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- 5) description of models moving toward action
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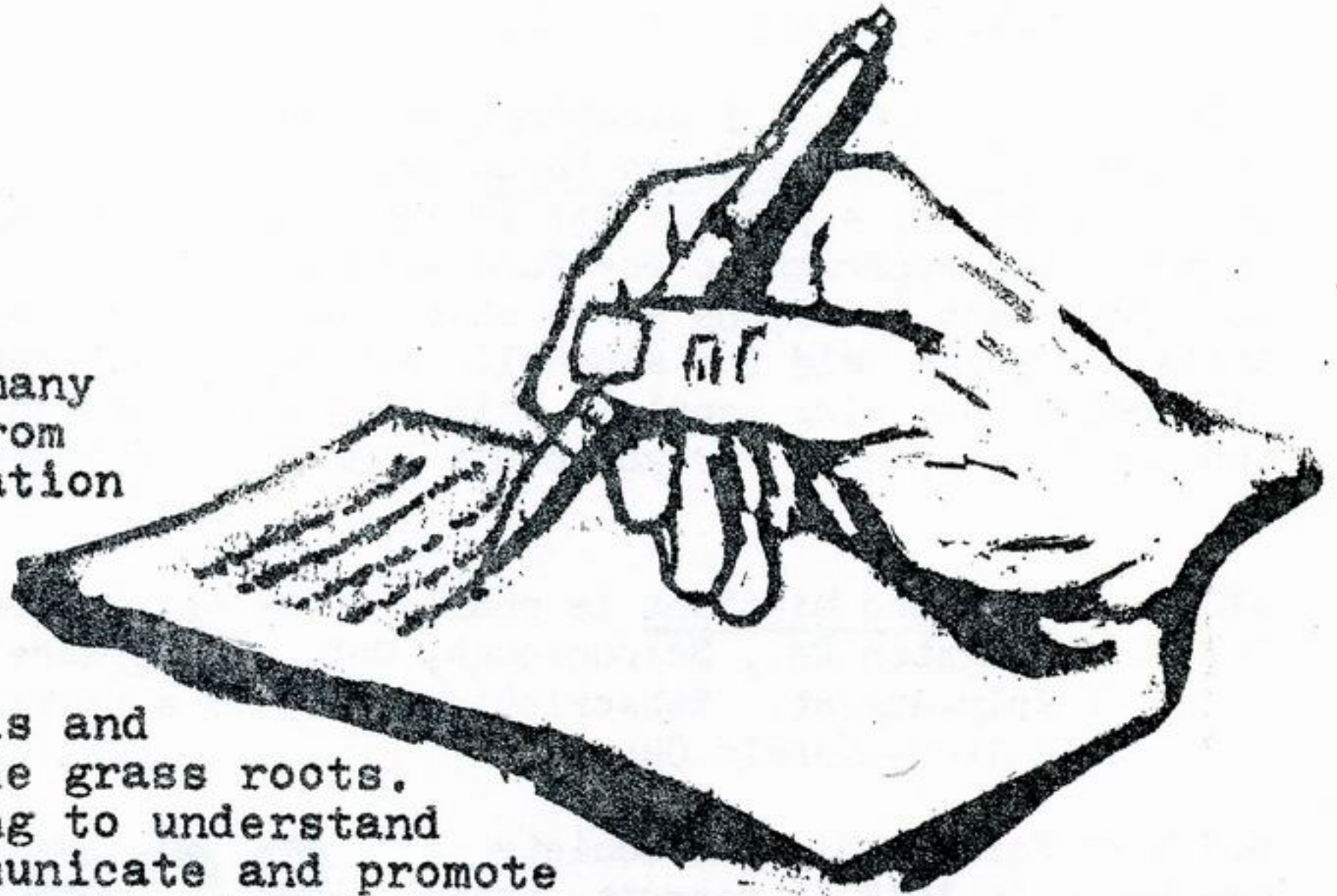
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Dear Friends,

We have been receiving many replies to our questionnaire from readers of the Canadian Information Sharing Service. These responses indicate that readers find CISS useful as an education resource about Canadian issues, regional trends and action for social justice at the grass roots. Some who responded are beginning to understand and use CISS as a forum to communicate and promote their own concerns and approaches to social change.



Of major interest to many are the activities of multinational corporations in Canada and Canadian corporate influence internationally. In each issue we have included such materials, but to understand and control these giants will require more research, analysis and action. If you know of or are producing materials related to corporate activity please let us know. Perhaps in time this could be compiled to make a valuable "Canadian Corporate Action Guide."

There are many other areas which our readers are interested in. These include prisoners' rights, native land claims, women's issues, worker movements and community organizing related to tenant, poverty and ethnic concerns. By focusing on the questions of land use, resource development, manufacturing and capital formation we hope to deepen our understanding of how the economic sectors shape our Canadian society. We want to understand the role of the State, its influence in these areas and to see more clearly the interests it represents.

If you have any comments or ideas that would help us improve this process please write us. We hope you find this fourth issue of CISS helpful.

Jim Morin (for CISS)



## CANADA - INTERNATIONAL

CISS 140 Is World Hunger our Responsibility?: ed. Mary Cox. 25 pages, \$.35 each or 3 for \$1.00. Published by B.C. Voice of Women. Available from Mary Cox R.R. 1, Fanny Bay, B.C.

This is a collection of excellent articles from American and Canadian publications, including WIN, the Canadian Forum and GATT-Fly, discussing how we cause world hunger; what we must do; a program for action; reflections on the World Food Conference; a decentralist approach to the food crisis, and aid to other countries. The editor asks some pertinent questions as to what choices we can make; explodes some myths about meat; tells the price paid for alcoholic beverages in terms of foodstuffs which could feed millions of starving people. This book was compiled for everyone with a conscience, or who may develop one. Or you could send it to a "friend in need".

CISS 141 Scarboro Missions is published by the Scarboro Foreign Mission Society, 2685 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, Ont. It appears monthly, September to June, bi-monthly July-August. Subscriptions: \$3.00 a year; \$5.00 for two years and \$50.00 for life. Editor--Gerald Curry.

Scarboro Foreign Mission Society was begun in 1918 to recruit, train send and support Roman Catholic missionaries in areas overseas.

The Society has about 140 members in missions located in the Bahamas, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Japan, Philippines, St. Vincent and St. Lucia, West Indies.

The October issue of their magazine is devoted to these men's critical analysis of the social and political movements both in Canada and abroad. They begin with a comparison of Canada and the world in crucial areas such as: inflation, the rich/poor gap, regional disparity, agriculture, unemployment, land and housing cost, Native People's rights, natural resource control and environment. An historical overview shows how major political and economic forces have shaped our reality from colonial days to the present. This history is retold from the point of view of the people who were colonized instead of the point of view of the empire builders. They judge that the power once exercised by colonial masters ruling through local representatives, now is exercised through transnational corporations in league with local elites. Other articles identify activities groups and movements which are presently acting as forces of hope both in Canada and internationally. The elements contained in the Charter for a New International Economic Order are identified as one of these signs of hope. Attention is brought to the fact that these points are also expressed as themes in papal, social teachings. The conclusion stresses Christian responsibility to participate in these processes for change.

CISS 142 Banking on Apartheid: Available free from denominational headquarters of the major Canadian churches, or from Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility, 600 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont.

This folder, written by the Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility (a coalition of Canadian churches which addresses questions of corporate social responsibility) states the case against further Canadian bank loans to the government of South Africa. It is designed as a hand-out for the general public, and church-people in particular. The major implications of apartheid for black South Africans are set out in points. Action steps for persons wanting to resist further bank loans to the South African government are

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indicated; addresses of the five chartered banks already involved in loans to the South African government are given.

CISS      Commodity Notes No. 2, Sept. 28, 1976, 6 pages, available from GATT-Fly, 600  
143      Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2J6, tel: (416)921-4615.

This issue seeks to educate by bringing its readers up to date on international commodities such as bauxite, cocoa, coffee, sugar, tin and copper. It reflects Gatt-Fly's continuing effort to monitor the commodity markets with their many fluctuations and complexities. Presently, Gatt-Fly is exploring ways in which the sugar workers' interests can be highlighted and taken into account by a new International Sugar Agreement. The Notes cite Bolivia as the strongest advocate in the International Tin Council of a better deal for producing countries. At the same time, the Notes pose the question of reforms which go no further than the just distribution of wealth among nations when individual countries, for example, The Brazilian military government, deny the rights of their tin miners to strike for better wages.

CISS      The Dark Side of "The Light": Brascan in Brazil. A report prepared for the  
144      Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility by the Latin American  
Working Group. 1976, 12 pages. Address: 600 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2J6

BRASCAN Ltd. is typical of a relatively small number of transnational corporations (TNC's) which dominate more and more of the world's economy. The corporation--Canada's sixth largest according to assets and tenth most profitable--oversees \$2 billion worth of assets invested in a wide range of businesses, producing everything from electricity to candies to beer. Untypically for a TNC of its size, BRASCAN has the bulk of its assets located in one nation: Brazil. There, BRASCAN, owns the country's single largest private corporation, Light Servicos, and manages a conglomerate valued at \$1.685 billion. Throughout the company's development and growth, BRASCAN has been dominated by one main and outstanding motivation: the maximization of profit. It omits a concern for the social and economic impact of its industries and of the military government which it so assiduously supports. This short report attempts to delve into and evaluate the impact of BRASCAN Ltd. in Brazil as well as that of the economic system which the company promotes.

#### CANADIAN - ANALYSIS

CISS      Missionary Involvement and Catholics in Canada. National Missionary Council,  
145      2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, Ont. M1M 1M3 tel: (416)266-6841. Foldout.  
\$.25 each.

Early in 1976 the Catholic National missionary Council consulted Catholics from across Canada with regard to mission involvement. They were asked about their missionary activities, opinions, plans and suggestions regarding the missionary apostolate at home and abroad. This folder was prepared to report on this survey and to offer practical guidelines to missionary action. It also gives a summary of Pope Paul's message on evangelization.

CISS      From Words to Action, 1976 Labour Day Message of the Canadian Catholic Conference  
146      of Bishops, Ottawa. Canadian Catholic Conference, Publication Service. 90  
Parent St., Ottawa, Ont. K1N 7B1. A four page pamphlet free or in bulk quantity  
at \$.03 per copy.



In recent years, the Canadian Catholic bishops have focussed public attention on major social issues such as world hunger and northern development in their annual Labour Day Message. This year, the bishops' message is not focussed on a specific social issue. Instead the message concentrates on some of the basic elements in the Gospel of Justice. In particular, the bishops' message stresses: "Clearly, the gospel calls us to become new men and women in the service of others. It also calls us to a conversion of attitudes leading to a change of those structures that cause human suffering. And this conversion requires all of us to see the reality of everyday life in a new light: from the perspective of Jesus Christ and his concern for the poor and oppressed." The bishops go on to provide the grounds for giving witness to the Gospel of Justice through social and political action. Six steps of Christian Praxis are identified in the message. And a set of probing questions for study and action are provided for parish and community groups.

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147      Corporate Concentration and the Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility. Address: 600 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont. Available for \$.50 from the denominational headquarters of the major Canadian churches or from TCCR.

A submission to the Royal Commission on Corporate Concentration by the Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility, February 16, 1976. This 43-page booklet condenses for popular distribution, the Brief presented to the Bryce Commission by TCCR, which represents a coalition of Canadian churches and associated groups which have come together to address themselves to questions of corporate social responsibility. In the Brief, TCCR focused on the social impact of major corporate concentration in Canada and abroad and based its comments on its own work experience in this area. The TCCR Brief was a unique experience for the Bryce Commission which had dealt almost exclusively with briefs from the corporate sector. In the Brief, TCCR recognized that the economic activities of man are essential to the maintenance and enrichment of life. However, the major corporate powers of Canada are not immune from ethical and social responsibilities. Three major recommendations arose: the need for an extension of shareholder rights, the need for greater right of access to corporate information and the need for a review board to oversee the impact of major concentrations of corporate power. An appendix presents seven case studies arising from the work of TCCR. Owing to the great demand for the Brief, TCCR has published it in booklet form. In this form it is designed for academics, activists and interested church-people.

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148      Annual Report, Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility 1975-76 Available for \$.10 from the denominational headquarters of the major Canadian churches, or from the Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility, 600 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont.

This 30-page Report presents an introduction to the work of the Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility. An account is given of the issues and corporations which are of current concern to TCCR. Pages 1-10 chart these concerns and indicate the actions which have been taken, as well as possible future action. An overview of the work of TCCR can be had from these charts, and action models and linkages for groups working with questions of corporate social responsibility. Pages 10-30 spell out the condensed information of the charts, with a history of the issue and the action. This Report is a reference item for church-people and for those working in social research and action.

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149      Poverty in Wealth by Leo A. Johnson. New Hogtown Press, 12 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto, Toronto, 1974. \$1.25, 35 pages.



Johnson criticizes research into poverty in Canada which studies the individual characteristics of the poor, rather than the underlying economic structure of the capitalist labour market. He attempts to correct this deficiency through the analysis of no less than 24 tables, mainly based on government statistics. Among his conclusions: The rich are getting richer, the poor are getting transfer payments (and poorer). An increasing proportion of low-income earners are finding their real incomes declining. Welfare and minimum wage programmes have failed to raise standards of living among the poor to the so-called poverty line level. The Canadian taxation system is brutally regressive against the lowest income recipients.

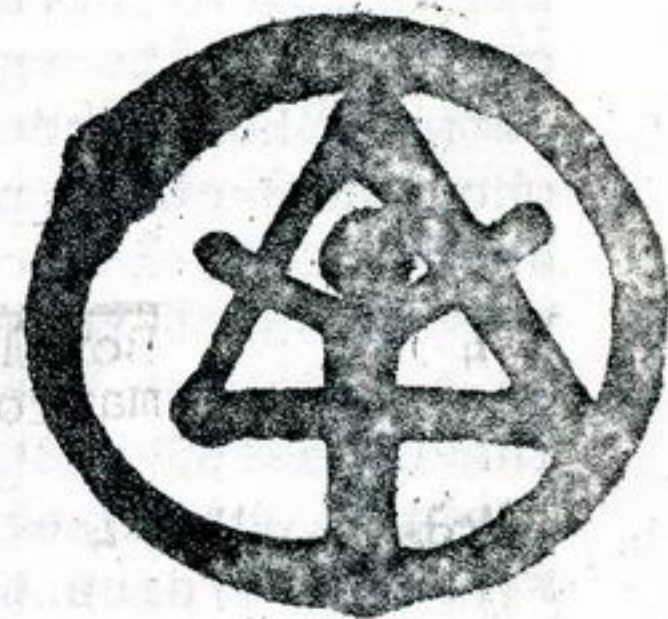
CISS 150      Community Congress for Economic Change: Credit Union. 125 E. 8th Ave.,  
Vancouver, B.C. (876-0910) 18 pp.

This booklet clearly and simply gives the why and wherefore of the above credit union. It gives particular stories of the financial binds that individuals and community groups get into and how the credit union can free people from these binds. It answers several common questions about credit unions and gives two inspiring success stories of Caisse d'Economie des Travailleurs Reunis in Quebec, and the Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Credit Union in Saskatoon. Three appendices give: (i) a detailed accounting of the financial gain that would come to members of a credit union which invests money in goods and services needed by the community members; (ii) the Act and Constitution of CCEC, and (iii) a list of current (April 24/75) CCEC member group.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

CISS 151      Final Report of the Canadian Non-Governmental Participation Group (CNGPG) for Habitat. Available from Habitat Participation, 63 Sparks St., Ottawa. K1P 5A6. Printed in both English and French. 26 pages, August 1976.

This report reviews the history and formation of the CNGPG for Habitat. It deals with how they dealt with their role as the monitoring team and how the programme functioned during Habitat. It also includes recommendations they made. The team reports that Habitat was a government conference which most Canadians could not attend and knew little about. They said that the media lacked interest in Habitat and the tendency was to publicize an event rather than a process. The monitoring team judged the government information program as concentrating nearly exclusively on the United Nations Conference rather than on the situation of those who have settlement problems across Canada. They recommended that a programme to inform must therefore be directly related to processes that involve. The report stresses that the public continues to fail to participate in areas of the private sector where major decisions affecting our human settlements and lifestyle are made. The team also said the Canadian government delegation lacked clear policy directions which hampered it in responding positively to recommendations made by NGO's. In regard to the programme for International Co-operation, NGO's were never given access to the Canadian Government position. A cloak of secrecy carried on through Habitat. The team was not satisfied with the final resolution which covered profits from private land speculation. Concerning the right to housing, Barney Danson, Minister of State for Urban Affairs differed with the NGO assessment of the seriousness of the situation. The NGO's saw the situation as being so critical that it should be considered a social utility. Danson believes that the present system, where housing is left largely in private hands, works quite well.





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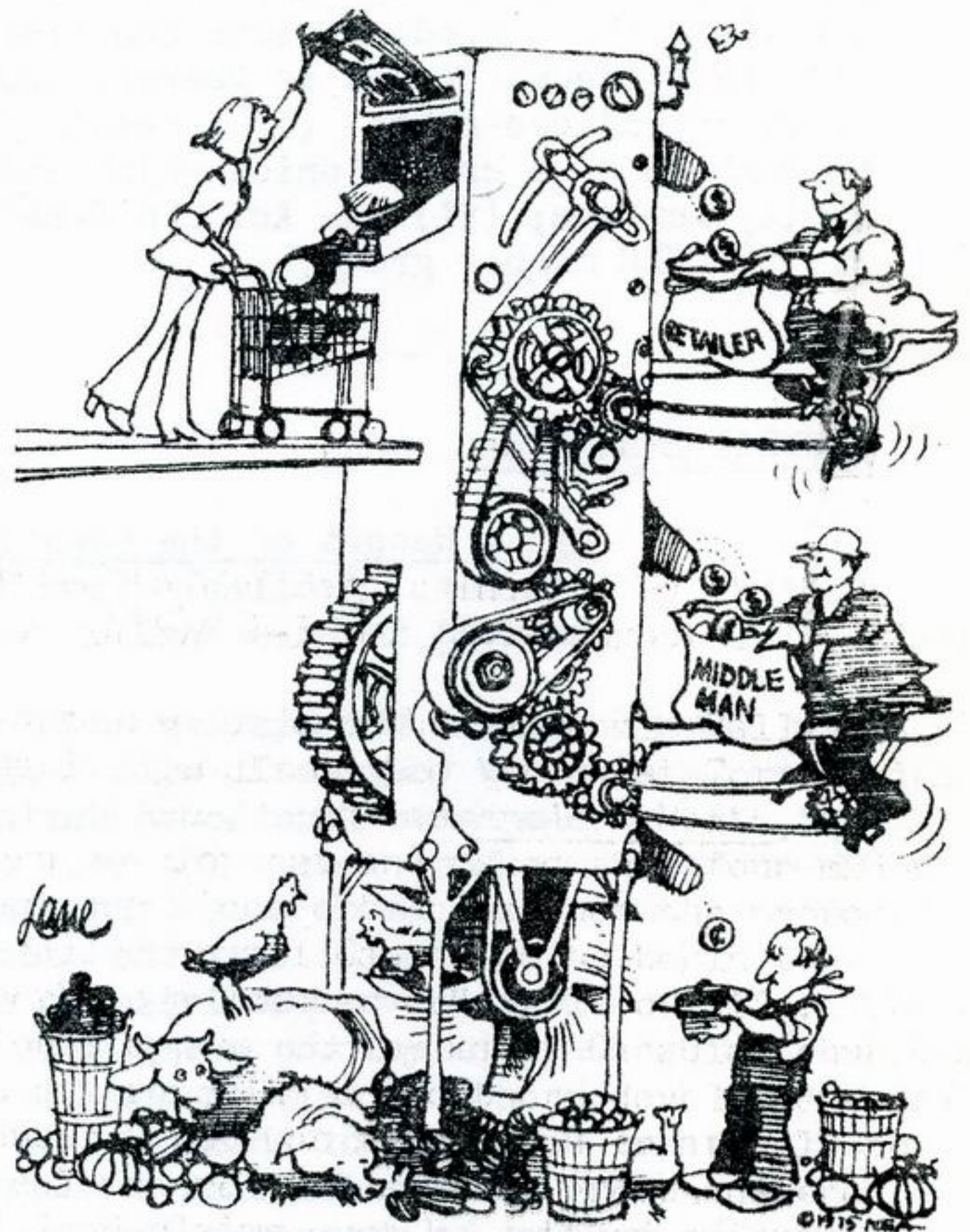
A Call For A Moratorium. A brief submitted to the Berger Inquiry by PROJECT NORTH. 154 Glenrose Ave., Toronto, Ont. (416)481-3574. July-August 1976, 21 pp.

Four of Canada's major Christian churches recently appeared before the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry and pledged their support of the Native people of the Northwest Territories in their struggle for a just settlement of their land claims. Known as Project North, the interchurch group called for a moratorium on Northern development and asked that four major conditions be met before the Federal government grant any license to construct the proposed pipeline. In their brief to the inquiry they also called on all Canadians to begin to examine their life styles and change from a "consumer" to a "conservative" style of life. The presentation by Project North marked the first national appearance by major Canadian churches before the Berger Inquiry. The brief stressed that a moratorium on Northern development was not a delaying tactic to obstruct government or industry, but was to be used creatively to find answers to major questions of a moral and ethical nature that so far were unanswered. Above all, the four national churches declared that land claims must be settled before any pipeline or other energy projects proceed in the North West Territories.

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Land Use, available from the United Church of Canada, Division of Mission Research and Resources On Social Issues. Attention: John Foster. 85 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, Ont. M4T 1M8. Four page tabloid format. Fall 1976. First 100 copies free. Each additional copy \$.03 each.

This is issue 13 of a series which critically examine social concerns in a way designed to strengthen discussion and action. In this "Land Use" issue, the theme is protecting the future. It begins by showing how land is classified according to its agricultural capabilities and how competition increases land prices and shapes ownership patterns. A distinction is drawn between how land is treated as a market commodity when subject to profit, rather than being valued as a resource whose use should be determined by the needs of people. An examination of the factors which escalate costs show how this influences trends towards rural depopulation and corporate concentration. It is revealing to find out that agribusiness monopolies tend to be less efficient and more costly for food production. The impact of foreign capital and ownership are examined. Provincial land use and ownership legislation is outlined and detailed case studies show the different approaches by Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and Ontario in their attempts to protect agricultural land. There is a list of resources for further studies and a list of recommendations outlining what concerned people can do.



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Politics of Transportation, produced by the Institute for Saskatchewan Studies, Box 1462, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. 12 page tabloid. Write for further information.



The Institute of Saskatchewan Studies was organized in 1971 as an independent group to provide continuing political education through seminars and subsequent newsletters. This newsletter reports on three seminars held in Regina, Saskatoon and Weyburn in 1975. It contains articles on the role of transportation in Saskatchewan society, transportation modes and planning, transportation of the handicapped, a comprehensive transportation plan and transportation of grain. In the area of grain transportation, five critical events are identified as an ominous pattern. These are: 1) the large American-based grain companies, Cargill's and Continental, are moving into the Canadian scene; 2) the federal government has proposed the abandonment of the Crow's Nest freight rate; 3) the federal freeze on rail line abandonment is scheduled to be lifted within the year; 4) the provincial government has increased the load limits for truckers on provincial highways; 5) attempts to establish large inland grain terminals are occurring at several centres in the province.

## ECOLOGY

CISS      Clear Hamilton of Pollution (CHOP)--monthly Newsletter available at #612 -  
155      42 James St. North, Hamilton, Ont. Cost unknown. 7 pp.

The 7-page August 1976 publication addresses itself to Canadian citizens interested in environmental pollution control not only in Hamilton city proper ("Air Pollution in Hamilton"), but also in northern Ontario ("British Reed Paper Company Moves On--Again") and in the so-called free open water areas of the seas ("The Law of the Sea: or Another Case of the Rich Getting Richer?")

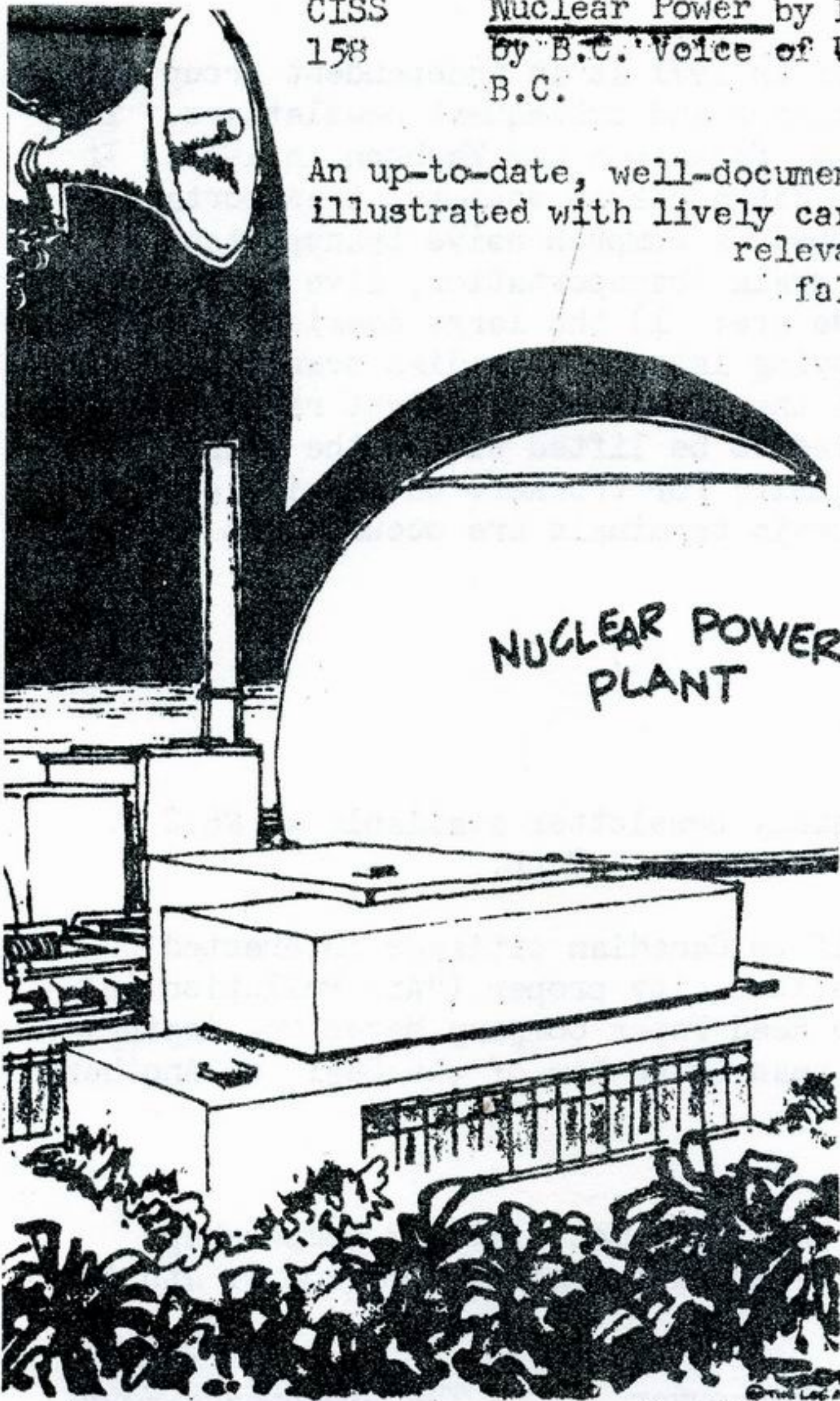
CISS      Greenpeace Chronicles. Information, promotional material and membership  
156      application can be obtained by writing Greenpeace Chronicles, 2108 W. 4th Ave.  
Vancouver, B.C.

This is a twice yearly newspaper originating out of Vancouver, B.C. The Greenpeace Foundation is well known for its concern with balanced ecosystems and its members have been recently active in campaigns to "Save the Seals" and arrest the production of plutonium resulting from nuclear reactor development. One interesting article in the Spring/Summer issue (1976) expounds on the three laws of ecology--namely, interdependence of all life forms, stability through species diversity and the finiteness of resources, limiting the growth of all living systems. Other specific concerns of Greenpeace include mercury poisoning of Native Peoples and off-shore oil drilling.

CISS      Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility Newsletter. August 1976. Write  
157      Ann Rajan at 1754 Cedar Ave., Apt. 9, Montreal, P.Q. tel: (514)935-5161 for  
details.

This 16 page newsletter gives a report of important events across Canada and internationally on concerns related to nuclear energy. It also looks at alternatives of energy conservation and renewable energy sources. In this issue there is a report on Habitat and the importance of the nuclear energy issue at the conference. The body of the newsletter has provincial and regional reports of the C.C.N.R.'s ongoing organizing, lobbying and education work. The C.C.N.R. sees itself as a vehicle through which the public voice can be heard in matters of energy policy in Canada. Included are reviews of materials related to these issues.





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Nuclear Power by Lille d'Easum, 1976. 50 pages, \$1.00. Published by B.C. Voice of Women. Available from Mary Cox, R.R. 1, Fanny Bay, B.C.

An up-to-date, well-documented account of the nuclear industry in Canada, illustrated with lively cartoons; informative, but easy reading. It asks relevant questions: "Is the nuclear establishment falling apart?"; "Is the CANDU so safe?"; "How is the CANDU different?"; "Should Canada be involved in a continental energy policy?"; and "Should Canada export nuclear technology?" The author discusses the hazards of the mining and refining of uranium, of low-level radiation emissions, "management" of high-level radiocative wastes, thermal pollution, accident probability and human fallibility. She discusses also the economics of nuclear power and whether it produces net energy or may be the cause of an energy crisis. She describes the growing world-wide controversy over the nuclear industry and some of the movements involved and concludes by listing some alternatives and asserting that "We must decide".

*'In case of emergency, repeat after me: Our Father ...'*

## LABOR

CISS 159 A Case Study on the Interaction of Immigrant-Canadians in Their Work and the Influence of this Interaction on the Resocialization of the Immigrant. Ecumenical Forum of Canada, 14 Pages, Summer 1976, \$.50. Ecumenical Forum of Canada, 11 Madison Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5R 2S2

This occasional paper of the Ecumenical Forum of Canada is by Harry Diaz, former lecturer in Sociology at the Catholic University of Chile in Santiago. An occasional paper of the Forum is the product of original research done by persons related to the Forum on a subject related to the activity or main concern they might have at a given moment. They run from theological reflections to sociological analysis on a given item. The paper of Mr. Diaz is a sociological analysis done from the perspective of participant observation and it is a first-hand account by a perceptive researcher on the situation in which he is working today as a member of the working class in Canada.

CISS 160 Wages for Housework Video Tapes. All programmes available for rental or purchase on half-inch Sony video tapes. Purchase price, per programme: \$200. Rental rates



per programme: previewing: \$10 & postage—one week; showing: \$30—one week or \$50—two weeks. Allow three weeks for shipping. For video tapes, speakers and literature, write: Toronto Wages for Housework Committee, Box 38, Station E, Toronto, Ontario, tel: (416)466-7457.

The debate on whether women should be paid for housework exploded in 1971. Since that time the perspective of Wages for Housework has been debated and extensively discussed. The following video tapes record the development of this current within the women's movement. (1) A basic introduction to the perspective of Wages for Housework, the analysis of women as unwaged workers, wagelessness as the source of powerlessness. Taped April 1973 at the University of Toronto, 45 min. (2) Opening speech to the Montreal Feminist Symposium introducing the Wages for Housework perspective to an audience of 800 women. Birth of the Wages for Housework Campaign in Canada. June 1973. 45 min. (3) "Women Speak Out". May Day Rally, Toronto, 1975. Women speak from their different situations—welfare mother, full-time housewife, lesbian, office worker—about why they want Wages for Housework. Songs and music. 30 min. (4) "May Day '76: Hands Off the Family Allowance", Toronto. A "mobile rally" which stopped at three locations including an immigrant shopping centre and a government housing project. This programme shows excerpts from the speeches, songs, puppet show and "roving microphone". The theme of the rally this year was the Protest against the freeze in the Family Allowance and the Campaign for Wages for Housework for all women. 30 min.

CISS 161 Labour's Day of Protest—The Issues and the Press, by the Canadian News Synthesis Project, Box 6300, Station A, Toronto, Ont. 4 pages. Oct. 76. \$.15 each plus postage. \$2.00 for 25.

This issue sheet examines the biases of the Canadian press in its coverage of the Oct 14th national Day of Protest against wage and price control policies. The report shows how press opinion allies itself with the views of the corporate elite and without further analysis, denounces the protest as illegal and anti-democratic. The business and government position is one of redistributing income from wages to profits in order to meet Canada's future investment needs. However, the analysis of information provided in the press itself on corporate financial activity shows that controls have done little to curb price and profit increases or to keep investment capital in Canada. The report places the wage question as secondary to the moral and political issues of using legislation to control labors' democratic rights to collective bargaining and protest. It concludes by arguing that the Day of Protest is a logical step, an historic event which expresses genuine feelings of concern and injustice. Charts included show the interlocking interests between the press and business and the profit increases of Canadian companies for 1976.



The death of collective bargaining.



CISS 162 "Vie Ouvriere" (Worker's life) describes itself as being "at the service of radical Christians of the working world". Available from: 1201 rue Visitation, Montreal, Quebec N2L 3P5. \$8.00 per year. Vol. 26, #107, Aug-Sept. 1976 65 pages.

"Vie Ouvriere" is put out by an editorial collective of seven people with the collaboration of Young Christian Workers, the Movement of Christian Workers, and the Pastoral Centre of the Workers' milieu. The Aug-Sept. '76 issue included articles such as: "The Problems of Workers' Legislation"; "Health and Safety at Work"; "Special Laws for Work Conflicts"; "Should the Laws be Respected?"; "Workers' Opposition in Brazil." There is a clear attempt at a depth of analysis as well as an honest struggle to "situate" (as les Quebecois like to put it) this analysis within a deepened understanding of the Gospel of justice in the worker's life.

#### URBAN CORE

CISS 163 Downtown Action, published by Downtown Action, a non-profit community research corporation. August, 1976. 24 pages. Subscription rates: Individual membership \$10, institutional membership \$25. Mail to Downtown Action, 165 Spadina Ave. Suite 26, Toronto, Ont.

This monthly magazine attempts to provide a critical analysis of issues and events affecting the direction and quality of life in Metro Toronto. The editorial argues that the central issue of the upcoming election is the further concentration of power in Metro Council as proposed by a provincial amendment to the Metropolitan Toronto Act. It encourages the Reform Caucus to fight against the further centralization of power. Other articles in this issue are: Black Money in the Humber Bank; Some Background on the Unity Bank; Bureaucracy and the Taxpayer; Hydro Block--Success, Failure? or Compromise?; The American Urban Industrial Complex.

CISS 164 Habitat and Urban Core Issues: Report and Impressions, by Larry Peterson. Oct. 19, 1976, 4 pages, no charge. Available from Urban Core Support Network, 147 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ont.

This is a brief report on the participation of Urban Core Support Network staff in the May 27 to June 11, 1976 United Nations Habitat Forum. It is addressed to the participants in the U.C.S.N. The staff person worked with a group of 200 delegates of the World Council of Churches, Urban-Industrial Mission. The report comments on a major theme of the World Council group--squatters, land and powerlessness. It describes the importance of land tenure issues in the "Third world" as well as in Canada. The author then reflects on some implications of these issues for change efforts with marginalized people in the Canadian urban core.

CISS 165 Report on the Assemble Generale de U.C.S.N. au Montreal of May 4,5,6, 1976, edited by Larry Peterson, August 27, 1976. 34 pages. No charge. Available from Urban Core Support Network, 147 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ont.

This is a report of a workshop involving 45 people from across Canada. It was the third such event designed to aid individual involved in change efforts in urban core areas (that includes Skid Row) to share information, give support and increase their understanding and skills. The report describes and evaluates the design of the workshop as well as documenting change efforts in a variety of cities. The Montreal situation and programs were the focus of much of the workshop including concerns for the lack of detoxi-



fication centres, store front community organizing efforts, lack of services for ex-mental patients and employment banks. Other efforts, outside of Montreal were also briefly examined including Toronto change efforts, non-'rip off' tax services in Edmonton, federal employment issues. Also included in the report is some further reflection on the factors perpetuating these problems and "Skid Row" in general. The factors are broken down into three categories: personal (worker, residents), service system and socio-economic system.



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A Look at Skid Row 1976--Where is it Going?, a final report to the Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate, submitted by Woodgreen Community Centre and prepared by Susan Burkholder of George Brown College. Available through Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ont. M4M 1K9

As housing use has changed in the past few years in downtown Toronto, there had been speculation that the skid row population was moving eastward into the Riverdale area. The purpose of this study was to document this hypothesis. The conclusion was that in fact this not happening but that there is a significant number of "skid-row-prone" persons living in the area. A Skid Row person was defined as one who possessed six of ten characteristics outlined by the investigator. A skid row prone person would possess three to five of these. To carry out the investigation an agency and a street survey was used over a period of eighteen weeks. It concludes with three recommendations centering around further research and planning.

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Welfare Practices and Civil Liberties published by the Canadian Civil Liberties Education Trust, Spring 1976. Available from the Canadian Civil Liberties Assoc. \$2.50 each. 229 Yonge St., suite 403, Toronto, Ont. M5B 1K9, tel: (416)363-0321

This publication is based on a two-year survey of a thousand welfare recipients and a score of welfare administrators across Canada (Halifax, Fredericton, Toronto, Hamilton, Regina, etc.). It identifies a number of serious problems. Deserted wives complained that in order to get welfare they were being forced against their own will to sue their husbands, in some cases shattering completely any hope of restoring their broken families. Other recipients complained that the welfare authorities were conducting surveillance into their intimate cohabitation arrangements. Homes were visited without advance appointments and inspections were conducted without asking permission. The publication precipitated a wave of headline news stories, radio and television appearances.

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Resources--"Awareness towards Action", Youth Corps, 56 Bond St., Toronto, Ont. M5B 1X2. Cost unknown. 16 pages.

One of the significant directions of Youth Corps is to lead young people to become a people of action, responding to needs, questioning their causes and seeking social justice. This booklet aids parish Youth Corps groups to become aware by providing information re: resource and referral persons, available talks, films and slide-tapes in 19 possible areas. These areas include Alcoholism, the Blind, the Deaf, the Mentally Retarded, the Physically Handicapped and Big Brothers and Sisters. Additional information is





~~provided for arranging a group experience in the home or institution, for planning a project or for beginning a volunteer program. Whatever the method used to deepen the awareness, the importance of reflection cannot be minimized.~~

## JURIDICAL

CISS 169 Vancouver People's Law School. This organization is made up of local lawyers who voluntarily explain the laws and legal procedures to audiences at the Vancouver Public Library, high schools and other places around Vancouver. Their tapes are available from Community Radio Education Society, 333 Carroll St., Vancouver, B.C. Costs for education, non-profit community groups are: 15 min., \$3.00; 30 min., \$12.00; 60 min., \$24.00 for either reels or cassettes.

- I) Small Claims Court (70 min. Cat. No. LEG.S. 3-1 a,b,c) A Vancouver lawyer talks about the procedures for Small Claims court.
- II) Family Court (81 min. CAT.NO. LEG.S. 3-2 a,b,c,) The judge and the parole officer:  
1. Problems with the Juvenile Delinquents Act; 2. What happens to the children? (the Unwed Parents Act); 3. The Protection of Children Act.
- III) Co-op Housing (Cat. No. LEG.S. 3-3) A United Housing Foundation representative talks about the procedures for establishing a co-op, the problems in getting a housing project underway and government regulations.
- IV) Landlord and Tenant (65 min. Cat No. LEG.S. 3-4) A discussion of the B.C. Landlord and Tenant Act and recent amendments. The power and functions of the rentalsman's Office are also explained.
- V) Labour Law: Worker's Compensation (35 min. Cat. No. LEG.S. 3-5) A lecture with music and commentary, explaining the BC Workers' Compensation Board.

CISS 170 Parkdale Community Legal Services' Newsletter, 1267 Queen Street West, Toronto Ont. M6K 1L5. All donations to cover the costs of production and mailing are greatly appreciated. Copies can be obtained by writing Parkdale Community Legal Services, 1267 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ont. M6K 1L5.

The Newsletter is published twice yearly in December and June, and is designed to inform the reader about the legal, legal education, law reform, and community work which is undertaken by the office. In addition, it highlights changes in legislation of importance to the low-income clientele served by the office. It is distributed free of charge to Parkdale residents and copies can be obtained by writing the Editor.

CISS 171 "Your Rights as a Tenant". Copies can be obtained by writing Parkdale Community Legal Services, 1267 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ont. M6K 1L5. A \$1.00 donation to cover printing and mailing costs is requested.

"Your Rights as a Tenant" is a booklet which provides an up-to-date and simple explanation of the laws governing landlord and tenant relationships in Ontario. In a question and answer format, it describes how to deal with problems ranging from getting repairs done to eviction, or how to deal with an excessive rent increase. It was produced by the Community Education Program at Parkdale Community Legal Services in cooperation with the Parkdale Tenants' Association and includes a section on group action as a method of enforcing legal rights.



CISS 172 "All in the Family". Copies can be obtained by writing Parkdale Community Legal Services, 1267 Queen St. W., Toronto, Ont. M6K 1L5. A \$1.00 donation to cover printing and mailing costs is requested.

"All in the Family" is a booklet which explains some of the legal consequences which flow from marriage, common law relationships, owning property, and having children. A story book format tracing John and Mary's relationship from their engagement through to their divorce makes it easy to read and understand.

CISS 173 ConVerse Newsletter (published quarterly). Copies can be obtained from Con Verse, 444 River Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3L R3L 0C7, tel: (204)475-1529. Write or phone to be put on mailing list. Donations appreciated.

A quarterly report of news articles and events nationally and locally related to the penal system. Goes into some detail as to public education programs done by ConVerse. Has articles, poems from inmates and people on the outside. Con Verse is a community education project about criminal justice involving inmates from Stony Mountain Pen. and Rockwood Institution, as well as people who work in the system. They are constantly looking for information and articles on prisoner's rights, Women and the law, Natives and the law, etc. If you could help them out drop them a line.



#### ALTERNATIVES

CISS 174 Canadian Alternatives in 1975: A movement maturing, by Jeff Solway, Policy Planning, Citizen Branch, Secretary of State, Dept., 66, Slater St., Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5H1. Free of charge.

A report completed in March '76 for The Secretary of State Dept. It represents a good overview and analysis of the growing Canadian "Alternatives movement". The report describes communal and co-operative experiments in such areas as: alternative food distribution;



appropriate technology, education, communications, health care, etc.

CISS 175 Make the World a Home. Published by the B.C. Voice of Women. 10 cents. Five cents for 10 or more. Available from Mary Cox, R.R. 1, Fanny Bay, B.C.

A beautifully designed and written pamphlet. The Theme: "Live simply, that others may simply live". It tells why we should "Stop following the Pied Pipers of technology to destruction"; how we can save as consumers; "improve our health"; "be shrewd and selective"; "work for disarmament"; "join with others"; and "be prepared with facts". And it lists the names of some books to read which will help Make the World a Home.



CISS 176 Some Communities in Toronto. Available from CENSIT, 63 Beaty Avenue, Toronto, Ont. tel: (416) 536-6087. 10 pages, 20 cents.

This index provides a map of the content within which people in communities in Toronto find themselves. The listing has several parts: intentional christian communities in Toronto; work collectives, and work groups which community members are a part of; a list of other Canadian, North American and some European communities.

CISS 177 The Canadian Alternate Celebrations Catalogue, project of the Lanark Hills Foundation Inc., R.R. #4, Perth, Ont. 107 pages, \$2.00 (10% discount on orders of 10 or more). 1975.

This catalogue is compiled by volunteers to serve as a means to: 1) search for viable and simpler alternatives in lifestyle; 2) to speak and work for justice in the third world (in Canada and the global village) and 3) to speak to environmental issues. The catalogue notes the urgency of seeking alternatives in our ways of living and celebrating in the context of a consumer society which overtly threatens to dehumanize us. To bring about such changes, concrete steps taken from Canadian experience are outlined, e.g., simpler and more wholistic approaches to Christian and Jewish celebrations, food preparation, gift-giving and gift-making, etc. The catalogue also describes how one can become more immediately involved in "celebrating community" on various levels--domestic, local and national and



international. About 30 active Canadian groups are described: e.g., L'Arche, Ecology Sound Housing, Inter-church Project on Population, Canadian Peace Research Institute, Canadian Save the Children Fund, Brazilian Studies. A "resource" section for celebrating and living is also provided including relevant books, non-print resources and other info.

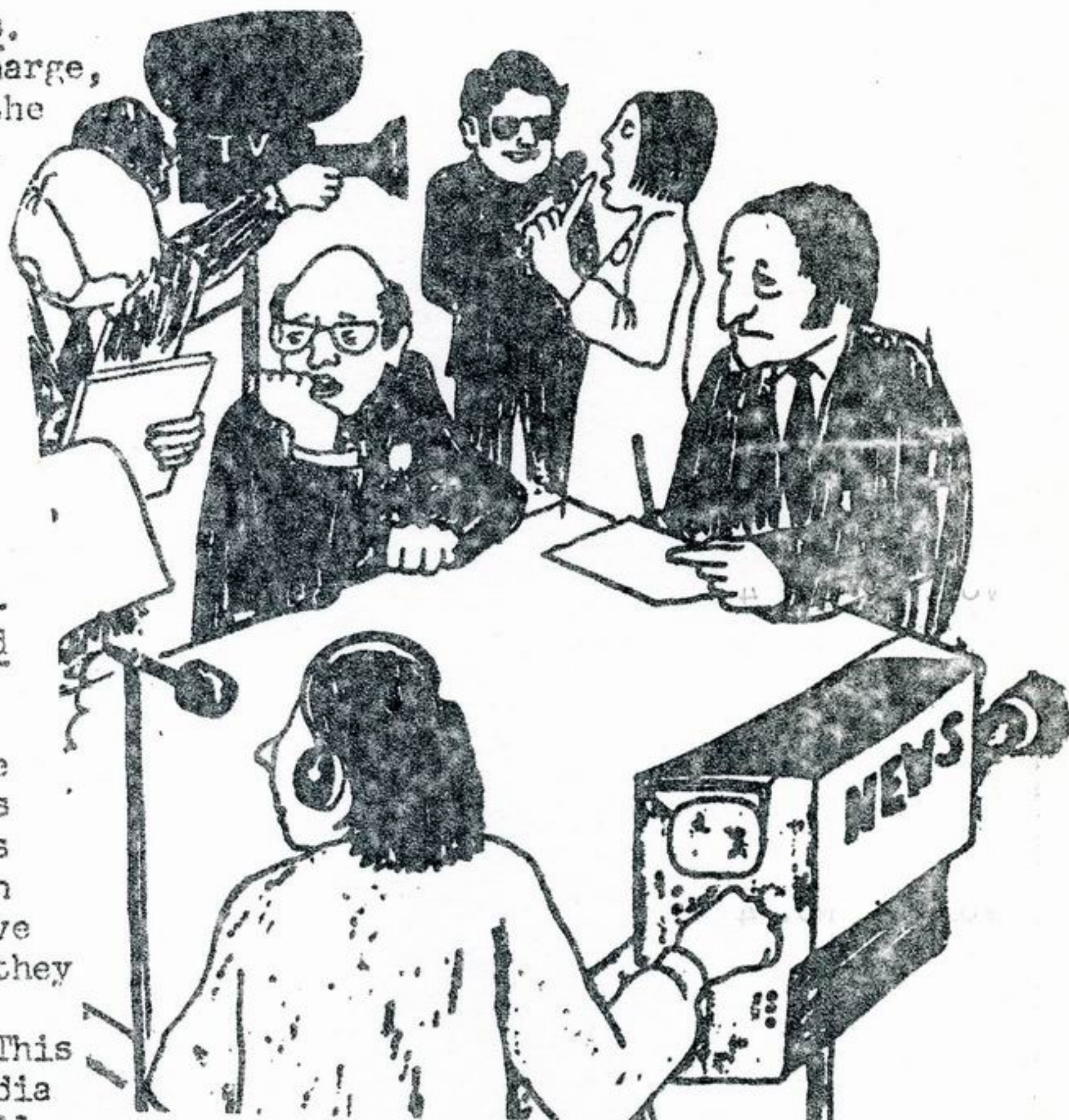
CISS 178      Global Community Centre News, 94 Queen St. S., Kitchene, Ont. N2G 1V9. 11 pages  
Cost unknown.

This publication is dependent on the continuation of the Kitchener-Waterloo Overseas Aid program which sponsors the Development Education project. The August-Sept. 1976 issue covers the Nestle June 24 trial in Switzerland. It also reports the recent figures from UNCTAD officials in Geneva to the effect that over the period 1961-74, net flow of resources from Canada to developing countries (LDC's) amounted about \$4 billion (US) compared with nearly \$14 billion (US) contributed by the LDC's to Canada via the brain drain, i.e., a ration of 1:3. This information, the article points out, provides a solid rationale for developing education and action in Canada in favour of the New International Economic Order. The third article deals with the launching on July 1, of Phase I of "Project Flowshares". It will centre on study and research: (i) "to examine the effects of the arms race on development and disarmament policies and practices in Canada and other countries", (ii) "to explore the links between development and disarmament", and (iii) "to propose alternatives to existing policies with the aim of diverting resources from the arms race to development." Project director is Ernie Regehr. The remaining seven pages of the Newsletter list resources, new items and coming events in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

#### MEDIA

CISS 179      Parallel Institute Video-Tapes.  
Available for loan, free of charge,  
from the regional offices of the  
National Film Board of Canada.

These training tapes are designed to teach poor and working class organizations the basic practical and political skills of organizing. These tapes are made to be used in specific situations for specific audiences. They work best when used as part of a larger training situation. They are least successful when shown to general audiences who aren't involved in any organizing efforts. (1) Bad publicity and More Bad Publicity (45 min.) This tape deals with who owns and controls the media in Canada and how that affects the kind of publicity poor and working class organizations receive. The tape answers alot of questions about how the media in Canada functions and helps people achieve a more realistic understanding of what they can expect from the press, TV or radio. (2) Getting Better Publicity (45 min.) This tape outlines how to achieve maximum media coverage in terms of both practical skills—how to write press releases, hold press conferences, train press spokespeople, as well as political ones—the kind of information the media is interested in and how you can use them





to help build your organization. (3) Making your own publicity (15 min.) This tape explores the different ways that organizations can publicize their work without relying on the established media. Newspapers, flyers, pamphlets, posters, all these are publicity tools that can be used to build and strengthen an organization. Not a "how to do" tape, rather a source of ideas drawn from the work of different organizations.



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