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- 2) materials on Canada and its international activities,
- 3) alternate material not widely circulated,
- 4) research, critical analysis and theoretical materials on particular social processes and structures,
- 5) description of models moving toward action,
- 6) reflection upon action undertaken.

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Dear Friends,

We hope you will find this third issue of the Canadian Information Sharing Service (C.I.S.S.) useful. This month the focus is mainly on projects in the Western provinces. The work of Co-op Radio (p. 14) and the Mental Patients' Association (p. 9) in Varcouver, deserve special attention for their innovative yet basic response to felt local needs. These projects enable ordinary people to participate in the processes to meet their communication and therapeutic meeds. The Pacific Life Community is another network that is playing an important role in the campaign against the Trident nuclear submarine. (p. 2)

If C.I.S.S. is to become an effective instrument of communication-networking across Canada, your participation as a contributor is essential. One of the main objectives of C.I.S.S. is to serve as a "forum of exchange" that represents regional concerns and developments. We believe this is a unique service that can assist people working at the grass-roots to learn from each other and, when possible, to work together. Abstracts from your area will improve this process. Could you contribute something to our next issue? The only condition is that the material meet the criteria listed inside the cover.

Remember to fill out and mail us the attached questionaire. It will ensure that you remain on our mailing list after the evaluation period.

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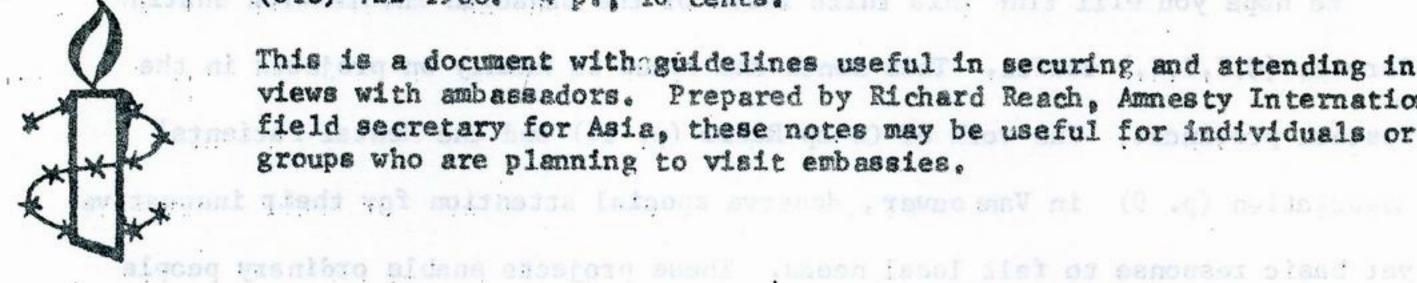
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APPROACHES TO FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNMENTS: Available from Amnesty International, Canadian Section, 2101 Algonquin Ave., Ottawa, K2AlT1, tel: (613) 722-1988. 4 p., 10 cents.



This is a document with guidelines useful in securing and attending interviews with ambassadors. Prepared by Richard Reach, Amnesty International field secretary for Asia, these notes may be useful for individuals or groups who are planning to visit embassies.

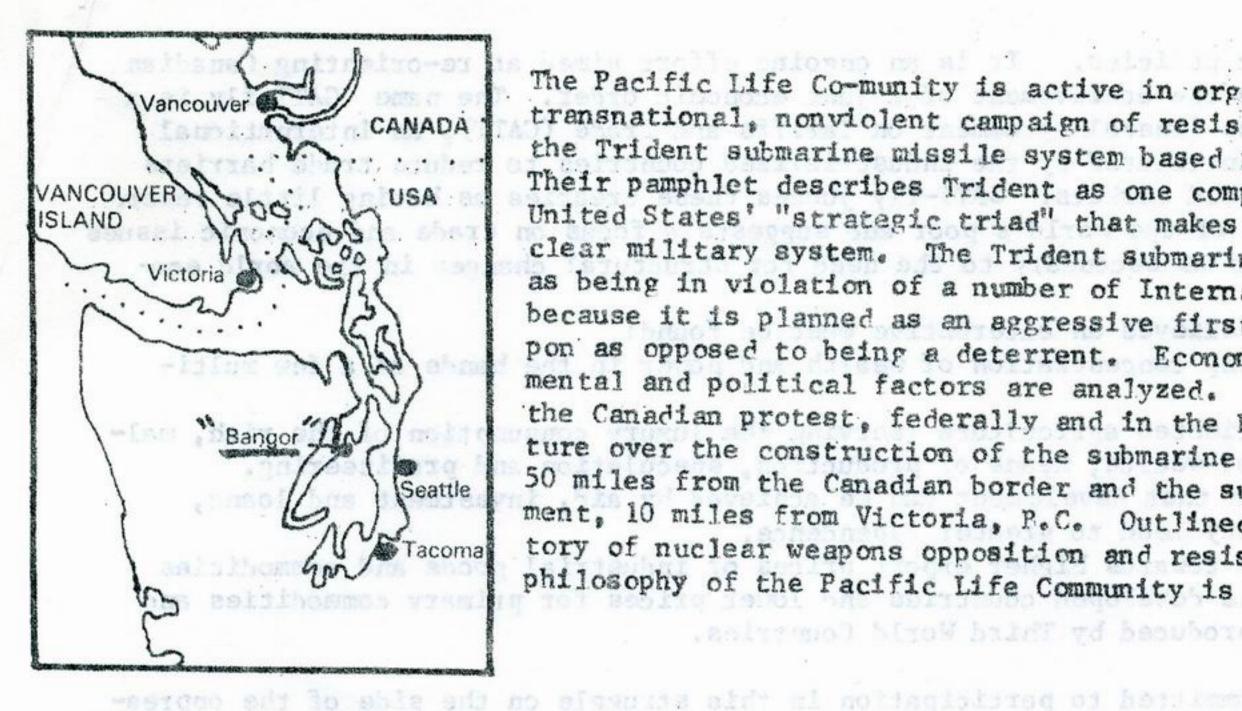
CISS 1976 PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE WEEK BOOKLET: Available from Amnesty International 85 Canadian Section, 2101 Algonquin Ave, Ottawa, K2A1T1, tel: (613) 722-1988.50 cts.

A list of 14 prisoners of conscience from various countries chosen for Prisoner of Conscience Week, October 10-17.

CISS The Fellowship of Reconciliation, c/d Shelly Douglass, 335 8th St., New 86 Westminster, B.C., tel: 526-4329 or D. Legge, 4025 West 40th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., tel: 261-0351. assess Camada, your participation as a contributor in

The International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) is a movement committed to nonviolence, both as a way of life and as a means of building a world community. IFOR's members are people around the world whose goals and way of life, derived from their respective spiritual insights, are expressed in their rejection of war, injustice, and other forms of violence and in their support of all nonviolent and reconciling means of creating a new society. In Vancouver the emphasis is being placed on a program to eliminate the sale of war toys, while suggesting creative alternatives and co-operative games. In collaboration with the United States FOR an active program is underway protesting the development of the Trident Submarine equipped with nuclear missiles. An overall objective of the IFOR is to build an awareness of the in-errelated nature of global problems and their rootedness in structures that need to be changed for human survival. This is done through nonviolent training, organizing collectives and networks, doing research, developing a transnational perspective, income sharing, campaigning against arms trade, promoting conscientious objection, resisting military tax and subscription, and challenging religious bodies on monviolence and peace.

CISS From Trident to Life, by the Pacific Life Community, c/o 1) Chalmers United 87 Church, 12th and Hemlock, Vaneouver, B.C. tel: (604) 386-8418, or 228-9491; 2) 1020 Catherine, Victoria, B.C., tel: (604) 386-7163; 3) 331 - 17th East, Seattle, Wash, 98112, tel: (206) 322-2447; 4) 631 Kiely Boulevard, Santa Clara, Calif, 95051, tel: 248-1815; 16 p., 25 cents.



The Pacific Life Co-munity is active in organizing a transnational, nonviolent campaign of resistance against the Trident submarine missile system based in Bangor, Wash. Their pamphlet describes Trident as one component of the United States' "strategic triad" that makes up their nuclear military system. The Trident submarine is judged as being in violation of a number of International Laws because it is planned as an aggressive first strike weapon as opposed to being a deterrent. Economic, environmental and political factors are analyzed. Mentioned is the Canadian protest, federally and in the B.C. legislature over the construction of the submarine base located 50 miles from the Canadian border and the submarine movement, 10 miles from Victoria, P.C. Outlined is the history of nuclear weapons opposition and resistance. The philosophy of the Pacific Life Community is included.

CISS The Political Economy of Population Control in Latin America, by B. Mass, 88 Canadian Women's Educational Press, 1975, 64 pp. \$1:50. 280 Bloor W., Toronto, Canada.

A penetrating analysis of the role of birth control in the Third World in the exploitation of women. Included is a description of the population control establishment.

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CISS Population Issues, from One Sky - Saskatchewan Cross Cultural Centre, 134 89 Avenue F South, Saskatoon, Sask. S7M1S8, tel: (306) 652-1571.

A pamphlet linking the Population Debate with the theory that it is our over-consumption in rich countries, not their high birth rate in poor countries, that causes "A Population Problem."

One Earth, One Sky, Saskatchewan Cross Cultural Center, 134 Avenue F South, CISS Saskatoon, Sask. S7M1S8, tel: (306) 652-1571. free. 90

Cross-Cultural Sharing -- a pamphlet about the links among all peoples, historically, daily. Emphasizes the need of people to learn how other cultures perceive life. In this way we can see life in a new light, become more sensitive to how we affect other cultures, and in this way humanize our way of developing. attoder them on hos elevisor

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at the processing is producer ecometries: 3) prices -GATT-fly is a project sponsored by the Canadian Churches (Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United and the Canadian Council os Churches - and Baptists) to assist the churches in their prophetic mission for world justice by advocating alternative economic policies. It is an ongoing effort aimed at re-orienting Canadian policy towards the achievement of a just economic order. The name GATT-fly is a take-off on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), an international trade treaty instituted by the industrialized countries to reduce trade barriers and enlarge world markets. GATT-fly judges these treaties as having little regard for two-thirds of the world's poor and suggests a focus on trade and economic issues that places aid as secondary to the need for structural changes in the world economic system.

GATT-fly believes an alternative must be found:

- to the growing concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few multinationals;
- to export oriented agriculture serving the luxury consumption of the rich, maldistribution of wealth, means of production, speculation and profiteering.
- to the notion that development can be achieved by aid, investment and loans, which in reality lead to greater dependence.
- to the trend towards higher export prices of industrial goods and commodities produced by the developed countries and lower prices for primary commodities and manufactures produced by Third World Countries.

GATT-fly is committed to participation in this struggle on the side of the oppressed through:

RESEARCH - identifying specific issues of trade and economic policies

-monitoring closely Canadian and foreign positions

-compiling data on Third World interests

-developing tools of analysis

POLITICAL ACTION - to make the voice of the Third World audible among the choruses from Canadian and international business concerns on specific issues -enabling Canadian citizens to express their solidarity with the struggles of Third World peoples.

EDUCATION - of volunteers through the process of action and reflection -of the Church constituency by providing information about political and economic affairs for educational programs in co-operation with the Churches and inter-church agencies

-of Canadian people in co-operation with other groups to assist them in understanding the human implications of our governmental and corporate decisions.

CISS <u>COCOA</u> - Commodity notes available from GATT-fly, 600 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4Y2J6, tel: (416) 921-4615.

Commodity Notes is a series that provides background analysis and cu-rent reports on a number of key international commodities. This one on Cocoa shows that 80% of the world production comes from Brazil, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Cameron. On the other hand, the United States, the European Economic Community and the Soviet Union account for two thirds of the world's consumption. The paper looks at 1) history, 2) development of Cocoa trade - and how this was hampered by the position of imperial powers and corporations in the exchange system; 3) types of marketing in producer countires - and their responsibilities; 4) relationships between governments and cocoa industry in producer countries; 5) shipping - looks at loading and discharging perts; 6) processing in producer countries; 7) prices - supply and demand; 8) business involved with production, marketing and distribution - location of offices, how integrated and products; 0) international cocoa agreements; 10) Agreement and the New International Economic Order.

CISS Runaway Industries, Available through IDERA Publications, 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver, B.C. V6I3N2. 9 p. Write for details of cost.

This paper studies the phenomena of transnational corporation investments and the strain that this causes international union solidarity. This is looked at through the structures of "runaway industries" which can transfer both technology and jobs on the basis of investment incentivies. Examples are given about how this creates competition among Third World countries, distorts local economic and social structures and leads to inflation, unemployment and underdevelopment. Discussed is how the globalization of transnational corporations affect labour's ability to strike and strategies on how unions can control these transnationals.

OISS New Ideas, IDERA Newsletter - publication of the International Development Education Resource Association, Vol.1, no. 1, May-June 1976. 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver, B.C., V6J3N2. Free.

IDERA is a resource center for persons, publications, research materials audio/visual equipment and films pertaining to the Third World and Development issues. Their constituency resides in the province of B.C. and the Yukon Territory. The resource center is shared with Canada World Youth (CWY), Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO), the United Nations Association (UNA) and OXFAM.

The newsletter outlines the objectives and resources of these and other groups and their contributions to community programmes. One article describes IDEFA's role as animator in the "International Affairs Seminar" at the Canadian Labour Congress' annual Winter School. The seminar was designed to provide trade unionists with a basic understanding of the New International Economic Order, the role of transnational corporations and th- importance of control over resources. One worker recognizing the similarity between Canadian and Third World struggles said, "like the peoples of the Third World, our history has been denied us. Only by organizing do we enter history." Another article looks at how the Dene and Inuit are being threatened by Northern development sought after by the Canadian government and corporate interests.

## ECOLOGY

CISS Danger: Radiatiom: Leaflet produced by "Voice of Women", 104 - 2127 W.
40 Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., tel: 263-7831.

This leaflet asks some very basic questions about nuclear energy and answers given from quotes, statements and research from authorities in the field are revealing. It asks whether nuclear power is cheap, safe and necessary. It looks at thermal pollution, radio—active wastes and biological risk. Three Ontario Hydro engineers who assessed the CANDU system for Hydro remark that "Can—ada's approach to nuclear power has been less orderly and has taken larger risks than the U.S. program". It points out that the decision to develop a nuclear industry

and the level of social risk has not been debated in the public arena. Readers are advised to inform themselves, to write to the Prime Minister and Energy Minister objecting to their decision to nuclear development. The leaflet concludes by advocating a commitment to solar power.

CISS CANDI: An Analysis of the Canadian Nuclear Program: Part I - Technical Handbook, Available from "Energy Probe", 43 Queen's Cres East, Toronto Ontario, M5S2C3.

To help in understanding the basic principles and issues involved in the development of the CANDU nuclear reactor, Energy Probe has prepared a handbook on the issues surrounding the nuclear program. The first part of this handbook describes how the CANDU system works and provides a factual outline of some of the technical controversies related to its operation. It intends to give a basic background knowledge needed to participate in decisions concerning nuclear power. Energy Probe's aim is to present clearly the wide range of choice available in energy development. The basic options they outline are between an expensive energy—intensive, nuclear, centralized, electric society, or a lower energy, more decentralized, softer technology society—a technology society based upon conservation and renewable resources.

CISS West Coast Environmental Law Association (WCELA), 207 W. Hastings, Suite 1012, Vancouver, B.C., V6B1H7, tel: 684-7378.



The W.C.E.L.A. operates an "environmental law center" in Vancouver with three primary roles.

1) to provide a legal advisory service in environmental affairs, emphasizing negotiation between the parties and the government agency involved with resort to litigation if necessary.

2) to encourage and support public education to make citizens awars of environmental laws that exist and how they can be applied.

3) to promote reform of laws dealing with the en-

vironment through submission of briefs to appropriate agencies and commissions.

Environmental law cases are referred to the Association by individuals, conservation and citizen groups. Work on cases is conducted by a staff lawyer and students from the Faculty of Law. In addition, there are lawyers who volunteer their services. The Association does not change for services and relies on grants, donations and directed research allowances.

B.C. Ecologue by Arthur Gladstone, available from the Canadian Scientific Pollution and Environmental Control Society (SPEC), 1603 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V6J1N3, tel: (604) 736-8404. \$1:50 copy, discount for ten or more.

This is a handbook for study and action on the ecological crisis. It contains articles and annotated listings of publications, organizations and other resources. Content:

- I. The Problem:
  - 1. The World Ecological Crisis
  - 2. Ecology and Ecosystems

- 3. Biological Community and Human Community
- 4. Problems We Face in British Columbia

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- 5. Personal Action and Lifestyle Changes
- 6. Alternate Technology and Agriculture
- 7. Social Change Towards an Ecologically Balanced Society

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The B.C. Ecologue will be available in bookstores and also directly from SPEC.

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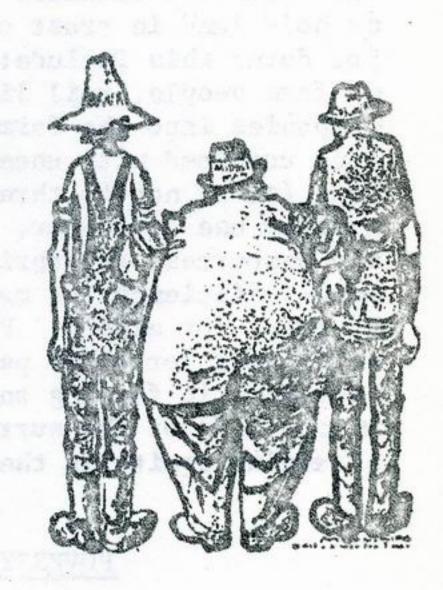
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## AGRI CULTURE

Who Pays? Who Profits? Food Production in Canada. Available from IDERA Films, 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver, B.C., V6J3N2. Produced by the World Food Project, 1975. 25 minutes, slides with tape cassette, commentary, script, Rental for \$4:50.

Who is responsible for the high price of food in Canada?
To answer this question, the montage first looks at the history of farming in Canada. The communal co-operation of pioneer days gives way to rising competition among farmers. At the same time farmers' interest begin to conflict first with the interests of big railroad and elevator owners, then government protected manufacturing industries. The illusive promise of post war technology for increased yields and higher incomes fils to solve many of these basic conflicts.

CISS Cultivating Famine: The World Food Crises, pro100 duced by the World Food Project, 1975. Available
from IDERA Films 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver, BC
V6J3N2. 30 Minutes, slides with tape cassette, commentary, script. Rental fee: \$4:50.



A look at the historical and structural causes of the world food crises and their most commonly advocated solutions. The montage demonstrates the relation between hunger and the underdevelopment of the Third World by focusing on colonialism, inequitable terms of trade and the control of food and agriculture by transnational corporations. After taking a critical look at such "solutions" as food aid, population control, and the Green Revolution, the montage concludes that only agrarian reform within a larger context of fundamental changes both within the Third World

societies and in the international economic order can eliminate hunger.

Moving into the present, government response to growing farmer militancy is discussed with a particular look at the benefits and drawbacks of marketing boards. Using specific corporate examples, the montage details how the industry comes to control the lion's share of consumer's food dollar. In the same corporate vein, the difficulties of workers in food-related industries and the complaints of consumers are looked at in the light of the emerging market power of corporate food empires.

What is to be done? The montage contrasts the Federal Task Force on Agriculture's proposed "solution" to an alternative view of agriculture based on cooperative enterprise and public ownership of farm lands.

Down on the Farm, Available from IDERA Films, 2524 Cypress St., Vancouver P.C., V6J3N2. 16 mm. film/ Canada/P&W. Loan charges: Universities and Colleges: \$18:00; others \$9:00.

The film-story of four days inthe life of National Farmers' Union organiser, Don Kossick, shot around southern Saskatchewan. It shows people's efforts to organize and fight against the threat that agribusiness poses to the rural family farm and lifestyle.

CISS . The People, The Land, Our Hope, Rosetown Presytery Rural Life Committee.

Write or phone Diane Porter, Box 8, Felfield, Sask.; Rhoda Sterling,

Metherhill, Sask., tel: 463-3547; Gladys Pavo, Pirsay, Sask., tel:

573-4727. free pamphlet.

This pamphlet outlines the plan of the Rosetown Presbytery Rural Life Committee to hold land in trust on which to develop a cooperative community. The reasons for doing this include: rural depopulation and decay of small centres, isolation of farm people, rail line abandonment, recent arrival of multinational grain companies into the farm marketing system and the rising cost of marketing and fuel combined with uncertainty about prices. Their plan is to have a small land base (so as not to threaten surrounding farmers) involving intensive farming with greater use of labour. Emphasized is cooperative and community sharing of work and resources, appropriate technology, local industry and handicrafts, community self-sufficiency and marketable surpluses rather than exclusive concentration on crops for export. People involved would be of all ages and skills, with secure retirement for older people, and suitable means of training younger people and newcomers in farming and life skills. Members would be expected to share actively in the life of the surrounding communities or towns. Labour would be one way of obtaining equity in the cooperative farm.

# POVERTY/SOCIAL SERVICES/ECONOMIC CHANGE

CISS NAPO-INFO, National Anti-Poverty News. Subscription costs are \$3:00 per year (8 issues) for individuals and \$7:50 per year for agencies. Write editor, NAPO-INFO, suite 300, 196 Pronson Ave., Ottawa, Canada, V1P6H3.

A bi-monthly newspaper of the Mational Anti-Poverty Organization, (MAPO). It is a bilingual publication dealing with issues that effect the poor across

Canada and reporting on the efforts of NAPO. A recent edition (Jan/Feb '76) stated the NAPO position in support of an adequate guaranteed annual income (GAI) and examined other issues such as women's LIB, consumer protection and native rights. It is full of graphics and is easy to read.

CISS Alternatives to Poverty and Welfare in Alberta, Economic Social Planning Council, 10006 - 107th St., Edmonton, Alberta. Prepared by Ted Parnell Second Edition, 1973. 38 pp. \$1:50 - An updating supplement: 50¢.

The extensive document gives a basic accounting of the extent of poverty and of those on Welfare in

Canada and Alberta and corrects erroneous conceptions about welfare recipients. The role of minimum wage laws, unemployment inflation trade off, medicare premiums and technology and cybernetics on poverty and increasing welfare rolls are discussed and documented. Various proposed income security programs and the present welfare system is contrasted with a preferred alternative: the alternative includes a Guaranteed Annual Income with work incentive, higher minimum wage, free health coverage, separation of payments from services, urging the Federal Gov't to adopt a nation-wide G.A.I.

Also available is a pamphlet that complements this document entitled "20 questions on Poverty and Welfare.

The Public Assistance Food Allowance Increase, by the Edmonton Social Planning Council Task Force on same (June 1973). 6 pages. Cost unknown. The Edmonton Social Planning Council, 10006 - 107th St., Edmonton, Alta. T5J1J2.

This article is an analysis of the effect on the Alberta poor of a 9% food allowance increase in 1972-1973. At that time the inflation rate was 12.5% for food. The purpose of the brief was to articulate the need for the Alberta gov't to realistically set allowances based on the cost of living. It includes recommendations for change and, in the appendix, a recommended method for nutrition education.

CISS School Drop-Outs, Edmonton Social Planning Council, 18 pages, December 1974, write for details. The Edmonton Social Planning Council, 10006 - 107th St., Edmonton, Alta.

This paper develops a list of proposals for reducing the school drop-out rate. Its primary concern is with students from low income families, who represent the largest group of drop-outs. There are proposals about curriculum, climate or technique in the classroom, space and location for learning, organization of the schoolday and year and characteristics of specific target groups for the proposal. The proposals call for changes in the marking systems, attitude of administration, student participation and other such avenues. The authors suggest that "a department within the school board ... test our recommendations."

OISS Dr. Snider's Report. by the Edmonton Social Planning Council Task Force
(Aug. 13, 1973). 18 pages. Cost unknown. The
Edmonton Social Planning Council, 100006 - 107 St., Edmonton, Alta. T5J1J2.

This article focuses on issues facing senior Citizens. It is built around the recommendations of a report entitled "Medical Problems and the Use of Medical Services Among Senior Citizens in Alberta: A Pilot Project". The recommendations of this report are listed and commented on. Also included are the "proceedings of a conference on Edmonton's Older Citizens - A community design". Issues examined include the need for comprehensive, coordinated service, elderly political action, reaching the uninvolved and issues for the religious community.

CISS Bring it Home, One Sky, Saskatchewan Cross Cultural Centre, 134 Avenue F South, Saskatoon, Sask. S7M1S8, tel:(306) 652-1571. free.

A pamphlet about the need for and attributes of grass roots, people-oriented health programs and awareness. Emphasizes the need for wholeness in personal health -- physical, spiritual and social. Uses Third World examples.

#### HEALTH CARE +

CISS Mental Pati-109 ents' Assoc. 2146 Yew St. Vancouver, BC.

The Vancouver Mental Patients' Association (MPA) is an alternative community organization dedicated to providing choices and power to exmental patients and to setting up a variety of situations based upon the philosophy of self-help and self-government. Listed below is some literature published by this organization.

1) The Practical Application of Power
Reversal and Self-Help
- a New Concept of
Mental Health in the
Community - submitted

Community - submitted to the 8th Banff international conference on behaviour modification - March 21/76. 37 pages - not yet copyrighted or published - write for further details.



This working paper charts the birth and experience of the Vancouver group. In 1971 a handful of ex-patients met together and determined that any serious attempt at providing genuine help and understanding for today's mental patient would necessarily involve the construction of an malternative mutual support system reaching beyond

the realm of professional psychiatric services. MPA established as its primary goal that of both changing the behaviour of patients with respect to the community and the behaviour of the community with respect to the patient. The association has sought to achieve this goal by a self-help technique which enables the patient to develop these necessary social skills in environments which are supportive. Simultaneously MPA has committed itself to educating the public concerning those forces in the psychiatric services and in society in general which alienate the mental patient. The paper indicates that in spite of its struggles, the association has grown and has gained prominence as a credible alternative among community workers, professionals, and government, civil and legal organizations. The association successfully maintains five halfway houses in Vancouver, a central office, a drop-in centre, and a research and crafts department. MPA is committed to a model of participatory democracy among its members.

2) Anti-Psychiatry Bibliography and Resource Guide, MPA Research Section, by Kathy Frank, 64 pages. Write for further information.

This guide contains over 375 listings of literature, films and tapes. The bibliography is divided into chapters which deal with psychiatry's relationship to politics, race, sexuality, professionalism and alternatives to institutionalization. Included is a short history of the anti-psychiatry movement in Britain and the radical therapy movement in America. Reference is also made to such noted authors as R. D. Laing and Thomas Szaz.

3) In a Mutshell, vol. 4/no. 2. May 1976. 20 pages, 25¢ copy.

This MPA newsletter servies the dual purpose of communicating with MPA members and with 2,000 subscribers world-wide. It functions as an ongoing forum for new ideas, project proposals and critical analyses of mental health services. The May issue features an article on professional drug abuse in the treatment of "hyperactive children" as well as a study of the effect of electroshock treatment upon the human brain. In addition to other shorter articles there is an art and photography section as well as personal poems and letters and other information relevant to MPA members.

4) Two other MPA publications which are now available include MADNESS UNIASKED, an anthology of creative writing and illustrations done by ex-mental patients, and WOMEN LOOK AT PSYCHIATRY, a response to the dearth of critical material by women on the subject of psychiatry and the oppression of women.

CISS New Age Transition Center, 16 Simpson Ave, Toronto, Ont, 114K1A2, tel: 461-110 1933.

The center offers half-day introductory workshops in preparation for longer 12 week intensive workshops. These sessions are for groups and individuals interested in developing a creative awareness gained through major life changes. One-to-one personal counselling is available. Further, ongoing support groups are planned related to: communication, conflict resolution for men, women and couples, parent awareness, creative expression. In time these workshops will be initiated and defined by the individuals requiring them. A separate project of the centre will be to produce a range of audio-visual materials related to transition issues.

The People Farm - Videotape Documentary. For information call or write CISS 111 Susan Brown at 2490 Brunswick St., Vancouver, B.C., tel: 876-2171.

This 27 minute film is available to any group wishing to screen it. It was filmed over a period of four months last summer at a Canadian Mental Health Association sponsored project in Richmond and gives great insight into growth stimulation of handicapped adults.

CISS Directory of Services for Mentally and Physically Handicapped of the Lower 112 Mainland (B.C.), 200 page directory available from the Vancouver Community Information Centre, 1946 W. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C., V6J1Z2, \$2:00 copy.

Categories of service include: Emergency numbers, B.C. Association for the Mentally Retarded Chapters, hospitals, housing, schools, social and recreational activities, special services, agencies, workshops and training centres. Special section on funding assistance for the handicapped. Alphabetical Index of Agencies.

## COMMUNITY AND UNION ORGANIZING

CISS Rape of the Block or every person's guide to neighbourhood defence, 113 Mr Pornell, V. Semotuk, J. Swain. 1974, 86 pp., Edmonton Social Planning Council, 10006 - 107th St., Edmonton, Alta. \$2:00 for printing costs.

This book was written to enable the citizens of MP of EDMORTO

"Okay, this one is for the shopping centre site."

Edmonton to "begin to plan their own communities.." It suggests how to build a neighbourhood or community organization and then analyses the city government structures and the real estate industry of Edmonton. The authors give a practical guide of city government departments and people and how to approach them. It also examines the tactics of real estate interests in blockbusting, rezoning areas and gives a number of case studies to support and clarify the analysis. There are also included case studies of successful community efforts. It ends with a listing of community groups and important phone numbers in Edmonton. The tone of the book is critical of city and businesses interests and their lack of concern for the people of the community.

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CISS Citizen Involvement in Housing and Community: An Action Research Design,
26 pages. Write for details to Communitas Inc., 11328 - 100th Ave., Edmonton,
Alberta.

This proposal for funding is based on the assumption that people should have the information necessary to enable them to participate in decisions that affect housing in their community. It proposes the development of a housing inventory network that would "develop and store data about... the housing crisis and the housing problem..."; translate such data into useable forms", and disseminate it to the people of Edmonton. It proposes the hiring of community workers as opposed to the use of established channels to disseminate and develop cohesion about the information. The phases of the development of the project are outlined and the areas of proposed implementation in Edmonton are discussed. A budget is also proposed.

CISS Housing Rehabilitation Guides, This series of four booklets is produced by Communit as Inc. and co-published with the Edmonton Citizens for Better Housing. July 75, 10-26 pp each. No cost - small donation appreciated, Communit as Inc., 11328 - 100 Avenue. Edmonton, Alta, tel: 488-7255.

- 1) Property Standards: deals with the Minimum Property Standards for maintaining existing housing as adopted by Edmonton By-law.
- 2) Financing: deals with what Government Programs exist and the criteria for eligibility for these. It also lists a number of private agents who provide mortgage or loan money, showing their different interest rates.



3) Mortgages: deals with what is involved in a mortgage and what to expect from a lawyer.

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4) Contracting Out: deals with the problems involved in contracting out work to be done on a house.

CISS Tenant Handbook (1976), 26 pages. Write for details, Communitas, Inc. 11328 - 100th Avenue., Edmonton, Alta.

This handbook is designed to answer a number of key questions for tenants and those working with tenants in Alberta. Asks and answers a number of practically stated questions such as "what do lease and rental agreements involve?". "what about damage deposits?" and "what will happen to me if my place is condemned?" It examines housing alternatives such as public and cooperative housing. The answers are practical and focused on Alberta. However, tenant legislation across canada is also compared to that in Alberta.

CISS Access? Community - Media, 1973, August, 8 pp., Write for details, Communitas 117 Inc., 11328 - 100th Aven., Edmonton, Alta.

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This pamphlet is a proposal for funding for a community media resource unit. It briefly describes the past projects of Communitas, Inc. in providing media services to community groups including the Community Media Coop and the East Inner City Media Project. The latter project used VTR equipment in the Boyle Street area. The proposal is for an eight person team and media equipment. The proposed budget is included. There is no description of the response to the proposal.

CISS Hamilton Tenant, A guide to tenants' rights and the Landlord and Tenant

Act. Publication of the Housing Education Service, a project of the

Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) Room 115. Wentworth House,

McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. 22 pp., 20¢/copy for 5 or less;

15¢/copy for 5-100 copies, 10¢/copy for more than 100.

The Housing Education Service performs the roles of counselling, mediation, education (e.g. seminars, articles for publication, etc.) and public advocate. This document is a guide to the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants as set out in current (1967) provincial legislation known as the landlord and Tenants Act. Table of contents include "Tho does the Landlord and Tenant Act apply to, Tenancy Agreements, Subletting, Termination of Tenancy Agreement, Evictions, Repairs, proceeding to court and "Rent Review".

CISS Citizen Action from the Community Planning Association of Canada, 425 Gloucester, Ottawa, K1R5E9, 72 page papercover book for \$3:00.

An Annotated Bibliography of Canadian Case Studies is an access guide to information. It is useful to persons studying and working in: community education, community organization, community development; social action organizations; citizens' organizations, voluntary service agencies; social planning councils; government departments; researchers, field workers and professionals involved in community participation.

People are becoming more involved in 'citizen action' in order to participate directly in the decision making process. Case studies are the reports of these efforts to bring about change. They provide a sharing of experiences — a valuable aspect of the information gathering and evaluation process. The case studies listed range from two page journalistic articles to five hundred page books. 131 entries are contained in the work, making it the most comprehensive bibliography in its field. The subject index reflects the wide range of citizen action case studies now available.

An essay entitled "How to Write a Case Study" is included with this bibliography in order to encourage others to exchange the knowledge and share the experiences gained during their own involvement in efforts to change their environment.

CISS Habitat Participation, no. 6, July 1976, 63 Sparks St., Ottawa, F1P5A6.

120 In French and English.

This is the newsletter of the Canadian Mon-Governmental Organization Participation Group for Habitat. In this issue the role of the Canadian Non-governmental organizations' participation group in facilitating the process of public participation is outlined and evaluated. The monitoring of Habitat is outlined and a manifesto agreed to by the representative NGO's is presented. It relates to issues of land use, indigenous peoples' rights, nuclear power, the New In ternational Economic Order, a Canadian dellar commitment to the conference's water target, and the

process of public participation. Addresses for provincial NGO Steering Committees are listed. There are excerpts from the Habitat Commons Debate - June 21 and an article about NGO's after Habitat.

NOTE: for information relating to United Nations, Governmental and nongovernmental documentation and films produced in relation to Habitat, write: Geoffry Grenville-Wood, United Nations Association in Canada, 63 Sparks St., Room 808, Ottawa, Canada, tel: (613) 232-5751.

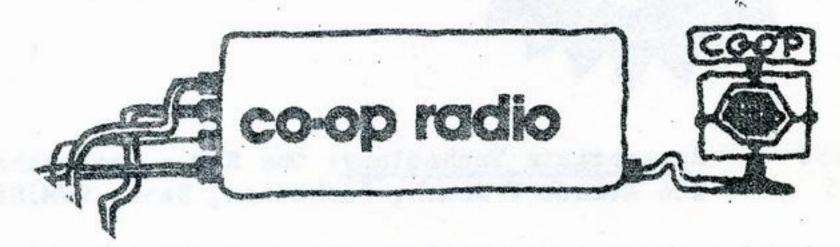
CISS Organizing a Union, tape catalogue number LEG 3-7, 30 min., reel or cassette. \$12:00 for education or non-profit community groups, \$20:00 for FM Radio and \$32:00 for AM radio. Available from Community Radio Education Society, 333 Carroll St., Vancouver, BC. Produced by Vancouver Peoples Law School.

How to form a union: the prodedures for obtaining certification from the Labour Relations Board. It's explained by Carolyn Gibbons and Rod Germaine.

## COOPERATIVES AND LIFESTYLE

CISS Vancouver 122 Cooperative

Radio
CFRO-FM 102.7 MHZ. Broadcasting from 1:00-11:00 PM.
Pigeon Park, 333 Carrall St.,
Vancouver, BC, tel:(604) 6848494.



Co-op radio operates a licensed city-wide FM radio station on a non-profit, no commercials basis.... for special community and educational services, a platform for citizen action and native groups, a stage for amateur theatre, local bands, chamber music and poetry.... a low key Canadian alternative to Sesame Street, French for children, stories and drama.... health, legal and debt clinics and special interest programming for senior citizens.

People working at the station do so within committees, a committee for every kind of programming. There is no professional staff - committees are simply people with jobs elsewhere in the city, contributing five to ten hours each week to produce a news or urban affairs show, recording a local group of musicians or reading some of their favorite stories on tape.

The station is owned by the people who will listen and participate. The operation of the station is sustained by the support of all members and listeners, by redistributing taped material to schools and by renting out studio space. Membership in the coop is \$10:00 for working people (\$2:00 a share plus \$8:00 donation), \$2:00 for pensioners, students and enemployed. In addition there is an annual membership assessment for all shareholders. Audio Tape Catalogue available for \$2:00.

CISS People Power, One Sky - Saskatchewan Cross Cultural Centre, 134 Avenue F South, Saskatoon, Sask, S7M1S8, tel: (306) 652-1571. free.

A pamphlet about over-consumption, national control of resources, multinationals and the need for cooperation among developing countries.

CISS The Catalyst, May '76, P.O. Box 4838, Vancouver, B.C., 20 pp. \$3:50/yr/

This monthly newspaper is produced by Fed-up, a federation of member-run food coops in B.C.; Catalyst reports to network members on various decisions and directions taken within the federation. The "Fed-up Catalogue" provides a lengthy list of food and other items available to Fed-up members; also included is a reci-

section and the "coop contact list" of Fed-up members. Feature articles include:

1) a history and description of the "Alternate Community" a co-operative commune near Lumby, B.C.

2) a study of the aims and methods of self-criticism within the federation co-ops.

3) an essay on the care of livestock and particularly chickens,

4) two articles reviewing the possibility of having a wholesaler function within Fed-up.



Appropriate Technology: One Sky - Saskatchewan Cross Cultural Centre, 134 Avenue F South, Saskatoon, Sask, S7M1S8, tel: (306) 652-1571. Free.

A pamphlet about inappropriate aid programs and the need for us to look at alternate forms of energy. Also gives a good, illustrated definition of simple, intermediate and advanced technology. Uses Third World and Canadian examples.

Lifestlyes. In "Target", a bulletin put out by the Saskatchewan "One Sky"

Cross Cultural Centre. 134 Avenue F. South, Saskatchewan, Sask, S7M1S8, tel:

(306) 652-1571. March '76, 24pp. 75¢ each.

An illustrated booklet about overconsumption, vegetarianism, simple living, community, co-ops (housing and food), Third World models for co-operation, many cartoons and a bibliography of further reading, viewing and places to visit.

CISS Co-operative Games, Games may be ordered from Northern Vision Services, 77
Swanwick Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4E1Z6.

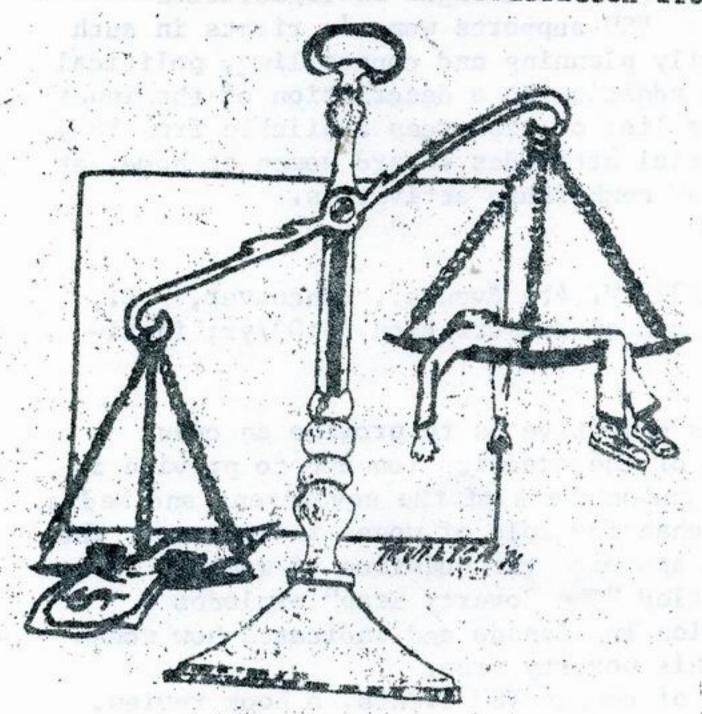
- 1) Community: the object of this game is to build a happy, complete community. Players must co-operate and help each other out, solving problems and hardships together. Includes playing board, guidebook, tokens, counter cards, event cards. Cost: \$8:00.
- 2) Together: a co-operative game especially designed for the classroom situation. The main object of the game is through discussion and play to solve human problems like pollution, poverty, prejudice, etc. in a thoughtful and co-operative way. Cost:\$5:50.

Also offered is a game called "Guerilla Warfare Game" - so much for cooperative games.

## ALTERNATIVE PRESS

The Plain Dealer, published every two weeks: 504 King St., Fredericton, N.B., tel: 454-4644, 24 pp., 25¢ issue. June 4, 1976.

The feature traces the poisonous effects of aerial spraying DDT and Fenitrothion for spruce budworm. Included are documented cases of the ill effects and citizen protest against the New Brunswick government and the National Research Council. Premier Hatfield said a committee would assess the effectiveness of the spray program but health hazards would not be considered. In 1970, Dr. Cooper, an advocate of chemical spraying and managing director of Cyanamid of Canada - the company manufacturing fenitrothion was chosen to head a committee set up by the National Research Council to measure pesticides within the human and physical environment. This was at a time when fenitrothion was neither registered in Canada or the U.S. but was being sprayed in N.B. There are reports on government cut-backs and centralization of schools and hospitals; the formation of the Rusty Ford owners' Association of New Brunswick which plan court actions on behalf of its 1200 members. The editorials express a policy that attempts to give people a say in determining their society by encouraging them to speak out. There are a series of articles about ordinary working people, their lives, views and hopes. There is a good report on female alcoholics in Fredericton. One page is devoted to reproducing sections from Butler's Journal: a controversial publication that came out of Fredericton from 1889-1914.



"I HAVE TO WEIGH ECONOMICS AGAINST
THE SICKNESS AND DEATH OF CHILDREN."

Mr. R. E. Hanusiak, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources at a meeting with the Fredericton area clergy, Wednesday morning, May 26, 1976.

CISS Prairie Star - "Edmonton's Alternative Newspaper", Prairie Star Press Graphix and Typesetting - publisher. June 1976. 12 pages. Published twice monthly Subscription rates: 12 issues for \$3:00, c/o Prairie Star, 10737 - 95 st, Edmonton, Alberta.

This newspaper takes a pro-labour

events and issues of Canadian society. In this edition articles included: a report on
the Canadian Labour Congress' "lith Parliament of Labour"; and an account of the firing
of Sudbury Star reporter Wendy Jackson for her "anti-business, pro-labour bias";
The Berger Inquiry's hearing in Edmonton; a critique of multinational corporations. A
general wrap-up of Canadian labour news, a book review and poetry section are also
included.

CISS Grassroots Press, A coast cooperative paper from Powell River, P.C. May/June 130 1976. 16 pages, Published six times yearly. Subscription rate: \$3:00/yr.

This local community newspaper covers both local and national issues and events.

In this issue, it urges Canadians to pressure the Federal government to grant sanctuary to Leonard Pelletier, an american Indian accused of murder in the States, because he is being persecuted for his political ideals. The paper's editorial makes a hard-hitting critique of the Pennett government and concludes: "Their credo seems to be to take from the poor and give to the rich." The other short articles are generally a critique of various aspects of our society - our sense of alienation, the role of housewifes in our socio-economic system, the politics of daycare and the need for prison reform.

# WOMEN/NATIVE PROPLE/PRISONERS

CISS Vancouver Status of Women, 2029 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., V6J1N3.

6 pages, free.

This brochure describes the inner workings of the Vancouver Status of Women organized in 1971 with the chief objective of bringing about changes in legislation and attitude regarding women in our society. VSW supports women's rights in such areas as education, poverty, child care, family planning and counselling, political activity and salary and job opportunity. In addition to a description of the inner workings of VSW, the brochure also includes a list of resources available from VSW, and a "what you can do" section to improve social attitudes toward women at home, at work, in the community and through various VSW membership activities.

CISS Kinesis, Vancouver Status of Momen, 2029 W. 4th Avenue., Vancouver, B.C., Vol. 5, Mo. 56, June 1976, 24 pages, annual subscription \$5:00/yr; institutional \$10:00/yr.

This VSW newsletter is published monthly; its objective is to provide an open channel of communication between the members of the organization and to provide information for interested individuals, groups and members of the government and media in order to promote understanding about the changing role of women in society. The June issue contains a host of articles which approach the question of women's rights from various perspectives — one article entitled "The Poverty Trap" explodes a number of the myths about the poverty situation in Canada and indicates how women as a group are one of the chief victims of this poverty trap.

Also contained in the issue is a calendar of coming VSW events, a book review, "news", "letter lobby" and "resources" section.

O.M.I. in cooperation with the Dene of the MacKenzie District and the Indian Brotherhood of the N.W.T. Released June 1976. Order from Rene Fumoleau, Box 488, Yellowknife, M.W.T., YOELHO. Tel: (403) 873-5681, \$265:00.

An old Dene Indian of the MacKenzie District, N.V.T. reflects on his land, his people and his values. Two years of comments, advice and suggestions by Northern people on a previous slide show by Father Fumoleau led to the production of this film. He has also published the book: As Long as this Land Shall Last, a history of the Indian Treaties no. 3 (1899) and no. 11 (1921).

Non-Status Indians - publisher: March/April 1976. 12 pages. Printed every second month. Subscription to: DCANSI, 1099 W. 8th, Vancouver, B.C. Donation requested for subscription.

This journal's primary purpose is to present the Indian Land Claims issue from an Indian perspective with the intent of raising the political consciousness and the level of political activity of the E.C. Mon-Status Indians. Articles included: a profile of Digby Hunt, assistant deputy minister responsible for Morthern Development in D.I.A.M.D., just assigned to represent the Federal Government's case in the land claims issue. The editorial concludes, "We doubt that the government could have made a dumber, less sympathetic appointment". The views of two local Indian leaders on the question of land claims is included, as is the historical background to and the present state of negotiations of the Dene and Inuit Land Claims; first of a two part biography of the life of Andy Paul, leader of the B.C. Land Claims Movement for the past 40 years. Other articles include a brief survey of local Indian affairs, Mercury Poisoning in D.C., and a statement of support and solidarity for the jailed leader of the native people in Paraguay.

CISS Kainai News, "Canada's Leading Indian Newspaper". Indian News Media, Owners and publishers. Published for Indians and non-Indians on the 10th and 15th of every month. May 31, 1976. 16 pages. Subscription rates: Canada: \$5:00 / yr. or 35¢/ copy. c/o Indian News Media, Pox 58, Standoff, Alberta.

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This provincial Indian newspaper deals primarily with local issues and events touching briefly on the national Indian scene. Iocal news predominates - District News, Woman's page and a large sports section (7 pages). Coverage of national concerns included a short summary of the Perger Inquiry's Calgary stop and a lengthy report and editorial on the suicide of Nelson Small Legs Jr.

CISS P.A.C.I.F.I.C. Advocate; Pacific Association of Communication in Friendship Indian Centres - publisher. April, 1976, 8 pages. Printed monthly.

"This publication is intended for the use and pleasure of all people in the Friendship Centre Movement". Mailing address: 3-946 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C.

This E.C. Indian publication is politically oriented. In this issue, it tries to articulate the Indian position on Aboriginal Right and Land Claims in P.C. and nationally. It does this by publishing the STALO DECLARATION which outlines the basis for negotiation of Native Title and Aboriginal Rights with the Tederal and Provincial goernments. In essence, this Declaration argues for recognition not settlement or termination of their land claims. Another article is on Yvonne Manrow, and American Indian heroine and leader in AIM, presently appealing a murder sentence. Provincially this publication keeps the various Friendship Centres informed about one another and tries to keep the native peoples informed about various government programmes that may be of particular benefit to them, such as the establishment of a Legal Services Commission, and the hiring of "Native Employment Specialists" by Manpower and Immigration.

Dear Hills Native Voice, a publication of the Four Bands of Fobbena.

June 1,1976. 8 pages. Printed bi-monthly. Subscription rate: \$3:00/yr.

Subscription to: The Bear Fills Native Voice, Box 279, Fobbena, Alberta.

This publication covers the area of politics, sports and recreation, agriculture and cultural events of this Indian community. The political issues covered in this issue were the suicide of Melson Small Legs Jr., education, and the appointment of a local native leader to the office of Special Assistant to the provincial Minister of Mative Secretariat and Morthern Development without Portfolio.

CISS The Saskatchewan Indian. Published by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians. May, 1976. 58 pages. Printed monthly. Subscription rate: \$5:00/yr. (free for Sask. Indians). Subscription to: The Saskatchewan Indian, 1114 Central Ave., Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

This publiscation "is intended as an effective vehicle for Indian opinion in this province". It is divided into six sections. Lhe "News" section covers the provincial Indian scene: elections, conferences, employment, agricultural and housing problems etc. Political issues were also discussed: violations of Indian Treaties, suicide of Melson Small Legs Jr., "Are the R.C.M.P. Above the Law?" The five other sections are devoted to Education, Children, People, Fealth and Sports.

CISS Rap About Prisoners, United Prisoners' Rights Movement, #301 - 119 W.
Pender, Vancouver, B.C., tel: 685-6911. Write or phone for details.

The United Prisoners' Rights Movement (UPFN) represents people both inside and outside the prison system who are trying to build structures to ensure that prisoners get reasonable treatment in Canadian penal institutions. Its two-fold goals are: to provide support to prisoners in their efforts to organize themselves and to educate the public as to the real conditions under which prisoners live. "Rap About Prisoners" is the exchange medium for the inmates.

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