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# Energy and Environment

Canada's energy policy "has been decided on the basis of technical feasibility, efficiency and profit, and not on the basis of its social, political and environmental effects" (CX 2907). Corporations have told Canadians that the days of relatively cheap and abundant energy are over, and that a shortage of energy will bring economic disaster, to be averted only by the development of new and costly projects such as tar sands, Arctic oil and gas, huge hydroelectric dams, and nuclear power. Governments and public hydro utilities have supported these large-scale, capital intensive projects. The frightening results of this energy strategy have been analysed and documented by many of the groups listed in this edition of CONNEXIONS.

Nova Scotians are concerned that any benefits from offshore oil drilling could easily be wiped out by the negative social and environmental impacts such development would inevitably bring (CX 2924).

Those living in rural areas of B.C. and Ontario see their agricultural land threatened by hydroelectric dams and the construction of massive transmission lines (CX 2910, CX 2911, CX 2915).

The problems and risks associated with nuclear energy are monumental. The reliance on nuclear energy has brought health risks to the workers in the uranium industry, as well as those working in the power plants. The environment is constantly threatened by spills, leaks and the frightening legacy of nuclear wastes (CX 2907). The cost of these projects has consistently surpassed estimates. And there is "damning evidence that civilian nuclear technology has become the dominant means of acquiring nuclear weapons capability throughout the world," as repossessed plutonium

from nuclear power plants is one of the easiest ways of obtaining materials needed to construct nuclear weapons. (All of the purchasers of Canadian CANDU reactors — India, Pakistan, South Korea, Argentina and Taiwan — have obtained or attempted to obtain reprocessing technology while the Canadian public was being reassured that the CANDU would not be used for military purposes (CX 2906).

There are alternatives to this "hard energy path." Contributors to this issue have researched and documented that an energy strategy based on conservation and renewable energy resources is both technically feasible and economically sound. It is possible to build small-scale projects, locally controlled, which cause minimal environmental and health problems, cost less, create more jobs, and respect aboriginal rights.

Many Canadians have been actively pursuing a new energy direction for Canada. Their strategies are varied — organizing at the local level to fight particular projects; lobbying public officials, promoting public awareness through films, alternative media, and education centres; organizing conferences for networking and information-sharing purposes; taking specific cases to court; and doing in-depth research and analysis. Others are developing, testing and promoting alternative energy technologies — solar systems, windmills, methane gas plants, wind buffers, and bicycles.

Canada is at a critical point in its energy policy development. We do have the power to choose between the corporate and the soft energy paths. A wise choice will include consideration of the ecological, military, economic, human and ethical issues raised in this edition of CONNEXIONS.

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CX 2899

## POWER TO CHOOSE

GATT-Fly

11 Madison Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5R 2S2

(416) 921-4615

142 pages, 1981, \$5.59

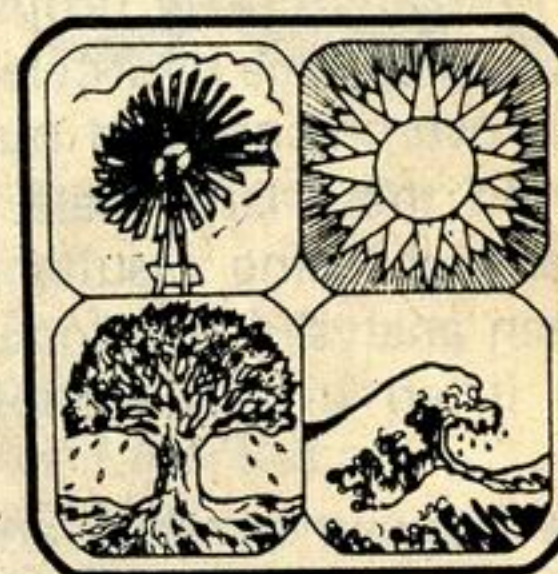
The purpose of **POWER TO CHOOSE** is "to examine energy issues from the point of view of the majority of Canadians who are now excluded from participation in the formation of energy policy, but who nevertheless suffer the consequences." The origin of the study lies in five years of work on energy issues carried out by GATT-Fly, a church-based organization which does research and writing into economic life as it affects working people in Canada and the Third World. More immediately, the authors participated in an October 1980 consultation with representatives of the trade union movement, farm organizations, Native peoples' groups, churches and environmental groups; together these people explored the themes and perspectives that came to form the basis of **POWER TO CHOOSE**.

The central theme of the book is the choice between the "corporate energy road" and an alternative "soft energy path." The former follows the initiatives of private and public corporations in pursuing priorities of profit and growth. Energy planning is based on large-scale, capital-intensive projects for the production and export of energy from mostly non-renewable resources. This system results in higher prices for energy, centralization of the industry, a high concentration of wealth and power, fewer jobs, environmental damage, and denial of aboriginal rights.

A soft energy path is characterized by "social control over investment at the local, provincial and na-

tional levels." This approach emphasizes conservation of non-renewable resources and the development of renewable resources using technology accessible at local levels. This path promises a cleaner environment, more stable prices, safer working conditions, and more decentralized control over energy development.

**POWER TO CHOOSE** examines both these options, and the political question of "how we might work together" to attain a soft energy plan for Canada.



CX 2900

## FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

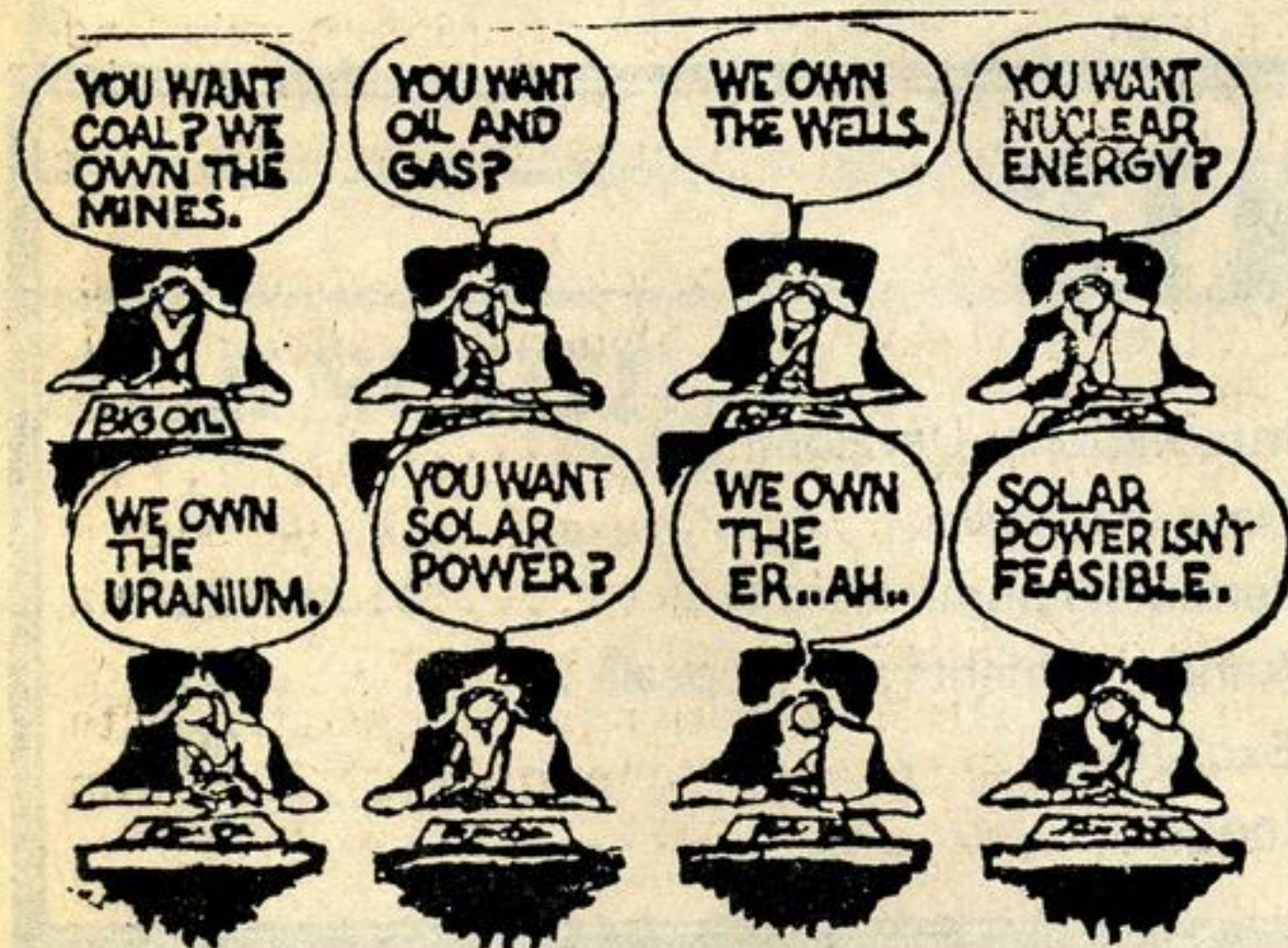
LES AMIS DE LA TERRE

53 Queen St. Suite 53, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5C5

**FRIENDS OF THE EARTH** is a federation of 20 Canadian environmental groups working towards a conservator society for Canada. Its objectives are to take a leadership role in national environmental issues, such as renewable energy and toxic chemicals, to raise environmental concerns with the federal government, and to facilitate communication among environmentalists within Canada and between them and environmentalists throughout the world.

The *Soft Energy Path Study* by **FRIENDS** (written by David Brooks, John Robinson, and Ralph Torrie) is part of the continuing work to show that Canadians can have economic development while preserving the environment. The study was undertaken by researchers from across Canada over a period of two years. It demonstrates that Canada does not need the hydro dams, nuclear power plants, and Arctic oil drilling which threaten the environment. It shows that a Canadian energy strategy based on conservation and renewable energy resources is technically feasible and economically sound.

**FRIENDS** is pressing, in its meetings with government officials and MPs, for implementation of the Soft Energy Path as part of government policy. As well, the group is publicizing the findings through a paperback version of the study entitled *Life After Oil* (available from the above address for \$13.40, postage included).





FRIENDS OF THE EARTH has developed a comprehensive programme to address the most serious environmental problem of the 1980s: toxic chemical pollution. The federation is also actively campaigning for the elimination of lead from gasoline and for more stringent automobile emission standards. In a brief to the government supporting a phased elimination of lead from gasoline, the group drew attention to the potential hazards of the manganese based lead substitute, MMT.

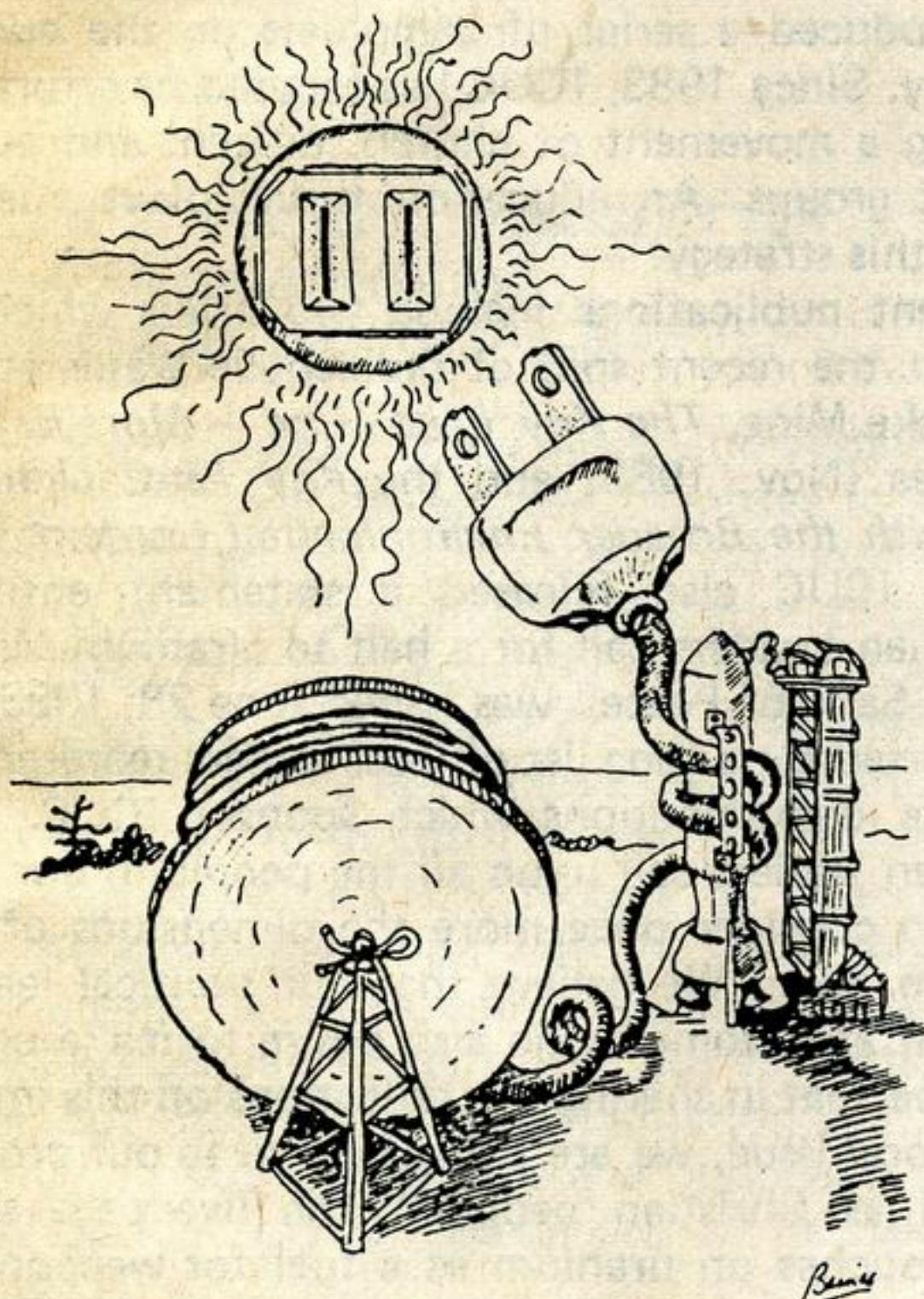
FRIENDS OF THE EARTH is taking a close look at the link between two important issues: nuclear power and nuclear weapons. The results of this investigation into the means by which the "peaceful" use of atomic power is fuelling the arms race will be published in book form in future.

Publication of the group's quarterly journal, *Alternatives*, provides in-depth analysis of environmental issues such as acid rain, toxic wastes, and environmental ethics.

*Ottawatch* is a bi-monthly publication of news about the federal government's environmental activities. It aims to inform environmentalists of opportunities to make their views known to the federal government on issues of mutual concern.

A quarterly publication of news and scientific information on toxic chemicals, *InfoEtox*, is published as part of the group's toxic chemicals programme.

As well, the group has a publication and distribution service, "InfoEarth," which specializes in books on energy and the environment.



CX 2901

## TASKFORCE ON THE CHURCHES AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

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THE TASKFORCE ON THE CHURCHES AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY was established in 1974 as a national ecumenical coalition to help member churches implement policies in the area of corporate social responsibility. Member churches see their involvement in energy/environmental issues in terms of stewardship, with concern that energy choices contribute towards a just, participatory, and sustainable society.

In 1983, the TASKFORCE Ecological Justice subcommittee addressed its attention to such issues as nuclear waste (high-level, low-level, uranium mine and mill wastes), lead in gasoline and the health effects of lead exposure, and the ongoing fight of the Nishga Indians in B.C. against AMAX Corporation which has discharged tailings from its molybdenum operation into the waters of Alice Arm, B.C.

The TASKFORCE made submissions to the Atomic Energy Control Board (AECB) and to the federal and provincial governments about the structure and process for assessment of the proposal by Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL) for deep geological disposal of wastes. Those submissions, along with the government and agency responses, are summarized in the TASKFORCE Annual Report, 1982-83. Also available, separately, from the TASKFORCE is a 14-page document from R.G. Hart of AECL dated March 24, 1983, which states the AECL position.

TASKFORCE monitoring of low-level waste management in 1983 focussed on the federal approval of the establishment under AECL of a waste management office to carry out the federal responsibility in this field, thus leading to possible conflict of interest with the AECL's mandate to promote use of nuclear power. At present there are no facilities licensed for the permanent disposal of such wastes. There are more than 130 million tonnes of uranium mine and mill wastes in Canada alone, and the volume could triple by the end of the century, the Annual Report notes.

There is TASKFORCE concern that economic factors will be too heavily weighted in evaluation of various processes for dealing with waste. It notes that the most expensive methods of disposal would likely increase the over-all cost of nuclear generated electricity by only one to three per cent because uranium costs are typically only about ten per cent.

The TASKFORCE is working in co-operation with the Inter-Church Uranium Committee (CX 2903) on this issue of waste management.



2901.5

**NATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON  
ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**  
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The NATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (NWGEE) is the latest of a series of task forces and committees of the United Church's Division of Mission in Canada which have dealt with various energy and environmental issues. An early focus of the Church's interest in energy was the Canadian nuclear industry, which was described and criticized in Number 15 of the Church's *Issue* series of newsheets on social issues (April 1977). The NWGEE has maintained this interest in nuclear energy in supporting both national and regional church and inter-church groups opposed to further nuclear developments, and in calling on the federal government to undertake a national inquiry into all aspects of the nuclear fuel system. The WORKING GROUP is also interested in alternative "soft path" energy strategies, such as solar power and conservation. In dealing with all these issues, the primary concern is with justice and equity: the GROUP criticizes prevailing energy policies and projects for their unjust and inequitable effects on the weaker members of society, especially the poor and Native peoples.

**CX 2902**

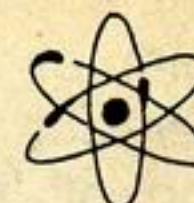
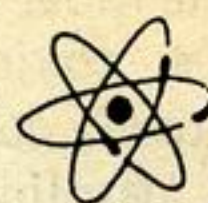
**CROSSROADS RESOURCE GROUP**  
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The CROSSROADS RESOURCE GROUP (CRG) is a Winnipeg-based public interest group concerned with issues related to energy and the environment. CRG engages in research and presents briefs to government commissions. To date, the group has produced a number of discussion papers: *Nuclear Reactor Accidents: Risks and Concerns*; *Environmental Assessment*; *Nuclear Moratorium*; and *Soft Energy Paths*.

CROSSROADS has also published two comprehensive bibliographies, one specifically on nuclear energy, and the other dealing with general energy questions.

In November 1983 CRG released *On a Sustainable Development Strategy for Canada*. This brief was submitted to the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada. It is a highly theoretical macro-analysis of a sustainable economic and social system for Canada.

Copies of these materials can be obtained from CRG at the above address.



**CX 2903**

**INTER-CHURCH URANIUM COMMITTEE**  
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The INTER-CHURCH URANIUM COMMITTEE (ICUC) is a group of Christians from Anglican, Lutheran, Mennonite, Roman Catholic and United Church congregations. ICUC members believe that the Church is drawn into the Saskatchewan uranium debate because of its concern for the ethical and social justice implications arising from the nuclear industry. Out of this concern grew the realization that these issues cannot be adequately addressed until a moratorium is placed on the uranium industry in Saskatchewan.

The committee's long-term goal is to work within church constituencies to make the Government of Saskatchewan declare a moratorium on uranium mining in Saskatchewan. ICUC began in the spring of 1980 with a major conference "Atoms for War and Peace, the Saskatchewan Connection: An Examination of the Christian Church's Responsibility." Its work the second year focused on research. The group recognized the lack of material available on this issue and produced a series of pamphlets on the nuclear industry. Since 1983, ICUC has focused its efforts on building a movement of church, citizen and public interest groups. An education thrust plays a major role in this strategy.

Recent publications include two briefs which relates to the recent spill of radioactive water at the Key Lake Mine. *The Key Lake Mine — More Broken Promises* (Nov. 1983) and the *Key Lake Uranium Spill with the Broader Environmental Context* (Jan. 1984). ICUC also released a statement entitled: "Christian Leaders call for a halt to Uranium Mining for the Sake of Peace" was issued June 28, 1983 and is endorsed by a long list of local leaders representing the five demoninations which sponsor ICUC. "We Christian leaders call upon all the people in our province to consider once more the dimensions of this uranium issue. We believe that our political leaders are men and women who also desire to make peace. We hope that in sharing our reflections on this important moral issue, we are being faithful to our prophetic call as Christian people." The five page statement touches on uranium as a fuel for weapons, as a risk to our health and as a questionable investment for the province and the country.



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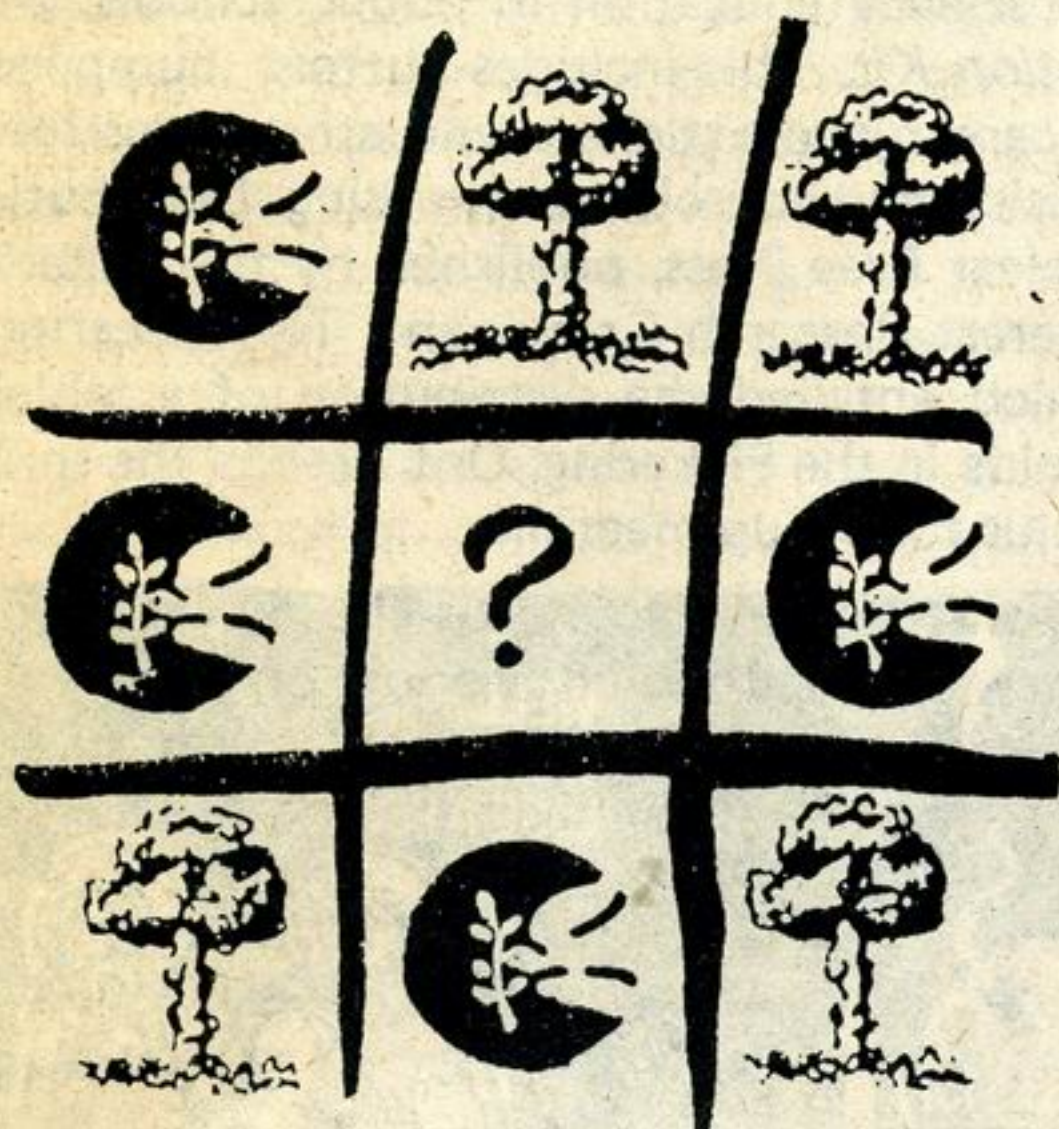
**NO TO URANIUM MINING**

Uranium Traffic Network, Earth Embassy

Box 3183, Vancouver B.C. V6B 3X6

slide-tape show, 32 minutes, \$150 — \$300

This slide-tape show documents the devastation of the people and the land in northern Saskatchewan. It looks at the radio-active waste problem, how "yellow-cake" is transported, and the effects on Native People. Survival gatherings and protest marches are shown. The show is also available for rental from the Edmonton Learner Centre, 10765 — 98 St. Edmonton, Alta. T5H 2P2.



CX 2905

**ETHICS AND ENERGY...NEWSLETTER**

Canadian Nuclear Association

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In 1979 the Canadian Nuclear Association established its Social and Moral Issues Sub-Committee to identify, assess and respond to the social and moral issues relating to the development and utilization of nuclear energy. One of the main activities of the Sub-Committee has been the publication ETHICS AND ENERGY...NEWSLETTER (3 or 4 times a year). Distribution is both internal, to industry representatives, and external. The NEWSLETTER reports on publications and conferences which deal with the social impact of nuclear energy, including some organized or attended by the Sub-Committee staff. It is not stridently pro-nuclear but tries to provide information which will be of use to both proponents and opponents of the nuclear option in their assessment of its risks and benefits.

CX 2906

**EXPORTING APOCALYPSE: CANDU REACTORS AND NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION**

Paul McKay, Ontario Public Research Group

Blackwood Hall, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ont.

(519) 824-2091

23 pages, \$1

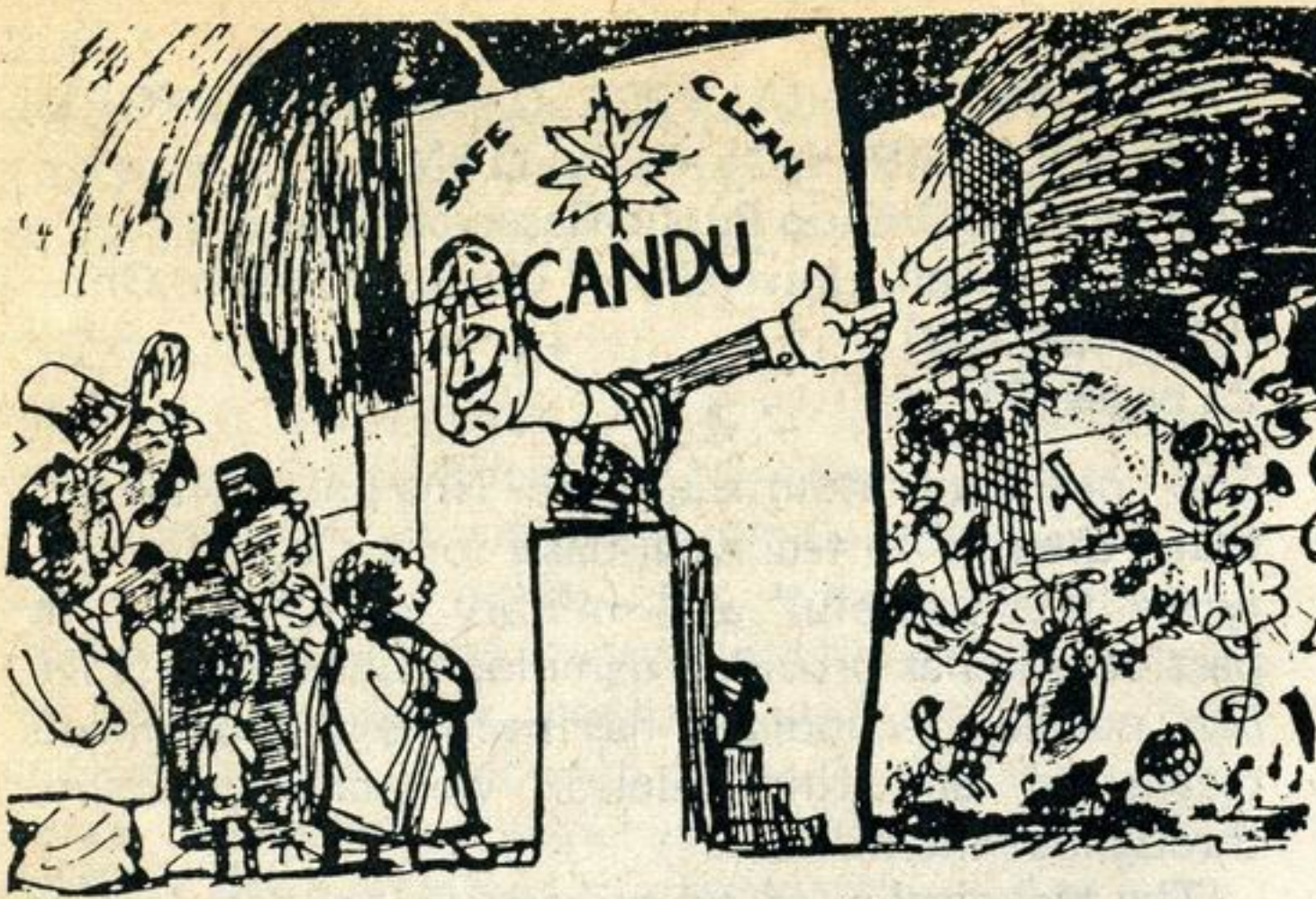
The "peaceful" atom is a myth. Not only is it a fact that "there is *no* technical basis for a distinction between the 'peaceful' and military atom," but "this past decade has provided damning evidence that *civilian* nuclear technology has become the dominant means of acquiring nuclear weapons capability throughout the world."

The technical information required to manufacture atomic energy is now generally available. For example, a summary of the technical problems encountered in building the first U.S. atomic weapons is now available from the U.S. government information service for \$4.00 (U.S.), with a cautionary note that "neither the U.S. nor the Commission, nor any person acting on behalf of the Commission... assumes any liabilities with respect to the use of, or from damages resulting from the use of any information, apparatus, method or process disclosed in this report." Reprocessed plutonium from nuclear power plants is one of the easiest ways of obtaining the material for constructing nuclear weapons. The authors notes that *all* of the purchasers of the Canadian CANDU reactors — Pakistan, South Korea, Argentina, and Taiwan — have obtained or attempted to obtain reprocessing technology from France and other countries while the Canadian public was simultaneously being reassured that CANDU couldn't possibly be used for military purposes. (India, of course, already has constructed nuclear weapons using CANDU reactors.)

The author argues that no-one benefits from the sale of nuclear technology except the nuclear industry. He maintains that nuclear reactors are an inefficient way of producing electricity in Canada — so inefficient that the nuclear industry faces collapse from lack of orders, forcing it to seek desperately needed foreign markets. Nuclear power is even less useful in the Third World, where only the wealthiest 12 per cent of the population even have access to electrical grids, and where money would be much better spent on small-scale, local energy developments, especially solar. (Eighty per cent of the earth's population lives within 35 degrees of the equator, the most favourable zone for solar energy.)

The export of nuclear reactors is detrimental to the interests of Canadians and Third World peoples, creating economic costs and inappropriate forms of development while increasing the risks of nuclear war.





Don't worry, folks, we've got it all under control

CX 2907

**THE NON-NUCLEAR WAY: CREATIVE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES FOR CANADA**

Simon Rosenblum, Regina Group for a Non-Nuclear Society, 2138 McIntyre St. Regina, Sask. S4P 2P4  
112 pages

This book argues that "nuclear power is an unacceptable and unnecessary risk" and that "we do have a choice."

A substantial part of the analysis is devoted to the problems and risks of nuclear energy: the dangers of the nuclear fuel system, the risks to miners and workers in uranium mining and handling, the problems of reactor safety, the unknown dangers of low-level radiation, the frightening legacy of nuclear wastes, and the ease with which peaceful nuclear technology can be adapted to military ends.

The second half of the book deals with energy alternatives, starting with conservation: using energy more efficiently, less wastefully, reducing energy consumption while raising standards of living. The author points out that conservation is not primarily a matter of doing without, but much more a matter of matching the right kind of energy source to particular needs. Individual chapters deal with solar energy and biomass.

The author concludes that "a continuation of 'business as usual' will not and cannot meet our energy or environmental needs. We need introduction of renewable technologies which stresses their efficacy in the overall transition rather than the narrow criterion of profitability. . . .Energy policy . . .has been decided on the basis of technical feasibility, efficiency and profit and not on the basis of its social, political and environmental effects. This was never tolerable in the past, but it is now suicidal."

CX 2908

**TORONTO NUCLEAR AWARENESS**

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TORONTO NUCLEAR AWARENESS (TNA) is a merger of the former Toronto Safe Energy Group and the University of Toronto Anti-Nuclear Group (U-TANG). It is a non-profit organization.

TNA is involved in a number of projects related to the issue of nuclear technology and politics. Among its current projects are: *Education or Public Relations?: A Challenge to Ontario Hydro's Nuclear Science and Technology Kit*. This booklet challenges nuclear science education in public schools. *De-Nuclearization Kit*. This includes buttons, bumper-stickers for cars, bicycle stickers, and other items for both fund-raising and consciousness-raising. Distribution of the Nuclear Free Press, published by the Ontario Public Interest Research Group; and, The Pickering Project which entailed the distribution of a tabloid to households in the Pickering, Ont. area in the spring of 1982, plus follow-up meetings.



CX 2909

**THE NUCLEAR FREE PRESS**

c/o OPIRG, Trent University  
Peterborough, Ont. K9J 7B8  
(705) 748-1554

\$10 (individuals), \$15 (institutions/organizations)  
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The purpose of THE NUCLEAR FREE PRESS (NFP), published quarterly, is "to provide up-to-date news and analysis for the general public, and for groups and individuals fighting against nuclear power and



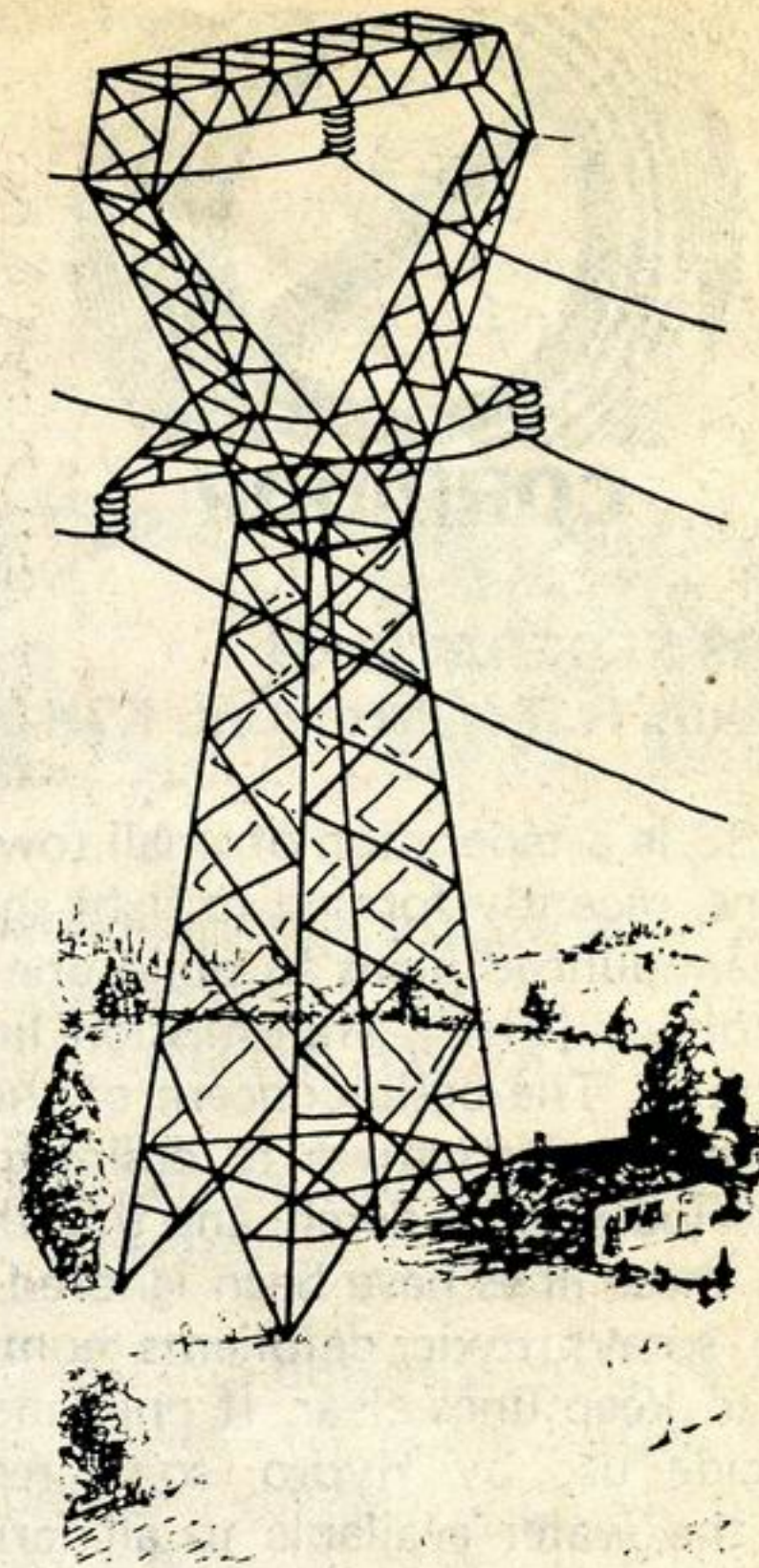
nuclear weapons." While the focus is primarily on Ontario, the publication includes "International Reports," a section which provides summaries of significant anti-nuclear events around the world. Book reviews are included in the "Resources" section. NFP is funded by the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG).

Several articles in the Fall 1983 issue of NUCLEAR FREE PRESS focus on the policies and practices of Ontario Hydro, and the attempts to challenge this powerful commission. The serious implications of the CANDU's first Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) at Pickering in August 1983 are examined. Plans to complete an independent study on the economic consequences of cancelling the giant Darlington nuclear plant are detailed. Another article outlines the efforts of residents in fourteen townships to stop the construction of a huge transmission line through prime agricultural land. Readers are urged to pressure provincial politicians to create a Hydro Task Force II, to fully consider the "function, structure, operation, financing, and objectives of Ontario Hydro and the 324 municipal electrical utilities." Issue 19 also contains articles on the movement for an independent, nuclear-free Pacific, and the role of nuclear weapons in American foreign policy.

The Winter 1984 edition features an article comparing the "Hard Energy Path" of non-renewable fuels, natural gas, and nuclear-generated electricity, with the "Soft Energy Path" of renewable fuels, biomass, and solar power. The article critiques the "Soft Energy Path" as proposed by Friends of the Earth (CX 2900) and uses GATT-Fly's "Power to Choose" (CX 2899) to explain and critique the "Hard Energy Path."

Past issues of NUCLEAR FREE PRESS are available from the above address, at 75 cents per copy. These issues include:

- Issue 16: Peace groups under attack; Live better electrically; Chalk River shipment; Near disaster fire at Eldorado.
- Issue 17: Boom and bust in Canada's uranium industry; Ten myths about the Cold War; Fission chips; Canada and the H-bomb.
- Issue 18: High-tech militarism; Emergency planning at Pickering; Non-violence: a means of waging conflict; Utility reform debate.
- Issue 19: What happened at Pickering?; The movement for a nuclear-free Pacific; History of U.S. first strike threats; Radiation exposure standards.



**CX 2910**

### **THE GREAT HYDRO BOONDOGGLE**

The Corridor Opposition Group, General Delivery  
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Ontario Hydro is planning to run a 250 foot wide corridor with 175 to 220 foot towers and transmission lines from the Bruce nuclear plant on Lake Huron south of Port Elgin, Ont. to the town of Essa, near Barrie to supply the London area with electricity. The Corridor Opposition Group has gathered valuable information which shows why Ontario Hydro is planning this corridor, and why it is not only an unnecessary, but a dangerous, plan. Materials were gathered from Energy Probe (CX 2916), the Ontario Public Interest Group (CX 2909), Hydro's own study, a book by Paul McKay titled *Electric Empire: The Inside Study on Hydro*, and the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CX 2926).

THE GREAT HYDRO BOONDOGGLE is a pamphlet outlining the Corridor Opposition Group's concerns and strategies. It is the first of a series of pamphlets planned by the Group. Hydro's proposal raises questions about the advisability of using nuclear-generated hydro power, the weaknesses of large centralized hydro plants, plus the social, economic, and environmental issues concerning the corridor itself.





**CX 2911**

**NO TOWERS FEDERATION**

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NO TOWERS is a federation of small township-based organizations, recently formed to fight against Ontario Hydro's announced plans to build one or two Extra High Voltage (EHV) Transmission lines through Eastern Ontario. The basic concern of the FEDERATION is that no alternatives to building these lines have been seriously considered, and that the true costs of building these lines have been ignored. For example, Hydro sprays toxic defoliants containing 24D and 24DP to keep lines clear. If one landowner permits herbicide use by Hydro, some residue could leach into the water available to all farmers in the area. There is concern also about possible electromagnetic effects on those living near high voltage lines. Other concerns are financial. Ontario residents may be shouldering an unnecessary additional financial burden. They will be subsidizing cheap U.S. rates, because some of the power carried will be sold to the U.S. at rates cheaper than those Ontarians pay.

The NO TOWERS FEDERATION suggests some viable alternatives to the proposed EHV line:

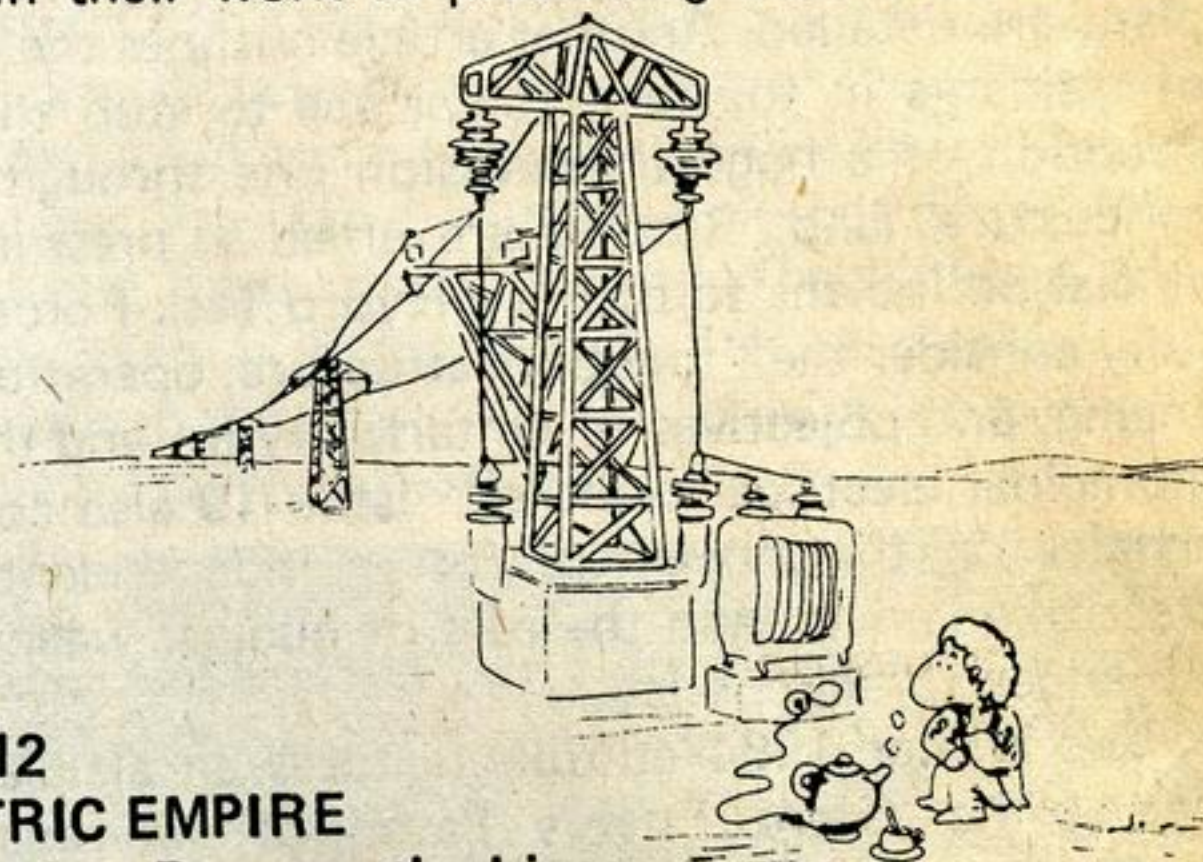
- upgrading existing hydraulic sites;
- purchasing power from Hydro Quebec;
- industrial co-generation;
- solar technology;
- time-of-day rates; and,
- load management.

Although Ontario Hydro contends that it encourages energy conservation, the existing rate structure favours large consumers of electricity (the more used, the less paid per kilowatt hour). Opponents of Ontario Hydro's plans for EHV transmission line construction argue that if conservation were promoted in a realistic way and the rate structure changed, no additional transmission lines would be required.

The NO TOWERS FEDERATION has been active in opposing Hydro's plans both as a federation and through its smaller component groups. Some of the activities have been: the collecting and forwarding of

petitions opposing Hydro's plans; the passing of motions in various townships, opposing those plans; small local meetings to inform the public of the proposals; provision of displays at many of the local county fairs; and opposition to Hydro's motion before a government appointed review board.

One of the FEDERATION component groups is the Hydro Consumers Association. This group opposed Hydro's proposals before the government-appointed board, to no avail. The board ruled in Hydro's favour, and allowed Hydro to proceed to the Route Planning Stage for their undertaking. However, the board did award the Hydro Consumers Association money to compensate them for some of the costs involved in their work in presenting their case to the board.



**CX 2912**

**ELECTRIC EMPIRE**

Paul McKay, *Between the Lines*

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1983

ELECTRIC EMPIRE is a close-up look at Ontario Hydro, the second-largest publicly-owned utility in North America, a giant enterprise presiding over 30,000 employees, 80 generating stations, and 32,000 kilometres of transmission lines serving over eight million people. Ranked by its assets, it is the second largest financial institution in Canada, after the major chartered banks. ELECTRIC EMPIRE documents that this giant is out of control, with a \$15 billion public debt piled up through an unnecessary expansion program which has stripped the Ontario Treasury of funding for social services and caused incalculable environmental damage, while simultaneously reducing Ontario's energy security and dispensing billions of dollars to an "invisible corporate welfare network."

Since its inception in 1906, Ontario Hydro has worked successfully to build a reputation for independence, dependability and technical excellence, which has in turn created a wellspring of public awe and gratitude. Behind this image, however, lies an institution which has acquired a dangerous concentration of political and economic power, and has abused this power repeatedly for its own ends.





#### CX 2913

#### BREAKING UP ONTARIO HYDRO'S MONOPOLY

Lawrence Solomon. Published by Energy Probe, 100 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5G 1L5

The booklet details the complex relationships between Ontario Hydro (Ontario's electricity monopoly), the provincial government, and the energy needs of Ontario consumers and American utilities. The author describes how the utility has grown beyond political, financial, and environmental control to function increasingly as a law unto itself. While the Ontario Energy Board and the Ontario Ministry of Energy have the responsibility of oversight, neither body has been effective in having Hydro implement its recommendations. This has been especially true with respect to nuclear power. Although the provincial government established an energy policy in 1979 which sought to diversify Ontario's power sources and freeze the province's commitment to nuclear power until 1995, Ontario Hydro has continued to develop capital intensive nuclear projects.

One financial implication of Hydro's nuclear commitment is a large foreign debt which serves to increase the price of electricity to Ontario consumers. (In fact, Hydro owes almost as much as the federal government in foreign debt!) At the same time, the utility has had to develop a large public relations department to cope with political and environmental opposition to its nuclear policy. As a result, the taxpayers and consumers of Ontario support a public relations staff six times larger than that of INCO or Bell Canada.

The booklet concludes with a number of recommendations for the way Ontario's energy needs should be met. Some of the suggestions include: the development of energy alternatives such as cogeneration and solar technology; the purchase of electricity by Hydro from a number of smaller, privately owned generating plants; the establishment of a separate

utility, Ontario Nuclear, to manage Hydro's nuclear plants and related industries; and a re-structuring of the relationships between Hydro, the Ministry of Energy, and the Ontario Energy Board.

While the material covered by the booklet is technical, it is presented in layman's terms and well-supported by charts and diagrams that are easy to read.



#### CX 2914

#### SOCIETY PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (SPEC)

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(604) 736-7732

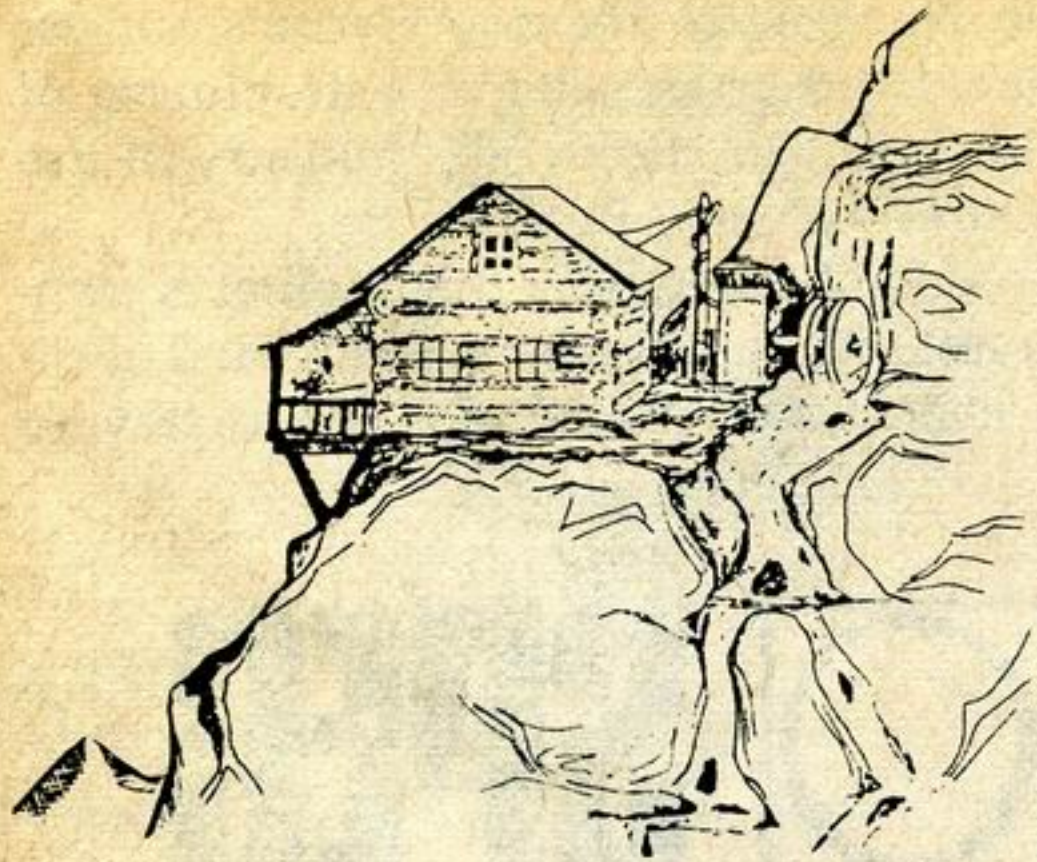
Membership: \$10 Seniors, Students; \$20 Adult, Family; \$100 Organization

In the face of real and potential threats from industrial pollution, nuclear radiation, wasted energy resources, oil spills and unplanned growth of industry and urban areas, a group of British Columbians formed the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC) in 1969. SPEC is "dedicated to the protection of the environment, the conservation of energy and the conservation of natural resources." SPEC is a community service and an educational facility for the public, as well as an action group attempting to influence individuals, organizations, and governments to take personal, corporate, and legislative action toward preserving a quality environment.

SPEC provides fact sheets and in-depth reports on a variety of environmental and energy subjects. Recently completed is a study entitled *Soft Energy Path for B.C.* which is being used as the B.C. portion of the national report *2025: Soft Energy Futures for Canada*, by the Friends of the Earth. *The Case Against Site C* (CX 2915) written in 1983 with the Peace Valley Environmental Association, examines B.C. Hydro and Power Authority's proposal to construct a massive hydroelectric project on the Peace River. Also in 1983, SPEC prepared a brief on acid rain which outlines industrial and domestic sources of acid rain, and the effects on forestry, soils, and aquatic environments. This brief was presented to the federal Subcommittee on Acid Rain of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry.

SPEC operates the Energy Information Centre in Vancouver, and publishes a newsletter, *Spectrum*, for distribution to members, libraries, schools, and the general public.





**CX 2915**  
**PEACE VALLEY**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION**  
 Box 2034, Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 4K8

In 1983, the PEACE VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION co-authored a report entitled *The Case Against Site C*, which examines B.C. Hydro and Power Authority's plans to construct a hydroelectric dam on the Peace River. The report documents the impact of such development on the Peace Valley: loss of wildlife and fishery resources, as well as prime agricultural land and recreational access. The report criticizes both B.C. Hydro and the B.C. government for failing to examine the impact this large expenditure of money will have on the economy of the province. "The effects on job creation and economic growth are unknown. There is no indication that economic growth requires more energy or that more energy leads to economic growth. Furthermore, the provincial government does not have an industrial or economic strategy to guide provincial development."

**CX 2916**  
**ENERGY PROBE**  
 100 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5G 1L5  
 (416) 978-7014



ENERGY PROBE first began 10 years ago as the Energy Team of Pollution Probe. Finding foreign energy affairs inseparable from domestic energy considerations, ENERGY PROBE established a formal foreign energy policy role in 1980. The goal is to promote policies for Canada, based on conservation and renewable energy, that will secure long-term energy self-sufficiency in the shortest possible time, with the fewest disruptive effects, and with the greatest societal, economic and environmental benefits.

ENERGY PROBE is involved in six main project areas. Over the past year, the Third World team has monitored Canadian involvement in energy aid projects, using information received from national and

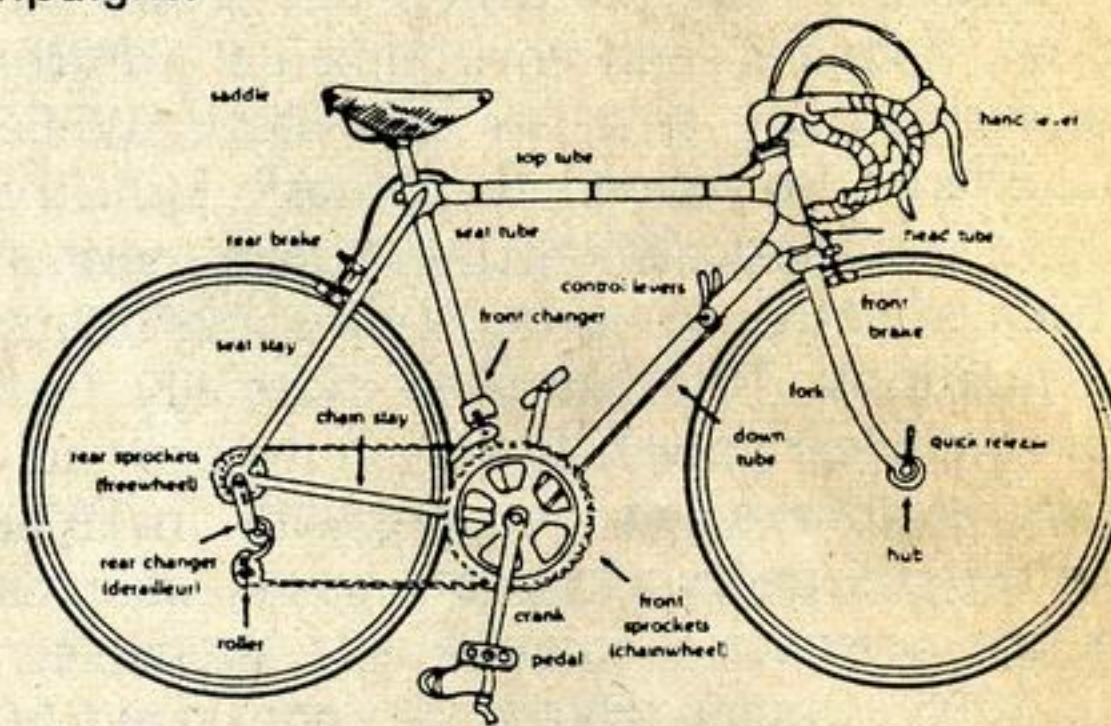
international agencies and from Third World contacts.

ENERGY PROBE promotes bicycles as a legitimate energy-efficient form of transportation. The aim of this work is to increase bicycle usage through education and safety programmes and improved road conditions and facilities.

ENERGY PROBE's nuclear work is ongoing, requiring responses to new developments almost daily. Campaigns organized include publicizing the disadvantages of completing the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station in Ontario; advocating the reform of the national Atomic Energy Control Board; and opposing the construction of CANDU stations in Canada. The group's Acid Rain Project has focused on a general opposition to Ontario Hydro's new advertising campaign "Go Electric."

ENERGY PROBE's work in the oil and gas sectors has been multi-faceted. It includes an analysis of trends in consumption and forecasting, which will be published in book form this fall (1984).

The Utility Reform Project tries to promote the accountability of Ontario Hydro (and to a lesser extent, Consumers' Gas) through interventions before the Ontario Energy Board and public information campaigns.



Parts of the Bicycle

**CX 2917**  
**THE URBAN CYCLING HANDBOOK**  
 Energy Probe, 100 College St. Toronto, Ont. M5G 1L5  
 (416) 978-7014  
 Free. 20 pages.

The URBAN CYCLING HANDBOOK presents the advantages, in cost, health, time, fitness, and energy conservation, of cycling in the city.

The HANDBOOK provides useful information on bike selection, clothing, bicycle maintenance and has valuable hints for safe cycling through city streets.

The HANDBOOK proposes that a greater understanding of the capacities of the bicycle, along with the practice of certain bike handling techniques, help prepare the cyclist to respond to unexpected situations on the road. It shows how cyclists can earn greater respect from those with whom they share the road.





**CX 2918**

**NATURAL ENERGY**

DEC Films, 427 Bloor St. W. Toronto, Ont. M5S 1X7  
(416) 964-6901

25 min. colour, 16mm.

Canadians have been told that the big increases in the cost of living are due in large part to the "energy crisis." **NATURAL ENERGY** shows how all energy comes from the sun and that tapping that energy is not always a mammoth, capital-intensive project. Instead of large-scale, expensive projects like James Bay, Syncrude or nuclear power stations, it is possible to build small-scale projects that cause minimal environmental and health problems, cost less, look good and can create jobs. In this film, we see a high school that has built a zero-energy house, private citizens who have built solar heating units, and a carpenter who has built a backyard windmill that supplies much of his family's electrical needs. These small-scale energy units as well as much larger ones are examined. The film concludes that there is no "energy crisis" — the workers at a large windmill project show that there is plenty of human energy and that "we can exploit the energy of the sun, it belongs to all of us, and it will always be there — waiting to be used."

**CX 2918.5**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY IN CANADA  
(PUBLISHING)**

334 King St. E., Studio 208  
Toronto, Ont. M5A 1K8  
(416) 947-9552

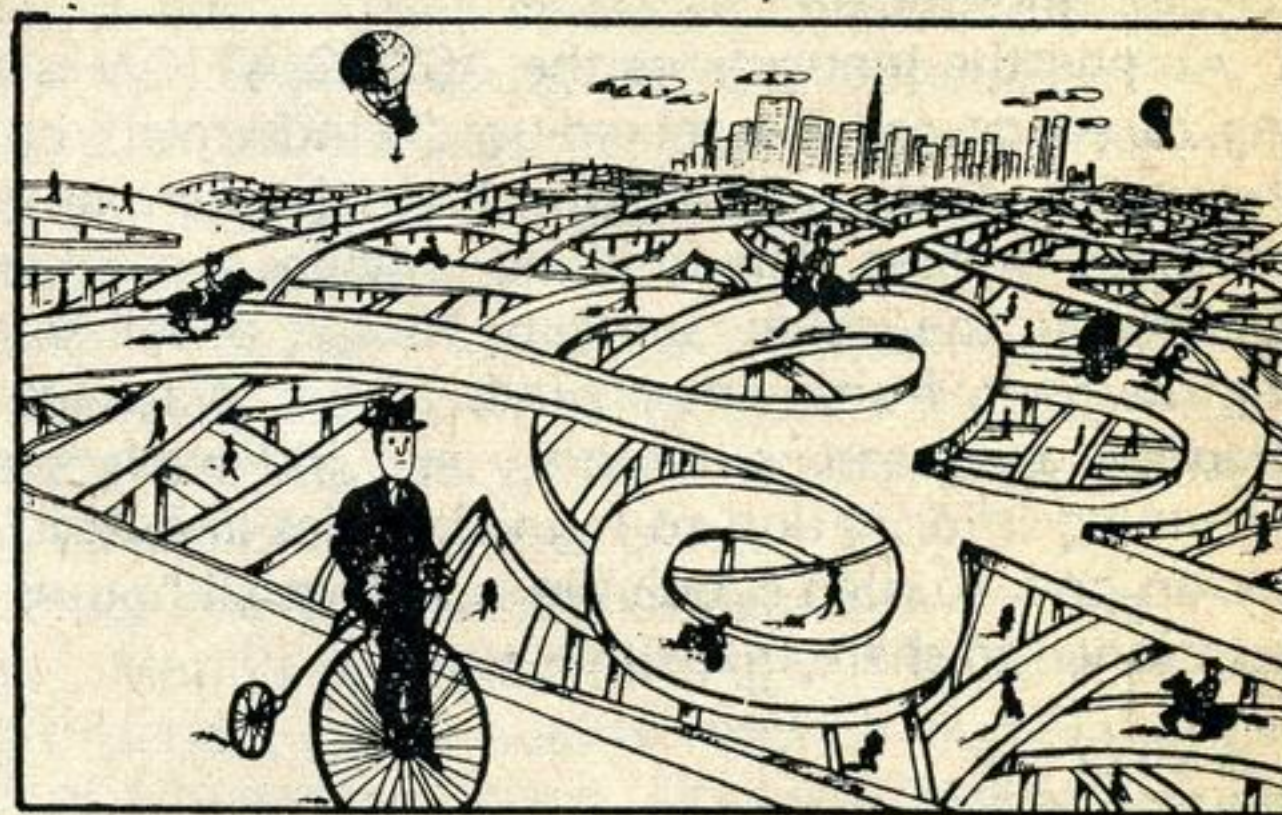
**RENEWABLE ENERGY IN CANADA (PUBLISHING)** is a non-profit publishing company specializing in books on renewable energy and related subjects. Titles include *The Super-Insulated Retrofit Book: A Homeowner's Guide to Energy-Efficient Renovation*; *The Well-Tempered House: Energy-Efficient Building for Cold Climates*; *The Solar Water Heater Book*; and *Winter Greens: Solar Greenhouses for Cold Climates*.

**CX 2919**

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

Flip Film Productions, Available from DEC Films  
427 Bloor St. W. Toronto, Ont. M5S 1X7  
(416) 964-6901  
47 min. colour, 16mm.

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY** looks at grass-roots work being done on alternate energy, such as methane gas plants, windmills, and solar collectors. The idea is that there are practical ways of not accepting government-approved powerlessness, or the official idea of progress, and that renewable sources of energy in the real world look different than what many energy experts, financiers, and government bureaucrats would have us believe. **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY** explains how energy can be used *now* and explains how renewable energy can remain a simple, effective technology if it is under community control.



**CX 2920**

**CONCERNING THE BENEFITS OF RECYCLING  
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE**

by Colleen Heffren, c/o Toronto Nuclear Awareness  
730 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2R4  
Unpublished paper, 83 pages

This paper presents an environmental and energy analysis of recycling municipal solid wastes, especially paper, metal, glass, plastics, and packaging. The focus is on Toronto. A reference copy is available in the office of Toronto Nuclear Awareness. Persons outside the Toronto area who are interested in obtaining a copy of the paper should make arrangements directly with the author by contacting her at the above address.





**CX 2921**  
**LIVABLE WINTER CITY ASSOCIATION**  
Box 1398, Station B, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5R4

The LIVABLE WINTER CITY ASSOCIATION was formed in 1983 with the aim of changing the attitude of Canadians toward winter. Its slogan is "Let's capitalize on our climate!" The group wants to provide a focus for the efforts of people in a number of Canadian communities to make winter more comfortable; it also wants to be a vehicle to discuss and exchange information, and to spur new research. The ASSOCIATION publishes a bimonthly newsletter that gives news about climate — adapting products, projects, and communities. It has organized a national competition for students of architectural and planning schools. A "livable winter city" slide kit has been prepared for use by high school urban geography classes. A "winter city" conference is being organized for next winter in Edmonton.

Among the innovations the ASSOCIATION is trying to encourage is a mixed-use "windscreen" building, more than a kilometre long, in Fermont, in northern Quebec. The building provides a number of services on the inside, and functions as a wall shielding the town from winter winds. Other strategies are planting evergreens extensively as wind buffers, and providing information to municipalities and developers on how to plan subdivisions so that all houses are positioned to share the winter sun.

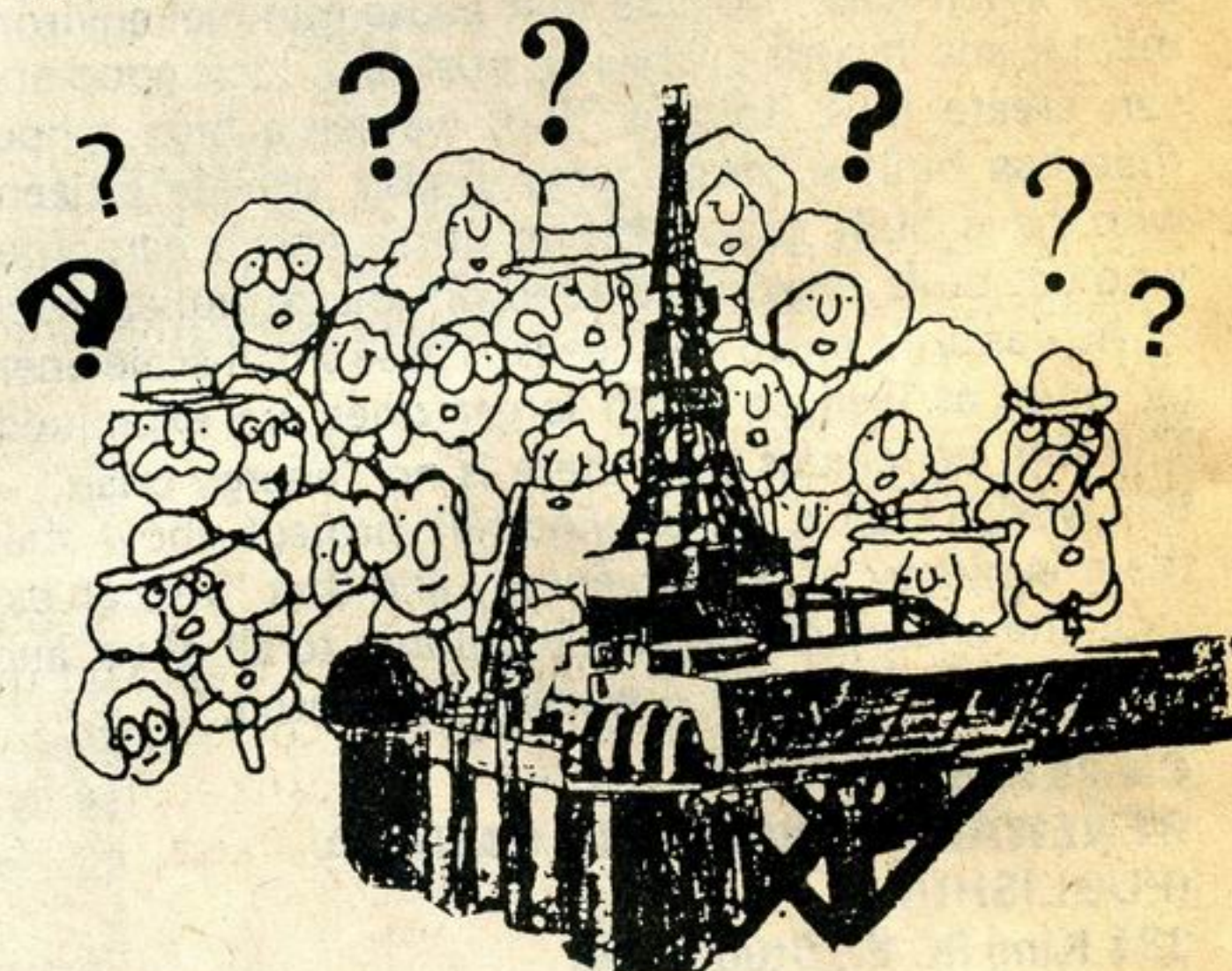
**CX 2922**  
**GREENPEACE**  
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(604) 736-0321; or  
427 Bloor St. W. Toronto, Ont. M5S 1X7  
(416) 922-3011

GREENPEACE works to "promote environmental awareness world-wide and educate on the importance of the ecosystem, and to combat apathy and promote action for positive change in environmental and peace issues." GREENPEACE has worked on a number of energy-related issues, including opposition to supertankers passing through the Juan de Fuca Strait, to uranium mining, and to nuclear power plants.



**CX 2923**  
**NORTHERN PERSPECTIVES**  
Canadian Arctic Resources Committee  
46 Elgin Street, Room 11, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5K6  
free

NORTHERN PERSPECTIVES would be of interest to those concerned about Northern development. It is produced bimonthly by the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee (CARC), which since 1972 has been the major non-governmental research and public interest group dealing with energy and environmental issues in the North. Each issue gives an in-depth report on one or more of the most important development projects under way or being proposed for the North. In 1983, CARC led the fight against Gulf Canada's proposal to build a marine base at Stokes Point on the North Slope of the Yukon, the site of a designated national wilderness park. That proposal has now been rejected by the federal government, but only after extensive lobbying by CARC. Other recent editions of NORTHERN PERSPECTIVES have dealt with the economics of Beaufort Sea oil, a report on CARC's third national workshop on "People, Resources, and the Environment North of 60 degrees," and the future of the Arctic Ocean.



**CX 2924**  
**OFFSHORE MONITOR**  
Community Planning Association of Canada  
P.O. Box 1259, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4B9  
16 pages

The OFFSHORE MONITOR newsletter is intended to provide a forum for discussion of issues and concerns related to the development of offshore resources. It focuses particularly on current developments off the coast of Nova Scotia. It is funded by the federal Secretary of State.



The MONITOR suggests that the concerns of the communities of Nova Scotia, increasingly affected by offshore activities and other large scale (mega) projects, have not been fully addressed by the federal and provincial governments or the oil companies involved.

The MONITOR suggests that the benefits for Nova Scotians could easily be wiped out by the negative economic, social and environmental impacts. "These negative impacts can be avoided or controlled by regulating the rate and nature of development (planning) in such a way that is responsive to the unique circumstances of the communities affected. It is important that the decision-makers have close, direct links to these communities. This can be achieved through a process of information and encourages citizens to put forth their views responsibly."

The MONITOR provides a description of the planning and decision-making mechanisms; names of contact people in government and industry; and critical comments on certain reports and processes.

The Venture Development Project, Mobil Oil's gas exploration proposal off Sable Island is highlighted. During reviews of the Venture project, various organizations expressed a wide range of views and concerns about community impacts. In "Community Views — Who Benefits?" the MONITOR outlines some of the organizations and their concerns:

- The Atlantic Fishing Vessel Association voiced its concern about the potential disturbances to the fishing areas due to pipeline construction other organizations voicing concerns were the Native Council of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, and a number of locally-based industrial and development commissions.

- The Dartmouth Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association presented its concerns vis-a-vis the transient and unstable workforce that comes with any highly specialized development — shortage of emergency housing, crime, alcohol and drug abuse.

CX 2925

ENERGY MONITOR

GATT-fly, 11 Madison Ave. Toronto, Ont. M5R 2S2  
(416) 921-4615

ENERGY MONITOR reports information and provides analysis of Canadian and international energy issues. Published five times per year, it is intended for use by popular groups (labour, farmer, fishermen, and Native organizations), and their allies in the churches and other organizations.

The activities of corporations and governments in the energy field are monitored, as are the energy-re-

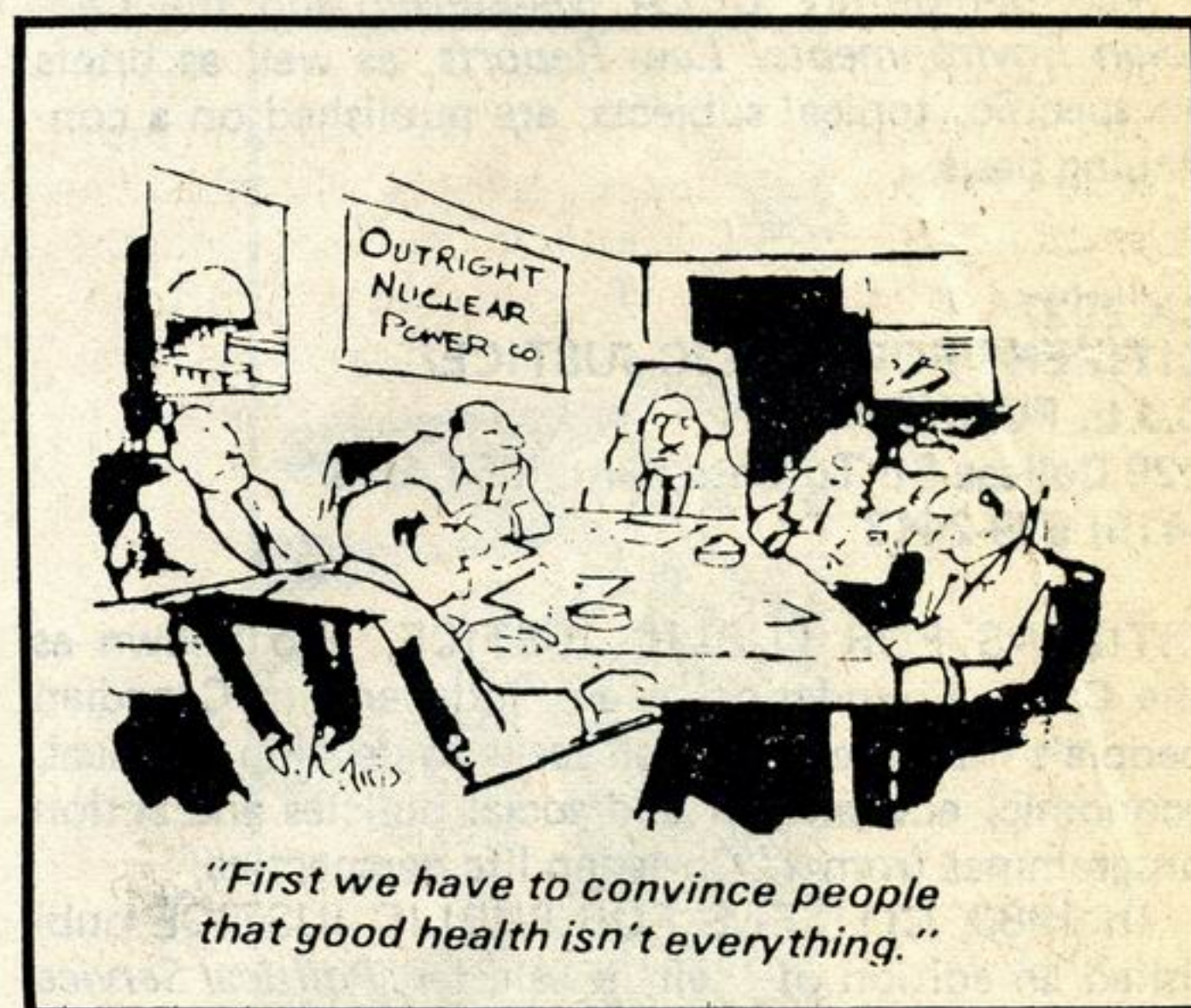
lated struggles of grassroots organizations. ENERGY MONITOR is committed to an energy future that is sensitive to environmental and social justice concerns.

The July 4, 1983, MONITOR covers the Ottawa and Alberta Petroleum Pricing Agreement, attempts by provincial electrical utilities to find export markets in the United States (thus justifying their expansion plans), and current attempts internationally towards stabilization of world oil prices. The victory of opponents of oilport development on the North Shore of the Yukon Territory (an environmentally sensitive area, subject to land claims by Native people of the area), is covered in another article. Recent developments in Canada's coal mining industry, and in solar electric energy are also reported in this issue.

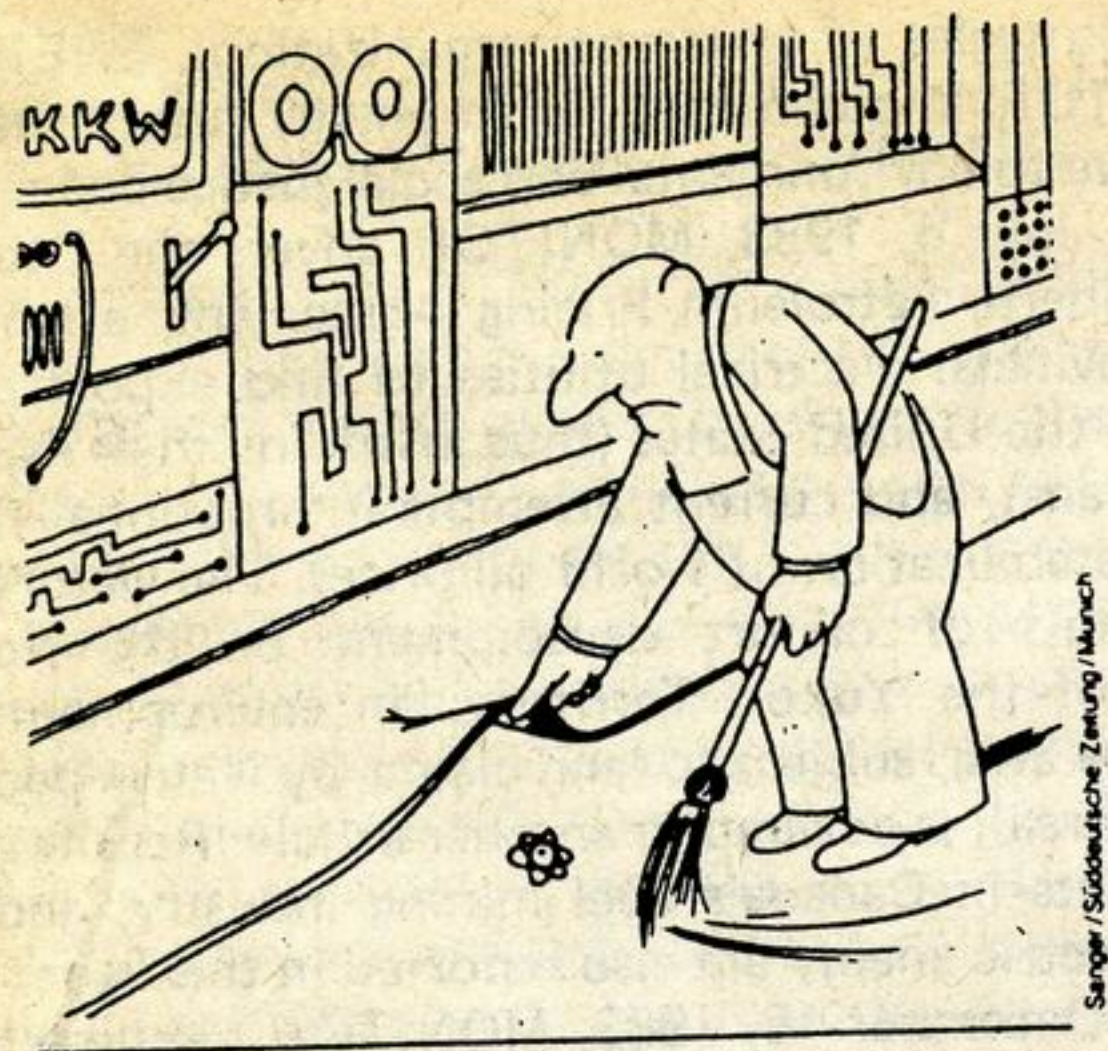
The December 16, 1983, MONITOR discusses the effects on world oil supplies of an Iranian blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. According to the authors, "although a short-term blockade of the Strait of Hormuz would not by itself create an immediate shortage of oil, there is little doubt that the United States would use such an occasion to intervene militarily in the Middle East. Such a military adventure would gravely endanger world peace."

Another story refers to the study prepared by Friends of the Earth which shows that Canada can easily meet its energy needs without resorting to Arctic oil and nuclear power plants.

Price and volume cuts of Japanese imports of B.C. coal, Mobil's east coast drilling strategy, the accidents at Ontario Hydro's nuclear reactors, Imperial Oil's revived interest in Alberta oil sands development, and Chevron's activities off the B.C. coast are also discussed in the December issue of the ENERGY MONITOR.







**CX 2926**  
**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**LAW ASSOCIATION**  
 84 York St. 5th Floor South, Toronto, Ont. M5J 1R2  
 (416) 366-9717

The CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION (CELA) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 1970 to use existing laws to protect the environment and to advocate environmental law reforms. It also runs a free legal advisory clinic for the public, and will act at hearings and in the courts on behalf of citizens' groups which are otherwise unable to afford legal assistance.

CELA's sister organization, the Canadian Environmental Research Foundation (CELRF), has published or sponsored several books on environmental law, including *Environment on Trial*, *Poisons in Public*, *Acid Rain: The North American Forecast*, *How to Fight For What's Right*, and *Environmental Rights in Canada*.

The bi-monthly *CELA Newsletter* and the *Canadian Environmental Law Reports*, as well as briefs on specific, topical subjects, are published on a continuing basis.

**CX 2927**  
**CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE/**  
**C.J.L. FOUNDATION**  
 229 College St. Toronto, Ont. M5T 1R4  
 (416) 979-2443

CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE, also known as the C.J.L. Foundation, is an "independent Canadian people's movement" which seeks to develop political, economic, educational and social policies and action programmes from a "Christian life perspective."

In 1980, CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE published an edition of their newsletter, *Political Service*

*Bulletin*, on the topic of energy. In it are outlined the positions taken by the three major political parties on energy. The positions were analysed to determine whether or not they reflected new directions or simply alternative suggestions for pursuing the traditional materialist goals. CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE favours "a restructuring of the economic system in such a way that it puts more emphasis on human growth and less on material growth." Although the material is now dated, it may be useful to compare the information in this issue to the current party positions.

Currently, CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE is focussing its work on social-economic policy.

**CX 2928**  
**WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENTS**  
 Faculty of Environmental Studies  
 York University, Downsview, Ont. M3J 2R2  
 (416) 667-3012  
 \$8.50 per year (individuals), \$15 per year (institutions).

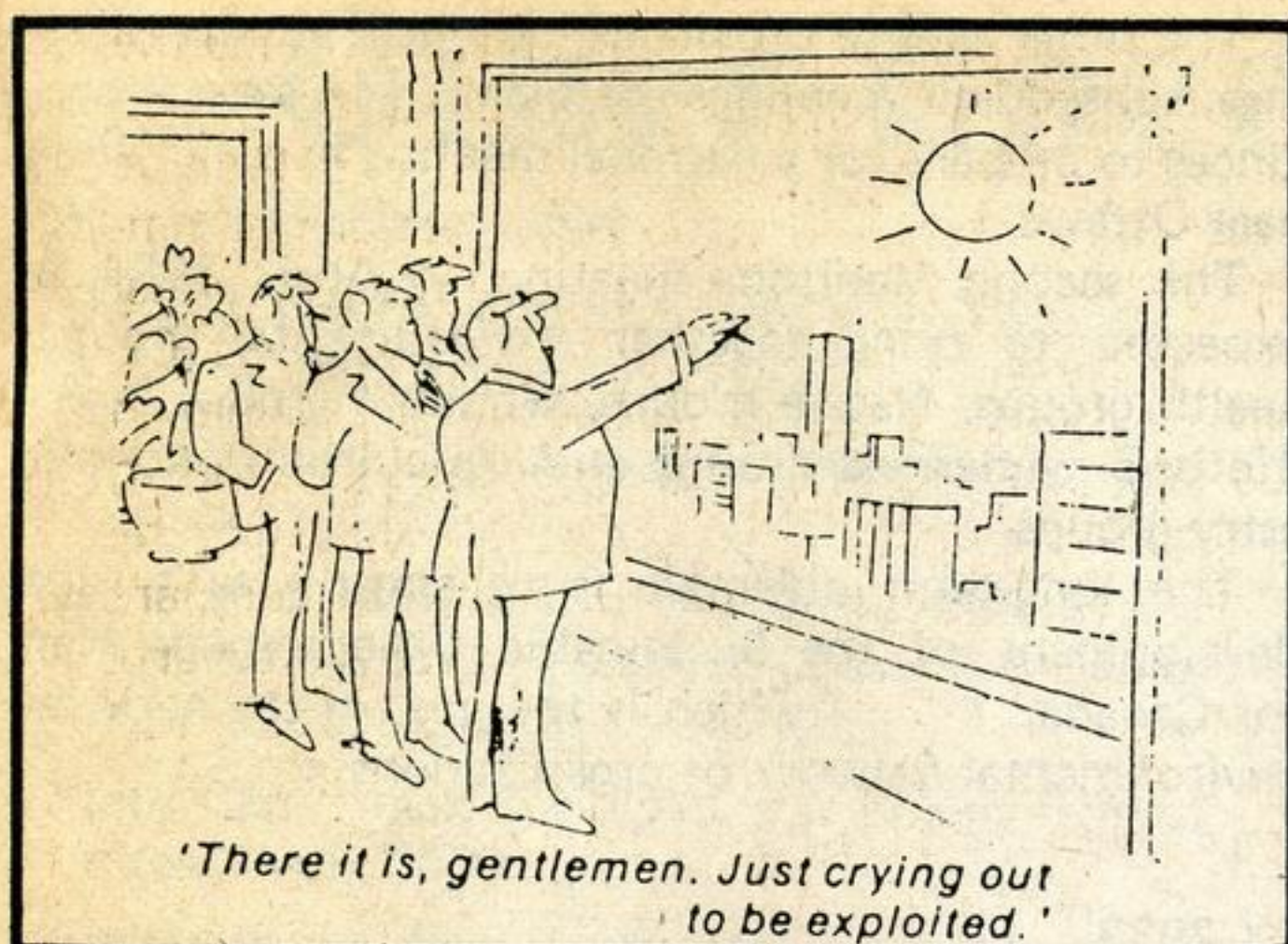
WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENTS, published three times yearly, offers news, features, and reviews on women's work in housing, energy, ecology, planning and design. Although produced in Canada, the magazine's coverage is international. It provides a medium for women active in environmental design and planning to share with others in the network their analyses, strategies, and experiences working for change.

The August 1983 edition of WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENTS features a directory which lists by area of interest and by country the names and addresses of network members. Included are feminist organizations that wish to broaden their base to cover environmental issues, and environmental groups trying to expand to include women's interests. This issue (vol. 6, no. 3) also contains an index of volumes 1 to 5. Articles and authors are listed alphabetically under topic headings with references to the volume and issue numbers.



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# ENVIRONMENTAL SOURCEBOOK

Ontario Environmental Non-Governmental Organization, 730 Bathurst St. Toronto, Ont. M5S 2R4

(416) 537-0438

September, 1982

The ENVIRONMENTAL SOURCEBOOK is a project of the Ontario Environmental Non-Governmental Organization Network (ENGO). The Ontario ENGO Network is another tool for environmental protection. The Network tries to bring together ENGO's and grassroots citizen's groups, in order to find common strategies of action.

Environmental groups are characteristically overworked and under-financed. Networking with other groups on widely divergent issues is often ranked low on a scale of priorities for social justice groups. Yet increasingly, people see that forceful, unified action is necessary in order to achieve results, and give everyone's concerns political clout.

The wide range of issues in the ENVIRONMENTAL SOURCEBOOK, and the diversity of groups in the Ontario ENGO Network serve to emphasize the need to connect different issues, and to find ways in which different groups may work together. The ENVIRONMENTAL SOURCEBOOK was designed particularly as a resource reference for teachers. It gives information on materials that can be used in the classroom, as well as contacts for speakers. The SOURCEBOOK lists resources for self-education, and encourages readers to become actively involved in issues. Included are lists of printed materials, audio visual materials, and speakers relevant to such issues as acid rain, conservation, energy and toxic substances.



CX 2930

# STUDENT CENTRE FOR PUBLIC ISSUES

Rm. 203G, University Community Centre

University of Western Ontario

London, Ont. N6A 3K7

(519) 679-6411

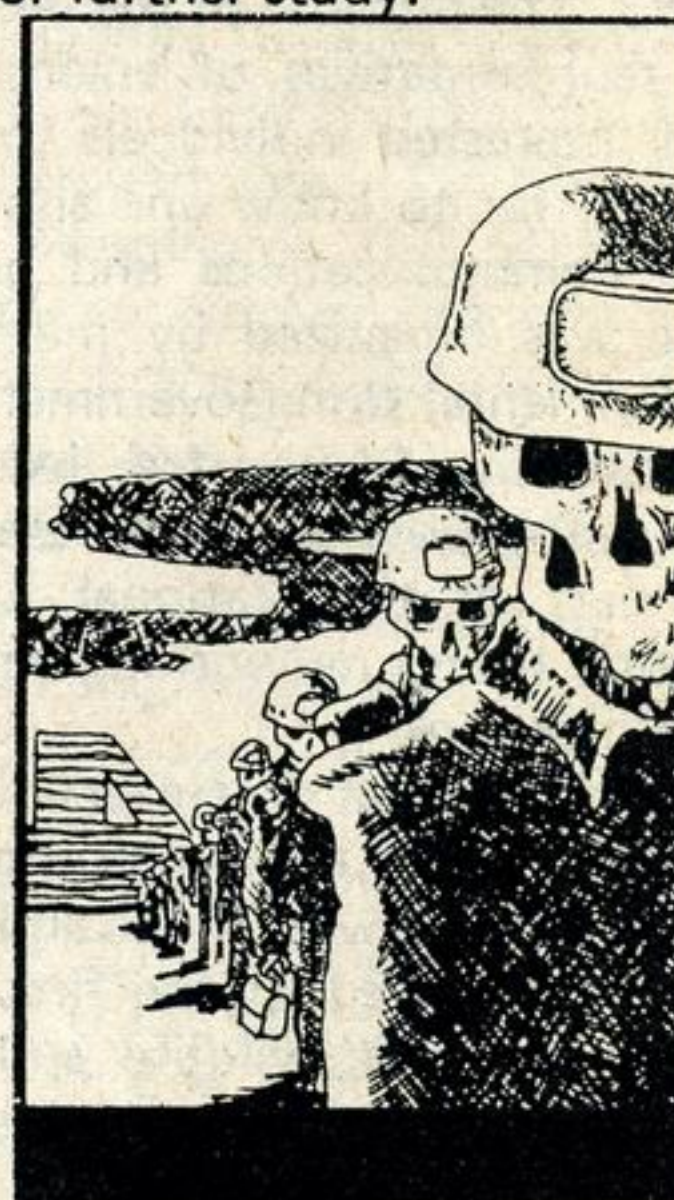
The STUDENT CENTRE FOR PUBLIC ISSUES (SCPI) is a student organization committed to increasing the community's awareness of social and environmental issues. The student members make up a decision-making board whose responsibilities include organizing SCPI's projects and events. The centre has one full-time Co-ordinator/Researcher. Volunteers staff the resource centre at the University Community Centre, present forums on a number of social and environmental issues, conduct research projects, and publish a newsletter called *Concerning You*.

SCPI's pamphlets to date include: *A Few Facts About Great Lakes Water Quality*; *A Few Facts About Canadianization of the Petroleum Industry*; *Pesticide Use and Control in Canada*; *Canadian Homes Use Over 2 Million Kilograms of Pesticides Annually*; *The Nuclear Arms Question: Future Directions*; and, *A Few Facts About Environmental Food Additives*.

Single copies are available upon request. Large orders are available at cost.

The newsletter *Concerning You* is intended to keep the community up-to-date on important issues. It carries concise, factual articles on a variety of social and environmental issues. Feature articles have included acid rain, energy, waste disposal, water quality, family violence, pornography, poverty, health, abortion, crime, disarmament and many more. A one year subscription is \$10.

The centre also subscribes to more than 40 different magazines and journals and makes them available to the public for further study.





**CX 2931**  
**ONE SKY, SASKATCHEWAN**  
**CROSS-CULTURAL CENTRE**  
 134 Avenue F South, Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 1S8  
 (306) 652-1571

ONE SKY provides a clipping service which includes the following topics: acid rain, environmental pollution, appropriate technology, alternative energy, energy conservation, energy and the Third World, mercury pollution, solar energy, coal, the National Energy Policy, oil and energy development, OPEC, oil and underdevelopment on the prairies, Native people and nuclear development, appropriateness of atomic power, etc.

The audio-visual library of ONE SKY includes *James Bay: Development for Whom?*, *Man: The Polluter*, *Uranium Mining in Australia*, and *People and Energy in the Southwest*.



"Very impressive, but what if the wrong people get their hands on it?"

**CX 2932**  
**ENVIRONMENT '83**  
 Manitoba Environmental Meeting  
 P.O. Box 1436, Winnipeg, R3C 2Z4

ENVIRONMENT '83 was a provincial gathering held on Oct. 15, 1983. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together representatives of environmental organizations and interested individuals to discuss environmental issues, get to know one another, and to improve future communications and co-operation. The Conference was organized by members of the provincial Environmental Non-Governmental Organization (ENGO) Steering Committee, led by the National ENGO Steering Committee representative. The sponsorship is part of the National ENGO's program to develop better networking among the environmental organizations.

This was the first of what organizers hope will be a series of conferences. The day-long programme consisted of education, small workshops and plenary discussion. The issues covered at the first Conference were: water and land use; wildlife and wilderness; toxics and hazardous wastes; and ecological futures.

The other prairie provinces have held similar meetings; subsequent meetings are planned in several provinces to prepare for a national meeting in May, 1984, near Ottawa.

The second Manitoba meeting, in April, 1984, is expected to bring together environmental groups, health groups, Native groups, women's groups, wildlife and wilderness groups and agricultural and forestry groups.

The long-term objective is to contribute to the development of the Sustainable Development Plan for Canada, which is the goal of the national environmental network of organizations.

**CX 2933**  
**GETTING STARTED ON**  
**SOCIAL ANALYSIS IN CANADA**  
 Michael Czerny and Jamie Swift  
 Jesuit Centre for Social Faith and Justice  
 947 Queen St. E. Toronto, Ont. M4M 1J9

To be published in the summer of 1984 by Between the Lines, GETTING STARTED is a workbook intended to introduce people to the practice of social analysis in Canada. Two chapters are devoted to energy and the environment. Ecological threats to the environment are analysed through the experience of a community's response to lead pollution. Canada's energy policy and the megaproject trend are treated to an ethical analysis based on the ideal of a just, participatory and sustainable society. In both chapters, major actors and their competing interests are identified. As well, each chapter provides analytical tools and raises further questions to allow readers to pursue a critical investigation of these issues in relation to other concerns and the wider socio-economic context of Canada.

The approach of GETTING STARTED is to involve the reader in analyzing a variety of issues which Canadians face daily: access to affordable housing and health care; unemployment; the social and economic impact of micro-technology; loss of dignity among the elderly; poverty among women; and efforts by Native People to protect their land.





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- Synthesis*, P.O. Box 1858, San Pedro, California 90733, U.S.A. "A newsletter and journal for social ecology."



# The National Conference as a Networking Tool

The benefits of networking are many: exchange of information and experiences, maximization of scarce human and financial resources, joint programs of action, etc. There are costs as well, especially in as large a country as Canada: travel, postage, telephone, etc. This issue of *CONNEXIONS* is one device for networking among Canadian groups working on energy issues. In what follows I will describe and evaluate another form of networking among some of these groups — a national workshop on "Religion, Ethics, and Energy Developments in Canada," which took place in Vancouver in June, 1983.

### Background

The idea for this workshop grew out of the awareness that there were many church and inter-church groups working on energy issues in Canada, some of which were in frequent contact with each other (especially those national groups based in Toronto), while others were relatively isolated. Since they were all dealing with the same or related issues, it seemed that a face-to-face meeting of their representatives in a workshop setting would enable them to exchange information on their past experiences, present activities and future plans, and perhaps establish a network for future co-operation and exchanges. The involvement of religious ethicists was to help the church activists reflect critically on the motivations, methodology, and substance of the churches' work on energy issues and to give the academics some data for their own teaching and research on these issues.

### Organization

Planning for the workshop commenced at the 1982 meetings of the Canadian Theological Society and the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion in Ottawa. In consultation with other academics interested in the churches' involvement in social issues, I agreed to organize a session on this general topic for the 1983 meetings, to be held in Vancouver. Over the summer I compiled a list of church and inter-church organizations and individual religious ethicists who have been involved in energy issues, and in early September invitations to participate were sent to some



20 contacts, including representatives of national churches, inter-church coalitions such as GATT-Fly, Project North, and the Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility, regional groups such as the Newfoundland Inter-Church Committee on the Social Impact of Resource Development, the Saskatchewan Inter-Church Uranium Committee, and the B.C. Coalition on Energy, and six academic ethicists. Simultaneously, an application was prepared and submitted to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) for funding under their Human Context of Science and Technology Research Workshop Program.

During the fall suggestions for changes to the tentative program and for other participants were compiled, and in late January an Update Bulletin was circulated to the 13 organizations and 8 individuals who had expressed interest in attending. By then the SSHRC application had been turned down and a somewhat revised application had been submitted to the Secretary of State under their Canadian Studies Program. After many delays, that application was also rejected on May 12, just three weeks before the workshop was scheduled to begin. However, it was clear by then that even without funding there would be at least 20 participants, and in fact some 25 showed up.



### The Workshop

The two and one-half days of meetings (seven and one-half sessions) were both stimulating and frustrating. Dissatisfied with the suggested agenda, the participants decided to begin with a version of the GATT-Fly "Ah-hah!" approach to social analysis. For the rest of the workshop the focus shifted back and forth from process to content. In one session Jim Penna, an ethicist at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan and a member of the Inter-Church Uranium Committee, led the group in an analysis of the Saskatchewan experience in dealing with proposals for uranium mining and refining. In another session, participants took turns in a "fish bowl" discussion of Canadian energy policies.

As the workshop drew to a close, the participants resolved to produce something concrete to take away with them. It was decided to sketch out the major issues covered so far in the form of chapter headings for a book on the subject. Building on the dominant imagery of the workshop, the group agreed that the first part of the book should consider "The Nature of the Beast" — i.e., the characteristics of the present energy system, while the second part should discuss ways and means of "Contending with the Beast." It was tentatively agreed that the various sub-headings which had been suggested would serve as the themes of position papers to be written in time for a follow-up workshop in 1984.

### Outcome

There has been no formal evaluation of the workshop, but reaction from participants was generally favourable. At the time of writing this report (mid-March, 1984), plans are progressing for the follow-up workshop, to be held in Toronto May 24-26, 1984. The idea of writing a book is suspended for the time being, and this workshop will probably focus on a very specific aspect of the topic, such as the disposal of nuclear wastes.

### Evaluation

National meetings such as this can be a waste of time, energy, and money unless they have specific objectives and are structured in such a way as to achieve these objectives. Unfortunately, it is difficult to define goals and develop an appropriate structure for a group which has not met before. The "Religion, Ethics, and Energy Developments in Canada" workshop was generally successful despite the absence of a planning meeting beforehand. The follow-up workshop is being organized by a committee of participants from the Vancouver meeting, and it should be a better meeting as a result of this advance planning.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of a national meeting is the opportunity to meet both formally and informally with others working on similar issues. If networking is to have major long-term benefits, it will have to be based on inter-personal relationships. Without face-to-face contact, these are difficult, if not impossible, to achieve.

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# Militarism

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CX 2934

## THE EAGLE AND THE JACKAL: NORTH AMERICA'S RAPE OF THE THIRD WORLD

Garry Moffat, Network

378 Roosevelt St. Ottawa, Ont. K2A 1Z3

160 pages, March 1984, \$3

A major section of this paper deals with United States domination and exploitation of Third World countries, and the relationship of this to U.S. military strategy world-wide. Included is a highly detailed account of U.S. relationships with, and interventions in, other countries. Other sections deal with, among other topics, nuclear strategy, foreign aid, mass media, multi-national corporations, and the World Bank. A separate section deals with Canada's participation in this American-dominated system, looking at themes such as agribusiness, foreign aid, foreign investment and control, native peoples, multi-national corporations in Canada, Canadian banks, and trade and commerce.

The final section of the paper deals with the question of how the peace movement can work for a better society. This section argues that the peace movement should abandon the idea of being able to persuade the state to change its policies, and that it should evolve other means of working for social change. The essay argues that "We cannot hope to obtain basic social change by concentrating on single-issue movements such as refusing to test the Cruise missile in Canada or seeking a nuclear freeze in the U.S." A number of suggestions are made to guide activities in the peace movement, including the idea that "each activity should start off not with a proposal for physical action, but with a discussion and definition of the result we hope to produce by doing an action around a given theme at a given time. Once that is clear, participants can decide what form of action would be best suited to bringing about the desired result. . . . Actions should be built around proposals we can carry out ourselves rather than on what we want the state to do." It is also suggested that "our primary purpose in no action should be to perform for the mass media; it is inevitable that they will misinterpret what we do."

CX 2935

## MILITARIZATION: OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPMENT

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, 3028 Danforth Ave. Toronto, Ont. M4C 1N2  
8 pages, Nov. 1983

This paper presents a basic analysis of the effects of militarism, under the headings of: "Militarization sustains Underdevelopment"; "Militarization Defends the Privileged Minority"; "Militarization Affects Daily Life"; "Causes of Poverty"; "National Security vs. Human Rights"; and "The Cycle of Militarization-Repression-Poverty."

The paper calls for an end to arms sales, and for action to bring about peace.



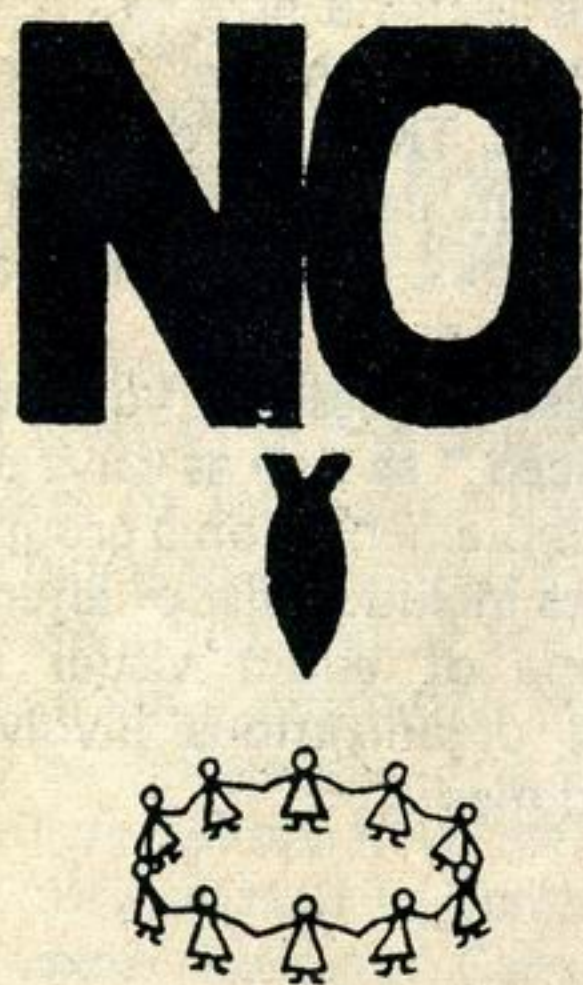


**CX 2936**  
**THE COMING OF WORLD WAR III**  
 Dimitrios Roussopoulos, Black Rose Books  
 3981 boulevard St-Laurent, 4th floor  
 Montreal, Que. H2W 1Y5  
 (514) 844-4076  
 250 pages, Dec. 1983, \$12.95/\$22.95

THE COMING OF WORLD WAR III maintains that a war *will* happen because not enough is being done to prevent it. The drift and thrust to war is examined under such headings as "The new technology and instability," and "Civil liberties and the nuclear state." Peace movements in Canada, the U.S. and Europe, east and west, are examined. The author proposes the need to move from resistance to radical social change.

**CX 2937**  
**OUR GENERATION AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR**  
 Dimitrios Roussopoulos, ed. Black Rose Books  
 3981 boulevard St-Laurent, 4th floor  
 Montreal, Que. H2W 1Y5  
 (514) 844-4076  
 478 pages, Sept. 1983, \$14.95/\$24.95

This book is a collection of articles on the issues of war and peace which have appeared in the Canadian journal *Our Generation* from 1961 to the present. In addition to articles on the peace movement, neutralism and non-alignment, non-violence and civil disobedience, there are also pieces on imperialism and the state, and the culture and psychology of violence.



**CX 2938**  
**CANADIAN PEACE LISTING**  
 5851 Durocher St. Outremont, Que. H2V 3Y5  
 (514) 277-9509  
 1984 edition, \$8 Canada, \$10 elsewhere

This is a directory of over 500 Canadian peace organizations, and groups working on related issues such as development and human rights. It includes names, addresses, phone numbers, contact persons, and other pertinent information, as well as an index.

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## **Media**

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**CX 2939**  
**WAR, PEACE, AND THE MEDIA**  
 Barrie Zwicker, Sources  
 10 Britain St. Toronto, Ont. M5A 1R6  
 40 pages, 1984, \$3.50

The author looked at press coverage of the Soviet Union over a six-month period and found it extreme and unbalanced. He concludes that "our portrayal of the Soviet Union dooms ourselves" by creating a stereotype of a country that is the embodiment of everything evil, with which it is impossible to have civilized dealings or to conclude rational agreements, notably on arms control. The result of the press coverage is to push people to the conclusion that the only way to deal with the USSR is to engage in an arms race that can only result in eventual war. He argues that it is in the interest of everyone, East and West, that there be far better, multi-dimensional reporting on the Soviet Union, reporting that deals with the lives of ordinary people, with culture, arts, science, travel, etc. "Implacable opponents of the Soviet Union and warm admirers of the USSR alike should equally be demanding



better press coverage of that country. Whether the motive is to know the enemy better, or to build bridges of friendship — or anything between — the coverage provided by the press in Canada falls ludicrously short of short of serving you. . . . Instead of anything approaching an informative, rounded, realistic picture of a country the papers themselves claim is so important, the public is being mistreated to hodge podge of distorting trivia, boring stereotypes, and transparent bias parading as news. . . . There is virtually no human face, but a dehumanized ideological abstraction."

Zwicker feels that press coverage of the USSR is "profoundly uninformative, a journalistic yawn that is helping us sleepwalk toward the biggest slumber of all time: nuclear war."

The pamphlet also takes up a number of specific issues regarding the press coverage of the Soviet Union, including responsibility for the arms race, coverage of civil defence, media blackouts of protests against the MX missile system, and coverage of peace organizations.

**CX 2940**

**BETWEEN THE LINES**

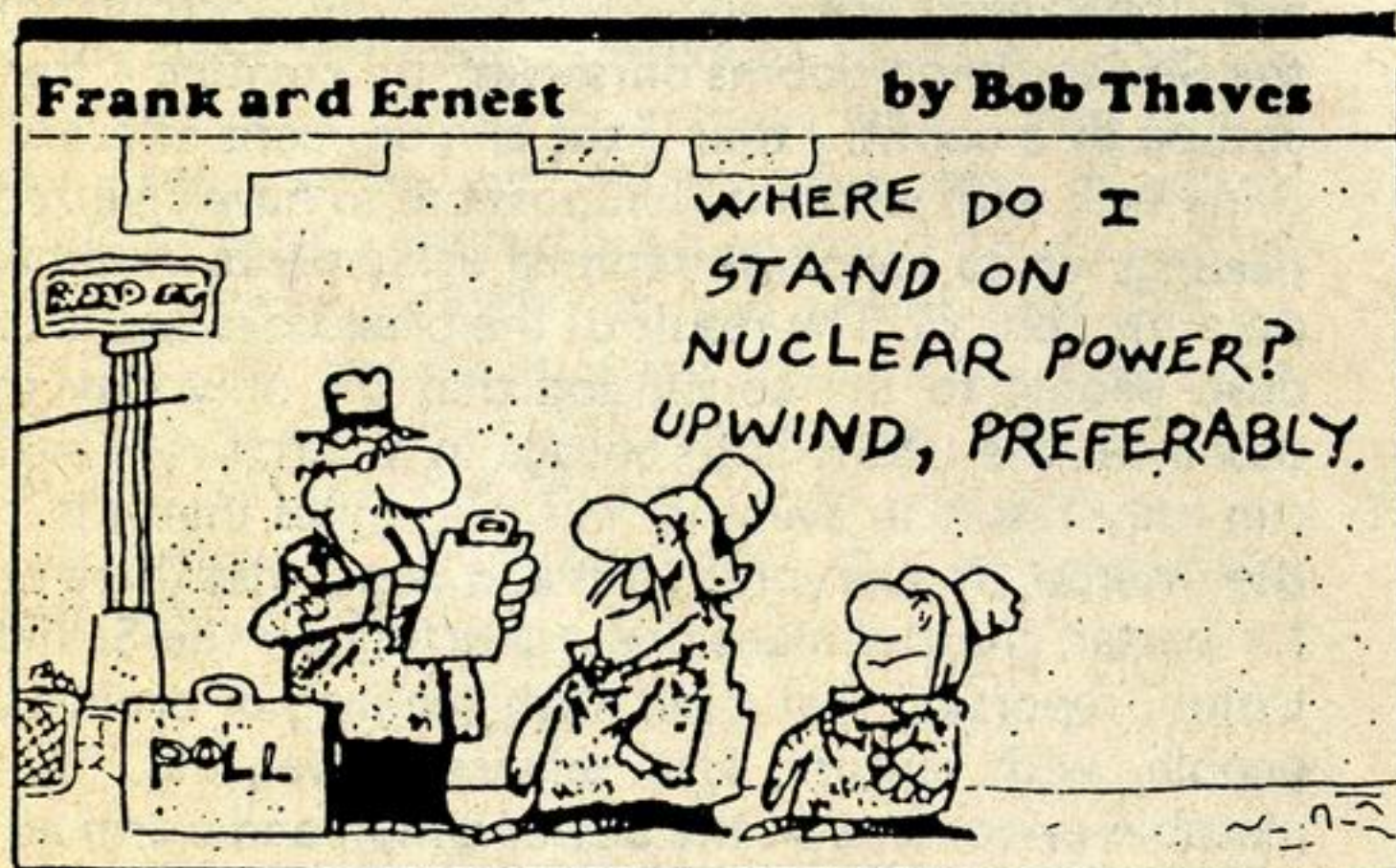
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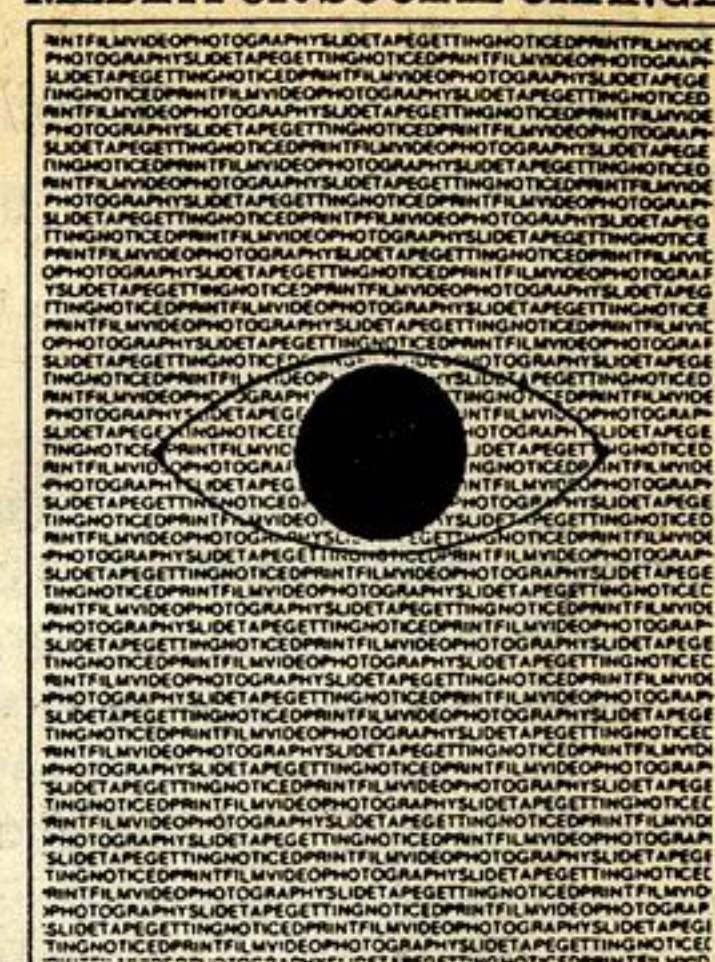
(403) 424-4371

slide-tape show, 18 min. \$140 purchase, \$10—\$23 rent

BETWEEN THE LINES examines the control of the information that shapes our understanding of the world. It shows that media corporations tend to follow certain patterns in their news coverage: crisis reporting, limited sources, selective emphasis, and loaded language. "Well you know they took the world today, and they packaged it and sold it. Cut it into columns just the right size for you to hold it, then they stuck it between the advertising and the astrological signs."



## MEDIA FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



A Resource Book for Community Groups  
COMMUNITY FORUM ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

**CX 2941**

**MEDIA FOR SOCIAL CHANGE**

Community Forum on Shared Responsibility

49 Wellington St. E. Toronto, Ont. M5E 1C9

(416) 361-0466

120 pages, Dec. 1983, \$7.50 + \$1.17 postage

MEDIA FOR SOCIAL CHANGE is a resource book for community groups trying to get their message out through a variety of media: print, film, video, graphics, photography, and slide-tape. Part of the book is devoted to listing resources such as training facilities, studios, graphic artists, consultants; this information is Toronto-oriented. The rest of the information has general relevance to community and social change groups. Separate chapters are devoted to the different media. Stress is placed on explaining when a particular medium is appropriate and on analyzing its advantages and drawbacks in getting out the message of a particular group. Only limited technical detail is provided: this is not a how-to book, although bibliographies after each chapter do refer the reader to technical guides. The book discusses different ways in which a medium can be applied. Print, for example, can involve books, posters, billboards, buttons, leaflets, newsletters, etc.

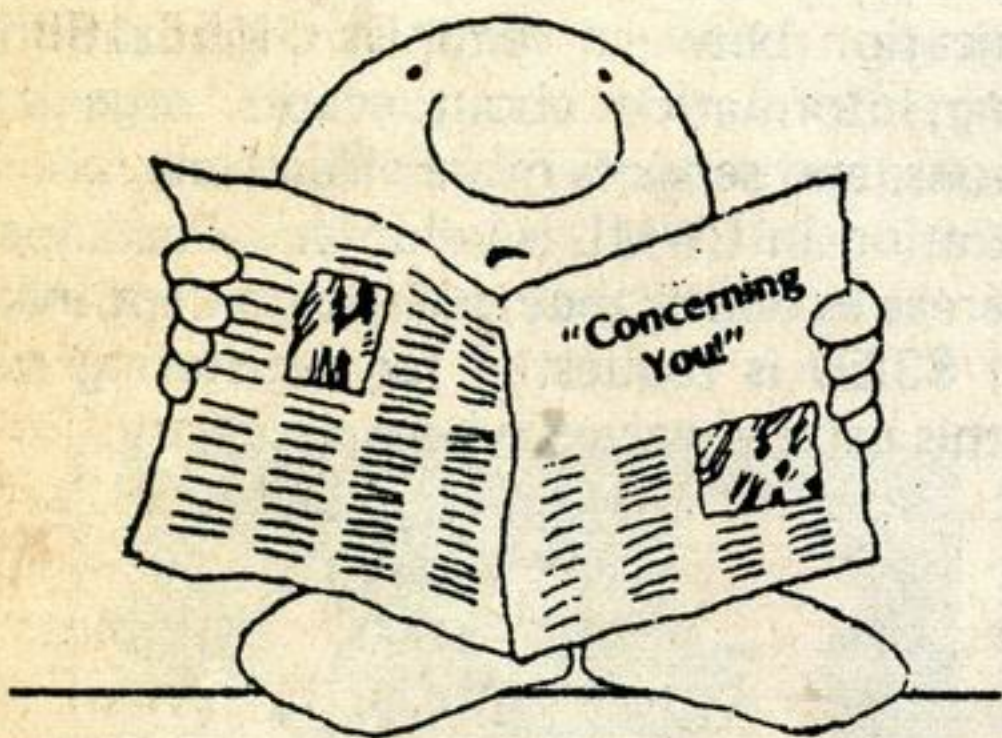
There is also discussion of developing strategies for "getting noticed," as well as ways of making planning, design, and implementation a group process.

Appendices include a list of alternative media; a list of collections of audio visual materials, funding sources, and organizations involved in community based art and media.





# Education



**CX 2942**

## **A POPULAR EDUCATION HANDBOOK**

Rick Arnold and Bev Burke

CUSO Development Education,

151 Slater St. Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5H5

59 pages, Oct. 1983, \$3.95 (bulk discounts)

Subtitled "An educational experience taken from Central America and adapted to the Canadian context," this handbook takes its inspiration from three years the authors spent living and working in Central America. There, they were influenced by the "popular education" approach to adult education that they experienced, especially in Nicaragua. The booklet is the product of over 40 workshops in which they attempted to adapt what they learned in Central America to education about social issues in Canada. Beginning with an overview of popular education methodology, the booklet goes on to outline several specific work-

shop examples. This is followed by a detailed "how to" of five creative methods used within the workshops: "human sculpturing," "socio-drama," "role play," drawing, and song-writing. A section on "Build Your Own Resources" looks specifically at how to put together a slide-tape production.

The authors define popular education as having the following characteristics: 1. The starting point is the concrete experience of the learner. 2. Everyone teaches; everyone learns. 3. Involves a high level of participation. 4. Leads to action for change. 5. Is a collective effort, focusing on group rather than individual solutions to problems. 6. Stresses the creation of new knowledge, rather than the passing on of existing knowledge. 7. The process is ongoing — any time, place, or age. 8. It's fun.



**CX 2943**

## **POPULAR EDUCATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA**

Bev Burke and Rick Arnold

16 min., slide-tape production.

Available in B.C., Alberta, & Sask. from:

**IDERA Films**

2524 Cypress St., Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3N2

Elsewhere:

**DEC Films**

427 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5S 1X7

A companion audio-visual for A POPULAR EDUCATION HANDBOOK (CX 1111), this slide-tape production looks at the roots of popular education, traces its development, and situates it in the context of the 1980's, focusing on literacy, adult education, and health campaigns.

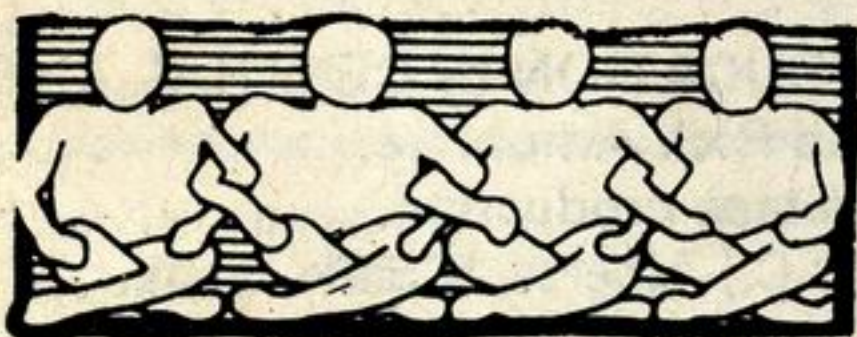


**CX 2944**  
**DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION SURVEY**  
Canadian Council for International Co-operation  
450 Rideau St. Ottawa, Ont. K1N 5Z4  
(613) 236-4547  
112 pages

The DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION SURVEY is a directory of development education work being undertaken by organizations throughout Canada. Over 100 groups are listed; their areas of concentration, type of work, and audience are noted briefly. The directory "is designed to be a networking tool for development educators to keep them in touch with the work of their colleagues in other parts of Canada."

**CX 2945**  
**MAKING WAVES**  
Murray MacAdam, Grindstone Co-op  
Box 564, Station P, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2T1  
(416) 923-4215  
40 pages, \$5.95 + \$1 postage

Grindstone Island Centre, near Portland, Ont., is a co-operative education centre for peace, justice, and social change. Grindstone offers summer programmes each year on a variety of themes, including peace, feminism, health, the media, and the environment. MAKING WAVES tells the history of Grindstone Island, first as an active summer home, then as a peace education centre run by the Quakers, and finally the present co-operative centre. The book is illustrated with 38 photographs.



**CX 2946**  
**CHILD'S PLAY**  
5 - 3859 76th St. Edmonton, Alta. T6K 2P9  
Sample \$2.50, Subscriptions \$15/year

CHILD'S PLAY is a bi-monthly newsletter for schooling families. Its purpose is to be a resource for families learning together.

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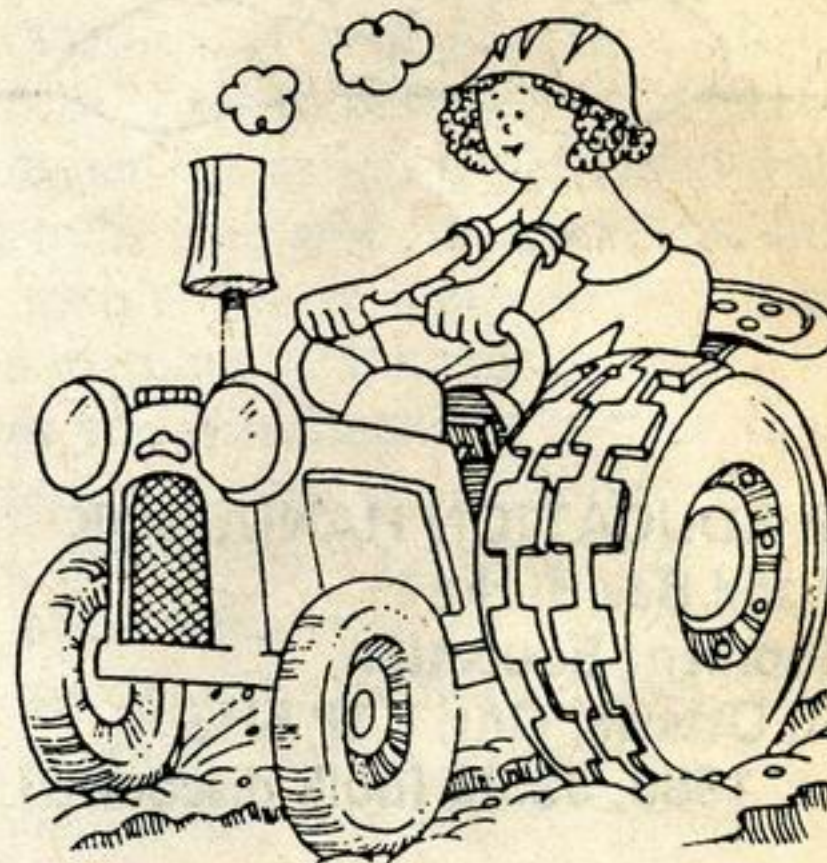
# WOMEN

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**CX 2947**  
**CANADIAN WOMEN'S MAILING LIST**  
WEB Women's Information Exchange  
9280 Arvida Drive, Richmond, B.C. V7A 3P4  
(604) 272-5335

The CANADIAN WOMEN'S MAILING LIST (CWML) is a project of the WEB Women's Information Exchange, a non-profit society providing information services to women. The CWML is a computer mailing list used to create an efficient feminist mailing list. WEB intends to make this list as comprehensive as possible and then provide mailing labels at cost to women's organizations, with the goal of facilitating communication between feminist organizations, and circulating information about events, organizations, publications, and services more effectively.

Registration in CWML is voluntary. Participants select the areas in which they wish to be kept informed. A fee of \$3.50 is requested for registering with the CWML; this can be waived where necessary.



**CX 2948**  
**WOMEN AND AGRICULTURE:**  
**AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**  
Lyn Murphy, International Education Centre  
Saint Mary's University, Halifax, N.S. B3H 3C3  
11 pages, Free

The bibliography is divided into the following categories: General, Africa, Agricultural Technology, Asia, North America, Latin America, Newsletters.



CX 2949

**HARD EARNED WAGES:  
WOMEN FIGHTING FOR BETTER WORK**

Jennifer Penney, The Women's Press  
16 Baldwin St. Toronto, Ont.

HARD EARNED WAGES features sixteen women telling the stories of their work — and their efforts to improve their working situations — in their own words. They appear as women of intelligence and strength, yet, as the introduction says, "it would be a mistake to mark them as extraordinary women, as especially intelligent or fearless or strong. Few of us go to work with the thought that we will be catapulted into a struggle. The women who speak here are no exception. They work because they want to, because they have to support themselves or their families. They had few expectations — positive or negative — when they first took jobs. The fact is that all kinds of women have taken up the fight for better work."

A central fact that emerges from the stories in HARD EARNED WAGES is that in taking up that fight, people discover strengths in themselves that they may not even have realized they had; in so doing they change themselves and their view of themselves, as well as their surroundings.



CX 2950

**SILENCED**

Makeda Silvera, William Wallace Publishers  
229 College St. Toronto, Ont.  
\$6.95

SILENCED is the story — told in interview form — of women from the Caribbean who come to Canada to work as domestic workers. Their aim is to better themselves, by earning money, by attending school, by bringing their families to Canada. Yet the reality they find is often very different from their hopes: low pay, long hours, exploitative working conditions,

harassment from employers, a lack of time to attend school, and legal restrictions on bringing their children into the country.

SILENCED is an attempt to help overcome the isolation felt by domestic workers by allowing them to tell their stories, to see that others share their conditions and goals, and to glimpse the possibility of coming together.

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## Health

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CX 2951

**WOMEN'S HEALTH ACTION NETWORK**

c/o Inter Pares, 209 Pretoria Ave.  
Ottawa, Ont. K1S 1X1  
(613) 563-4801

The WOMEN'S HEALTH ACTION NETWORK consists of a number of groups and individuals across Canada, including nurses, doctors, consumers, and community development workers. The aim is "to promote consumer involvement in shaping health care policies; to create awareness in women, individually and collectively, of the need for more control over their bodies; to promote preventive vs. curative approaches to health; to build solidarity with Third World people who are recipients of inappropriate and dangerous drugs which have been banned in the West; to expose the tremendous influence pharmaceutical companies have on health care systems at home and abroad; and to work towards more rational national and international health care policies and controls.

The network plans to create a play on women and pharmaceuticals in collaboration with the Great Canadian Theatre Company, to go on tour nationally in the fall of 1984; to spread information on DES and other drugs; to develop workshops at regional levels around the theme of women and health; and to develop educational tools for use at the local level, linking women's health projects and concerns with those in the Third World.





**CX 2952**

**FOR HEALTH OR PROFIT?  
THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY  
IN THE THIRD WORLD AND CANADA**

Inter Pares and World Interaction

P.O. Box 2484, Station D, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5W6

\$5 + \$1.50 postage

This kit attempts to answer questions such as the following: How do pharmaceutical companies affect our lives? How does advertising influence our consumption of drugs? Do women have control over their bodies and health? How does the dumping of banned pharmaceutical products affect the health of the Third World? What is the orientation of Canada's health care system? **FOR HEALTH OR PROFIT?** is an introductory kit on these issues; it provides information on alternatives, possible solutions, and ideas for action. It lists resources and groups active in the "pharmaceutical campaign" locally, nationally, and internationally. The kit is designed for use by people working on women's issues, international development, or health care.

**CX 2953**

**GLOBAL HEALTH REPORTS**

Development Education Centre

427 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5S 1X7

(416) 964-6560

\$10 for the series

**GLOBAL HEALTH REPORTS** consists of a series of reports on health issues, with resources, updates and information on projects and action groups, bibliographies, news about health resource centres and conferences. Topics include health services for Native Canadians, drugs, chemicals and pesticides, women and health, and primary health care. Three of the reports are available now; the rest will be released as they are published.

The purpose of the series is to promote a global perspective on health: to show that local problems have world-wide connections to social, political, and economic realities, as well as to discuss possible solutions, including breaking down the myth that only health workers can solve health problems.

**CX 2954**

**MEDICARE: ON THE CRITICAL LIST**

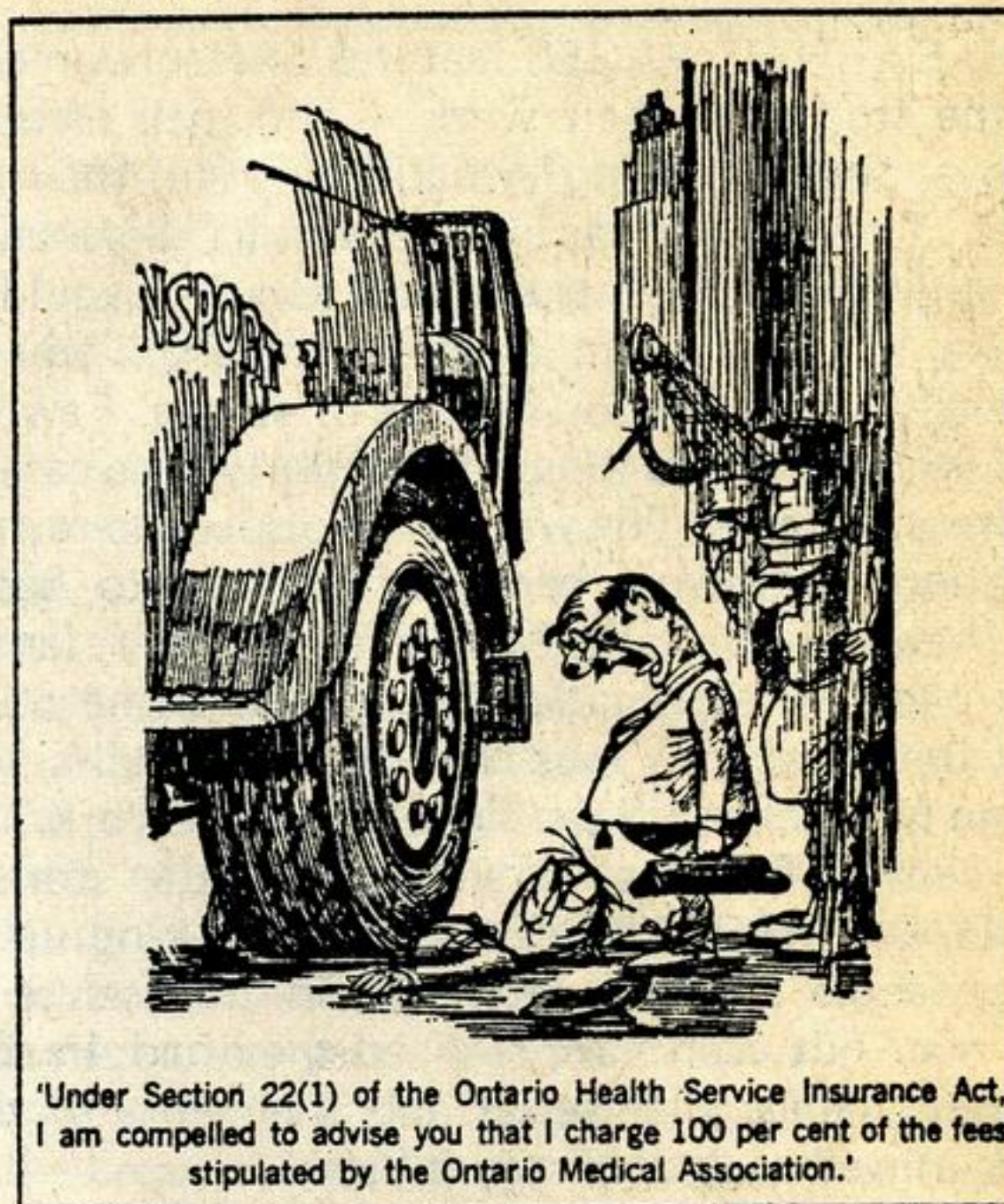
Ed Finn, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

P.O. Box 4466, Station E, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 5B4

\$2 (reduced for bulk orders)

This paper spells out the dangers facing medicare in Canada. It shows how underfunding, monthly pre-

miums, deterrent and user fees, extra-billing, and privatization are eroding the basis of medicare. It suggests ways of saving and improving medicare, and urges that we look beyond medicare to a more complete health care system.



**CX 2955**

**TORONTO OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH  
RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

815 Danforth Ave. Suite 402, Toronto, Ont. M4J 1L2

The **TORONTO OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RESOURCE COMMITTEE (TOHRC)** has been set up to address workplace health and safety issues from a worker's point of view. It publishes a newsletter (\$5 per year), holds meetings, and engages in other educational activities, with the aim of providing health and safety information; a forum for the discussion of policies and politics of workplace health and safety; a network of information resource people, and an exchange of information and ideas among those interested and concerned with occupational health. TOHRC hopes to "offer an alternative to the occupational health and safety positions of industry, government, and the Workers Compensation Board."

Recent newsletter articles have dealt with risks of lead pollution; the campaign of the Toxic Substances Coalition for the right of workers to know what substances they are being exposed to; waste handling in hospitals; and occupational health services at community clinics.



**CX 2956**

**A RUBBER WORKER'S GUIDE  
TO OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH**

Waterloo Public Interest Research Group  
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ont. N2L 3G1  
(519) 884-9020

\$1 + 75 cents on 1 — 5 copies

This booklet describes the hazards to be found in ten typical work areas in a rubber plant, and lists 25 common chemical hazards. It includes a step-by-step guide to finding information on chemical hazards. It looks at noise, heat, and stress hazards in the rubber industry and how workers can protect themselves from them. Ventilation and personal protective equipment to prevent exposure to chemical hazards are described.

Studies of the industry have shown that many diseases, including some forms of cancer, are more common among rubber workers than the general population.

**CX 2957**

**ISSUE**

Midwifery Task Force

Postal Station T, Box 489, Toronto, Ont. M6B 4C2  
20 pages

ISSUE is the newsletter of the Midwifery Task Force, which is an "interdisciplinary group dedicated to working toward the legal recognition of midwifery in Ontario." The first ISSUE contains reports from the various regions of Canada regarding the status of midwifery, reviews of books and Judy Chicago's Birth Project and various news pieces and announcements. One of the groups described is Choice in Childbirth (C in C), an organization which "supports the right of all parents to determine the circumstances in which birth takes place." Its members believe that their basic rights about birth issues are being infringed upon, and that choices are being taken from their hands. The group "believes that parents must retain the basic right and responsibility to make decisions about their lives and health. As concerned health-care consumers, parents involved with C in C wish to see the current trends toward increased medical control reversed."

**CX 2958**

**MATERNAL HEALTH NEWS**

Maternal Health Society of British Columbia  
Box 46563, Stn. G, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 4G8  
Quarterly \$7 to \$10/year.

MATERNAL HEALTH NEWS is a tabloid with information on all aspects of maternity care for the health-care consumer.

**CX 2959**

**CENTRE D'INFORMATION ET DE  
DOCUMENTATION SUR LE MOZAMBIQUE ET  
L'AFRIQUE AUSTRALE (CIDMAA)**

6839 rue Drolet, Montreal, Que. H2S 2T1  
(514) 495-2525

CIDMAA is a resource centre on southern Africa. CIDMAA publishes a news bulletin three times a year (\$5 annually) which focuses on news and information about the current situation in southern Africa as well as the activities of groups in Quebec and the rest of Canada. CIDMAA produces, translates and disseminates articles, slide-tape shows and videos. One of its main objectives is to make material already available in English and Portuguese also accessible in French. CIDMAA will shortly be publishing a study on the possibilities of Canadian NGO support for projects in Namibia.

**CX 2960**

**CANADA'S FUTURE: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**  
Saskatchewan Council for International Co-operation  
2138 McIntyre St. Regina, Sask. S4P 2R7

This brief from the SCIC was presented to the MacDonald Royal Commission on the Economy.





# Periodical Summaries

*The purpose of this section is to let readers know about particularly interesting or significant articles published in Canada's social change-oriented periodicals. Since most of these publications are small, and not well distributed, and since few people have the time or money to read them all on a regular basis, we see these summaries as a way of enabling readers to identify articles which might be of particular interest to them. Note: Readers who desire a comprehensive listing of articles, or who are looking for material on a specific topic, may wish to consult the Alternative Press Index, a quarterly publication which indexes 14 Canadian social change publications as well as many American ones. The Index is available in some libraries, or from P.O. Box 7229, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. 21218.*

**Action Day Care Newsletter**  
345 Adelaide St. W., No. 600  
Toronto, Ont. M5V 1R5

January 1984

"Stratford autoworkers win in-plant daycare" describes the precedent setting contract won by 1,200 workers at American Motors in Stratford, whereby a benefit of two cents per hour per worker is allocated towards the cost of a day care centre for plant employees. The workers at the plant are 90 per cent women, and the plant operates on a round-the-clock, three-shift basis. "Women and Work: for want of day care." Day care as a key factor affecting women's economic equality: "When it comes to our participation in the paid labour force, women are the yo-yo and day care is the string. Anytime that government wants to control women's entry into the labour force, all that has to be done is to limit the number of day care spaces, the availability of subsidies, and the level of government spending on social services."

March 1984

"Profit-Making Day Care: What's wrong with it?" raises concern that for-profit day care programs use cost-cutting methods which may affect the quality of day care. The *raison d'être* of a for-profit day care is to make a profit. Eligibility of these centres for day care subsidies in some provinces also means that they siphon off scarce resources.

**Body Politic**  
Box 7289, Stn. A  
Toronto, Ont. M5W 1X9  
A magazine for gay liberation

March 1984

Tom Waugh, "Photography, Passion and Power." Explores ways in which gay male erotic images have transmitted, as well as defied, the values of the dominant culture. Concludes that gay male imagery is divorced from the sexism and inequality implicit in much heterosexual pornography. This has received little attention in the current debate, in which sex has tended to be conflated with sexism. Waugh applies feminist analysis to pornography while remaining strongly pro-sex.

**Briarpatch**  
2138 McIntyre St.  
Regina, Sask. S4P 2R7  
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Volume 12, No. 9: November, 1983  
Report on "The Economy in Crisis," a conference held in Saskatoon. One area of discussion was the impact of the economic crisis on agriculture, faced with massive debts, falling producer prices, continued high inflation, rising farm implement costs and the threat of sharply increased grain freight rates. The loss of human potential as a result of unemployment and its impact on women and youth were also discussed. The "full recovery" forecast by governments still assumes unemployment or underem-

ployment of 25 per cent of the work force. Another article describes divisions in the Saskatoon Co-op. Dissatisfaction with the direction of the 31,000-member co-op, which operates grocery and furniture stores, centres on lack of opportunity for member involvement, questionable financial decisions, and the board of directors' anti-union actions.

Volume 12, No. 10: December 1983  
Several articles on the Saskatchewan CCF-NDP are included. One article describes the party's approach as "Socialism by Stealth." Another examines its "blurry vision" on Native issues. Others look at the party's relationship to labour and its attitude to women.

Volume 13, No. 1:  
January-February 1984  
"Radioactive spills at Key Lake": describes the history of repeated problems with radioactivity at the Key Lake mine, and at other mines in Northern Saskatchewan. *Briarpatch* notes that "In a desperate 'best defence is a good offence' strategy, nuclear proponents have warned that the anti-nuclear movement will opportunistically use the frequent radioactive floods at Key Lake and other mines to bolster their case. Shame on us. Oh sure, we've said for years that the damn stuff is dangerous, that it will leak, spill and contaminate the north, that it is an economic fiasco. It's just ill-mannered of us to note that everything we said was true." "The CUPW Robin Hood caper strikes a nerve": examines the hysterical press and management reaction to the postal workers' 10-cent mail scheme at Christmas, which threatened to proclaim the right of workers to be involved in deciding how their enterprises operate; in this case, by challenging the practice of giving reduced rates to businesses but not the ordinary public."



**Broadside**  
P.O. Box 494, Stn. P  
Toronto, Ont. M5S 2T1  
\$13/10 issues.

February 1984

International Women's Day: Three articles discussing directions for the women's movement in Toronto. One proposal calls for a shift away from an emphasis on a few specific issues to a broader Women's Liberation Bill of Rights and an effort to organize an organization with the liberation of women in its broadest sense as the focus. Another article states the case for picking key themes around which to organize. "Women in Therapy": a report on a conference on that topic.

**Canadian Civil Liberties Association**  
News Notes  
229 Yonge St., Ste. 403  
Toronto, Ont. M5B 1N9

December 1983

Federal National Security Bill: The Civil Liberties Association says there are some welcome changes in the Senate amendments to the National Security Bill, but notes that even with the changes "Canadian citizens could have their conversations bugged, mail opened, homes surreptitiously searched, and confidential records invaded without a stitch of evidence of law-breaking or wrongdoing." Orillia Wash-room Arrests: The CCLA questions the justification for the police action which led to the arrest of 32 men in Orillia for homosexual acts. The CCLA argues that the acts were between consenting adults, and that if they were not desired in the washroom in question, hiring a uniformed security guard would likely have been cheaper and a good deal less destructive than the police action. The CCLA calls the police action "an exercise in gratuitous voyeurism" and questions the effect on police morale of spending months watching over the activities in washrooms. It notes the absence of massive police operations in cracking down on comparably illegal activities like drinking at sports events.

**Canadian Dimension**  
Ste. 801 — 44 Princess St.  
Winnipeg, Man. R3B 1K2  
\$14 per year.

December 1983

"The Struggle Against the Security Bill" and "Do We Need a Security Service?" and "Dissent and Subversion": "There is no such thing as subversion, that it can't be defined — certainly not in law — and therefore it shouldn't appear in any public law in this country." "Reflections on the Labour Movement's Malaise": unions need to broaden the scope of what they do, become more democratic and ambitious, develop an alternative working class culture.

March 1984

"Operation Solidarity": Several articles on Operation Solidarity in British Columbia dealing with problems in strategy, the role of the NDP, the labour movement, and the union leadership, the involvement of teachers, and the nature of the eventual settlement, and prospects for the future.

**Canadian Labour**  
2841 Riverside Dr.  
Ottawa, Ont. K1V 8X7  
Subscription free on request.  
Monthly publication of the  
Canadian Labour Congress

October 1983

"No recovery for the unemployed": Despite the "recovery," unemployment has only dropped marginally, from 1,533,000 to 1,429,000 with many more not counted. Youth unemployment is at 19.4 per cent. "Technological Change": Report on a CLC seminar on meeting the challenge of technological change.

January 1984

"Recovery: For Whom?" Supplies figures showing how profits are doing well in the recovery, while workers, employed and unemployed, are being "left behind."

**Central America Update**  
Box 2207, Stn. P  
Toronto, Ont. M5S 2T2

December 1983

"U.S. Intervention in Central America" is an 8-page article detailing U.S. interventionist activities, as well as Canada's role.

**The Central Courier**  
Box 246, 55 McCaul St.  
Toronto, Ont. M5T 2W7  
"Persons who are disabled representing themselves."

Winter 1984

Cathy McPherson, "Employment of the Disabled." Deals with problems disabled people have in dealing with Canada Employment Centres and employers; suggests a series of steps to improve employment prospects for the disabled.

**City Magazine**  
71 Cordova St.  
Winnipeg, Man. R3N 0Z9

October 1983

John Schaechter, "Neighbourhood Power and the Notre Dame de Grace Community Council." The story of a community council which, without official status, has functioned for 41 years as a forum where issues are aired, actions initiated, and where public opinion is mobilized to press for change.

**Communiqu'elles**  
3585 rue St-Urbain  
Montreal, Que. H2X 2N6

November 1983

"Dossier: Refugee Women." The life and problems facing women refugees in Canada.

**The Dome**  
Saskatchewan Government  
Employees' Union  
1440 Broadway Ave.  
Regina, Sask. S4P 1E2

Feb.-March 1984

John Calvert, "Public Sector Unions at the Crossroads." Regressive government practices threaten the very existence of public sector unions, yet at-



tempts by unions to fight back have had little success. Governments have been successful in driving a wedge between those who provide public services and those who receive them. Unions have to expand their scope of activities. They should criticize the way services are provided and the allocation of resources, and suggest alternatives. They must spend much more time building bridges between unions and local communities.

Harrowsmith  
Camden East, Ont. K0K 1J0

April-May 1984

Steven Foster and Jennifer Bennett, "The Herbal Richochet." High levels of contaminants may be present in many herbs, even those sold in health food stores. Chemicals used in Canadian agriculture are partly to blame, but imported herbs are often grown using agricultural chemicals banned in Canada, but still legally exported abroad to be used on the crops we then import.

Healthsharing  
Box 230, Stn. M  
Toronto, Ont. M6S 2T3

Fall 1983

Maureen McEvoy, "Ask Your Mother": The synthetic hormone DES, once widely used to prevent miscarriage, has had a number of harmful effects on the daughters and sons of some of the women who took it, as well as on the women themselves.

Winter 1983

Connie Clement, "The Case for Lay Abortion": argues that early abortion is a simple procedure that could be performed by trained non-medical people outside of a hospital or clinic setting. "The Right to Grieve": Women who believe in the right to have an abortion may still find the decision an anguishing one.

International Wildlife  
Canadian Wildlife Federation  
1673 Carling Ave.  
Ottawa, Ont. K2A 3Z1

March-April 1984

Sam Iker, "Where the Birds and the Buffalo Roam": the Alberta government plans to flood 100,000 acres of the Peace-Athabasca Delta for a power project whose necessity, and location, are questioned by environmentalists. The flooding would destroy one of the most important wildlife habitats on the continent, which currently is used by many species, including one and one-quarter million waterfowl and a herd of 5,000 bison.

New Maritimes  
Enfield, N.S. B0N 1N0

February 1984

Brian O'Neill, "February 15, 1983 — Where to Point the Finger": Documents the negligence on the part of government and corporations that was to blame for the death of 84 people on the Ocean Ranger.

Phoenix Rising  
The Voice of the Psychiatrized  
Box 7251, Stn. A  
Toronto, Ont. M5W 1X9

Fall 1983

Electroshock: Argues the case against Electro-Convulsive Therapy as a form of torture against psychiatric patients which can cause memory loss, impairment of learning ability, sometimes death. Women and the elderly are the prime candidates for this "treatment." "Ten volts of electricity to the genitals is regarded as torture, while 10 times that amount to the brain is called treatment."

On October 28, 1983, Winnipeg Police clubbed, kicked and punched dozens of the more than 400 people who had gathered at the US Consulate to protest the US invasion of Grenada.



Seven were arrested and many more were abused by the police. Charges included unlawful assembly and obstruction.

The police riot was sparked by the actions of six fatigue-clad members of the Winnipeg Rifles militia unit who had entered the demonstration with the intent of violently disrupting the speeches. When demonstrators attempted to deal with them, the police acted — not against the militia men — but against the demonstrators.

One demonstrator was so badly beaten that he required medical attention and was on crutches for weeks. While most of the demonstrators were Canadian, most arrested were Chilean exiles. Not one militia man was charged.

A Defense Committee has been formed. We have succeeded in pressing for a public inquiry into police violence. We are raising funds for the legal defense, which may cost as much as \$30,000.

We need your help. For more information, or to send donations, contact the October 28th Defense Committee, 418 Wardlaw Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3L 0L7. Democratic rights are on the line. Act now!

## Exchange

"Congratulations on the new format. It is even more informative, relevant and helpful to us. We are a small newspaper in a rural area with limited access to resource people or information. Our concerns, however, are regional and global. Your publication is a very valuable source of information and leads on what's happening where and who is involved."

Eileen Saunders  
The Prairie Messenger  
Muenster, Sask.

Editors' Note: *It's not that we only print your positive comments; this was our only feedback this month. Write to us with your ideas.*

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# Announcements & Appeals

## Nuclear War Film

Peter Watkins, the Academy-award winning director of the 1965 film *The War Game*, is attempting to raise money — \$480,000 — for his current work-in-progress, *The Nuclear War Film*. The object of the film is to demonstrate on universal and human levels the moral consequences of a nuclear war — the effects that individuals and family groups would experience before, during, and after the Third World War — and examples of action that people can take to avert such a catastrophe. The feature length film is to be shot in a dozen countries around the world, including Canada, in the fall of 1984. The film will attempt to give voice to ordinary women, men and children. Contributions can be made payable to C. Burt/The Film, P.O. Box 1195, Stn. La Cite, Montreal, Que., H2W 2P4.

## Posters and Stickers on Central America

Canadians for Non-Intervention in Central America (CNICA) have produced two large glossy two-colour posters, specifically designed both for resale and postering. Their objectives in printing them were to raise funds for their own solidarity work; to provide an opportunity for other groups to do likewise; and to provide an attractive expression of solidarity with the people of Central America, for the streets and for people's homes. Prices go from \$4 each for purchases of one to nine posters, to \$1.50 for purchases of more than 100. Sample posters are available. CNICA, 10765 — 98 Street, Edmonton, Alta. T5H 2P2. (403) 424-4371.

## CANDIS

The Canadian Disarmament Information Service (CANDIS), described in the last issue of *Connexions* (CX 2890) has a new address and phone number: 736 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2R4; (416) 532-4469. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. CANDIS publishes the *Peace Calendar*, a monthly non-partisan publication serving the disarmament movement.

## Stickers

The Edmonton Learner Centre has a number of different stickers for sale, on Central America ("Stop U.S. Attacks in Central America"); on nuclear disarmament ("No one wins a nuclear war!" and "Nuclear Disarmament Yes, Cruise Missiles No"); sexism ("Sexism Hurts"); and two different ones that say "Lies!". Large ones are five for \$1, small ones are eight for \$1, with discounts for bulk orders. Edmonton Learner Centre, 10765 — 98 Street, Edmonton, Alta. T5H 2P2. (403) 424-4381.

## Call for Boycott of Co-op

The Saskatchewan Federation of Labour is asking its members and supporters not to purchase selected Co-op products which are marketed and distributed by Federated Co-op Limited throughout Saskatchewan. Nadine Hunt, president of the Federation, stated that the Co-op "has clearly demonstrated their anti-union bias in relation to these strikes (in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon), and their negative attitude to labour relations in general is well known." The boycott is being aimed at all shelf products bearing the Co-op and Harmonie brand labels.

## Connexions Needs Helpers

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## Shovels for Laos

The Canadian Friends of Service Committee (Quakers) is appealing for public contributions for its "Shovels for Peace" program in Laos. The shovels are for rural families in that country. The program was originally to receive matching government grants for contributions the committee could raise privately, but the government pulled out because Laos, together with Vietnam and Kampuchea, are on an aid "blacklist." The committee says that "by our centuries-old traditions and beliefs, we are opposed to such a blacklist, and we are continuing our Shovels for Peace in Laos Program — government grant or no government grant." They also have programs in operation in Vietnam, Kampuchea, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, and a dozen other countries. Contributions can be made to the CFSC, 60 Lowther Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5R 1C7.

## Farmworkers Sustainers Club

The Canadian Farmworkers Union is asking supporters of its objectives to become members of the Farmworkers Sustainers Club by pledging a monthly contribution of \$10 or more for 12 months. The aim is to use the money to hire farmworkers "for training and development in order to continue the struggle." Supporters may write for information — or send post-dated cheques to — The Farmworkers Justice Fund, c/o CFU, 4730 Imperial St., Burnaby, B.C. V5J 1C2.

## Community Forum

The telephone number given for the Community Forum in the last issue of *Connexions* (CX 2884) was incorrect. It should have read (416) 361-0466.

## Day Care Conference and Lobby

The Ontario Coalition for Better Day Care is holding a conference on May 6 to discuss strategy and on-going plans, to be followed by a province-wide lobby of MPP's in May. The coalition can be contacted at 1260 Bay St., Ste. 700, Toronto, Ont. or by phoning (416) 977-6698.



# Announcements & Appeals

## Canadian Day Care Advocacy Association

The Canadian Day Care Advocacy Association has announced plans to make expanded and improved government funded day care a major issue in the next federal election. The Association is a national umbrella organization of parents, day care centres, child care providers, women's groups, labour unions and provincial day care coalitions. The CDCAA believes that social factors such as a great increase in the number of women in the official labour force and more single-parent families make child care an essential public service. The association believes that there is "a pressing need for universally accessible, high quality, public child care services" and is working to bring day care supporters to Ottawa (May 26 and 27, 1984) to lobby federal politicians. One of the aims is to have governments see funded day care as a public service rather than as a form of welfare. Call (306) 644-4128 for more information.

## Grindstone Summer Program

Grindstone Island Centre, a co-operative education centre for peace, justice, and social change, has announced its 1984 summer programs. The following are being held: Women and Spirit; Threats to our Health and Environment: Taking action on pesticides; Celebration — A Women's Retreat; Alternative camps for younger and older children; People and Media: Gaining Access and Building Our Own; Grindstone Island School for Peace; Raising Children for a Better World; Co-op Movement Strategy; Women and Militarism; and, Men: Changing Ourselves and Challenging Patriarchy.

The programs run from the end of May through September. Costs range from about \$100 to \$200; lengths for most are from three to five days. For more information write to Grindstone, P.O. Box 564, Stn. P, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2T1 or phone (416) 923-4215.

## Right to Know Fund

In June of 1983 a house on Cambridge Avenue in Toronto was raided under the authorization of a search warrant listing the offence of seditious libel and sabotage of Litton Industries. The charge of seditious libel had not been used in Canada for over thirty years. Much of the raid centered on a prisoners' rights magazine called *Bulldozer*, which had its mailing list, files, and typeset copy for an issue in progress seized. The seditious libel charge was not actually laid following the raid. The Crown has refused to release to the defence the packet of information which the police must present to the judge in order to justify the issuing of a search warrant, making the preparation of a defence much more difficult. No reasons have been given for this refusal even though this information is normally a public document. This creates a precedent which could be used against other politically active organizations, which could be subject to police raids without the police having to justify their reasons before a defence lawyer and another judge in a public hearing. A fund has been set up to fight the police procedure in this case. Donations can be made to the Right to Know Fund, Account No. 773, Bread and Roses Credit Union, 736 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont.

## Nestle Boycott Suspended

After five years of boycott activity, Nestle has finally agreed to demands to halt all its infant formula promotion in the Third World. Boycott-endorsing groups are being encouraged to suspend the boycott for six months while Nestle activity is monitored to ensure compliance with the agreement.

## Latin American Human Rights

The Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America is looking for people who can make themselves "available for more regular response to emergency needs for telegrams, special appeals, etc." ICCHRLA can be reached at 40 St. Clair Ave. E., Ste. 201, Toronto, Ont.

## Campbell Soup Boycott

As a result of its vigorous anti-union tactics, the Campbell Soup Company has become the object of a major boycott. The boycott arose after Campbell's helped produce growers bring in new workers to break a bitter four-year strike in the United States. Baldemar Velasquez, head of the Farm Labour Organizing Committee, indicated that Campbell's actions were in support of a system that employs child labour and pays low wages to immigrant farm workers in Canada and the United States. In addition to Campbell's products, Campbell Soup manufactures product lines under the following brand names: "Franco-American," "V-8," "Swanson," "Peppe-ridge Farm," Allens" and "Mitchell" apple sauce and juice, "Al" sauce, "Paxo" stuffing, "Bisto" gravy maker, "Gattuso" pasta, olives, pickles and sauces.



## FARMWORKERS SUSTAINERS CLUB

We are brought up to believe that if we work hard and persevere we will prosper. But this dream is an illusion for many of the people who work from dawn to dusk to cultivate and harvest the bountiful fruits and vegetables in this rich country of ours.

You know of our work conditions — long hours, back-breaking work, exposure to pesticides, deaths, no running water, poor cabins, intimidating growers, labour contractors, no health and safety standards, discriminatory unemployment insurance regulations and the list goes on.

You also know of our success in changing some of these conditions — 6 union contracts, licensing and bonding of labour contractors, payment of wages every two weeks, coffee breaks, standards for migrant housing, workers compensation coverage for injuries, lower requirements for UIC, English language classes. A VOICE, A PRESENCE. You know about us because you have taken the time to keep informed of our struggle and have made a decision to support us.

Again we come to you. With your help CFU will continue to work to better the quality of life for all of us. And in turn, this affects all of Canadian society as we too make our contribution. The CFU needs your financial support as well as your concern.

In 1984 our Union's monthly budget is \$15,000. We have planned many fund raising activities, for our membership, for unions and for concerned people like yourself. There is no other way. It will be a number of years before our membership dues will sustain our organization. Our struggle for justice cannot be done without the support of people like you who care.

### FARMWORKERS SUSTAINERS CLUB

On February 5, 1984 a two month campaign begins to sign-up members for the CLUB. To become a member, support the farmworkers struggle for dignity and justice with a monthly contribution of \$10 or more for 12 months. Members receive:

- copies of "The Farmworker"
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- all mailouts — notice of upcoming events, media release, etc.
- reduction for admission to CFU public events
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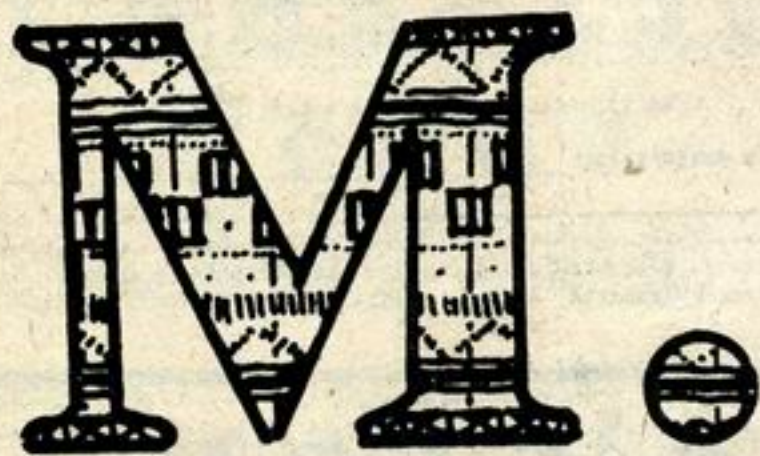
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The past year was a difficult one for Connexions as we struggled with the problems caused by rising costs and a very tight budget. We were forced to lay off our only staff person for a period of four months, and to produce a "double issue" after missing one scheduled publication date in the fall. Despite these setbacks, we are in many ways pleased with what we accomplished in the past year.

Financially, we actually managed to lower our expenses by \$2,000 despite inflation and despite the fact that our budget was a barebones one to begin with. At the same time, we were able to increase our income. The result is that our annual deficit is decreased from about \$6,000 to about \$4,000. Projecting a deficit of any size is worrisome, of course, but we are hopeful that the gap is one that we will be able to close.

We were able to improve the design of the publication, moving to a more professional typeset look and distinctive covers. And despite the missed publication date, we published more information than we ever have previously, expanding the scope of the content by adding a "Ways and Means" section, Announcements and Appeals, Periodical Summaries, as well as more coverage of films and books. Our new design and printing process have actually saved us money and made more copies available to us for distribution in quantity to low-income groups as an educational resource.

Perhaps the most positive aspect of the past year for us was the support and encouragement we received from our readers and financial supporters. Numbers of our readers made financial contributions during our financial crisis. Generous donations from the churches and religious orders who constitute our principal source of funding made the difference, quite literally, between our surviving and going under.

Quite as important as the financial support we received was the moral support. In the fall, we had to wrestle seriously with the question of whether the continuation of the Connexions project was feasible, and whether there really was enough interest and support to warrant continuing it. The response was tremendously encouraging. We were told that Connexions is fulfilling a real need, that it is providing a valuable educational and networking tool.

We would like to take advantage of Connexions' networking function by putting in a plug for ourselves at this point, by suggesting some ways in which readers and supporters could help improve Connexions:

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- Become a regional contact person by finding and sending materials, writing summaries, etc.;

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- Encourage your local or school library, or the groups you belong to, to subscribe;

- Use Connexions as a resource at meetings, conferences, courses, etc. We will make bulk orders available at cost if they are to be distributed free;

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- Let us know what in Connexions you find particularly useful, and what you think we should do differently;

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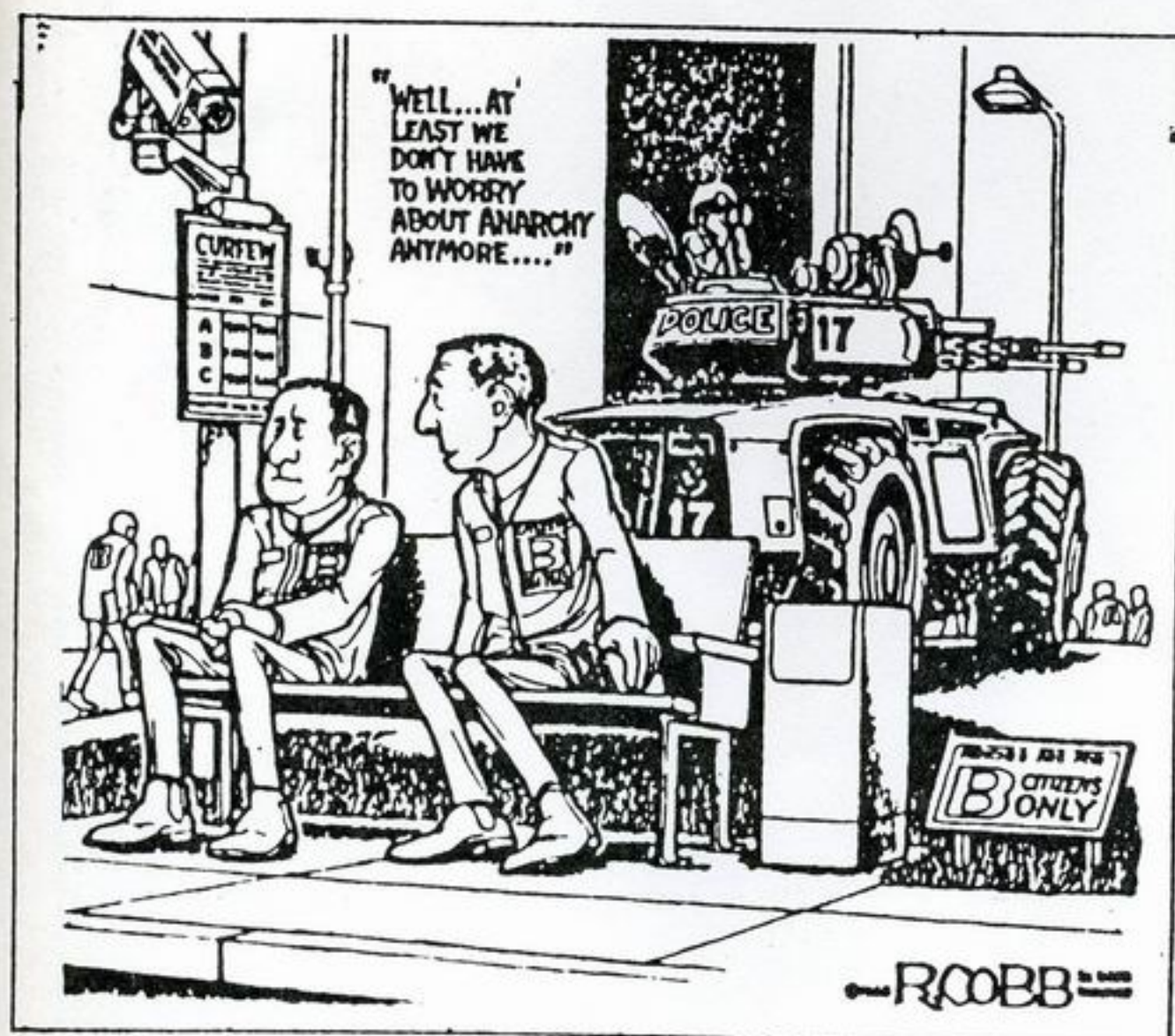
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We would like your help in compiling this issue, and in making it as complete and representative as possible. We would like to hear from you on such topics as:



- National Security Legislation
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- Freedom on the Press
- Anti-labour, anti-union legislation
- Role of the police and the courts
- Computerization and privacy
- Incarceration: prisons, psychiatric hospitals, homes for the aged, etc.
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- Corporate control and manipulation of information and the media

Please send us materials you have published on this topic, and/or descriptions of your activities, analyses and other resources. We would appreciate receiving them by our deadline, June 22, 1984.



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