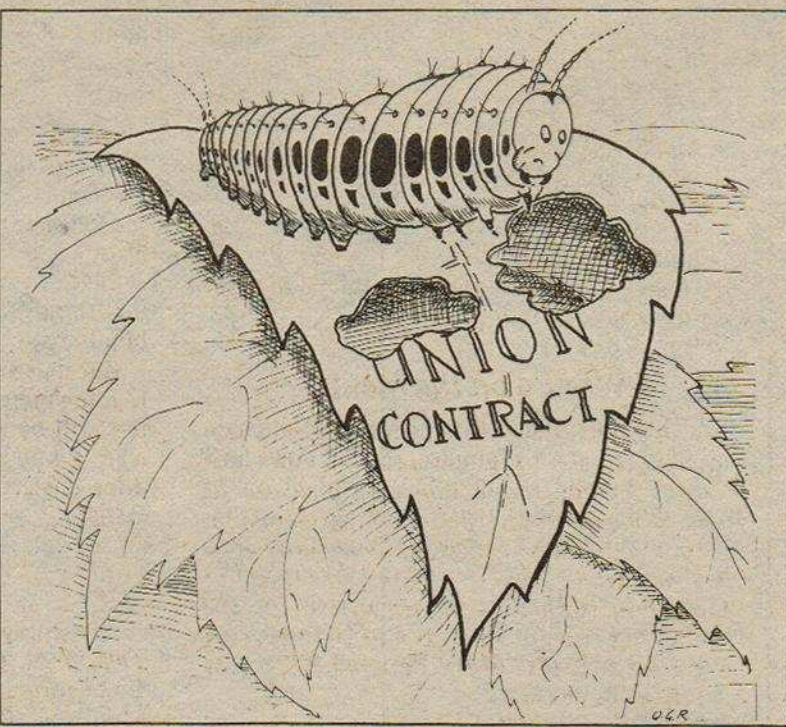
The 185 members of local 124, were planning a "large and militant" mass picket for April 3 to put pressure on the company to bargain in good faith, said union spokesperson Joe Flexer.

The company is the Ontario distributor of Caterpillar heavy industrial equipment.

In a round of four bargaining sessions, Flexer said the company made some concessions on seniority provisions. The company then asked the union to bring forward a full contract proposal, to be used as the basis for further negotiations.

Flexer said when the union made its proposal on March 29, "the company characterized it as 'unreasonable and unacceptable' and walked out of the room."

The union had proposed a two-year agreement. In the first year, they asked for a \$1.02 across-the-board wage increase, a 40-hour work week, dental plan, a Christmas shutdown and a sick leave clause. In the second year, they asked for a cost-of-living adjustment, a 66-



cent hourly wage increase and an upgrading of some of the lower paid classifications.

The workers decided to demand an across-the-board increase instead of a percentage increase "to make some contribution toward closing the gap between high paid and low paid workers," Flexer said. "People are very aware of the importance of an across-the-board increase in terms of unity."

Flexer said the Crothers family is also the Caterpillar distributor in Jamaica and Argentina. The family also owns Cromach Equipment Ltd., World Tractor, and has an interest in the Howard Johnson's chain.

Flexer noted that the family business "is not exactly a corner store. They're not the big banks, but as Canadian capitalists go, they're right up there."



U.S.: Another Russian satellite falls in N.W. Territories

Update

Outreach resists cutbacks

Thirty Outreach projects across Ontario, which provide job placement and counselling, have formed a coalition opposing the findings of a Manpower Department committee that has been reviewing their work during the last four to five months.

Representatives from five of the projects including from Toronto the Parkdale Jobs Office, Times Change and Project Job Search, recently met with federal Employment and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen in Ottawa.

Manpower's policy has been to shut down projects which have been in existence for more than three years. The projects are requesting that the committee's decisions be suspended until its evaluation criteria are made more realistic. Instead of a straight cost analysis, a cost/benefit analysis should be used, the lobbyists told Cullen.

The projects also requested permanent funding for those projects which are successful. According to Peter Taylor from Parkdale Jobs Office, an answer from Ottawa is expected imminently. In view of the upcoming federal election, the projects expect at least interim funding.

"Mischief" trial set

The trial date for Phil Biggin, president of the Ontario Union of Injured Workers, has been set for June 11. Biggin was charged with "mischief" following a demonstration last May outside the Ontario Ministry of Labour.

Star spurns call for apology

The *Body Politic's* demand for a printed apology regarding misinformation on its funding contained in certain *Toronto Star* articles and editorials has been refused by the *Star*.

Further, the *Star* expressed its willingness to go to court if pressed by *The Body Politic*.

The *Body Politic* is still tied up in court with the Crown's appeal proceedings, following the acquittal of the news-magazine on obscenity charges in February. It has not yet decided to pursue its complaints against the *Star* in the courts.

Postage hike zaps labour press

About 60 labour publications are faced with an increase in their third class postage rates in April. According to the Canadian Association of Labour Media (CALM), "mailing costs are to a point now where the future of our publications is in jeopardy."

Unlike the commercial press, such as the daily papers, labour papers must by law be sent third class. But according to CALM vice-president Jo Hanafin, "third class mail is the only category which pays for itself."

"In addition to direct postage costs, new postal regulations require our members to pre-sort their publications, and printing and mailing houses are charging more for providing this service which is a function better left in the hands of the Post Office and postal workers," Hanafin said.

"Each additional cost brings us closer to the loss of a viable labour press. This would be a blow to the freedom of information. In that sense the unfair postal rate burden can be seen as a form of covert censorship."



Tom McLaughlin April Fools Day 79

Clarion workshops

How to get involved

We're making more changes in the *Clarion* — both in content of the paper and in structure — and we hope they'll make it easier for more people to participate in putting out the paper.

We're trying to focus on a few areas which we hope we'll be able to cover in some depth. We will continue our emphasis on local efforts by people to organize in order to gain more control of their situations.

But we'll be looking for that kind of organizing, and the obstacles to it, in the areas of labour and the workplace, in the community, and "personal liberation" — people trying to change the stereotypes and roles which restrict us, especially those involved with the battles for women's rights and civil rights.

We'll continue to carry international stories, but will try to limit them to issues which are directly related to things that are happening in Toronto.

In order to cover these areas effectively, we're increasing our emphasis on workshops dealing with each of these issue areas. We hope that if you have a particular interest in one of these areas, you'll come to the workshops, where we'll discuss what stories we should be covering and how we ought to cover them.

The first workshop on women's issues will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 9. Next workshop on labour is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. And a first workshop on community organizing is set for 7:30 p.m., April 10.

As well, we'll be continuing our workshops on how to write news stories and how to put a newspaper together. The next writing workshop will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

Other workshops will be announced in the paper. All of those mentioned above will be held in the *Clarion* office, in the basement at 96 Gerrard St. East.

If you'd like to participate, but find those times inconvenient, call us at 363-4404 and we'll try to arrange something.

And if you don't have the time to participate, but know or hear of something that you think we should cover, please call and tell us.

As you see it

Red Tape

To the *Clarion*:

I am sending you a cheque for a one year renewal; however it was difficult to reply by Feb. 10th as I did not receive your renewal notice until today (Feb. 28). Unfortunately, this late delivery seems symptomatic of the *Clarion* — missed issues, issues coming weeks late, etc.

I must also raise a second more serious matter, that of your Classifieds. As Marx and Engels have clearly pointed out in their seminal works, Classifieds *must* be classified. To not classify Classifieds is an ideological indefensible position which clearly betrays the true class interests of the *Clarion*. Unclassified Classifieds is a reactionary bourgeois tactic used to deceive the working class. If the *Clarion* does not repent and either classify its Classifieds or else call its unclassifieds UN-CLASSIFIEDS it will be swept away when the working class rises up to smash the state and seizes power.

Yours in struggle,
Joel Lexchin
Halifax

Charter Questioned

To the *Clarion*:

If Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has his way, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms will be law on July 1, 1979. The Liberal government wants Parliament to pass this legislation before Canada Day as a birthday gift to Canadians.

At present there is no single national guarantee for basic

human rights; though granted, there are isolated ones: John Diefenbaker's 1960 Canadian Bill of Rights, the Canadian Human Rights Act, the Official Languages Act, the Criminal Code and individual provincial laws protecting particular rights. None of these, however, provides absolute guarantees; any one or all of them can be amended or replaced by a new law tomorrow. The obvious question is: Does this new Charter, this gift, really guarantee our rights or is it merely another paper promise?

A close examination of the Charter makes one wonder just how much protection we will have. Section 25 clearly sets out what the Trudeau government considers to be "justifiable limitations" of our rights. It says that "in the interests of public safety or health, the interests of the peace and security of the public, or the interests of the rights and freedoms of others," limitations are justified. However, nowhere does the Charter define what is "justifiable" or what are the "interests" which allow for such "limitations" to be imposed. Evidently that will depend on the wisdom of our legislators, the particular wishes of the government of the day or the independence and sensitivity of our judges. Clearly, unless Section 25 is amended or deleted, the result could be that the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government will have the legal authority to limit the very rights the Liberal government claims it wants to guard.

In light of the Trudeau

government's invocation of the War Measures Act during the FLQ crisis in 1970 — an act, never before used in peace-time, which suspended civil liberties and which authorized police to search and arrest without warrant, to deny bail and to hold suspects without charging them — we have reason to be concerned about the Charter's allowance for "justifiable limitations" which are "in the interests of the peace and security of the public."

And, in case we wonder what Mr. Trudeau's more recent thinking is regarding the October 1970 imposition of the War Measures Act and the occupation of Quebec by the Canadian Armed Forces, we should keep in mind that on January 1, 1978 he told a national television audience there is no legal way for the Québécois to separate, and "If it's done illegally . . . obviously we will have to take the kind of action we took in 1970."

Increasingly, we are witnessing the erosion of a public commitment to full-fledged justice and liberty by the evolution of an arbitrary law-and-order mentality frequently bent on promoting and protecting vested interests of the rich, the strong and the loud among us. To make matters even worse, these powerful individuals and groups, for the sake of their own selfish interests, will knowingly violate the very law and order they so self-righteously expect everyone else to obey.

Another shortcoming that deserves immediate attention is the Charter's failure to

prohibit discrimination and to provide means of redress to a victim of discrimination. Nor does the Charter include

commitment to implement the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international covenants and conventions of economic, social, cultural and civil rights. Canada officially subscribes to these international agreements, but our nation must still implement important sections of them with appropriate laws and policies.

Even if these and other discrepancies in the Charter were corrected, Canada would still be a long way from equal

justice for all. The best character in the world is useless if we do not show what justice means in our own way of life.

Gerald Vandezande
Committee for Justice
and Liberty
Christian Action Foundation

Mendelson Joe

To the *Clarion*:

Re: your piece on "Mendelson Joe Pictures His Friends" — they are not my friends — they are musical people in Canada!

Mendelson Joe
Toronto

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Our apologies to those who helped out with the last issue but whose names were not mentioned. Special thanks and apologies to Adele Massena.

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Labour notes

Cape Breton miners

The story of Canada's working people is exciting; it is full of stories of determined men and women fighting to take control of their lives.

Beginning this issue, the Clarion is publishing notes on their history. Our first feature concerns the early organizing of the coal miners on Cape Breton Island.

Future articles will cover briefly the Winnipeg General Strike, 1919; the "On to Ottawa" trek of the unemployed, 1935; the miners' strike in Estevan, Saskatchewan, 1931; and the autoworkers' strike at General Motors in Oshawa, 1937.

Same old story

Just three months ago, on February 23, an explosion in a colliery in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia left ten miners dead and six injured.

It was yet another in a long series of accidents that have impelled the Cape Breton miners to seek better working conditions.

Mining in Cape Breton became a major industry in the 1890's, when the provincial government of the day, for \$18 million, gave Boston financial interests the rights to mine the area for 99 years. The Dominion Coal Company (Domco — later Dosco) took over several smaller mines and greatly increased its production.

The company's mining towns were almost feudal. It owned or controlled housing, stores, coal and water supplies, medical services and the judicial system. Rents were deducted directly from workers' wages.

The first organization was the non-militant Provincial Workers Association, formed in 1879. It depended on the good will of the provincial government for the reforms it wanted. Cape Breton miners turned to the PWA for support in their fight against the 12 hour day and the awful company towns.

The PWA refused to strike and the workers became disenchanted. In 1907, some Cape Breton miners joined the United Mine Workers (UMW), who were militantly organizing in the U.S. The PWA fought the other union rather than the companies; however, in 1909, the majority of the miners formed district 26 of the UMW.

The PWA became a real company union. Dosco laid off the most active union men and others were threatened with the same treatment. Their demands were not unrealistic, by today's standards: higher wages, an 8 hour day, payment in cash rather than credit, adequate safety and health standards.

Three months after the ratification of the union, when the company refused to meet with the UMW representative, the miners struck. Even though it was the first in the history of the Cape Breton mines, the company responded by calling in the military. 500 regular combat troops protected scabs but PWA workers who had not gone out received no special treatment. Strikers were evicted from company-owned houses; food and fuel supplies were cut off.

The strikers lasted through the winter but by spring they were forced to admit defeat. Even though the company promised no reprisals, hundreds of workers were blacklisted and either changed their names or left the country.

But the strikers did not submit totally. Watch for the conclusion of this story in our next issue.

Co-ops and credit unions

An uneasy marriage

By Ruth Lemke

There is increasing concern that the Ontario Credit Union League (OCUL) will develop a policy towards its co-op non-financial members which will discourage co-ops from joining. Co-ops which have applied for membership over the past few months have been held in abeyance until a policy is formulated.

Six years ago the OCUL and the Ontario Co-operative Credit Union Society (OCCS) merged. OCCS had been very involved with both co-ops and credit unions. OCUL, however, had had only credit union members. When the merger occurred, OCUL found itself with a membership that differed from anything it had experienced before.

The co-ops received a preferred status, low membership rates, no liquidity requirements, no money in shares, no stability fund.

Last year's OCUL annual general meeting brought a motion from the floor that co-ops have a member on the board specifically charged with representing co-operative members on the board and keeping close contact with non-financial co-operative members of the league.

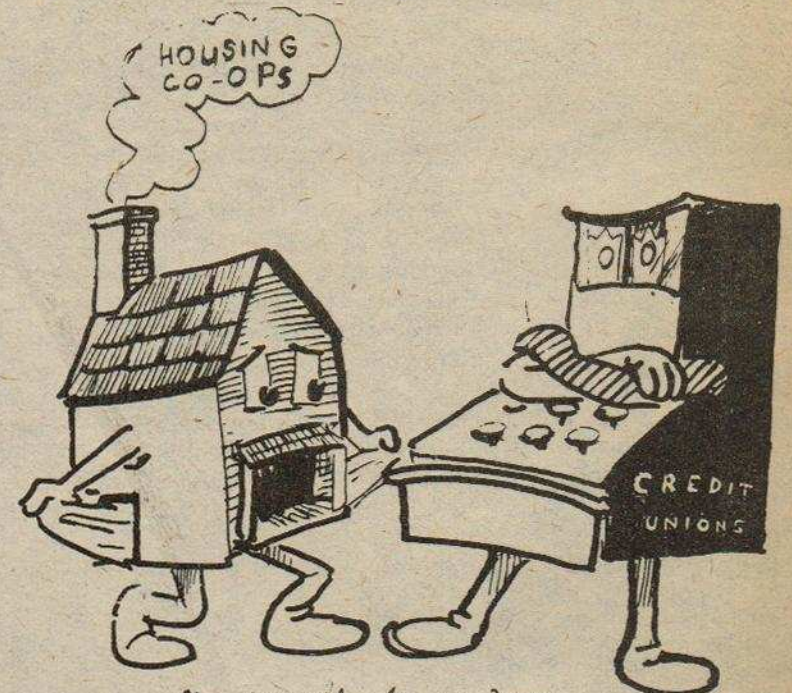
This motion was referred to the board, which established a three member committee to study it. The committee, however, simply took the list of co-op members, checked out which ones were no longer in existence or no longer had active current accounts, and dropped them from the membership.

During this evaluation they discovered an \$80,000 overdraft, which they called in, causing the food co-op to go bankrupt. The housing department of OCUL was also abolished.

This committee has now been replaced by a Task Force of three men. The first meeting between the co-ops and the task force was held "to obtain the views on League membership rights and privileges." The items discussed were voting representation, director representation, league relationship to co-operatives, and the relationship of credit unions to local co-operatives.

Non-financial members of the League — co-operatives — receive one vote as do credit unions. However, a credit union may have 1,000 members and pay \$1.50 per member in dues, while a co-operative may have only 100 members and pay a nominal \$10 fee. According to one delegate at the meeting on March 30, the fear expressed by the Board is that at the rate co-ops are growing, they may eventually outnumber credit unions. At the moment OCUL is a financial service, not a developer of co-ops.

The annual general meeting held March 29-31 did not address itself to these questions. Some guilt was expressed on behalf of the board for not looking at co-ops more seriously. There seems to be a move towards electing the board of directors regionally, which could broaden representation



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for co-ops and groups outside the Toronto area.

The league's board has adopted a policy to the effect that the league will provide services to co-operatives only if the service is not available from a local credit union. Co-operatives are agreeable to using local credit unions, but these services are often difficult to obtain. Co-operatives generally need extensive lines of credit. Local credit unions are limited to loans of a maximum of seven per cent of their assets to one commercial customer. Only 15 per cent of assets altogether can be used for loans.

Moreover, most credit unions do not have the expertise to

judge business loan criteria and are reluctant to give them. There are also very few conveniently located local credit unions. OCUL assured the co-ops that they would assist the local credit unions in providing the services needed.

Although the Co-op Housing Federation encourages new and existing co-operatives to join credit unions, no guarantee has yet been given by OCUL that new co-op members will be accepted or that the services they need will be provided.

The task force meeting ended with the task force thanking the co-ops for their participation, and assuring the group that the task force will meet "sometime soon."

Patients protest

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tions without anesthetic.

Other disturbing facts about declining accessibility to abortion were revealed by Dore at a demonstration and public meeting at Innis Town Hall March 31, in support of women's right to reproductive choice. Over 100 demonstrators assembled at Queen's Park and marched past downtown hospitals with signs demanding abortion rights, better contraception and an end to forced sterilization. The marchers were met by a small number of anti-abortion counter-demonstrators.

Dore told the meeting that abortions continue to be extremely difficult to get in northern Ontario communities like Sudbury and Thunder Bay. She added that Grace Hospital in Windsor, which until recently performed half of all the abortions in the area, recently ceased doing them, under pressure from the local Catholic hospital.

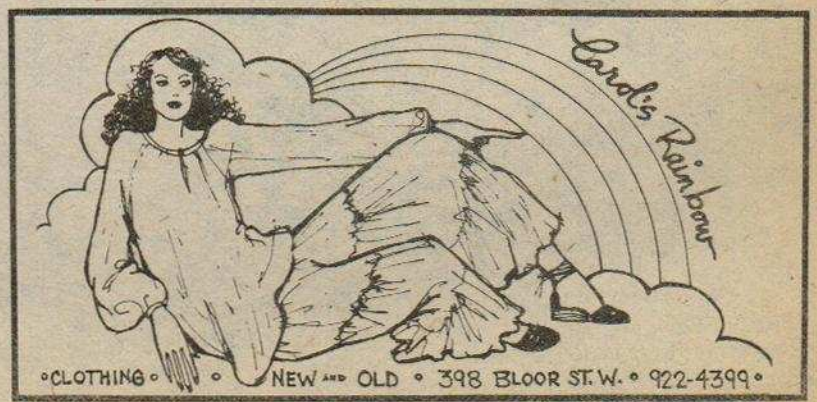
Dore noted that "Right-to-Life" activity is stepping up in Ontario. Right-to-Lifers recently secured seats on the governing board of the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, and are trying to get the hospital to adopt a "consent form" for therapeutic abortion patients which states, among other things, that the fetus has "head, hands and feet . . . and is being killed."

Right-to-Life has also initiated a campaign to have the federal government revoke the charitable status of the YWCA, which recently co-sponsored a pamphlet, *Reproductive Rights: A Statement of Principle*, which supports women's right to choose abortion.

Economic pressures are also making abortion more difficult to obtain, Dore said. The vast majority of gynecologists have opted out of OHIP, and some charge more than double the OHIP rate for therapeutic abortions.



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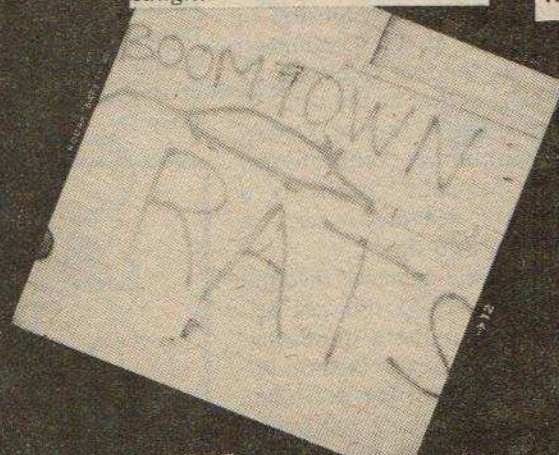
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CALENDAR

Friday April 6

Black Theatre Canada presents *Miss Lou Meets Mr. Tim Tim*, until April 15 at the Parkdale Library, 8:30. Tickets \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and students and \$2 for children.

Ontario Film Theatre presents *Bound For Glory*, the first in a series of films on industrial America. 7:30 at the Ontario Science Centre. Adults \$2, students \$1, children 50¢, seniors free with government card.

Harbourfront is holding the Toronto Super 8 Festival. Independent filmmakers from around the world will participate in this three-day festival. Films will be screened continuously today from 1 to 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Workshops and panel discussions will also be held. Registration is \$10 for the three days or \$5 per day. Call 367-0590.

Racism Forum sponsored by the Marxist Institute tonight at 8 p.m.

Innis Town Hall, 2 Sussex St. (at St. George).

Saturday April 7

Chile Solidarity Concert and Dance at the Cecil St. Community Centre, 58 Cecil St. Concert starts at 7:30, admission \$2. Dance begins at 10 p.m., admission \$1.

Nicaragua Human Rights Committee fund raising at 121 Avenue Rd. Folklore and dance 7 to 9 p.m.; Nicaraguan film, *Sandinistas*, 9 p.m., dance at 10 p.m. Admission \$3.

Palmerston Public Library, 560 Palmerston Ave. is having a giant book sale today at 3 p.m.

Solar Stage Lunchtime Theatre presents *Private View*, an amusing drama by Czechoslovakian playwright Vaclav Havel. Until April 28. Tuesday to Friday, 12:12 and 1:11, Saturday 1:30. 149 Yonge St. Adults \$2, students and senior citizens \$1.50.

Sunday April 8

Films of Struggle, sponsored by the Chile Solidarity Support Group. Tonight *Battle of Chile* parts 1 and 2. Cecil St. Community Centre, 58 Cecil St. 7:30. Admission by donations.

New Works and Playwrights Co-op present *Making the Scene*, a

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Monday April 9

Community Legal Education Ontario (formerly Toronto Community Law Program) is holding a program on legal aid in Ontario, tonight and tomorrow night from 7:30-9:30 at the Parliament public library at 269 Gerrard St. E. The program will explain legal aid and how to get the help you need with a legal problem.

Funnel Film Theatre features independent/experimental cinema by Canadian and international artists. Monday and Friday 8 p.m., 507 King St. E., first floor, \$1.50. Call 364-7003.

Toronto Public Libraries are sponsoring income tax clinics at Bloor and Gladstone, Gerrard/Ashtale, Locke Library, and Main St. Library. Free consultations by appointment only; please call the branch.

Tuesday April 10

Community Legal Education Ontario is holding a program on family law reform, marriage and divorce: tonight and tomorrow night 8-10 p.m. at Dawes Rd. public library, 416 Dawes Rd. The law relating to marriage and divorce will be covered, with emphasis on new family law, property rights and custody.

Greek Film: A Matter of Dignity (1958). Ontario Science Centre, Ontario Film Theatre. Adults \$2, students \$1, children 50¢, seniors free with government card. 7:30.

Canadian poet Eli Mandel reads tonight at 8:30 at Harbourfront, the York Quay Centre. Members of the audience are invited to read from their own work following the guest set. Admission free.

Cross-Cultural Communications Centre is sponsoring a Latin American Cultural evening. Food and displays plus a Chilean folk group to provide the music. 7:30 at the centre, 1991 Dufferin St.

Wednesday April 11

Brando Films every Wednesday for the next two months, a film showcase of Marlon Brando films

at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W. 7:30. Tonight *A Streetcar Named Desire*. All films free.

Canadian films tonight at OISE. *October Alms* at 7:30 and *Outrageous* at 8:15. \$2.50 for the double bill, \$2 for the second show. 252 Bloor St. W.

Revolution in Iran, a forum sponsored by the Marxist Institute, with speakers from the Iranian students' association. 8 p.m., Medical Science Bldg. room 2172, University of Toronto.

Thursday April 12

Two by Bergman at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. *Wild Strawberries* at 7:30; *Shame* at 9:30. \$2.50 for the double bill, \$2 for the second show.

Greek Cinema: Days of '36 at Ontario Science Centre, sponsored by the Ontario Film Theatre. Adults \$2, students \$1, children 50¢, seniors free with government card. Film time: 7:30.

The Edible Renaissance: Beth Crosby, horticulturalist, discusses growing vegetables and herbs and other plant-related topics at the Palmerston Library, 560 Palmerston Ave., 7 p.m.

The Smile Co. will present theatrical entertainment and music for the senior audience at 2 p.m. at Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd. Admission is free but limited to the first 130 people.

Friday April 13

Ontario Film Theatre presents *F.I.S.T.* at the Ontario Science Centre at 7:30. Adults \$2, students \$1, children 50¢, seniors free with government card.

Saturday April 14

Toronto Public Libraries are having Easter craft programs for boys and girls. Free. Check with your neighbourhood library.

Sunday April 15

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Wednesday April 18

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Brando double bill tonight at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West, *The Wild Ones* and *On the Waterfront*. First film starts at 7:30. Admission free.

Centennial College Women's Place Women's Space presents a series of seminars on women and the law. 7:30 to 10, today to May 23. Topics to be covered in this series include family law, wills, estate planning, children's rights, aging and the law, labour law and women, and property law. Fee for the six sessions is \$25. Pre-registration is necessary.

Friday April 20

Ontario Film Theatre presents *Blue Collar* another in a series of films about industrial America. Ontario Science Centre, 7:30. Adults \$2, students \$1, children 50¢, seniors free with government card.

Missing Associates, co-directed by Lily Eng and Peter Dudar is presenting *New Dance* at 15 Dance Lab, 155A George St. Tonight and tomorrow at 8:30, admission \$3.

"Dracula"

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Messenger said. He called Rutledge a latter-day "Dracula".

The right wing at the board opposes the retention of job security for any of its employees, even when, as in this case, the cost of such security is minimal. As Rutledge said at the April 1 meeting, "Retaining job security in the CUPE agreement will be used as a lever by every single group of employees."

The left wing coalition's initiative is its first significant victory since the November elections which brought a small majority of "program-conscious" trustees to the board.

The key vote at the April 1 meeting was cast by Ward 8 trustee Arnold Hancock who, although not a member of the left coalition, supported the retention of the clause on job security.

After the vote, Messenger said, "It breaks an important logjam and it will certainly increase the confidence of our members."

Emma's thanks all those who helped make her first event a success. Special thanks go to the performers, to Bruce Burron (sound) and to Robert Paquette (lights).



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CHARLES ROACH

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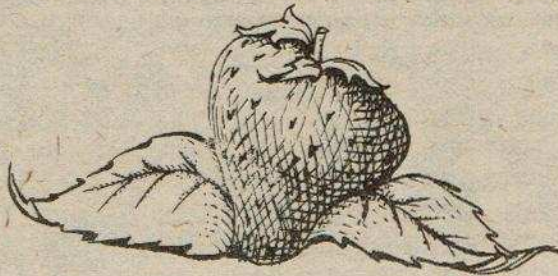
"An Alternative Canadian Defence Policy", Aug. 3-6. Project Ploughshares drafts an alternative defence for Canada.

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Gerald Godin sees uneasy class balance within P.Q.

This is the second half of an interview with Québec journalist and politician Gerald Godin. The first half appeared in Vol. III, No. 6 of the Clarion.

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I think that a lot of readers who are aware of Québec would be interested in knowing about the Parti Québécois itself. Is it working class party, a middle-class party, a bourgeois party? What is its character?

Well, it's described by the left as a bourgeois party, described by the private entrepreneurs like the Chamber

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of Commerce as a socialist, leftist party. As I said in one of my speeches in Montreal, everybody hates us, until the solution or resolution of the Quebec question there will be a general alliance between all sorts of people and groups inside the Parti Québécois.

There is a sort of equilibrium between the trends in the Parti Québécois. The last inaugural address, or speech from the throne you call it in Toronto, illustrates exactly the sort of trends that exist in the party. You have social democratic measures or regulations or legislation coming up. At the same time you have the watchdog sector ideology, as it is called in the industrial or business community.

So you could describe it as a social democratic party with inside it people of left leaning and nationalists of the right wing. But, for the time being, due to the extremely democratic functioning of the party, no one seems to be dissatisfied with it. I mean we make deals all the time. We'll pass this legislation if you allow that legislation to pass.

Perhaps, a détente within the PQ.

You could call it that. You could call that a SALT agreement between the wings, but based on what I would call the passion for Quebec, as Levesque put it. Based on a very deeply rooted will to solve the problem of the small people in Quebec we know very well have to think first about the jobs of the people and creating jobs for the people who don't have them. The State cannot do everything, so you have to make deals with the private sector. So all in all, I would call it a fairly progressive social democratic party.

What is your position on how to solve the strike with the Sidbec workers, who are on strike now?

I am not at all in the know about the reasons why they are on strike. I have not read either the contract or the proposals and I have not read either what the company is offering them. It is only two days ago that it started. But I think it's normal that some strikes happen even in a state-owned outfit like Sidbec. And the question is, what is the status of the workers in that enterprise, let's say compared to the rest of the industry. And especially, what's their

health status? What are the safety rules inside the company? We have to answer these questions. It seems to me that the guys at Sidbec are going on strike for safety reasons, but I don't know enough about that too.

What is generally the relationship of the PQ with the labour unions? The OFL is a very strong supporter of the PQ. As I understand it, the CSN is not a strong supporter of the PQ. That leaves the CEQ.

Well, I think they've all got a problem. Two of them have solved it and the third one has not. First, the CEQ membership is largely PQist, supporting the sovereignty-association platform. Secondly, the CNTU is using the

minimum wage in North America.

How would you describe yourself politically, ideologically and historically?

That's a big question. Well, first I was a federalist, because the best minds of my, not my generation, but the generation before me, like Trudeau, were working at *Cité Libre*. The first real good analysis about the Quebec situation I read was *Cité Libre*.

I read the Trudeau magazine, (which included articles by) Pelletier, Marchand and Pierre Juneau. Even René Levesque, I think, contributed some articles to that magazine. And I would say at the time I was influenced. I was against Duplessis, just like those guys,

Academics petition

A group of Toronto academics are circulating a declaration supporting Quebec's right to self-determination.

The group is collecting signatures and will publish the statement during the upcoming federal election campaign.

The declaration says: "The survival of the Canadian state in its present form must not be placed ahead of the right of all peoples to freely choose the forms of government under which they want to live."

It adds: "It is essential to recognize that the attack on Quebec's right to self-determination has gone hand in hand with the erosion of democratic rights in English-speaking Canada. In defending Quebec's right to self-determination, we are defending our own democratic rights as well."

The statement points to large corporations threatening "flights of capital," provincial governments such as Ontario threatening to refuse to trade with Quebec under sovereignty-association, and RCMP intimidation, condoned by the federal government.

The declaration criticized the "wall of silence in the English Canadian media screening out the views of Quebec spokespersons", reporting instead the views of pro-federalist editorialists who "interpret" events in Quebec.

The declaration also noted that, according to a recent survey, there is support for Quebec self-determination among 25 per cent of Ontario residents.

Copies of the declaration are available from Robert Albritton, Department of Political Science, York University.

same vocabulary and the same ammunition that it was using against Bourassa, but it's not the same bird; it's not the same bird at all.

And Bill 45, for instance, did not satisfy them. There was even a joke in Quebec city: The president of the CNTU arrived in paradise and St. Peter jotted his name down and asked him what he was doing and he said, well, I was president of CNTU and St. Peter said, well, I'm not sure you'll like it, it's only paradise.

I think the CNTU is posturing, a little bit, against the government. By that I mean that when we meet them we talk between adults but when they go public they blast us just as if we were hogs and

"... but when they go public they blast us just as if we were hogs and pigs."

pigs. And they know very well that we are not and their members know we are not.

We really want to solve the most pressing problems of the workers in Quebec. Examples: Bill 45 and the anti-scab legislation — the most progressive in the Western world and that even includes the Scandinavian countries. No country, no industrialized country has such legislation. We have the highest

because I was born in Trois-Rivières and I saw, I had my nose stuck on what Duplessis did to a small city.

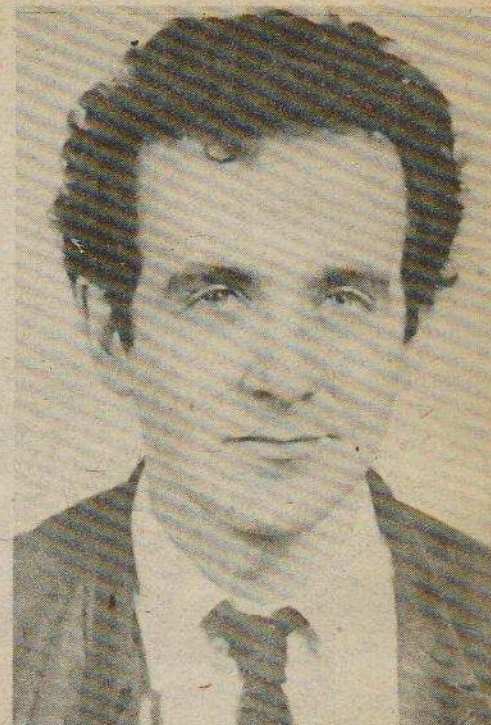
Let's say in the course of being against Duplessis, I became a federalist. Simply because I endorsed what Trudeau and his likes said about Duplessis, I was also anti-separatist.

I remember in 1963 a panel in Trois-Rivières on which I was the federalist and the other guy, now a member of the Parti Québécois, was the separatist, and we were fighting like hell, and my view at the time was nationalism is a *détournement de fonds*. What would be the English word for that; a fraud.

It would be because it was diverting energies from real problems to solve false problems, since all men were equal. I mean the Trudeau theory about humanity. Liberalism.

But I met people like Gaston Miron. I started reading Jacques Birc, Albert Memmi, and also I met students at McGill. One of them is now a broker. At the time, he was a leftist and he's one of those who influenced my thinking about Québec. He had a friend who was familiar with the writings on decolonisation of the colonies of England. So all that, all that mix-up of ideas led me to become what was called anti-federalist.

But all the time with a critical eye, because I had been in hot water with Trudeau. It was like a trauma in my thinking. I said to myself, I was fooled for ten years by Trudeau's gang and I am not going to be fooled again by another group.



So, I became a separatist with a sort of a critique. And that's about it. I joined the *Parti Pris* to mock them and I ended up as the director of the publishing house at *Parti Pris*. We published a lot of books devoted to the Québec question, like *White Niggers of America*, which became a worldwide success. I mean, we probably sold one hundred thousand copies of that book all over the world, in six or seven languages.

And now that I am member of a party which is in power I am discovering again a new reality much more complex than I ever thought it would be. There's not only the reality of being in contact with the labour movement, as I was in *Québec-Press*, or with the separatist people, like I was at the outset of the movement, but now I have to meet with the people in Toronto and that influences me. I teaches me things about Canada and about the mood in Canada that I didn't care about when I was not in politics.

I meet people from private enterprise; I meet people from the unions; I meet young students dissatisfied with the policies of the Parti Québécois; I meet

"... but now I have to meet with the people in Toronto and that influences me."

people from the left groups; I meet all sorts of people that play a role in the mosaic of our society.

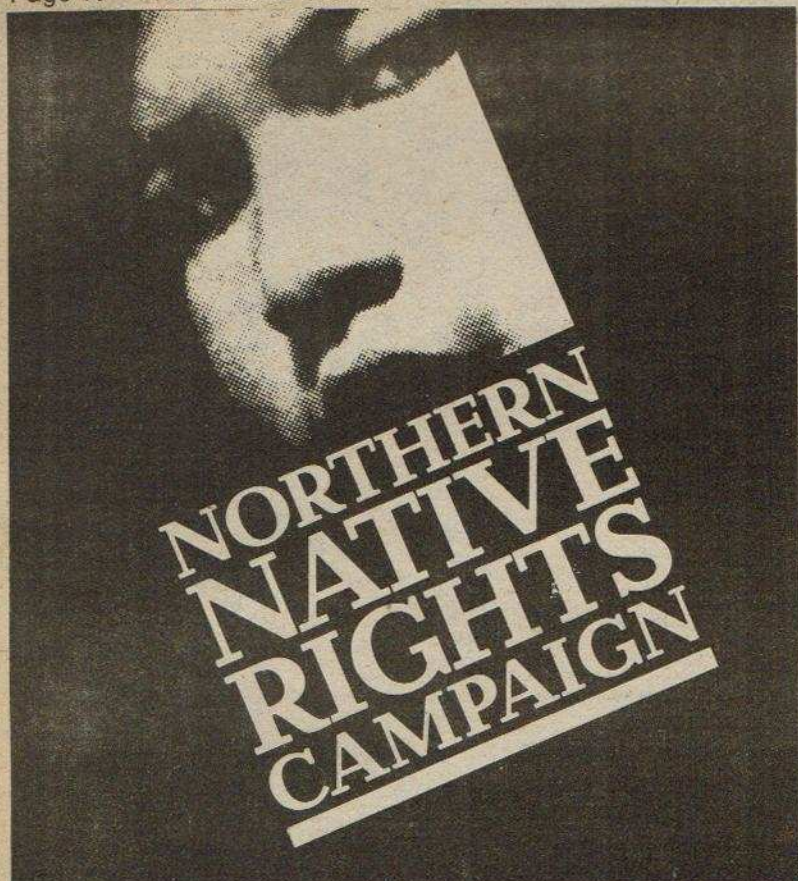
I have written a poem about that:

Do you remember, Godin,
now that you are a politician,
Why you became a politician,
The reasons why you chose that thing,
Now that you are comfortable,
Now that you get good pay,
The best pay in my life, in fact,
Do you remember the real reasons,
The people who suffer,
The people who lose their lungs in the mills,
The people who lose their lungs with asbestosis,
The people who die in the building of industry,
Do you remember the reasons why you first did what you did.

And I read that poem from time to time, just simply not to forget the real reasons.

What's your conclusion about yourself, how would you call yourself, a social-democrat, a socialist, a Marxist?

Well, I wouldn't put any label on me. Let's say I'm a social democrat? With a very strong leaning towards those who have not in society.



By Connie Genner

"We the Dene of the North West Territories insist on the right to be regarded by ourselves and the world as a nation. What we seek then is independence and self-determination within the country of Canada. This is what we mean when we call for a just land settlement for the Dene Nation."

Dene declaration:
statement of rights

The Northern Native Rights Campaign, Project North, is presenting creative proposals for the recognition of rights by a united front of Northern Native people.

Project North brought Yukon Indian and Dene Nation speakers to Toronto late in March. These speakers presented a joint position on their aboriginal land rights in the Yukon and North West Territories. They stressed that these rights have never been ceded to any other group or nation.

Dave Porter, spokesman for the Council of Yukon Indians (CYI) explained that the CYI has a mandate to negotiate with the federal government for all aboriginal people. Their unified proposal calls for a complete change in the economic and social organization of the North, in order to effect self-government.

The natives are appealing for southern support for their

territorial land claim, a claim which would allow the whites to remain in the urban centres throughout the territories, with their capital interests protected, but never again at the cost of the destruction of the land.

"Our wealth is in the land, in the trees, in the fish... we want it preserved for future generations... We want our land back," said Daniel Johnson, another CYI spokesperson.

Throughout the meeting, speakers repeated, clearly and simply, that the Canadian North is a colony. The question is not one of dollars, but of the right of native people to maintain their own lives, their right to survive, their right to self-government, their right to make their own laws.

Citing the history of negotiations and treaties since 1880, the speakers decried the present situation, in which the federal government retains the power to veto any native agreement.

In their cross-country tour, the Northern native people are making what one speaker described as a final appeal. He said Ottawa will not change its policy and inhumanity until the people force it to do so. The Project North campaign represents a community approach, a belief in group decision-making, and stresses a "humane and Christian attitude."

Naples baby epidemic linked to formula feeding

By Beverly Biderman

There is a probable connection between the recent epidemic of infant respiratory virus in Naples and formula feeding, according to Dr. Robert Mendelsohn, a medical advisor to La Leche League International.

In a column released for publication in several U.S. newspapers, Dr. Mendelsohn draws a parallel between the reported observation that most of the stricken babies were bottle-fed, and an epidemiological study linking a 1973 epidemic of the same virus in Great Britain to bottle feeding.

The study reported in the July 1976 issue of the *British Medical Journal*, showed that only 8 out of 115 infants admitted to hospital with respiratory syncytial (RS) virus infection had been breast fed.

However, none of the 8 with the RS infection were being breast fed at the time of the onset of the illness.

In a separate laboratory investigation, reported in the same article, the researchers found human colostrum (early breast milk) invariably contained RS virus neutralizing properties. "Although further work is needed to establish the mechanisms, we believe that our results present strong evidence that breast-feeding provides protection against RS virus infection," the researchers concluded.

Dr. Mendelsohn scoffs at the

prevailing view that the current epidemic, which has claimed the lives of more than 70 infants, is related to slum living conditions in Naples. "Since there is no particular reason to believe that Naples is much different from large cities throughout the world, (the epidemic) should lead to an immediate effort to promote breastfeeding," he asserts.

La Leche League and other organizations have long inveighed against the decline of breast feeding in low-income countries. The British charity War on Want, names infant milk formulas a "baby killer" in developing countries.

The United Nations Protein Advisory Group warned in 1973 that "the early abandonment of

breast feeding by mothers among lower socioeconomic groups can be disastrous to infants, particularly when this occurs without adequate financial resources to purchase sufficient formula, and without knowledge and facilities to follow hygienic practices necessary to feed infants adequately and safely with breast milk replacements."

"The baby food industry" according to a War on Want publication, "stands accused of promoting their products in communities which cannot use them properly: sales girls dressed up in nurses' uniforms give away samples and free gift gimmicks that persuade mothers to give up breast feeding."

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Lawline: student visas

This is the second article concerning immigration. In the last issue we talked about citizenship. This time we will discuss the question of student visas.

Is it hard to get a student visa? How would I go about it?

Well, first of all, you have to get it before coming to Canada. You need to apply to the Canadian Immigration Office that is nearest to your home in your own country. There are three criteria for a student visa:

- 1) You have to have a letter of acceptance from an approved academic, vocational, or professional school. This letter should be for a specific course.
- 2) You need to be registered for that course.
- 3) You need to prove that you can:
 - maintain yourself and any dependents without working in Canada;
 - pay tuition fees;
 - pay cost of transport to and from Canada.

However, if you can show that a parent or relative is able and willing to provide financial support, you normally won't have any problem with this third criterion.

If I get a student visa, what would be my status while in Canada?

You will be in exactly the same position as any other visitor to Canada. You will have to go along with the terms and conditions of the visa. If you don't, you could lose the visa and be deported.

What if I want to change schools?

Your student visa is valid only for the school named, and only for the time period specified. If you want to change schools, you must report this and get a new visa. The immigration officials will want to see your old visa and will want to know the reason for the change.

If you want to extend your visa, apply to the Immigration Commission offices at 480 University Ave., Toronto, before the visa ex-

pires. You will get extensions as long as the above three criteria are met.

Could I work in Canada while on a student visa?

We won't say no. But we will say that it's very difficult to get work permits. Immigration and Manpower will want to be satisfied that there is no qualified Canadian citizen or landed immigrant available for the job. You also should have a letter from the prospective employer stating that s/he has offered you a job, and outlining the type of work involved. It helps if the letter also says that you have the skills needed.

If Manpower decides that the job cannot be filled by a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant, you will get a permit for the job and the time period specified. You must report any changes, and apply for any extension before the time has run out.

However, there is one exception.

A student may get a work permit for employment that is related to research, or to an educational or training program which is essential to his/her course of studies. The job has to be approved by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Remember that if you work without first getting a work permit, you may be subject to deportation and you should get legal assistance.

Right now I'm studying here on a student visa. Can I apply for landed immigrant status while I'm here?

Unfortunately, no. The general rule is that a student who wants to get landed immigrant status must leave Canada, and make application from his/her own country of birth or permanent residence. It's a tough rule, and wastes a lot of money and time, but that's the rule by which they play.

If you do have more questions or problems, call us at Lawline, 978-7293.



Canada World Youth Field Staff Recruiting

Canada World Youth is recruiting group leaders and coordinators for international youth exchange programmes with third world countries.

The objectives of CWY are to promote an understanding of development issues through community work projects, study and cross-cultural activities.

Field staff are responsible for project development, community liaison, logistics and educational programmes, both in Canada and in the exchange country.

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- Contracts are 1 year and renewable.
- Bilingualism (French/English) preferred. Spanish for Latin American exchanges.
- Must be Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.

Deadline for applications is April 13, 1979 for June 1979 to April 1980 programme.

For application and further information write:

CWY Regional Office, 627 Davenport Rd., Toronto M5R 1L2

By Carl Stieren

Free classified - almost anything else (housing wanted, help wanted, people wanted).

Klaus Ulrich Hahn

E. German editor discusses drugs

This is the first part of an interview conducted by D. Kidd and T. Mooney with Klaus Ulrich Hahn, sports editor of Neues Deutschland, the principal newspaper of the German Democratic Republic (GDR). GDR has had the most remarkable improvement in athletic competition in Olympic history. They were second overall in Montreal in 1976.

In our press the most common thing heard about the GDR is its inhuman machine-like system of developing athletes. Yet it's considered kosher for Iona Campagnolo to set medal quotas for Canadian athletes and for them to be forced to do commercials for Coke et al. to get training allowances.

In a later issue Hahn will discuss the issues of politics in sports.

What do you feel about the use of drugs to aid athletic performance?

We've always said that we want a well-organized international control of drug use. Up until now cycling was the sport with the most drugs inside. I am the director of the biggest amateur cycling event in the world. We have a laboratory in a bus that travels with the race. Doctors of all participating countries are invited to work in the laboratory.

Believe me, last year we had a group of journalists from the Tour de France (which had a big drug scandal last year) to view our race and they said that our method was the only way to deal with this problem. Since one year we've had no problems

with drugs.

There's another story about this. The most popular athlete of GDR is Gustav Shuerr, two times world cycling champion and now a member of our parliament. This man was four times in world championship and always when the last lap was beginning he noticed his closest rivals taking pills and then pulling away from him.

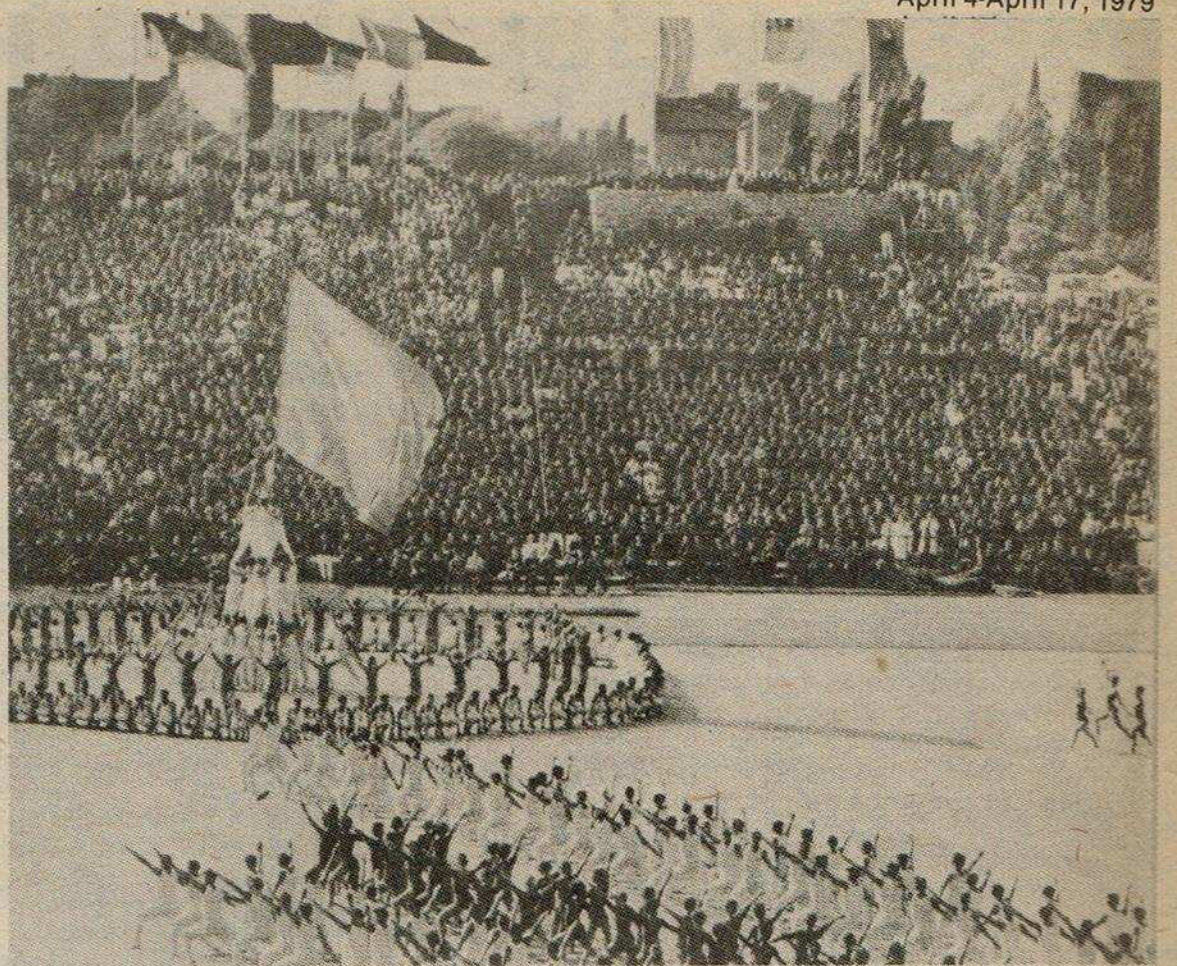
After four such races he came to the leaders of the GDR cycling federation and said, "Gentlemen, there are two possibilities. Either you give me the drugs or you will fight against this drug and have control over it. These two ways or I will never compete again."

Drug control

That was 1962 when we began a big campaign to control these drugs. Our only success in cycling at that point was that there would be controls for the world championships for the first three finishers. The next two years Shuerr was world champion.

The third year the races were held in the GDR. In the first position was a Belgian, the strongest racer of the year. He was racing alone to the finish line with ten km to go. Then Shuerr and one of his teammates caught up with the Belgian.

The Belgian figured Shuerr would try again for his third straight world championship and so slipped behind him to follow him. Shuerr seeing this, directed his team-mate to race ahead, as to him it was more important for GDR to win the



championship than himself.

The Belgian did not see through the ruse until it was too late. Well known poets of GDR tell of this race.

Anyways, so we need these controls. It may be an interesting question who started this whole thing but now the important thing is how to stop it.

Party pressure?

Then maybe the stories will stop too. Everybody is talking here about how we pressure our athletes to run for the country, to run for the party and so on. Look to Kornelia Ender. As I understand, she could win a lot of medals in Moscow, 1980. But after Montreal she said, "Sorry,

enough." Who in the world can pressure her to go if she says no? It's more likely that an athlete would continue here, or in the U.S., so that they could make as much money as possible during their athletic career.

Mike Wallace of ABC came to GDR to do an interview with me. The first question he asked me was why does Kornelia Ender drive her own car. I asked him, "You're asking me this question from the country with the most cars all over the world?"

Good will needed

I think it's a problem to understand all our differences in the sports world without a

minimum of good will. Without this, how can we tackle the problems of sport?

The biggest problem is the danger of the commercialization of sports. The drug problem comes from the professional sports. Athletes take the drugs to make a victory to save their jobs.

All over the world maybe each country will find its own way to handle amateur sports. For us our solution is that we support our first class athletes but only if during their sports career they are doing everything possible to prepare themselves for normal life after their sports career. We have developed a lot of good teachers from first class athletes, and not only in sports.



Tom Mooney



We'll take the day off anyway, but the sports fancy in the parish are going to boycott the Blue Jay's opening game unless the umpires' lockout is ended. (We've been boycotting Labatt's other products ever since it spiked — and ruined — its Extra Stock Ale.)

It's amazing how little the umpires make compared to the owners, players and even officials in other leagues. National Basketball Association referees work an average of 95 games a season, including playoffs, and a ten-year veteran makes \$60,000. An umpire with ten years experience works 170 games a year and makes \$31,000.

One consequence of the continuing lockout — and scabbing by community and semi-pro umpires — is that the groundskeepers might once again become eligible for the MVP award.

"Inexperienced umpires can't detect all the dirty tricks in the majors," Frank Umont, a retired American League umpire said the other day. Some of these include:

- Tilting foul lines, for games against teams with good, fast bunters, so that bunts will tend to roll foul.
- Wetting the areas around the bases to impair footing and then camouflaging the soggy spots with dry sand so that rival teams won't suspect a trap.
- Heating baseballs overnight, if your team has power hitters, or deadening them by leaving them overnight in a fridge.

The umpires' demands work out to about \$18,000 additional per team, which is tip money

for both owners and players, and they'll pass it on to the fans anyway.

It's too bad the umps don't have enough members to put up a good picket line. It'd be great to watch the sportswriters in the Newspaper Guild squirm about whether they could cover the games.

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Speaking of baseball, it still gripes me that Metro doled out \$18 million for renovations to provide jobs for generally out-of-shape, marginal American baseball players, while turning a blind eye to the needs of world-class Canadian Olympic athletes who actually live in Toronto.

When Metro approved the renovations, it also voted to build a track and field training centre to replace the track which was being removed from the CNE Stadium. The Blue Jays are entering their third season, yet the new Metro track and field facility won't be opened until later this summer.

Some of the most loyal Blue Jay fans call themselves Canadian nationalists. Some nationalists.

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I keep reading that the federal government is upset with the coverage it's receiving from the CBC, but it shouldn't be upset with CBC Sports. It turns out that two of the regular reporters who provide coverage of Canadian performances overseas for the CBC *Radio Sound of Sports*, Mathew Fisher and Andy Shaw, are on contract to the National Sport and Recreation Centre, which pays them with a grant from Sport Canada.

I suppose that's necessary if you've staked your political career, as Ms. Campagnolo has done, on improving Canada's performance in the race for Olympic Gold Medals.

If somehow you don't succeed — and given the cutbacks in national team grants it's hard to believe that much improvement can occur — then you can have housemen in the media blame the athletes.

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