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CONNEXIONS is an independent project which supports networks of grassroots organizations and individuals across Canada who are working to create a just, human and equitable society. It provides a forum for socially active people to communicate through a regular publication summarizing their work. Consultations around specific issues complement this process. Although the impetus and major support come from Church organizations, CONNEXIONS strives to service a broader constituency.

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If you are among those engaged in the struggle to transform society, the CONNEXIONS collective invites you to join this networking process by sending in materials in any media form (or summaries of same) that:

- a) deserve to be more widely known;
- b) are not published or distributed commercially;
- c) relate to what is happening in Canada or to what Canadians (individuals, corporations or the government) are doing in other parts of the world;
- d) focus on social change for a more just, human and equitable society;
- e) describe proposals, briefs, analyses, strategies, and/or reflections on actions.

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CONNEXION est en train de développer un réseau de communication afin de faciliter l'échange d'information parmi les canadiens et québécois qui sont engagés dans des groupes luttant pour l'amélioration des conditions de travail et de vie de la population et dans la lutte contre l'exploitation et l'injustice présentes dans notre société.

Les individus ou groupes intervenant dans différentes régions sont invités à participer à cet échange en recueillant et en résumant les documents produits dans leur région, documents faisant état de problèmes sociaux, de luttes et d'actions. Ces résumés seront ensuite mis-en-commun par une équipe de bénévoles qui se chargeront de les publier dans cette revue bimensuelle.

Par cette cueillette, nous voulons que l'information diffusée soit représentative des préoccupations actuelles, des tendances et des développements qui se font à travers le Canada. Règle générale, les documents anglais sont résumés en anglais; ceux en langue française sont résumés en français. Les critères nous permettant de sélectionner les contenus sont les suivants:

- a) le document (écrit, audio-visuel etc.) ne doit pas avoir fait l'objet d'une vaste diffusion et doit être disponible pour une distribution limitée;
- b) le document doit se rapporter aux questions sociales touchant le Canada ou le Québec, tant au niveau local, provincial, national, ou international, si les canadiens et québécois sont impliqués;
- c) le document doit faire état des tentatives de changement social soit par des processus nouveaux ou encore par des structures nouvelles;
- d) le document doit être constitué d'éléments tels que rapports de recherches, analyses, prises de positions, stratégies d'intervention ou réflexions sur le problème ou le projet soulevé.

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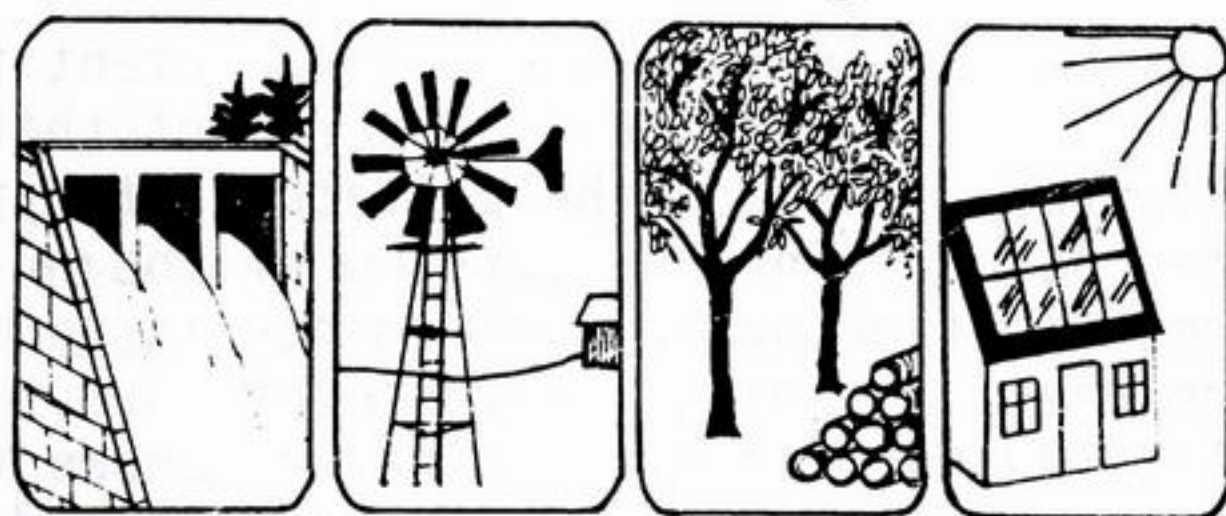
Dear Friends,

Last year's special issue on the Atlantic Region was so well received by East and West alike that we decided to produce an issue on the Prairie Region.

Prairie people have a long history of challenging the controlling interests of industry and government. This popular tradition has grown from the initial development of the West as a market for Ontario and Quebec manufactured goods, through the organizing efforts of farmers, to the present criticism of resource development and the uranium industry. At the same time, Prairie people have learned to co-operate for survival in the face of natural disasters and economic exploitation. This is reflected in the material presented. Instead of numerous smaller lobby and pressure groups, many are moving to coalitions of groups and the establishment of alternative parallel structures to those of government and business.

In collecting material for this issue, we were struck by the inter-relationships of the issues being addressed. For instance, the issue of resource development affects Native people, land entitlement, the environment, agriculture, worker health and safety, and nuclear disarmament. We were also struck by the number of Prairie groups involved in development education and the links being made between regional and Third World concerns. It is clear that as people move from asking questions about their home community to reflecting on the needs of the global community, their analysis deepens and strengthens their resolve to challenge attempts to "develop the hinterland".

In Solidarity,
The CONNEXIONS collective
July, 1982



Chers Amis,

Le numéro spécial de l'année passée sur la région Atlantique a été si bien apprécié qu'on s'est décidé de faire un numéro sur la région des Prairies.

Aux Prairies il y a une longue histoire de défis visés aux sources de pouvoir de l'industrie et du gouvernement. Cette tradition populaire est à une certaine mesure le résultat d'un développement de l'Ouest comme marché pour des produits manufacturés au Québec et à l'Ontario. Cette tradition a aussi été appuyée par les tentatifs d'organisation des agriculteurs. De nos jours, ceci a culminé dans une critique du développement des ressources et de l'industrie d'uranium. En même temps les gens des Prairies ont appris comment coopérer pour survivre en face des désastres naturels et de l'exploitation

économique. Ces thèmes sont présents dans le matériel de ce numéro. Au lieu de nombreux petits groupes de pression on remarque l'établissement de coalitions de groupes et de structures alternatives qui sont parallèles à celles du gouvernement et de l'industrie.

En recueillant du matériel pour ce numéro la corrélation des questions visées nous a vraiment frappé. Par exemple, la question de développement de ressources touche aux questions des droits des autochtones, de la tenure des terrains, de l'environnement, de l'agriculture, de la sécurité et la santé au travail et de désarmement. On a aussi été frappé par le nombre de groupes aux Prairies qui s'engagent dans l'éducation sur le développement au tiers-monde. On a remarqué aussi les liens qui se font entre des questions régionales et des questions du tiers-monde. Il est clair que quand des gens vont au-delà de poser des questions sur leurs propres communautés jusqu'au point de réfléchir au sujet des besoins de la communauté globale que leur capacité d'analyse s'approfondit et que ceci fortifie leur détermination de monter des défis aux tentatifs du développement de l'arrière-pays.

En Solidarité

La collective de CONNEXIONS
juillet, 1982.

COMMUNITY / COMMUNAUTE

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ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MANITOBA, Manitoba Federation of Labour, June 1981. 45 pages. Available through MFL Researcher, Gary Russel, Manitoba Federation of Labour, 570 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man. (204) 775-4575.



"The issue of the 1980's, we reiterate, is not the lack of wealth, but rather the equitable distribution of existing wealth and the sharing of new wealth....We do not believe that 'all wealth is created in the private sector'. Sectors create nothing. Working people create wealth...."

In this brief, the MFL seeks to document the need for a highly interventionist provincial government that will complement and, if necessary, replace the private sector in economic development. The report contains an overview of the makeup of the Manitoba economy and a statistical review of economic performance in terms of real domestic product, employment, average weekly earnings, investment, granting of residential and population movement. The review of these indicators shows that the province lags behind the rest of the country, except in terms of population decline. It notes that since 1977, Manitoba has lost 31,400 persons through net outward migration, and compares this situation with that of the Atlantic provinces, ...which, though generally considered...to be continually economically depressed, ...had net increases of population, with Newfoundland leading the way with 6,400 people."

The report presents a detailed program for the alleviation of poverty in rural northern Manitoba, an area with an unemployment rate of 46%. Elements of the plan include: preferential hiring for northern residents; a boost in northern-based vocational training programs; establishment of comprehensive training programs in co-operative development and a co-operative development fund providing low interest loans; establishment of appropriate industries (fish canneries, fish meal plants, forest industries, tourism, crafts, trapping and fur farming); agricultural development, where feasible; housing and sanitation construction that would employ northerners as well as allow for standards of living comparable with those in northern urban communities; and economic planning that would fully involve northern residents, the labour movement, and various levels of government in a meaningful way.

While most of the report is given over to economic analysis and suggested remedial measures, some space is devoted to education, workplace health and safety, and reforms in workers' compensation programmes, labour relations legislation and the labour standards act.

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A FAIR DEAL FOR MANITOBA - a joint campaign carried out by the Manitoba Federation of Labour and the National Farmers' Union, c/o 104-570 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man., R3C 0G4. (204) 775-4575.

"Yes, I am concerned about the adverse effects of Liberal economic policies on Manitoba. Please send my message to

L. Axworthy and P. Trudeau in Ottawa: I support the retention of the Crow Rate. Interest rates must come down. Equalization payments to Manitoba must be increased."

This is the text of a postcard that was delivered to several thousand households in the federal constituency of Winnipeg-Fort Garry in April of this year. The riding is that of Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It was chosen because Axworthy has supported government economic policies and he is the most prominent (and only) Liberal MP from Manitoba.

The postcard, to be returned to the MFL/NFU mailing address, was accompanied by a brochure that outlined the problems inherent in reduced equalization payments to the province (social service cutbacks), abolition of the Crow Rate (destruction of the family farm and drastic impacts on the provincial economy), and high interest rates (placing the purchase of a house beyond the reach of most families). The campaign resulted partly from decisions taken by the Canadian Labour Congress to mobilize public opinion against the most recent federal budget. It also arose from the desire of the Manitoba Federation of Labour and the National Farmers' Union to collaborate in areas of mutual interest to their memberships.

The campaign, having only recently been initiated, cannot yet be evaluated. According to one MFL spokesperson, there is the possibility of a follow-up to this campaign, but this will await evaluation of the results.

CX MANITOBA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (MPIRG), c/o the University
2569 of Winnipeg Students' Association, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage
 Ave., Winnipeg, Man., R3B 2E9. (204) 786-7537.

Initiated by students and faculty at the University of Winnipeg, the MANITOBA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP was formally established in January, 1982. MPIRG is a university-based non-partisan, non-profit organization which aims to stimulate public interest research in Manitoba. By establishing bases at each of the three Manitoba university campuses, MPIRG hopes to bridge the gap between the academic world and the community at large. Modelled on the work of Ralph Nader in the United States and similar interest groups in Canada, MPIRG intends to collect reliable, scholarly research on a range of socially relevant topics including job creation and the conserver society, peaceful conversion of war industries, human rights, workplace health and safety, appropriate technology, agriculture and food and energy use and the environment. It is also building up a resource library and a directory of professionals, community groups, and other universities which are able to provide information along these lines.



Co-operative relationships are being established with Ontario's OPIRG, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia and a full range of environmental, labour, human rights, and church organizations.

Students participating in MPIRG are encouraged to arrange to obtain academic credit for their research.

To date, MPIRG has approximately forty members from the university community, and community groups off campus.

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2570 UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION GROUP
(UWEH), 515 Portage Ave. Contact Professor Andrew Lockery or Professor
G.E.E. Moodie, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave., Winnipeg,
Man. (204) 786-7811.

The UWEH is an action group which plans to prepare educational kits dealing with:

- environmental questions in the province of Manitoba;
- human rights in Manitoba; and
- the needs of inner-city groups in the city of Winnipeg.

Resources will include posters, cartoons, scholarly reports, clippings, articles, displays, simulation games and co-operative approaches and themes for community groups. Training will be provided by university scholars, human rights experts, school teachers, and community activists. Between May and August, 1982, ten university students and thirty high school students will carry out the necessary research, writing, and production. Students participating will receive academic credit for their work. The kits will be distributed to the public and high schools in the fall.

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2571 WINNIPEG PAST AND PRESENT - AN ORAL HISTORY AND COMMUNITY SURVEY PROJECT
(WPP). Contact Professors Nolan Reilly and David Millar, University of
Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man. (204) 786-7811.



WINNIPEG PAST AND PRESENT seeks to familiarize students with oral history techniques, to acquaint them with the complexities of Winnipeg society, and to enable them to understand the need for social change. It is hoped they will realize that "effective problem-solving and social action must take account of real people and their lives over many years, and must involve the community itself at every level."

Last summer's work resulted in 200 taped interviews, complete with typed summaries and a cross-reference index of common topics. In the process of conducting interviews, students become acquainted with another generation - one which they find is vital and interesting. Senior citizens find that young people consider their ordinary lives rather extraordinary.

WPP has provided the impetus for two other projects under way this year. One is the University of Winnipeg Environment and Human Rights Action Group. The other is a calendar of activities being undertaken by community organizations both within and outside of Winnipeg. It is hoped that, through this exercise, an ongoing network of people with common or similar concerns will develop.

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2572 INNER CITY COMMITTEE FOR RAIL RELOCATION, 658 Ross Ave., Winnipeg,
Man. (204) 786-2165.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has dominated Winnipeg's downtown development ever since 1880, when it was lured to locate in Winnipeg with the promise of free land, \$500,000,

and exemption (forever) from all city taxes. Only many years later, after several court battles initiated by city authorities (who had reconsidered the initial generosity to the CPR), did the railway agree to pay any taxes. It will be paying the full rate by the year 2004.

Urban reformers have pointed out that the location of the yards has produced urban blight, splitting the city in half with the resulting traffic problems, and posing serious environmental hazards, especially with the growing incidence of derailments of trains transporting hazardous substances. They note that the yards occupy 200 acres of prime urban land which could be redeveloped for housing, recreational purposes, and light industry - measures which would revitalize Winnipeg's urban core. Resistance by city councillors to the demands of area residents for the relocation of the CPR yards has led to the formation of the Inner City Committee for Rail Relocation.

The COMMITTEE is highly critical of Winnipeg's City Council for having neglected to enforce its own laws with regard to city planning. In addition, the measures proposed by Council for dealing with the traffic problems created by the yards appear to be more costly than those associated with yard relocation. An interim objective of the COMMITTEE is to obtain a hearing of the whole Canadian Transport Commission into the dangers of the CPR yards and the possibilities of rail relocation. Last summer the Committee had some limited success in this direction. It pressured the City of Winnipeg into contacting the Transport Commission. The Commission rebuffed the City's initial inquiries, and the COMMITTEE has since learned that the City never actually formally applied for a Commission inquiry. As a result, the COMMITTEE is considering filing an application of its own to the Canadian Transport Commission.

The COMMITTEE publishes a newsletter entitled the Rail Relocator.

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2573 COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF WINNIPEG, INC. (CEDA),
270 Flora Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2W 2P9. (204) 582-8398. Write for details.

CEDA is a non-profit organization working in Winnipeg's inner-city. Its objectives are:

- to enhance the collective problem solving and coping capabilities of communities;
- to link communities with resource systems;
- to facilitate interaction and to modify and to build new relationships within communities and societal resource systems;
- to contribute to the development and improvement of social and educational policy;
- to promote the effective and humane operations of systems towards improving community life; and
- to acquire and to distribute material resources of use to the community.



CEDA provides training and workshops for non-profit groups in the following areas: basic group skills; personal skills (confidence, public speaking, time management); organization and advanced group skills (conflict resolution, action planning, group building, advertising, and public relations); obtaining community participation, and stress management and relaxation techniques.

CEDA grew out of the Community Schools Program of the Winnipeg School Division. In early 1979, parents and community activists incorporated as a non-profit organization and received funding from the United Way. Its services are available to parents' groups, community groups, neighbourhood associations, church organizations, recreation committees, school-parent groups, social agencies and other non-profit organizations.

CX LESBIAN & GAY SASKATCHEWAN INC., #217 - 116-3rd Ave. S., Saskatoon, Sask.
2574 (306) 665-9129.

A new organization has been founded by gay people working to provide support services, counselling, information and education to the gay community.

The group plans to offer many types of support groups: men's discussion, lesbian discussion, parents of gays, gays with dependencies (alcohol or drugs), youth, older gays, spirituality, consciousness-raising, etc. The Gay Times is published every second month by Gay & Lesbian Support Services (GLSS). The intention of this publication is to accurately inform the gay community of all happenings and events. Submissions are welcome and should be sent to The Gay Times, Box 8581, Saskatoon, Sask.

CX WINNIPEG STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, Room 2122, University of Winnipeg,
2575 515 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3B 2E9 and Box 47, Room 102M, University
 Centre, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Man. R3T 2N2.

The Winnipeg branch of the Student Christian Movement has existed since 1938. It employs one half-time co-ordinator and has an active membership of 25 people on the campuses of the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba.

SCM's philosophy can be summarized by this 1978 statement of principle: "....In this decade, the SCM is operating within a society where human dignity is denied by an economic order which puts profits before people. We are experiencing a general economic recession and mounting political repression. The economic foundation of our society provides the context for our relationships and the nature of our struggles. It is impossible for the State, institutions or individuals to be neutral.... Jesus Christ was on the side of the oppressed and exploited.....Our Christian faith.....demands that we continue this struggle."

SCM Winnipeg's recent activities have included working on the Winnipeg Walkathon for El Salvador, participating in the programmes of the Manitoba Inter-Church Committee for World Development Education, and supporting the anti-nuclear movement. As a general rule, the Committee supports the progressive activities of a variety of groups in Winnipeg and assists in publicizing their activities.

Resources available from SCM Winnipeg include a study kit on the Quebec National Question (\$5), a ten part study kit on women's issues (\$5), and issues of the SCM national newspaper, The Canadian Student (free). As well, one can obtain copies of the SCM's 60th Anniversary Songbook - a compilation of 49 songs of the labour/civil rights/socialist/environmentalist/feminist and progressive church movements.

Membership is open to individuals of all religious beliefs who accept the basic assumption of the SCM.

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2576 CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE OF CANADA, 141 - 105th St.W., Saskatoon, Sask.
S7N 1N3. Write for details.

In 1955, the first centralized co-operative training institute was formed in Western Canada. Its purpose was to develop more comprehensive training and educational programmes for co-operatives and credit unions.

This venture proved successful enough that the CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE OF CANADA was incorporated in 1973, and its structure decentralized in 1979 into six regions: B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Atlantic.

The COLLEGE's principal objectives are to advance research on the theory and practice of co-operation, to develop research-based educational programmes to meet members' needs, and to effect optimum use of education and training resources.

To this end the COLLEGE offers courses focussing on management models and skills, communications, co-operative principles, interviewing and marketing. Courses earn credit at the undergraduate as well as the masters level.

At present, the COLLEGE is managing the "Co-operative Resource Materials". Originally held by the Manitoba Government, the collection contains elementary and secondary school resource materials that explore the notion of co-operation and co-operatives.

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2577 CAMBYR COUNSELLING AGENCIES LIMITED, Mark Weincki, President,
1130-12th St. S.W., Calgary, Alta. (403) 244-6144

The CAMBYR COUNSELLING AGENCIES LIMITED offers three community-based social services programmes to youths and their families: The Calgary Alternatives Centre Programme; The Calgary Home Support Program; and The Calgary Runaway Program.

The Calgary Alternatives Centre Program offers support and supervision and the teaching of life skills to youth who have been perceived as "high risk" by some community resources such as Alberta Social Services, schools, police, etc.

The Program is designed to maintain youth in the community, to provide him/her with alternatives to delinquent behaviour, to offer individual and group counselling and social and recreational support services. Three counsellors with varied backgrounds in child care, social work, recreational therapy, and psychology are employed by the centre.

Services include: counselling to individuals, families, and groups; development of life skills; exposure to community resources and positive leisure time pursuits; and a liaison with other agencies involved with the youth or family.

The Calgary Home Support Program employs six counsellors who are trained in the area of social work. The counsellors work intensively with families in their homes to help maintain their family unit by providing counselling, basic management skills, and the skills to use existing community resources.

The Calgary Runaway Program, begun in 1977, provides a confidential counselling service for youth and families experiencing difficulties with runaway children. The Program employs three counsellors. Clients range in age 6 to 17 years. Services include: confidential counselling for families, individuals, and groups; crisis intervention; information about legal rights and community resources; public education in the form of speaking engagements at schools, with community and professional groups; and support services such as telephone counselling, liaison with other social services, referral to job placement programmes, referral to other agencies and advocacy activity.

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2578 COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE AND LIBERTY (CJL) - ALBERTA, 1919 - 30th St. S.W.,
Calgary, Alta. T3A 2L5. Annual Membership \$25.



CJL is "an ecumenical non-partisan citizen's movement which works to promote responsive and responsible politics based on Christian principles". CJL has recently established an office in Calgary, and hopes to extend to Edmonton in the near future. CJL - ALBERTA is particularly concerned about the effects of the booming Alberta economy: the shortage and high cost of housing, the inadequacy of social services, the lack of recreation facilities, the high mobility rate of families and individuals, and the growing rate of suicide, divorce, and alcoholism.

Members of CJL examine the Albertan and Canadian policies from a Christian perspective, and develop alternative proposals. By speaking at community meetings, conferences and universities, by developing educational programmes, and by publishing research findings, CJL aims to encourage Christian political understanding and the formation of local action groups. Members also participate actively in party caucuses, Parliamentary Taskforces, Royal Commissions and regulating agencies.

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CX THE LEFT SIDE, Bi-monthly newsletter of The Manitoba Coalition for
2579 a Socialist Society, c/o Liberation Books, 160 Spence St., Winnipeg,
 Man. R3C 1Y3. \$6/yr. \$10/2 yrs.

THE LEFT SIDE "...is intended to generate debate about, and promote unity of action around issues of current importance in Manitoba, particularly those issues of greatest concern to labour, women, native people, environmentalists, and anti-nuclear groups." Articles will be written by activists in their respective areas who have acquired expertise in the course of these struggles. The perspective of the writers will be a socialist one, but within that broad context a rather pluralistic socialist perspective. The newsletter will, as well, be a vehicle for promotion of the activities of coalition members, and those of groups which the coalition has chosen to support.

Issue number one examines the formation of the Socialist Society in Britain, the formation of a Native Policy Committee in the Manitoba New Democratic Party, the activities of profit-making child care enterprises, the campaign for anti-scab provisions in Manitoba labour legislation, and the March 28th Constituent Assembly election in El Salvador. "All That's Left", a regular feature is a community calendar with details on public events sponsored by progressive organizations. Those wishing to publicize issues and events of interest to the Left are invited to contact the Coalition.

The Manitoba Coalition for a Socialist Society is a "...broad based coalition of groups in the province which seeks fundamental progressive change." In opposition to "capitalism, patriarchy, racism and the many ills they cause, including environmental degradation and the arms race", the Coalition is "committed to creating a genuinely democratic socialist society." Membership is open to groups and individuals who share this concern to work democratically for fundamental social change.

CX LIBERATION BOOKS, 160 Spence St., Winnipeg, Man. R3C 1Y3. (204) 774-0637.
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LIBERATION BOOKS is an independent, non-profit co-operative, owned collectively by over 200 people, and staffed by a half-time paid co-ordinator, and dozens of volunteers. It is not affiliated with any political party or organization. The political views of its membership span the spectrum from "progressive to radical".

The shelves carry a wide range of materials including books and periodicals dealing with the Third World, politics and economics, socialist issues, fiction and poetry, women's issues, labour studies, native peoples, and general history. Also in stock are records, posters, buttons, and non-sexist literature for children.



As well as operating a bookstore, the collective frequently hosts educational seminars and film series and publishes a monthly newsletter which features the activities of groups working for progressive social change. It has recently established a Cultural Committee to "work up and elaborate a cultural program with which, as a collective, we can begin to challenge the hegemony of Capitalist Consumer Culture". Those who cannot visit the store

are invited to write for the collective's labour studies catalogue and order form.

New members are always being sought. Annual fees are \$10 (\$5 for students). Members receive voting rights at meetings, a subscription to the newsletter, and a 10% discount on purchases.

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2581 HERIZONS - the Manitoba Women's Newspaper, Box 551, Winnipeg, Man. R3C 2J3.
(204) 772-8170.

HERIZONS began publication in October 1979 as "The Manitoba Women's Newspaper". It was established ".....to provide an alternative means of communications with a feminist perspective in order to stimulate, to inform, to effect change, and to unify women's strength. It also serves as a public forum of discussion for the women of Manitoba."

HERIZONS is published ten times a year by a collective of about ten people. Circulation is about 10,000 with a paid subscription list of 700. The collective sees the paper as an educational tool and places an emphasis on distributing it in health clinics and in areas with large populations of single parent families. In addition to regular features on legal matters and health care, the paper presents news analysis of women's issues as portrayed by other media. Often, an issue stresses a particular theme. Past numbers have dealt with Rural Women, Violence Against Women, Health, the Arts, and Consumerism.

HERIZONS' funding base is a blend of donations, subscriptions, special fundraising events, and advertising. The collective is seeking government grants and intends to emphasize advertising as a revenue source (in hopes of employing a full-time editor in the future and publishing three times a month).

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2582 PRAIRIE MESSENGER CATHOLIC WEEKLY, Box 190, Muenster, Sask. S0K 2Y0.
30¢ newstand, \$12/yr., \$23/2 yrs.



PRAIRIE MESSENGER is Saskatchewan and Manitoba's Roman Catholic Weekly. Besides covering Catholic and ecumenical religious concerns, the paper reports on regional, national, and international issues. Recent editions have focussed on the retention of the Crow Rate, the impact of monetarism on farmers, the proposed testing of Cruise missiles in northern Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the implications of uranium mining - all "hot" issues for the Prairie region.

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2583 BRIARPATCH: Saskatchewan's independent monthly newsmagazine,
2138 McIntyre St., Regina, Sask. S4P 2R7. (306) 525-2949.
\$1.50/issue. Write for details.

This magazine is published by BRIARPATCH Incorporated, an independent, non-profit organization. The goals of BRIARPATCH are:

- to publish a magazine and other educational materials covering issues of concern and interest to disadvantaged and working people;
- to help fill the need for free expression and access to the press by working and disadvantaged people to identify their common ground and develop united strategies based on mutual concerns;
- to build coalitions with groups around various issues as they are determined from time to time by the board, and;
- to undertake or organize other educational projects or activities as determined from time to time by the board. (From the By-Laws of the Briarpatch Society).

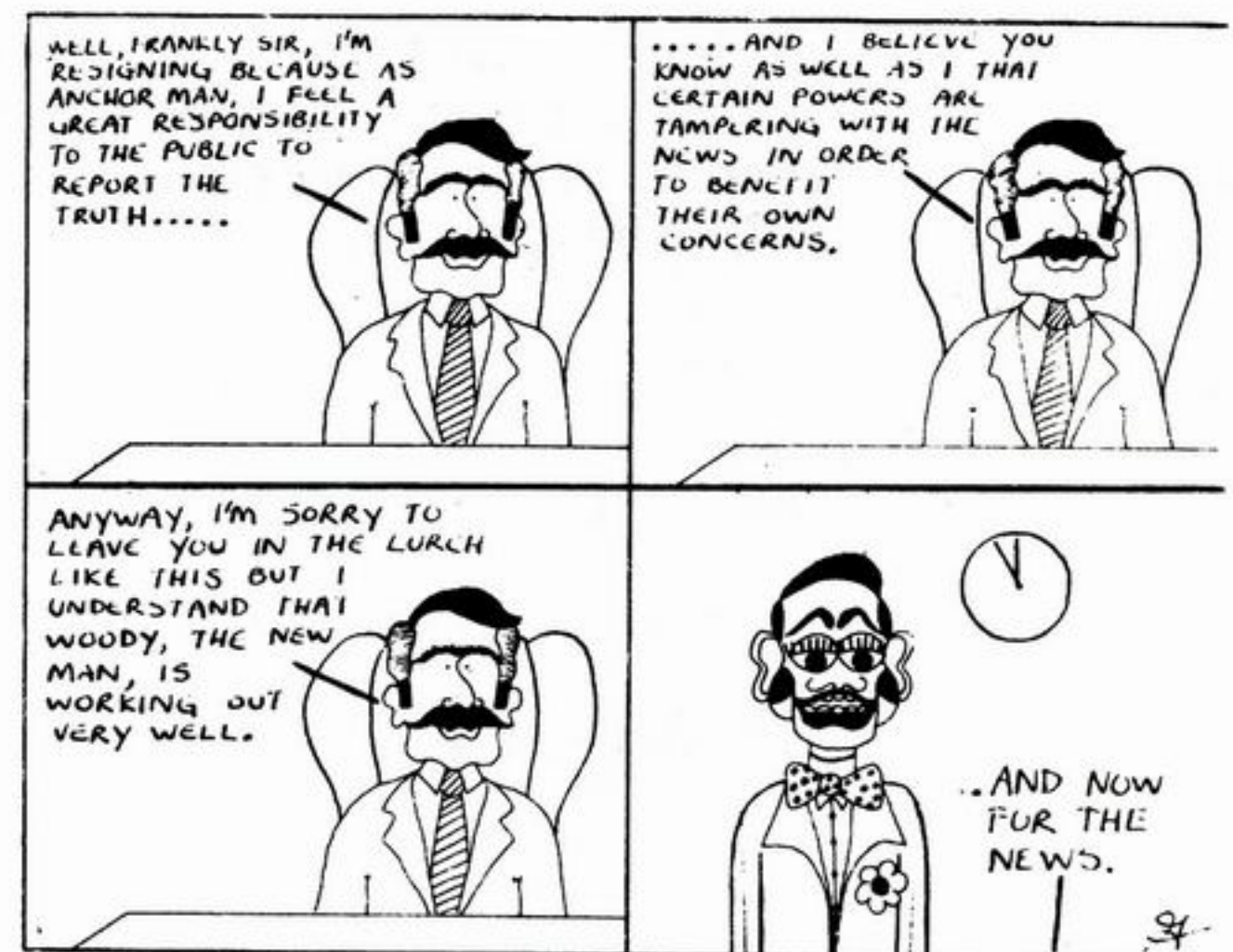
Membership in BRIARPATCH is open to individuals and groups who apply and pay a fee of \$1.

The magazine regularly covers a number of local, national, and international issues through news reports and commentary. For example, the April, 1982 edition contains news stories on the Saskatchewan election, the Crow Rate dispute, conditions at the Regina Correctional Institute, and the recent annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Association of Non-Governmental Social Service Agencies (SANGSSA) as well as the growth in peace movements, the Montreal transit strike, and corporate use of information on Workmen's Compensation claims. Feature articles examine the Moral Majority, Inc., U.S. policy in Latin America, the Vancouver Women's Health Collective, and the failures of Canada Employment in job creation.

CX 2584 CITY LIMITS, 320 - 10th St. N.W., Calgary, Alta. T2N 1V8. (403) 270-2294.
Nov./81. 50¢ or \$7.50 for 12 issues.

CITY LIMITS is a community newspaper published monthly by Syntax, a non-profit society whose objectives are to foster local and international exchange and interaction. The newspaper attempts to document individual responses to the general political climate. The editors see politics, or the process of becoming political, as an assumption of personal responsibility.

"Toward a Global View" contains a series of short essays featuring Palestine, Ireland, Namibia, El Salvador, and Afghanistan. These essays show that there are more facets to world problems than much of the media coverage of these situations would lead us to believe. The article contends that much of the global information is controlled by governmental, economic, or military pressures. We need to investigate alternative news sources.



Another article, "Rental Crisis in Calgary", notes that the rate of population increase is five percent per year. This creates a demand for at least 10,000 units of housing per year notwithstanding demolition or new household formation.

Migration is the single most important factor fuelling the demand for rental units in Calgary. Approximately two thirds of Calgary's growth can be attributed to net migration: 30 percent of the newcomers are aged 18 to 34, and 71 percent of them rent. For the most part they are people who come from lower cost housing areas and have neither the income nor the accumulated resources to consider home ownership. Although the number of building permits issued seems adequate, most of the housing constructed is intended for ownership rather than rental. The current vacancy rate is 0.7% and 0.5% for the more affordable row housing. Nevertheless, demolitions remove over 500 units per year. "White-painting" eliminates much of the lower cost rental accommodation, and conversion of rental units to condominiums further reduces the supply of affordable housing.

CX NETWORK, c/o Arusha Cross-Cultural Centre, #106-223 12th Ave. S.W.,
2585 Calgary, Alta. T2R 0G9

NETWORK is a service developed by a group of CUT Social Action Training graduates. Its purpose is to facilitate more co-operation between groups working on the justice and social change issues in the Calgary area. NETWORK is committed to assisting groups and individuals to work towards a sane, humane, and sustainable society.

This group seeks to keep its members and the general public informed about events in Calgary through a calendar of events produced once a month; this calendar also includes contact names and phone numbers for the events.

NETWORK is compiling and constantly updating an Information Service, with addresses of MPs, MLAs and council members. The organization also has current information available about making contact with the local press, government and non-governmental agencies. A Speakers' Bureau, listing names and numbers plus topics, is available through Arusha Cross-Cultural Society. NETWORK is designed to work on a consensus basis between the Arusha Centre, the Network Collective and Network members.

NATIVE PEOPLE/LES AUTOCHTONES

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2586 NEW BREED, Suite 210, 2505 - 11th Ave., Regina, Sask. S4P 0K6
56 pages. May/June '82. Write for details.

NEW BREED is a monthly magazine published through the Saskatchewan Native Communications (Wehta Metawin) Corporation under the auspices of the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (AMNSIS).

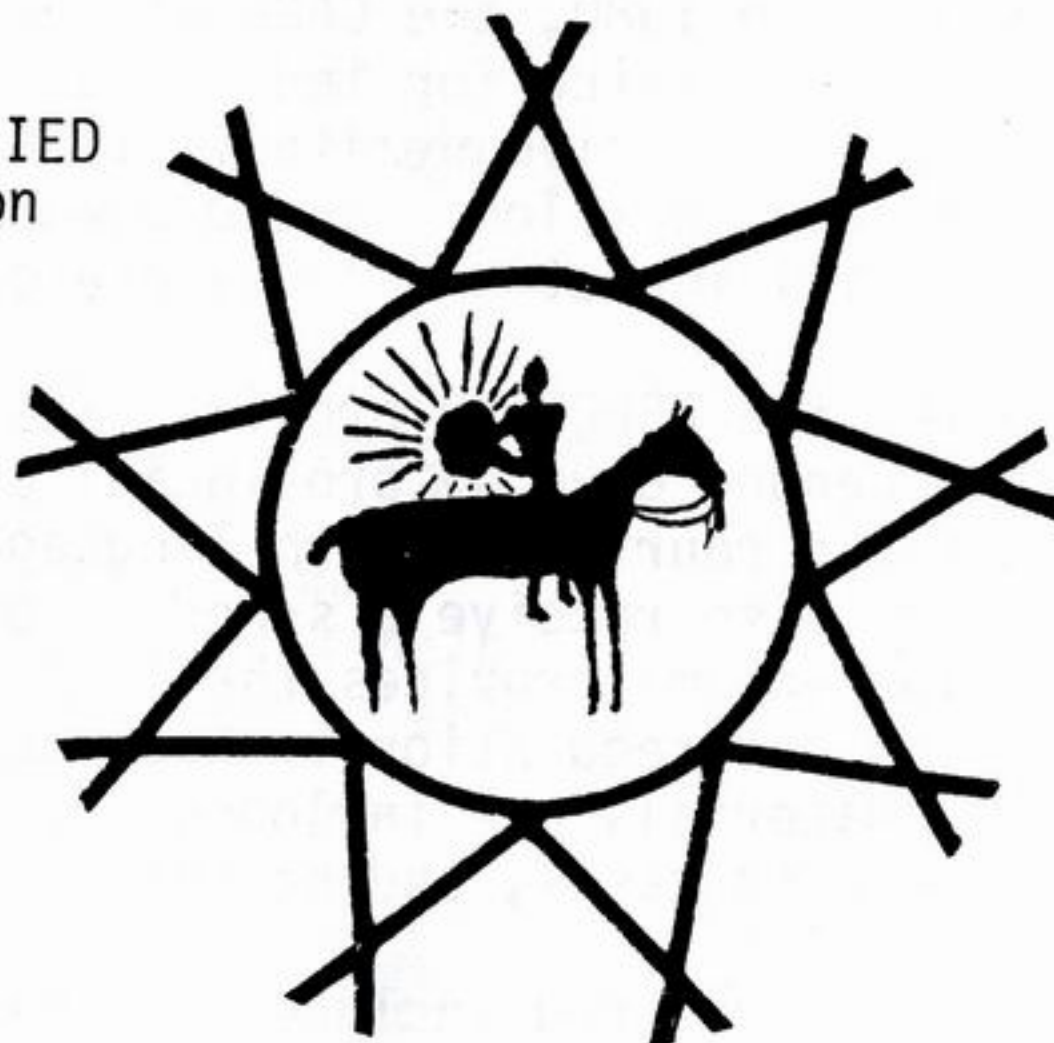
The May/June 1982 issue includes the second in a series of articles on "Metis History" prepared by Ron Bourgeault, AMNSIS researcher. The article describes how liquor was a tool used by the merchant traders to get more furs for goods given in exchange. The author also relates how Native women and children were used by the Europeans to gain economic control. Women and children would be taken into the forts until they "learned the value of British goods" and would be returned to convince their societies of the benefits of trading with the English. Likewise, English orphans were put into the Indian societies in order that the children would learn the language and inner workings of the societies with which the English wished to develop trade.

An article on Uranium City reports on the response of the Native peoples to the decision by Eldorado Nuclear to close its mine there. Some of the people are looking forward to the closing and most of the 500 or so Native people are planning to stay. (Only about 50 of them work for Eldorado and qualify for the relocation package that the company agreed to pay.) The Native sub-committee, reporting to the Special Task Force on Uranium City, sees several possibilities for their town. A major hope is to restore Beaverlodge Lake to a top grade commercial fishing lake and sport fishing area. Other suggestions include tourism and a regional high school for the far-northern Chipewyan communities.

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2587 GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE OF NATIVE STUDIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH,
Brent Building, 2505 - 11th Ave., Regina, Sask. S4P 0K6. (306) 522-5691.

The GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE OF NATIVE STUDIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH (DUMONT INSTITUTE) grew out of a recommendation of the Cultural Conference of the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians held in 1976. The recommendation was for a Metis Cultural College. October 27, 1980 was the official opening of the College, named the DUMONT INSTITUTE, in Regina.

The mandate of the DUMONT INSTITUTE includes:
a) historical and cultural research and programme evaluation; and b) curriculum and resource development. The aim of the institute is to help native people "find themselves" so that they can live with a sense of self-respect and pride among their Non-Native brothers and sisters.



The DUMONT INSTITUTE seeks to accomplish this through a Native-controlled educational institution, and by re-establishing Native historical-cultural roots. These goals are attained through developing and offering courses to strengthen Native cultural awareness, developing unique Native education programmes and establishing a Library Resource Centre. The INSTITUTE is organizing a Native Studies Programme, and has established the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Programme to further accomplish its goals.

CX SASKATCHEWAN NATIVE DAY CARE COMMITTEE, Room 186, Diefenbaker Place,
2588 University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0. (306) 343-5604

The SASKATCHEWAN NATIVE DAY CARE COMMITTEE is an all-Native committee of eight women mandated by the provincial government to investigate the day care needs of Native families. COMMITTEE members believe in the development of Native day care, run and controlled by Native people. Representatives from the Saskatchewan Native Women's Association, the Association of Non-Status Indians, and the Saskatchewan Association of Friendship Centres are included in the NATIVE DAY CARE COMMITTEE.

LAW / LE DROIT

CX CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTER, 224 - 4th Ave. S., Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 5M5
2589 \$100/year

Published since 1980, the CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTER is intended as a reference and reporting service for individuals and groups active in human rights issues in Canada. Its operative premise is that since human rights law is still relatively new in Canada, the decisions handed down by Boards of Inquiry and the courts are important both in social impact and legal precedent.

Each month, the REPORTER provides its subscribers with the full text of all the latest decisions handed down by provincial Boards of Inquiry and courts and by federal tribunals and courts. French-language decisions are given with a summary in English. Subscribers also receive a schedule of active cases, which is updated nine times a year. A companion volume provides the full text of all federal and provincial human rights legislation and regulations. Replacement pages are issued whenever legislation is amended. Materials are in loose-leaf form in binders, colour-coded, with a cumulative index, table of cases, and headnotes.

Subject areas covered include affirmative action programmes, 'bona fide' occupational qualifications, civil liberties, equal pay, hate literature, mandatory retirement, maternity benefits, minority language rights, race discrimination, and sexual harassment.

In addition, several times a year the REPORTER issues articles by people knowledgeable in the field, who analyse recent developments and trends. Recent articles have commented on Native and women's rights in the Constitution, affirmative action, and changes in the definition of discrimination as legally considered.

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2590 LEGAL RESOURCE CENTRE, University of Alberta Extension Department,
10047 - 81st Ave., Edmonton, Alta. T6E 1W7. (403) 432-5732

The LEGAL RESOURCE CENTRE is a non-profit public legal education service. It was developed to assist Albertans in gaining access to the information and skills needed to undertake a wide variety of law-related activities. The CENTRE also acts as a clearinghouse for information on law-related activities, so that it can assist in building networks between people with similar needs, interests, and concerns.

Resource News is published eleven times each year by the CENTRE. Some of the issues focussed on by the magazine include: Law and the Elderly (April, 1982); Income Tax (March, 1982); Women and the Law (Feb., 1982); Children and the Law (Jan., 1982); Law, Literature and Copyright (Dec., 1981); and Land Law (Nov., 1981).

The CENTRE's Youth Programme uses role-play to teach children about the law and law-related issues. Some of these role-play workshops include:

Creative Kids Sessions - through drama, the children examine the way a people's culture, history, and law determine their concept of private property,

Bottom Line - in this workshop, children examine political process and the laws affecting the rights of children,

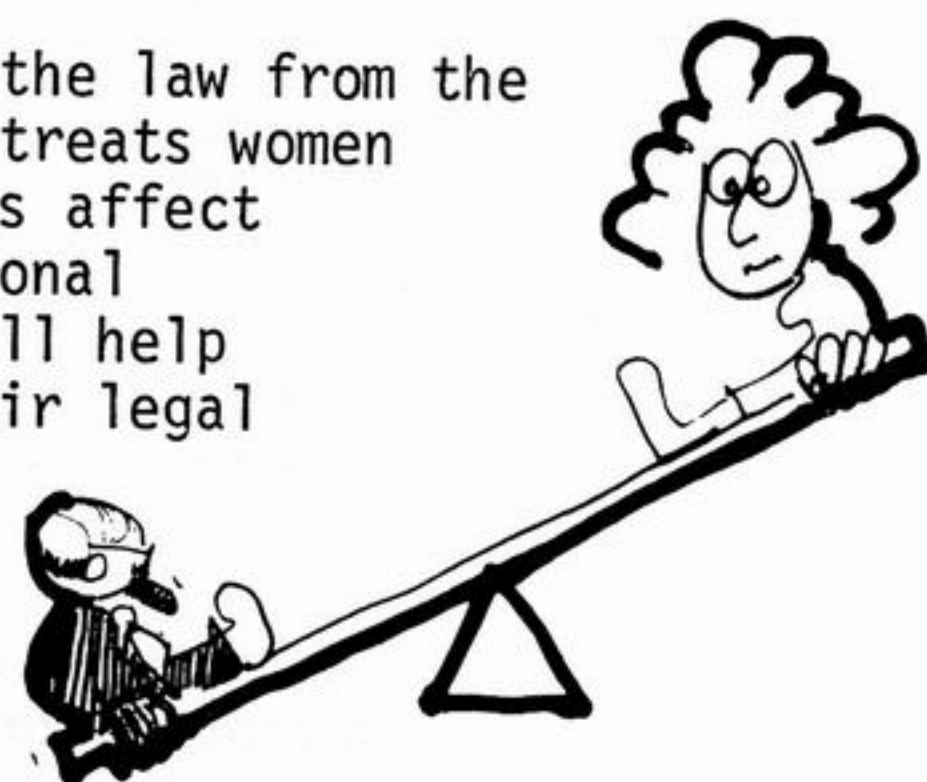
as well as Mock Trial, Firearms/Gun Control, Community Action, and Basic Law.

A recently-initiated workshop enables children (using role-play) to explore the traditional Native justice system; they then go on to explore what happened when the traditional system was replaced by white man's law. Written materials related to the issue of children and the law are also available from the Youth Programme.

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2591 WOMEN AND THE LAW: YOUR RIGHTS IN ALBERTA, Calgary Caucus, National Association
of Women and the Law, c/o Faculty of Law, University of Calgary, Calgary,
Alta. T2N 1N4. 36 pages. October '78. Write for details.

WOMEN AND THE LAW is a booklet that takes a special look at the law from the perspective of women. In certain circumstances, Alberta law treats women differently from men; in other circumstances, particular laws affect women more than they affect men. It is the hope of the National Association of Women and the Law (NAWL) that their booklet will help Alberta women avoid legal problems and better understand their legal situation.

Topics covered include: Young Women; Differences between Common Law Union and Legal Marriage; Battered Wives;



Indian Women; Women with Children; Working Women; Women and Money; and Women in General (which discusses birth control, abortion, rape, and human rights).

A discussion of "domicile" (the place that a person considers her permanent home) reveals that for a married woman, her domicile is that of her husband for legal purposes other than obtaining a divorce. For example, a husband may accept a job anywhere and the wife must follow him or she may be considered a deserting wife and/or mother. Normally, if a wife accepts a job in a distant place her husband is under no legal obligation to follow her.

The Indian Women section points out that the definition of status Indians under the Indian Act has caused considerable controversy because of the sex discrimination involved. The definition is geared towards creating identical status for all members of a nuclear family unit. All children of a father defined as "Indian" under the Act have status, but a woman takes the status of her husband upon marriage. However, the status of an illegitimate child whose mother is a status Indian may be challenged if the father is a non-Indian. The Indian woman who marries a non-Indian loses her status. Even if she later divorces him, she may not regain her status and thus may not be able to return legally to her reserve.

WOMEN AND THE LAW also provides advice for "Getting Your Rights". They note that knowing what your rights are is only half the battle: you must also be prepared to assert your rights.

W O M E N / F E M M E S

CX WOMEN'S SERVICES DIRECTORY, Regina Healthsharing Incorporated, Box 734,
2592 Regina, Sask. S4P 3A8. 52 pages. January '82

Regina Healthsharing Inc. is an organization of women and adolescents that "was founded to research and implement change in the special area of women's health." This group defines health in a broad way as a "state of complete physical, mental and social well-being." In addition, RHI believes that women's health needs are different from those of men. The present male-dominated approach to health care is said to aggravate women's health problems or deal inadequately with them. RHI stresses that the social inequality of women and men exhibits itself in the health care system. RHI therefore encourages women "to demand that we participate more actively in our health care, and that treatment be of a broader scope."

It is within this context that the RHI published a WOMEN'S SERVICES DIRECTORY for use by women of Regina, Saskatchewan. The main section of the DIRECTORY lists a wide variety of types of services for women, including Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Career Counselling, Housing, Legal Services, Physical Fitness, and Violence Against Women. Within each category related services are listed. For each service, the following information is given: addresses and phone numbers; name of contact person; eligibility; fees; referral process; availability of childcare; and a description of the services.



Also appearing in the DIRECTORY is a list of women's organizations, a reading list on women's issues, and a list of emergency and other useful phone numbers. The RHI sees progressive health care as "a right, not a privilege." This DIRECTORY is perceived to be a step in the process towards giving women more choice and control over their health care.

CX 2593 PEOPLE ON WELFARE, The Women's Building, 730 Alexander Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3E 1H9.

The majority of this group is made up of women on welfare, but it includes women in receipt of student aid and manpower training programme allowances. All are poor and dependent on government money. Having experienced poverty in this way, the group members believe that people on welfare need help from outside the welfare system to understand the real causes of their problems, rather than blaming themselves.

Members work to educate themselves about their rights, offer support to others, and do advocacy so that poor people can develop more control over their own lives. With the help of the local Legal Aid Office, PEOPLE ON WELFARE hold regular weekly information workshops on such topics as welfare rights and the specific problems facing Native people.



CX 2594 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE, #6-416 Carpathia Road, Winnipeg, Man. R3N 1Y5. (204) 252-1209.

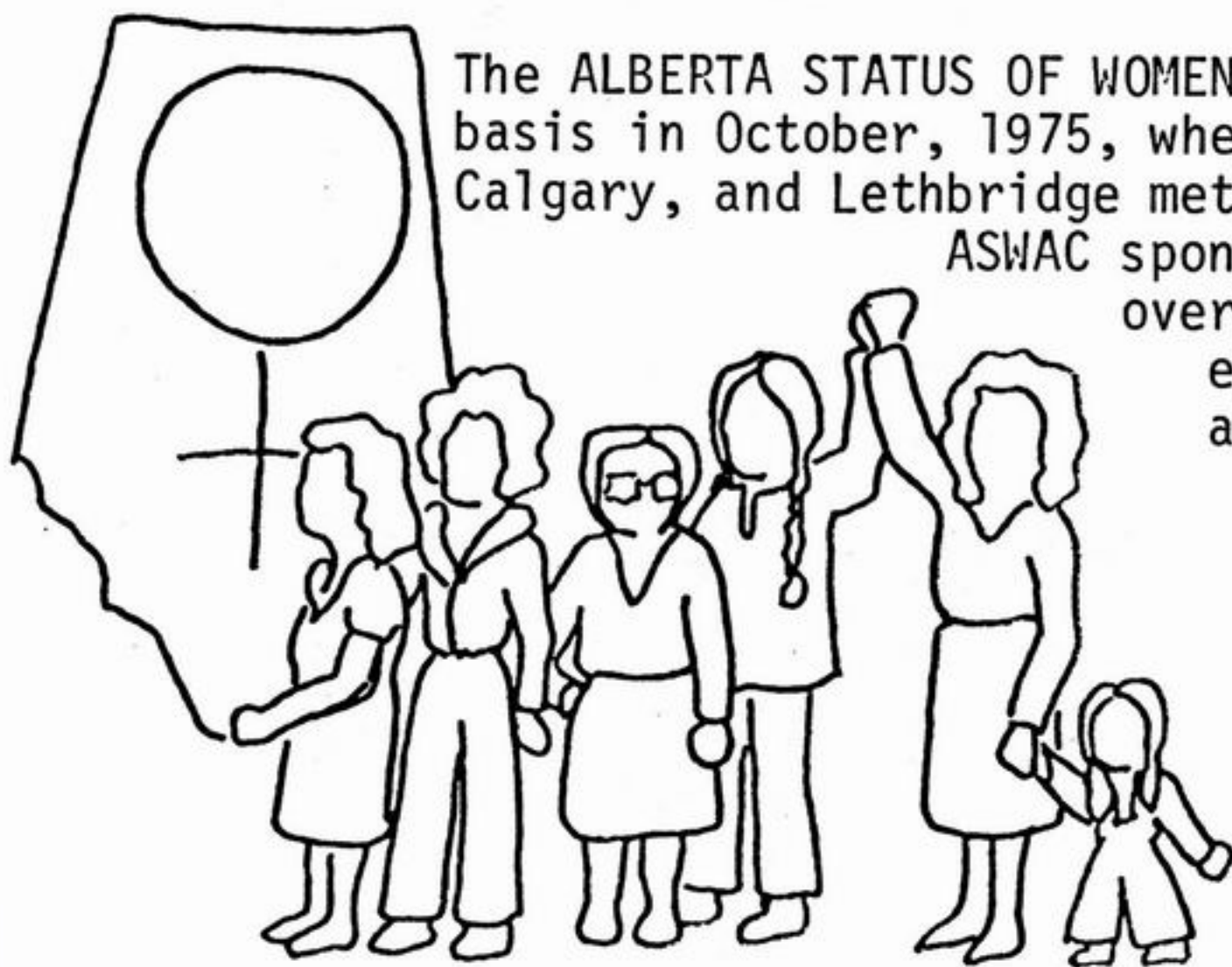
International Women's Day (IWD) was proclaimed in Copenhagen in 1910 by a conference of women from 17 countries. March 8th was chosen in honour of the thousands of New York women in the needle trades who initiated a militant strike on that day in 1908 for the eight hour day, the vote, and union recognition.

IWD has been celebrated in Winnipeg since 1922, initially by the women's section of the Ukrainian Labour-Farmer Temple Association. Since 1950, it has been observed by the Congress of Canadian Women. Since the mid-seventies, a growing number of Manitoba women's groups, either individually or as coalitions, have made March 8th an important event for the women's movement.

The current IWD COMMITTEE is made up of 20 organizations. International Women's Week (March 1-8, 1982) in Winnipeg was supported by 52 organizations from across Manitoba. In Winnipeg, events included two film nights, a panel discussion on violence against women, a large shopping mall display, a public celebration, and a rally at the Manitoba Legislature.

As a consequence of its growth, the IWD COMMITTEE is in the process of drafting a constitution and becoming active throughout the year. Discussions are going ahead on the kinds of activities to be undertaken. Possibilities include: a young women's group; education about the oppression of women internationally and in Canada; and strike support in labour disputes where the rights of women workers are a major concern.

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2595 ALBERTA STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 1573, Edmonton,
Alta T5J 2N7. 424-3073.



The ALBERTA STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE (ASWAC) began on an informal basis in October, 1975, when interested women from Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Calgary, and Lethbridge met for the first time. During the spring of 1976, ASWAC sponsored a series of regional workshops involving over 300 women. Out of these came an extensive brief entitled: "Joint Initiatives: A Goal for Women and Government in Alberta" which was presented to the provincial government in October, 1976. Later that month at the first annual conference, the government rejected the group's proposals for change.

At their 1981 conference held last fall, the apparent futility of lobbying efforts was noted and the question of whether ASWAC should take on more of an education/outreach role in the future was raised.

The theme of the conference was "Women Organize Alberta". Women are among the first to feel the impact of the economic realities of inflation, job security, and the rising cost of living. Rather than bring in "experts", the Conference invited all participants to explore their own expertise. Several Alberta women's groups were invited to act as formal resource people, stimulating discussion of their collective experience through description of their own organizing processes. This was a substantial break from the traditional ASWAC conference, but the organizers felt that it was of considerable value to both ASWAC as an organization and to all the women who attended.

ASWAC publishes a newsletter on a regular basis. It contains articles about the issues which affect women in Alberta and right across Canada. It also has local advertising and information from the many local ASWAC groups.

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2596 NETWORK: THE NEWSPAPER OF SASKATCHEWAN WOMEN, Saskatchewan Action Committee, Status of Women, P.O. Box 8408, Saskatoon, Sask S7N 6K8. \$8 for individuals, \$15 for non-profit organizations and \$20 for agencies and institutions.

NETWORK is published ten times a year in Saskatoon by the Saskatchewan Action Committee (SAC), Status of Women. The newspaper focusses on the issues of the day and how they affect women. The April, 1982 edition highlights the speech given in Saskatoon by Judy Erola, federal minister responsible for the Status of Women. She spoke of the pension debate and the attempts by some individuals within the government to provide pension benefits for women who work in their own home. Also on the programme were Gordon Snyder, Saskatchewan Minister of Labour and Monica Townson, an Ottawa-based economist and author of the book, The Canadian Women's Guide to Money.

The second lead article follows the story of the University of Saskatchewan Engineering Students' newsletter, the Red Eye. A group of women at the University filed a formal complaint against the Red Eye under Section 14 of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code (SHRC) because the newspaper demeans and degrades women. According to this article, even professional engineers are embarrassed by the tone of the Saskatchewan publication.

Section 14 of the SHRC states that it is a violation of the Code to publish or display anything that exposes a person to hatred or ridicule, or which upsets the dignity of an individual or groups of persons because of their race, creed, religion, colour, sex, marital status, physical disability, age, nationality, ancestry or place of origin.

Included in this edition of NETWORK is a "Directory of Saskatchewan Women's Groups" and a "Directory of Coming Events". In a province of vast spaces between settlements of people, this kind of networking is vitally important.

CX 2597 WORKING FOR WOMEN, 226-20th St. E., 2nd floor, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
S7K 0A6.

WORKING FOR WOMEN is a pre-employment project for women of Saskatchewan. It was locally developed and is managed by a community-based organization, the Saskatoon Women Alone Society. The project runs programmes designed to assist women to prepare for and find satisfactory work or training. Programmes are free of charge and free childcare is provided.

**Working
For
Women**

*An employment preparation
project for women*



In late 1979, the Women Alone Society recognized a need in Saskatoon for a women's employment preparation project. The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (C E I C) funds WORKING FOR WOMEN through its Outreach Program. WORKING FOR WOMEN is staffed by 12 workers, five full-time and seven part-time.

The Project offers three programmes:

1. Employment Options Workshop - This programme meets twice a week for 7½ weeks and is designed for women who wish to clarify their goals and explore their employment and training options. A bi-monthly support group is available for workshop graduates desiring additional information and support.
2. Women-to-Women Programme - Women who seek one-to-one emotional support as part of their preparation for employment are given such support by training volunteers. Volunteers help women sort out a wide range of problems - from the aftermath of a marriage breakdown, to childcare problems, to looking at marketable skills.
3. Community Awareness Program - Information sessions are presented to various community groups including employers. The objective of the programme is to enhance community awareness of the issues faced by working women, and to sensitize employers to the situation faced by women entering the paid labour force.

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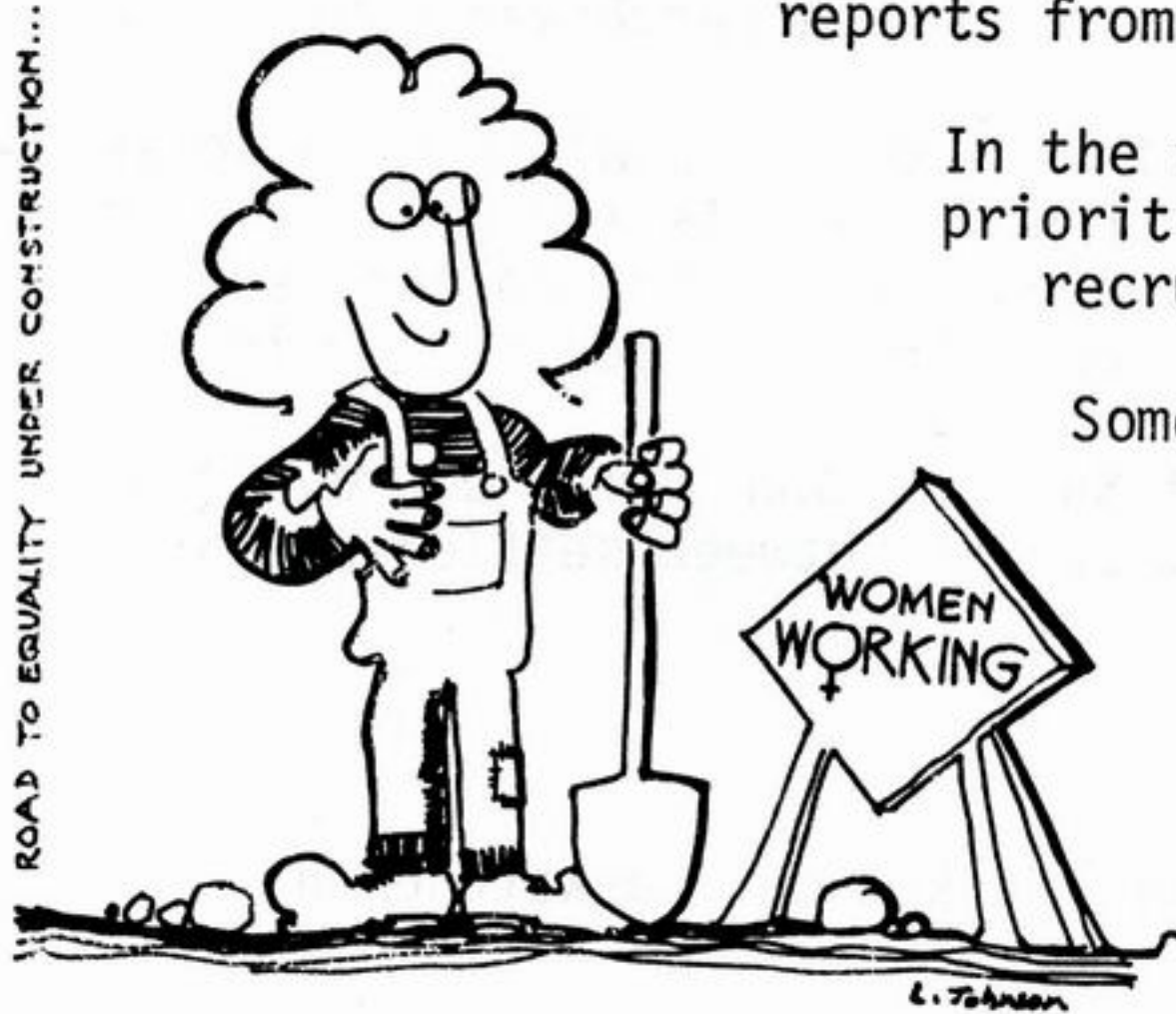
SASKATCHEWAN WORKING WOMEN, Box 7981, Saskatoon, Sask. or Box 4154,
Regina, Sask. 8 pages. Jan./82. Write for details.

This newsletter of SASKATCHEWAN WORKING WOMEN (SSW) contains reports from SSW locals in Regina, Saskatoon, and Swift Current.

In the fall of 1981, the Regina local adopted the following priorities: organizing the unorganized; technological change; recruitment; and childcare.

Some recent activities of the Regina local include:

- a discussion on the controversial issue of "Take Back the Night";
- an educational and discussion in preparation for the 1981 Saskatchewan Federation of Labour Conference;
- preparation of a pamphlet on sexual harrassment; and
- a serious discussion of the local's present and future directions.



In the fall of 1981, the Saskatoon local of SSW resolved to pursue a more active educational role in the area of labour solidarity and not limit itself to picket support. An educational workshop on "Sexual Harrassment and Rape" was held at the November local meeting with speakers from Women Against Violence Against Women and a film entitled "Workplace Hussle". As a result, the local developed resolutions on both issues.

In March of 1982, this local held a public seminar on the problems of organizing service sector employees. This sector includes some of the most exploited workers in the work force. The particular problems of organizing in the service industries have made this a priority area of SSW's work. Over half of service workers are women.

SSW for some time has recognized that there are problems particular to the rural areas (and to rural women). In March 1982, the Swift Current local organized a conference to address this whole question. Areas of discussion included:

- women in transition from farm to paid labour force;
- women in the farm home and as farm labour;
- rural childcare; and
- ideology of rural Saskatchewan - how it affects women's perceptions of themselves as workers.

One aim of the conference was to promote better communication between rural and urban areas.

The SSW Technical Change Committee (Regina local) is currently considering the production of a slide presentation depicting various jobs in Saskatchewan that are being transformed by the introduction of computer technology. Health and safety problems that arise from the use of VDT's and other computer apparatus will be a focus of the montage.

CX WOMEN IN TRADES ASSOCIATION, 730 Alexander St., Winnipeg, Man.
2599 R3E 1H9. (204) 783-8501.

WOMEN IN TRADES ASSOCIATION is a volunteer support group of women and men who seek to facilitate the entry of women into training and employment in non-traditional areas. It is a democratic organization which maintains communication with like-minded groups and individuals across Canada. It carries out a variety of educational programmes designed to make women conscious of the opportunities in trades areas, and to create an awareness of the obstacles confronting women who enter these kinds of work.

Of the 3,000 trades apprentices in Winnipeg this year, only 22 are women. Last year, there were only 12. Women working in trades are clearly in a minority situation. WIT lobbies for affirmative action, supporting women as an essential part of the Canadian economy.



Two resources produced by WIT are:

1. Women Working (3/4 in videotape, colour, 27 minutes):

Women Working demonstrates that trades are not "non-traditional" occupations for women, especially for women on farms and during times of war. Interviews with high school women indicate that most have not considered trades careers, but most of their male counterparts are open to the idea of women working in trades. The programme eliminates many of the stereotypes about why women work in trades and demolishes the idea that being a woman by definition disqualifies one from work in trades areas.

2. Sexual Harrassment - An Educational Kit:

"Sexual harrassment in the workplace should not be ignored in the hope that it will disappear....Experience shows that sexual harrassment will only intensify if it is ignored or shrugged off....If you are sexually harrassed, your response should be immediate and direct..." Beginning from this perspective, Sexual Harrassment - An Educational Kit provides a ready fund of information on what constitutes sexual harrassment, how to counter it, how to involve your union and employer, what your legal rights are, and where to obtain useful educational resources and support services. Developed for the WOMEN IN TRADES ASSOCIATION'S March, 1982 conference on sexual harrassment, the kit explores women's position in the workforce and traditional sex roles. It notes the effects of this kind of harrassment on women's health, job performance, and self-esteem. Feminist ethics in the workplace are discussed, the experience of a female construction worker in combatting sexual oppression is documented and several myths related to sexual harrassment are exploded.

Memberships in WIT are available to tradeswomen at \$5 per year. Associate memberships are open to tradesmen and others at \$10 per year.

L A B O U R / T R A V A I L

CX MANITOBA LABOUR EDUCATION CENTRE, Room 212, 570 Portage Ave. Winnipeg,
2600 Man. R3C 0G4. (204) 775-4575.

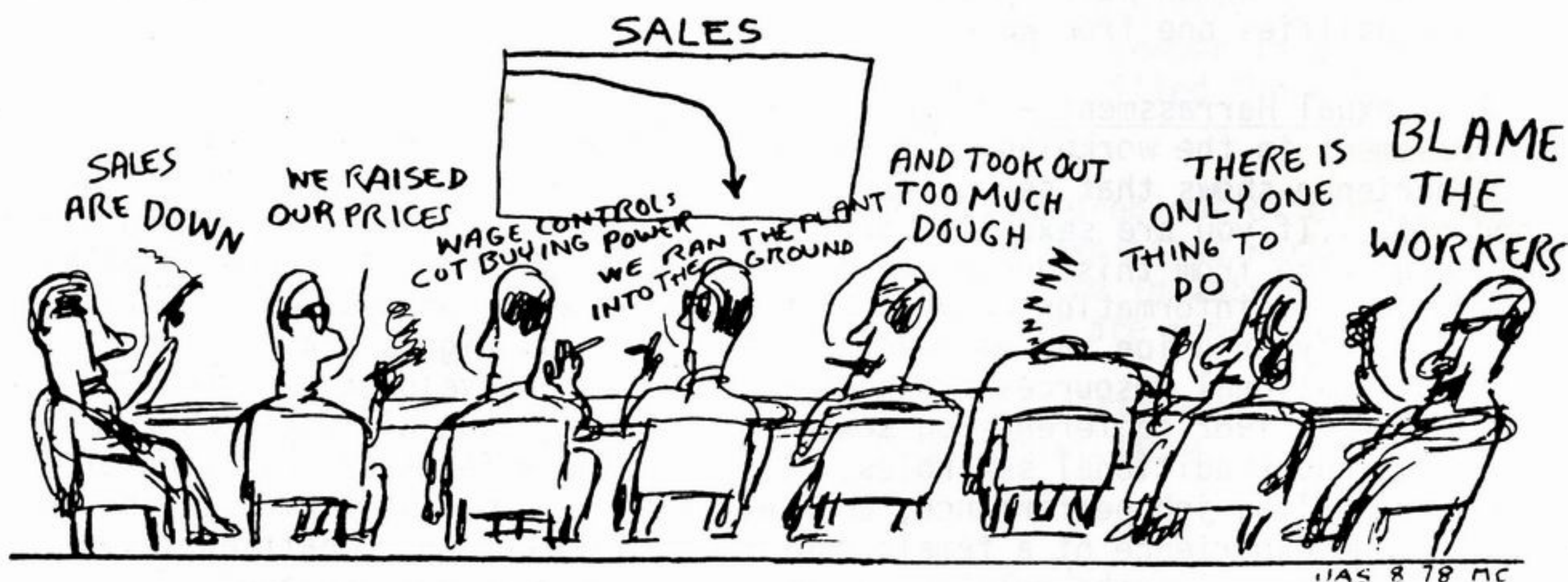
Plans for the establishment of a Labour Education Centre began to develop in the mid 1970's and the CENTRE was incorporated in 1977 with the following objectives:

- to provide educational services for both organized and unorganized working people which would analyse society and the role of working people within it;
- to promote an understanding of the goals, policies, and responsibilities of the labour movement;
- to train workers to participate effectively in their unions and other social organizations; and
- to equip workers to advance their skills and capacities in the labour market.

While plagued by a shortage of adequate funding, the Centre has: carried out research into labour history, workplace health and safety, and affirmative action programmes; assisted the University of Manitoba in the establishment of a labour studies programme, and also in co-operation with the University of Manitoba, hosted a Conference on Labour Education in November 1979.

Plans for the future include: the expansion of its library and resource centre; development of educational resources that can be utilized by unions, post-secondary institutions, and public schools; lobbying for the inclusion of Paid Educational Leave provisions in collective agreements and labour legislation; promotion of joint programmes with educational institutions; the development of its own study program with its own credit and certification systems, and expanded research into areas of concern to labour.

While the Centre has been developed from the initiative of the labour movement, it is hoped that it will function at an "arms-length" from official labour bodies. It is governed by a board composed of representatives from various labour bodies, the Manitoba Teachers' Society, the Universities of Winnipeg, Brandon, and Manitoba, and the Provincial Department of Education.



CX The CUSO-OXFAM LABOUR PROJECT, c/o Christine Smillie, Community Aid
2601 Centre, 136 Ave. F. South, Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 1S8. 653-2250.

The CUSO-OXFAM LABOUR PROJECT (COLP) is an educational project designed to provide Saskatchewan unions, labour councils, and area coordinating committees with educational programmes and kits that present the nature and causes of underdevelopment in the Third World.

Since COLP believes that there is cause and a need for trade union solidarity at the global level, it attempts to relate the experience of Canadian workers to the struggle of Third World workers.

For example, in the category of resource extraction, the following programmes are offered: Inco: Sudbury and Guatemala; Noranda in Saskatchewan and Chile; and the Uranium Industry in Saskatchewan and the Third World. These particular programmes make the point that the Canadian government and Canadian corporations are exploiting the lives of workers as well as maintaining dictatorships.

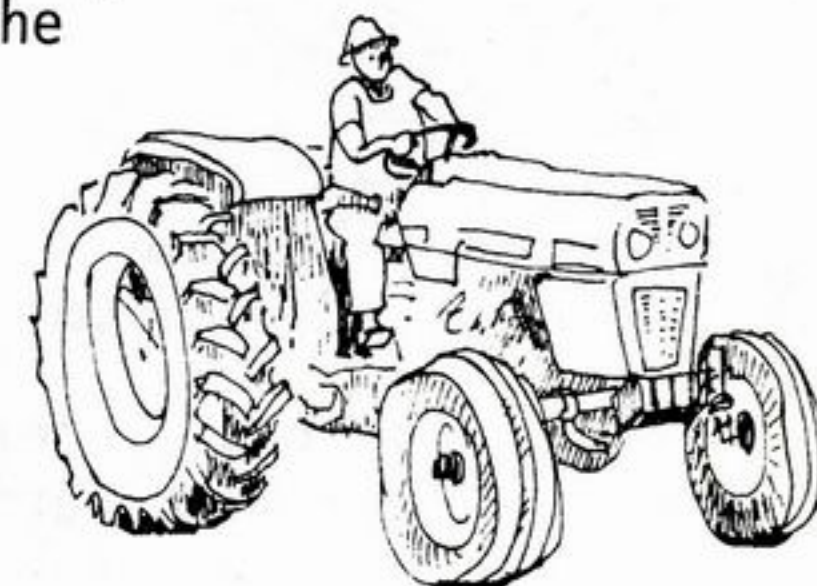
Other programme categories include the Health Care Industry, Working Women, the Forest Industry, the Food Industry, Labour Issues, and International Labour Solidarity.

COLP has also developed educational kits based on its programmes. They are designed to be used by people in the trade union movement or by development education workers interested in labour unions. The kits contain a programme description, discussion questions, hand-outs, and background articles. They are available for \$5 each from COLP while the learning programmes are offered free for union educational activities.

AGRICULTURE

CX PLOW-SHARE, Christian Farmers Federation of Western Canada, 10766-97 St.
2602 Edmonton, Alta. T5H 2M1. 30 pages. Winter/82. \$6.50/yr.

The Christian Farmers Federation is a voluntary organization of people who seek to make Biblical principles of justice and stewardship the basis of their farming activities. The Federation does research and develops positions on important agricultural issues in order to educate the public and to press for changes in government policies and priorities. Main areas of work for the Federation include: the preservation of food land; justice issues in the marketplace; and the link between food production, economic structures and underdevelopment. The group publishes a quarterly magazine, PLOW SHARE.



The editorial in the Winter, 1982, issue of PLOW SHARE comments on the plight of farmers in Canada: "Unfortunately, the logic of our present economic system seems to push for greater centralization of control over finances, resources and markets. Farm size continues to grow. The indebtedness of farmers to financial institutions increases, leading to loss of control.....Some would argue that farm people have little or no power to affect these trends which urge the expansion of farms and increase their dependency on outside resources.

The editor then refers to two articles in the issue which point to some possibilities which, if implemented, give farm people more control. In an article entitled, "Beating the High Cost of Farming", Horace Baker points out that one of the areas where farms are most vulnerable is the pricing of farm inputs, commonly termed the cost-price squeeze. Baker suggests that a well-organized, broadly-based, and comprehensive agricultural co-operative movement would go a long way to place control over inputs within the realm of the agricultural community. Accordingly, the editor suggests, if the majority of farm families across Canada were to join and support such a co-operative and purchase farm inputs collectively, the impact on the market for farm inputs would be very noticeable.

Such a process would give farmers considerable negotiating room. A second key area for the long-term stability of the farm population and rural communities is that of land values and farm tenure. Some ideas on this subject are contained in another contribution to this edition, titled To Whom The Land, by Bob Jacobsen. In another article, Farmworkers Engaged in Lonely Struggle for Justice, John Warnock reports on the efforts of B.C. farmworkers to organize themselves and the role and reaction of B.C. farmers in this process.

The theme of the November 1981 Christian Farmers Federation convention was the relationship between technology and agriculture. The workshops and keynote address presented participants with the opportunity to reflect on the way their decisions about technology, as well as government policy and societal structures, have shaped their farms and daily lives. The convention presentations are reported in four articles in this edition.

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2603 NATIONAL FARMERS UNION, Head Office, 250-C 2nd Ave., Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 2M1



The NATIONAL FARMERS UNION is a union with a difference: it is a voluntary, direct-dues paying organization with membership held on a family, rather than an individual, basis. Membership is open to producers of any type of agricultural commodity. Members have direct control over the election of all officers right up to the national level. The UNION undertakes research, education of its members and the general public, and lobbies governments on agricultural policy.

The NFU seeks to ensure the maintenance of a strong rural community in Canada as an essential part of our culture. It believes it is in the national interest to support the continuation of a system of food production based on the family farm as the basic unit. It is opposed to the transformation of this system to one characterized by large-scale production by corporate bodies possessing market control. The NFU recognizes a common interest with agricultural workers in Third World countries and has expressed solidarity with them.

Since its formation 13 years ago, NFU has been concerned about: foreign and corporate control of farm land; farm size and tenure; urban and industrial encroachment on farm land; trends toward heavy chemical use in production; use of food as a political weapon; occupational health hazards for farm workers; and recognition of the role of women in this sector of the economy. In December of 1980 the NFU initiated a two-year study to document the economic and social contribution of farm women and the specific nature of their labour.

Of particular concern currently is the thrust of federal government proposals to restructure Western grain handling and transportation by altering the fixed statutory Crow rate on export grain, which has ensured low shipping costs to producers. In a series of presentations to government, the NFU has argued that such a change would result in a devastating economic loss for farmers and have an adverse effect on the Canadian economy as a whole. A clear statement of their position



with regard to the Crow rate is contained in a March 3, 1981 brief to the federal government, and in a brief to the Western Grain Transportation Office on March 19, 1982 on the subject of Railway Costing and Guarantees. Both are available from NFU offices.

NFU publishes a monthly newspaper, Union Farmer. Subscription rates are \$6 for non-members, and \$10 for institutions.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / DEVELOPPEMENT DE RESSOURCES

CX EARTHCARE, Box 1048, Wynyard, Sask. S0A 4T0
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EARTHCARE is a Saskatchewan organization dedicated to developing agricultural alternatives. Their motto is: "The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings." Earthcare: Ecological Agriculture in Saskatchewan is a book written and published in 1981 by this group. The book reflects the growing concern among farmers about declining soil resources and the negative effects of agricultural chemicals. It relates specifically to the climate and soil conditions of the Prairies.

EARTHCARE's most recent Agricultural Conference was held in Regina in March 1982 on "Marketing Organic Food". Government marketing standards have supported farmers who use recognized commercial agriculture chemicals and thus have effectively prevented organic growers from marketing their produce except in a very limited way. The 1982 Agriculture Conference was an opportunity for consumers, producers, and marketers to get together and explore ways of dealing with the problems and potentials of marketing organically grown food.

CX MANITOBA INTERCHURCH COALITION ON RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, c/o Lois Kunkel,
2605 318 Wardlaw Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. R3L 0L7. (204) 452-6488

Established in 1977, the COALITION brings together representatives of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Christian Reformed Church, the Lutheran Church in America (Central Canada Synod), the Conference of Mennonites in Canada, the Roman Catholic Church, and the United Church of Canada. Its primary objective "...is to catalyze the Christian Community in the South and in the North, with the object of:



- Stimulating informed theological reflection about the whole question of economic development;
- Enabling the Northern churches to prophetically challenge the lifestyle of Manitoba as a whole;
- Challenging the Christian Community in the South to be in solidarity with Northern people, and to act with them as advocates in support of their struggle to respond to the immediate threat to their way of life posed by impending development."

Working with the national interchurch body Project North, the COALITION has supported Native organizations in the Polar Gas Pipeline debate. Throughout 1981 it worked with various Native organizations to get support for an aboriginal rights clause in the Constitution. It has lobbied at the provincial level with regard to northern hydro development and Native land entitlement. In February and March, 1982 the COALITION held seminars on Aboriginal Rights and Self-Determination. Future activities will also include lobbying the Manitoba government to ensure the protection of wild rice crops from non-Native exploitation and supporting land entitlement claims put forward by Manitoba Native organizations.

The COALITION publishes a quarterly newsletter, and maintains files related to northern resource development.

CX SASKATOON CHEMICALS, Saskatchewan Environmental Society, P.O. Box 1372,
2606 Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 3N6. 15 pages. March '82. Write for details.

SASKATOON CHEMICALS is one of a series of "Backgrounder" booklets published by the Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES) to provide basic information to the general public on contemporary environmental issues. This booklet begins with a letter from the SES to the general manager of Saskatoon Chemicals (one of the major chemical producing companies in Saskatchewan) in response to the planned sodium chlorate plant expansion.

A series of public information meetings raised a number of concerns which the SES feels Saskatoon Chemicals should deal with in the Environmental Impact Statement the expansion:

- An alternate location for the expansion; i.e. right at the Prince Albert Pulp Mill;
- The potential phase-out of the existing plant in the long term;
- Safety considerations;
- Resource use;
- The rising cost of electricity.

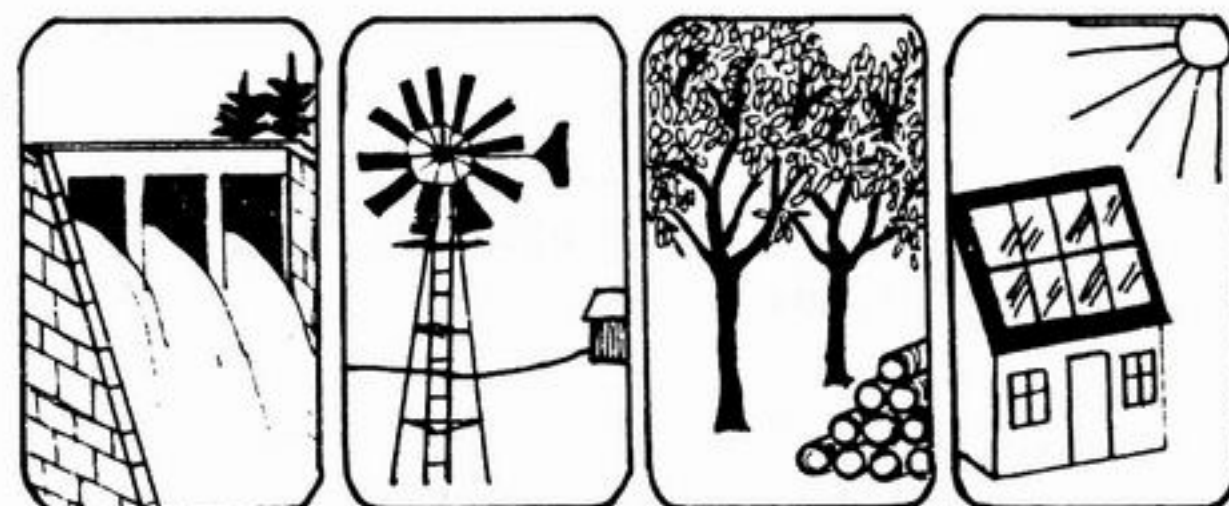
The booklet provides background information regarding: "The Chemicals Produced" (chlorine, sodium chlorate, calcium hypochlorite, caustic soda, and hydrogen), "The Product or Process", "Resource Use, Energy, and Profitability", "The Location of the Plant" (including maps), and "The Environmental Impact Statement".

According to SES members present at recent public meetings, the general public is most concerned about the dangers of chlorine, notorious because of its use as a poison gas in World War I. SES concludes: "There seems no doubt that if failure of a large chlorine storage tank occurred, a disaster of major proportions could result for Saskatoon." Other chemicals produced by the company have their own potential dangers. Both sodium chlorate and calcium hypochlorite have not been cleared of the possibility of being cancer or birth-defect causing agents.

CX CROSSROADS RESOURCE GROUP, Box 1436, Winnipeg, Man. (204) 453-0546
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The CROSSROADS RESOURCE GROUP (CRG) is a Winnipeg-based public interest group concerned with issues related to energy and the environment.

The CRG engages in research and presents briefs to Government commissions. To date, the group has produced a number of discussion papers:



- Nuclear Reactor Accidents: Risks and Concerns: The paper reviews several accidents, including those at Three Mile Island (1979), Browns Ferry, Alabama (1975), and Detroit (1966). It analyzes and criticizes the techniques used by the nuclear industry to determine the level of risk associated with reactor technology. 10 pp. \$.50
- Environmental Assessment: Crossroads traces the origins of the federal government's Environmental Assessment and Review Process (EARP), examines its procedures, and suggests a number of basic reforms. The fundamental problem associated with EARP is that it relies too much on moral suasion for it to be effective and that far too much of the process is shielded from public scrutiny. 10 pp. \$.50
- Nuclear Moratorium: This pamphlet makes the case for a moratorium on nuclear development. It argues that any exposure to ionizing radiation involves a risk of direct or hereditary injury, that the technical adequacy of reactor technology is doubtful, that the capital intensity of the nuclear industry could disrupt the economies of nations that opt for the nuclear alternative, that the need for nuclear power has not been adequately demonstrated, and that increased reliance upon nuclear technology will facilitate the further erosion of civil liberties and the democratic decision-making process. 8 pp. \$.50

- Soft Energy Paths: CRG defines "soft energy paths" as non-nuclear systems which are dependent upon renewable sources of energy - sun, wind, water, and farm and forest wastes. Soft energy technologies are simple and understandable to the user. They are also employed in such a way that the failure of one part of the system has only limited serious consequences. These and other aspects of soft energy paths are summarily described. 6 pp. \$.50

Crossroads Resource Group has also published two comprehensive bibliographies, one specifically on nuclear energy, and the other dealing with general energy questions. Each is available for \$.25. CRG welcomes inquiries and new members. The membership fee is \$10/year.

CX 2608 REGINA GROUP FOR A NON-NUCLEAR SOCIETY, 2230 Smith Street, Regina, Sask. S4P 2P4

The REGINA GROUP FOR A NON-NUCLEAR SOCIETY (RGNNS) is concerned about the effects on people of the nuclear industry (from mining operations to the making of bombs). They have published a series of 4 one-page pamphlets on the nuclear industry. These pamphlets focus on uranium exports, the connection between nuclear power and nuclear weapons, job creation through conservation and the development of renewable energy and the problems of uranium mine waste.

RGNNS has also published a number of books about energy alternatives: The Non-Nuclear Way: Creative Energy Alternatives for Canada, by Simon Rosenblum; The Key Lake Inquiry: A Public Boycott Exposes the Lack of Credibility of the Saskatchewan Government's Inquiry Process; Uranium: Correspondence with the Premier, by Bill Harding; Why People Say 'No': Uranium Refinery at Warman, Saskatchewan; and The No Nukes Dictionary: a glossary of the nuclear industry.

CX 2609 PROTECT OUR PLANET SURVIVAL GATHERING, Canadians for Responsible Northern Development, 11911 University Ave., Edmonton, Alta. T6G 1Z6 (403) 436-4913



Canadians for Responsible Development sponsored a PROTECT OUR PLANET SURVIVAL GATHERING in June of this year. This annual GATHERING was held at a wilderness camp north of Edmonton. The purpose of the GATHERING was to bring together friends, members, and talents of those who cannot afford to be in New York for the June Disarmament Session at the United Nations.

The Survival Study focussed on such topics as energy conservation, organic farming, health care, uranium mining and transportation, and Indian and Inuit issues. The organizers hope that the GATHERING will develop resolutions to send to the UN meetings.

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URANIUM TRAFFIC IN SASKATCHEWAN, Produced for the Prairie Regional Committee of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation by Miles Goldstick et al, c/o South Saskatchewan Council for World Development, 2204 McIntyre St., Regina, Sask. S4P 2R9. (306) 522-6619. 8 pages. Sept.'81.
Write for details.

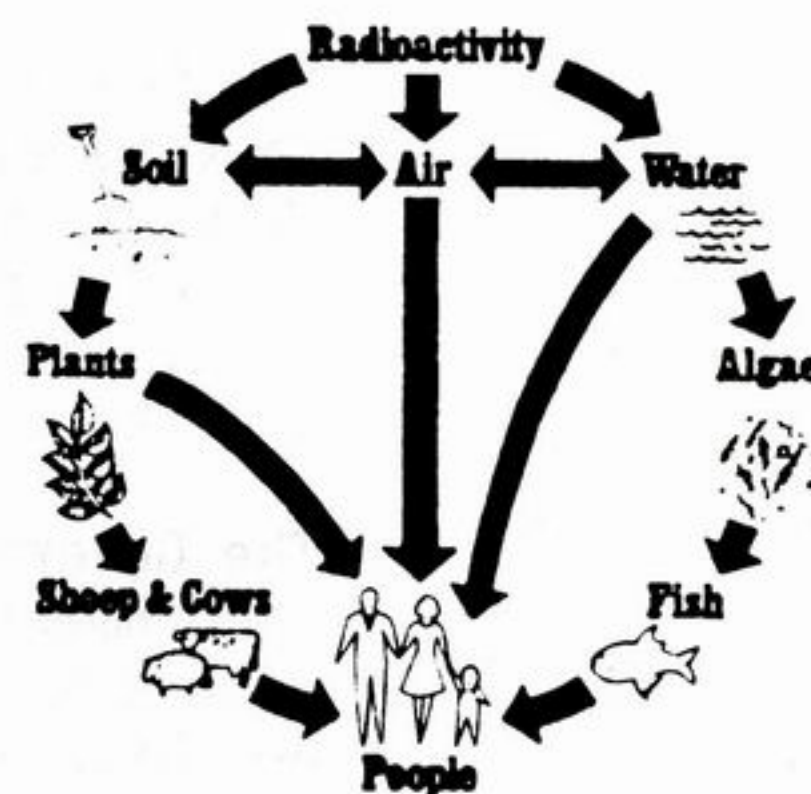
"Uranium mining in northern Saskatchewan is destroying the people and the land locally and threatening the rest of the world with accidents and nuclear war." Both the provincial and federal governments are deeply involved in the expansion by maintaining partial or complete mine ownership. This tabloid outlines the effects of the uranium industry on the land and native population of northern Saskatchewan, the dangers of uranium transportation, and the industry's connections with militarism and the Third World.

The local impact of a uranium mine is devastating. According to the report: "... the land is destroyed to such an extent that it cannot be used by people for thousands of years. The U.S. government now refers to the vicinity of a uranium mine as a 'national sacrifice area'. Uranium mining (also) contributes to the destruction of indigenous people in almost every country where it is mined. In northern Saskatchewan they have been forced off the land and given dangerous jobs in the mines. The Indian people, apparently, are also regarded as a 'national sacrifice'."

The dangers extend beyond northern Saskatchewan because yellowcake, the final product from a uranium mill, passes through many communities on its way to the U.S. and Port Hope, Ontario, where it is further refined. A railway or highway accident would threaten the health of many because cancer can result from exposure to yellowcake, though the latency period may be as long as 10 to 30 years."

The uranium mined in northern Saskatchewan is linked to nuclear energy and the arms race internationally. In 1979, almost half of Saskatchewan's uranium went to the United States. The U.S. continues to test nuclear armaments at its underground testing site in Nevada (every three and a half weeks, they detonate a bomb up to five times the size of the one dropped on Hiroshima). Several American corporations are also involved in the export of nuclear equipment and technology to repressive regimes such as those in South Africa, Brazil, South Korea, and the Phillipines. Canada also exports Candu technology to the Third World. In all, more than 17 countries receive uranium from northern Saskatchewan.

This tabloid lists 23 groups and publications devoted to a halt in uranium exploration and extraction.



CX 2611 ATOMS FOR WAR: THE SASKATCHEWAN CONNECTION, Inter-Church Uranium Committee, Box 7724, Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 4R4 4 pages. October '81. Write for details.

This tabloid examines the ways in which the Saskatchewan uranium industry supports the production of nuclear arms and thereby increases the possibility of their deployment. Two of the major points made are:

- The Government of Saskatchewan, through its crown corporation, the Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation (SMDC), co-operates with transnational corporations involved in the weapons industry. Some of these companies include: AMOK, Union Carbide, Wyoming Minerals, Rio Tinto Zinc, the Rothschilds, and Urangesellschaft. Through these relationships, Saskatchewan profits from the arms race.
- The Government of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada collaborate with governments that have not signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Some of these are: France, Argentina, India, Pakistan, South Africa, South Korea, and Brazil.

The Inter-Church Uranium Committee supports a moratorium on uranium mining in Saskatchewan in order that further research can be done on the unanswered questions of the issue, such as the management of wastes and the effects of low level radiation. The Committee is a group of Christians from Anglican, Lutheran, Mennonite, Roman Catholic, and United Church congregations.

DISARMAMENT / DÉSARMEMENT

CX 2612 WINNIPEG CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR DISARMAMENT, 820 Dorchester Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3M 0R7 (204) 284-7679



Part coalition, part working group, the WINNIPEG CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR DISARMAMENT (WCCD) brings together a dozen church, community and non-governmental organizations who share a common concern about nuclear arms proliferation, the arms race, and the danger of nuclear war. Formed in February, 1981, the COMMITTEE seeks to co-ordinate and publicize the activities of its constituent groups, raise community awareness, and foster the development of new groups with similar aims.

Since its formation, it has organized several educational events, including Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days '81 and Disarmament Week (October, 1981). Recently, the WCCD organized a Peace Parade and Disarmament Rally in Winnipeg in support of the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament (June 7-9). Earlier it had arranged a weekend-long Fast for Peace at two Winnipeg churches.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Canada-United States International Peace Gardens on the Manitoba-North Dakota border. The WCCD and many other organizations from western Canada and the midwestern United States are planning to gather there in late August, to observe Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days 1982.

The WCCD publishes a monthly newsletter, and has a small lending library. As well, its member organizations share a number of educational resources.

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2613 PEACE UNEARTH - A DIRECTORY OF CANADIAN PEACE ORGANIZATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS, soon to be available from the Mennonite Central Committee (Manitoba), 1483 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, Man. R3T 2C7. (204) 475-3550
Compiled by Lynn Martin. \$6/copy

PEACE UNEARTH is an annotated directory of more than 150 Canadian organizations concerned with various aspects of peace and development. Quite often such groups work in isolation from one another, sometimes in ignorance of the other's existence. PEACE UNEARTH is intended to help them overcome that isolation.

Entries are based upon information provided by the organizations. No attempt is made to assess or analyse the organizations from any particular perspective. The organizations are cross-referenced in two indices, by region and by subject category. Subject categories include disarmament, development, human rights, nuclear energy, peace education, and militarism. The directory contains an Anglophone and a Francophone section. Bilingual organizations are listed in each of these sections.



The formulation of a satisfactory definition of "peace organization" was problematic, the author notes. While her working definition of such organizations was "groups working for nonviolent social change", it proved impossible to apply this definition in a rigid fashion, especially in human rights and solidarity areas.

The first edition of the directory is expected to be available in June 1982. Distribution will be promoted among schools, universities, churches, public libraries, and peace organizations. Cheques, payable to the Mennonite Central Committee (Manitoba), should accompany orders.

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

EDUCATION SUR LE SOUS-DEVELOPPEMENT

CX THEATRE AS A DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION TOOL, by Margot Charlton, c/o Manitoba
2614 Council for International Co-operation, 418 Wardlaw Ave., Winnipeg, Man.
R3L 0L7 (204) 453-6231 10 pages. Write for details.

This booklet outlines the methodology employed in the videotaping of an eight-part series on development sponsored by CUSO in Winnipeg in 1980-81. It explains how theatre can be utilized as an educational tool for bringing life and immediacy to unfamiliar themes and topics.

A major problem of development education is that of presenting information and analysis on complex, serious problems in a form which is comprehensible and does not overwhelm or alienate the audience. Charlton contrasts this experience with that of a community group which is dealing with familiar problems in a collective manner. For her, the key is to link the unfamiliar issues presented by development educators with issues already familiar to the audience. Theatre often provides that link.

The theatre she describes is one that requires only simple sets and costumes, and need not involve professional actors (although most of the members of the series did have varying degrees of acting experience). The report details the type and amount of preparation required for a typical programme and briefly describes how various theatrical techniques were employed to create specific effects.

CX SO FAR FROM HOME: CHILEANS IN EXILE, a Winnipeg Film Group Production,
2615 24-221 McDermot Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3B 0S1 (204) 942-6795
Documentary film, 16mm, 25 minutes long.

Producer/director Victor Dobchuk explores the motivations and struggles of Winnipeg's Chilean community as it seeks to adapt to new conditions while maintaining its culture and continuing its resistance to the Pinochet junta. Through the life and work of Chilean folksinger Hugo Torres, Dobchuck examines the contradictions inherent in such a situation: the problem of maintaining an active commitment to their struggle in the face of the attractions and pressures of Canadian society. Nearly a decade has passed since the coup. Hugo, who now has married a Canadian woman and has children, says that he must and will return to his homeland. He cannot ignore the suffering of his people, nor can he forget the hopes that were dashed in September 1973. In the meantime he works with others in the Chilean community, playing music with the folk group Retaguardia, trying to keep the spirit of Chile alive.

The film, two years in the making, involved the creative energies of several local filmmakers and Chilean individuals, organizations, and musicians. Financial support was provided by the Multiculturalism Department of the Secretary of State, the Manitoba Arts

Council, the Manitoba Department of Cultural Affairs, the National Film Board, and CUSO (Manitoba-Northwest Ontario region). It will be available for distribution in the summer of 1982. Details can be obtained from the Winnipeg Film Group, a filmmakers co-operative, which holds distribution and copy rights.

CX RESISTENCIA, c/o 205 Balmoral Street, Winnipeg, Man. (204) 284-4151
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RESISTENCIA is an English-language Latin American solidarity newsletter published bi-monthly by a volunteer collective based at the Chile Information Centre in Winnipeg. The objectives of the collective are:

- to develop solidarity in Canada for Latin American liberation struggles;
- to publicize the activities of the various solidarity groups in Winnipeg; and
- to focus on the role of the Canadian Government and Canadian corporations in Latin America.

Publication began in 1980 and it currently has a circulation of about 500, largely in the Winnipeg area. As the popular struggles have deepened in Central America, RESISTENCIA's coverage has shifted to encompass events in the Caribbean basin and articles have appeared on Haiti, Jamaica, and Grenada, as well as on Central and South America.

The collective maintains an extensive file on Latin America that can be used by interested people. Subscriptions to the newsletter are available for \$3 (individuals), \$5 (supporting or institutional), and \$10 (sustaining).

CX MEDICAL AID TO EL SALVADOR CAMPAIGN, c/o OXFAM, Box 12000 Calgary,
2617 Alta. T2P 2M7

A MEDICAL AID TO EL SALVADOR CAMPAIGN has been mounted by OXFAM-Calgary in response to an urgent appeal for help from the Democratic Revolutionary Front in that country. Food, medical supplies, and emergency shelters are needed for the tens of thousands of injured and for the estimated 100,000 refugees who have been displaced during the current conflict in that country.

Donations may be forwarded either directly to the FDR, or via OXFAM, to be used for medical aid. It is also suggested that Canadians encourage their federal politicians to firmly oppose any further U.S. support for the military regime in El Salvador, and ask their government to recognize the FDR as the legitimate representatives of the Salvadorean people; or that they inform others in their local community about the situation in El Salvador, and possibly mount fund-raising projects.

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THE MARQUIS PROJECT, 220-8th Street, Brandon, Man. R7A 3X3



THE MARQUIS PROJECT was established in 1979 by people active in the Brandon Interchurch Committee for World Development Education who desired an ongoing, year-round vehicle for educational programming. The PROJECT's philosophy is implied by its name. Marquis wheat was developed in Canada from wheat helped to establish the Canadian Prairies as a source of food for people around the world. The Marquis Project explores such links between Western Manitoba and the Third World.

Through Assiniboine Community College and Brandon University, MARQUIS offers a series of non-credit evening courses. It has recently established a series of evening courses at the high school in Killarney, Manitoba. The "Marquis Report", a weekly cable TV programme is in its second season and the group has produced two half-hour slide-tape programmes with accompanying study guides on "The Global Marketplace - third world trade and development and the goods we buy" and "The Story of Famine - a comparison of past responses to famine with food aid today". Latin America is an important focus for MARQUIS. It has organized a study tour to Cuernavaca, Mexico (Centre for Intercultural Dialogue and has conducted a Central America Information Project.

Memberships in the MARQUIS PROJECT are available at \$3 for individuals (supporting memberships at \$10 or more) and \$25 for institutions.

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ONE SKY SASKATCHEWAN CROSS CULTURAL CENTRE, 134 Ave. F South, Saskatoon,
Sask. S7M 1S8 (306) 652-1571

ONE SKY is a learner centre funded by the federal and provincial governments. It seeks to provide resources to support the efforts of community organizations "on the front lines" who are working on various issues. These resources usually take the form of printed materials, audio-visuals, classes, public speaking, and the use of space. ONE SKY's work has focussed on labour, women, native people, solidarity with Latin America, and agriculture. Its resources are used by schools, churches, and community organizers. Some of the resources provided are:

- One Sky Report, a monthly publication of articles and commentary focussed on a particular theme. Recent editions have focussed on "Labour and the New Technology", "Racism and Economic Power", "Women in the Work Force", and "Guatemala: The People United";
- a clipping service focussing on the issues already mentioned as well as all Third World countries, corporations and finance, uranium issues, repression and civil liberties, natural resources, and Saskatchewan development;
- a periodical library of over 100 publications, including some difficult to find in the mainstream library system; and

- "citizen educator" kits on "Multinationals and Saskatchewan" and "Native People".

Periodically, ONE SKY also provides courses called "Global Issues" which examine the interrelationships of popular movements and local and international issues.

CX THE EDMONTON LEARNER CENTRE, 10523 - 77 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.
2620 (403) 432-7242

THE EDMONTON LEARNER CENTRE is a non-profit society dedicated to raising awareness about global issues and facilitating action toward a more just global order.

To this end the CENTRE provides films, slide tapes, information, referrals, and programming on other countries and cultures.

Its facilities include a projection room and lending library with study space. A monthly newsletter keeps people informed about new resources and activities and includes a calendar of coming events.

Of special interest is the "Curriculum Index" produced by the CENTRE. The index is a teacher's guide to audio visual resources on global issues which catalogues over 30 films and 40 slide tapes and offers referrals to other distributors. Latin America, Canadian Native People, Farming, Children, Canada as a Multicultural Society, Bottle Babies, and Third World Trade Unions are some of the topics covered.

The CENTRE also provides a film guide that gives detailed summaries of the films it offers. As well, it publishes Connections, a bi-monthly magazine of news and development information on Third World and global issues.

Memberships to the CENTRE are available and provide discount rates for borrowed resources.

CX UNISPHERE, 101 - 6th Street E., Westminster United Church,
2621 Medicine Hat, Alta. T1A 1G7

UNISPHERE was formed in 1976 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, to increase public awareness of links between Albertans and people of the Third World. Initially, its programmes focussed on the annual Ten Days for World Development, an inter-church sponsored educational project. However, since 1977, it has expanded its work to include schools, service clubs, community groups, and individuals.



UNISPHERE offers to the public a wide range of educational and information aids and activities including films, slides, and magazines, and offers speakers and workshops on international development issues.

UNISPHERE works closely with the Chilean community in Medicine Hat as well as other learner centres in Alberta. It was also involved in the establishment of a local Amnesty International group recently.

CX THE WORLD CITIZENS CENTRE, 1011-4th Ave. S., Lethbridge, Alta T1J 0P7.
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"THE WORLD CITIZENS CENTRE is a resource centre concerned with increasing public awareness and individual understanding of the links between Canadians and Third World peoples. Resources are maintained and programs are developed to examine:

- the inter-relatedness of all peoples both economically and culturally;
- the effects of economic and consumer practices on the lives of others;
- the need for greater care of the environment and natural resources."

The CENTRE deals with such topics as famine, disarmament, intermediate technology, unemployment, North-South dialogue, energy, and environment. Its services include a reading and viewing room, a collection of print and media materials, and the provision of speakers and programmes for schools and community organizations. Programme development, finance, resource selection and other committees help define the CENTRE'S direction. Membership in the CENTRE is \$5 per year. Members can make use of its resources at a reduced rate and receive a monthly newsletter.

CX THE SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN COMMITTEE FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT,
2623 1602 12th Avenue, Regina, Sask. S4P 2R9. 522-6619.



THE SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN COMMITTEE FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT (SSCWD) is a development education organization which receives funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation to prepare and make available programmes on issues pertinent to the Third World. Its programming is designed to help explain how colonialism and poverty abroad are related to exploitation in Canada. This is done by exploring topics like land use, human rights, resource extraction and work in the light of current events and with a firm commitment to the realization of social justice.

Its urban and rural workers are able to act as resource persons and the group has a variety of films, slide shows, and print materials available for use in local programs on development issues. Members are kept informed by a monthly newsletter which contains

information of issue priorities and the day-to-day functioning of SSCWD.

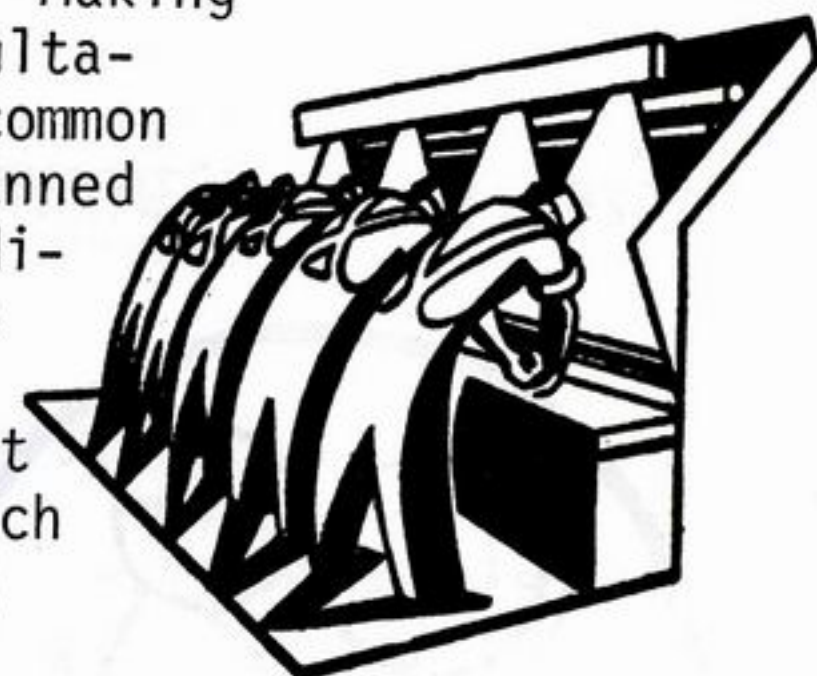
Priorities for SSCWD at present include:

- grain handling and transportation;
- global land use and land ownership;
- food processing, vertical integration, corporate control;
- plant breeders' rights;
- Third World labour education, farm labour;
- energy resource extraction;
- liberation support for Latin America, Southern Africa, and Nicaragua.

The March 1982 issue of the SSCWD NEWSLETTER includes a report from a Nicaraguan farmer who concludes that, "It's not ideal for farmers, or anyone yet, but there has been so much improvement!" The same issue carries an article on a nun from Nicaragua who argues that "the Miskitu Indian is not a counter-revolutionary, but a victim". SSCWD is currently making available a photo exhibit on "The Nicaraguan Revolution: Two Years Later"; write for details.

CX 2624 MANITOBA INTERCHURCH COMMITTEE FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (TEN DAYS),
418 Wardlaw Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. R7A 3X3. (204) 727-5675.

The MANITOBA TEN DAYS COMMITTEE is an inter-church organization for development education. As part of on-going activities around the TEN DAYS theme "Making a Living", the Manitoba committee in October, 1981, sponsored a consultation between Manitoba church and labour leaders to discuss areas of common concern and learn more about one another. A similar gathering is planned for the fall of 1982. The COMMITTEE is conducting research into conditions of work in the needle trades. Winnipeg's garment industry, the second largest in Canada, is a low-wage job ghetto for many women, most of them immigrants. The COMMITTEE is also acting as a consultant on the theology of work to the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, which is preparing a major exhibition on the theme of work. The exhibition will open in September 1982 and run for 10 months.



CX 2625 MANITOBA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION (MCIC) DEVELOPMENT
EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, 418 Wardlaw Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. R3L 0L7.
(204) 475-4169.

MCIC is a group of church and service organizations which came together in 1974 to encourage and support international development co-operation within Manitoba. The COUNCIL supports small-scale, grassroots projects in the Third World. These projects usually have a high level of community involvement and are directed to fill needs identified by the communities receiving assistance. Most projects are designed to be taken over by the community when the grant ends.



MCIC also emphasizes development education in Manitoba. Its ongoing projects have included:

1. Internationalizing the Curriculum - a project promoting the concept of development education in Manitoba schools. MCIC established a resource service for educators, and offers classroom workshops, resource development, and skills training sessions.

2. Women and Development - a project which focusses on why development efforts have done little to better the conditions under which women live and work in most Third World countries. Project officer Sari Tudiver works with MCIC agencies, women's groups, unions, and highschool and university classes to emphasize the international nature of many concerns faced by Canadian women.

3. MCIC News - is a newsletter distributed free of charge every month. It contains news of projects funded by MCIC, Manitoban involvement in international development, and upcoming events in Manitoba. Copies are made available to interested persons, MLA's, MP's, school divisions, and member agencies.

4. An African Abstract - a Brief Background to Issues and Events by Dennis Lewycky and Susan White. Designed for those who know little or nothing of Africa, it summarizes the history, politics, and the economies of each of the 54 African nations and provides maps and basic statistical data in an easy-to-use format. Individual copies are available for \$9.95. Inquire for details on bulk purchase rates. Work is underway on A Latin American Abstract.

CX 2626 AGENCIES FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (AIDE), 418 Wardlaw Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3L 0L7. (204) 453-6231.



AGENCIES FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION is a coalition of eight international development agencies: CUSO, IDEA Centre, the Marquis Project, the Mennonite Central Committee, the Red Cross Society, UNICEF, the United Nations Association, and the YMCA. Formed in January, 1981, its aim is "to help young Manitobans develop a critical awareness about development to the end that understanding, caring and action will result."

AIDE's first major venture was the "World in the Classroom" conference held in January, 1982, in Winnipeg. Two hundred and fifty people attended, most of them teachers. Conference topics included: the world food crisis; education in the global village classroom; people's technology; human rights; economic roads to development; the mass media, schooling in a multi-cultural society; community organizing and development within Canada, and experimental strategies for development education. Conference sponsors included the Canadian International Development Agency, the Manitoba Department of Education, the Manitoba Social Science Teachers' Association, and the Manitoba Teachers' Society.

The conference sparked an increase in requests to AIDE members for their services and resources. Future plans include a series of mini-conferences during the 1982-83 school year (primarily in rural and northern Manitoba), regular articles in the journal published

by the Manitoba Social Science Teachers' Association, and the production of a resource catalogue that will be made available to school resource centres and libraries.

Membership in AIDE is open to members of the Manitoba Council for International Co-operation.

OTHER RESOURCES AND GROUPS

SASKATCHEWAN WOMEN ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION INC., 116 Angus Cres., Regina, Sask. S4T 6N2.

WOMEN & EDUCATION SUMMER INSTITUTE, Room 3087, College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0. (306) 343-5327.

Changes in the role of women, as well as in the special status they have traditionally held in society, has led universities across the continent to establish women's studies programmes. The University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, has created an annual SUMMER INSTITUTE ON WOMEN AND EDUCATION offering courses, workshops, seminars, and a celebration of women's achievements in the arts.

CALGARY WOMEN'S NETWORK, c/o Sandi Scott, Women's Resource Centre, Y.M.C.A., 320-5th Ave. S.E., Calgary, Alta. T2G 0E5.

The CALGARY WOMEN'S NETWORK sees networking among women as a strategy for the empowerment of women. Its emphasis is on "connecting" with other career women through the exchange of resources and information, and on providing a supportive environment for individual growth and personal development. The group publishes a quarterly newsletter.

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF SELF-HELP, 1117 Macleod Trail S.E., Calgary, Alta. T2G 2M8. (403) 266-8711.

CALGARY SELF-HELP, which began in 1973 as a mutual support group for people who have had psychiatric treatment, now has 720 active members. Permanent funding from the Alberta government has enabled the group to extend its program to include Life Skills Training, a housing registry, a job finding service, and a variety of social and recreational programs. Fourteen Board members, one-half of whom themselves have had psychiatric treatment, are elected by the membership.

LAST BOOST CLUB, 330 Edmonton St., Winnipeg, Man. (204) 924-1027 - a self-help group for people who have had psychiatric treatment.

NEW START INC., c/o Jim McLarne, 415-3rd St. E., Saskatoon, Sask. (306) 244-6733.

THE CROWFOOT SUNRISE RESIDENCE, 922 - 21 Avenue, Calgary, Alta. (403) 269-5564.

THE METIS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA, Room 209, 223-12 Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alta. (403) 253-8262.

This group works with Native people and non-status Indians to meet their cultural, recreational and social needs. They try to help with financial and other basic and social service assistance.

THE CALGARY INDIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE - 140 -2nd Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alta.
(403) 264-1155.

VOICE OF NATIVE WOMEN - Improved conditions on Indian Reserves and Metis colonies is the goal of the VOICE OF NATIVE WOMEN. A project on foster care which would ensure that Indian children were placed in Indian homes is one of the groups present concerns. Lucy Big Plume (403 - 281-9571) is willing to talk to anyone interested in this group.

NATIVE ALCOHOLISM SERVICES, 237 - 12th Ave. S.E., Calgary, Alta. (403) 261-7921
This group provides counselling for alcohol-related problems, makes referrals to half-way houses and treatment centres, offers educational programs and films, as well as acting as a resource for community projects.

NATIVE COUNSELLING SERVICES OF ALBERTA, 112A-8th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alta.
(403) 261-5813 or 261-5783.
This agency provides counselling and information to Native people involved with the law. Their mandate includes improving liaison between inmates, their families and outside organizations. They assist with parole arrangements and post-release plans for inmates as well as training Native people as court workers and alcohol counsellors.

SASKATCHEWAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION NEWSLETTER,
Saskatchewan office: 8th floor, Canterbury Towers,
224-4th Avenue S. S7K 5M5.
(306) 664-5952.
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Prince Albert office: 5th floor, McIntosh Towers,
800 Central Ave.,
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(306) 922-2296.

SASKATCHEWAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION NEWSLETTER, 2138 McIntyre St.,
Regina, Sask. S4P 2R7.
This NEWSLETTER contains information, updates and coming events related to the work of the COUNCIL and other concerns related to development education in Saskatchewan.

CENTRAL AMERICA WORKING GROUP (REGINA), P.O. Box 4053, Regina, Sask. (306) 522-6619

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