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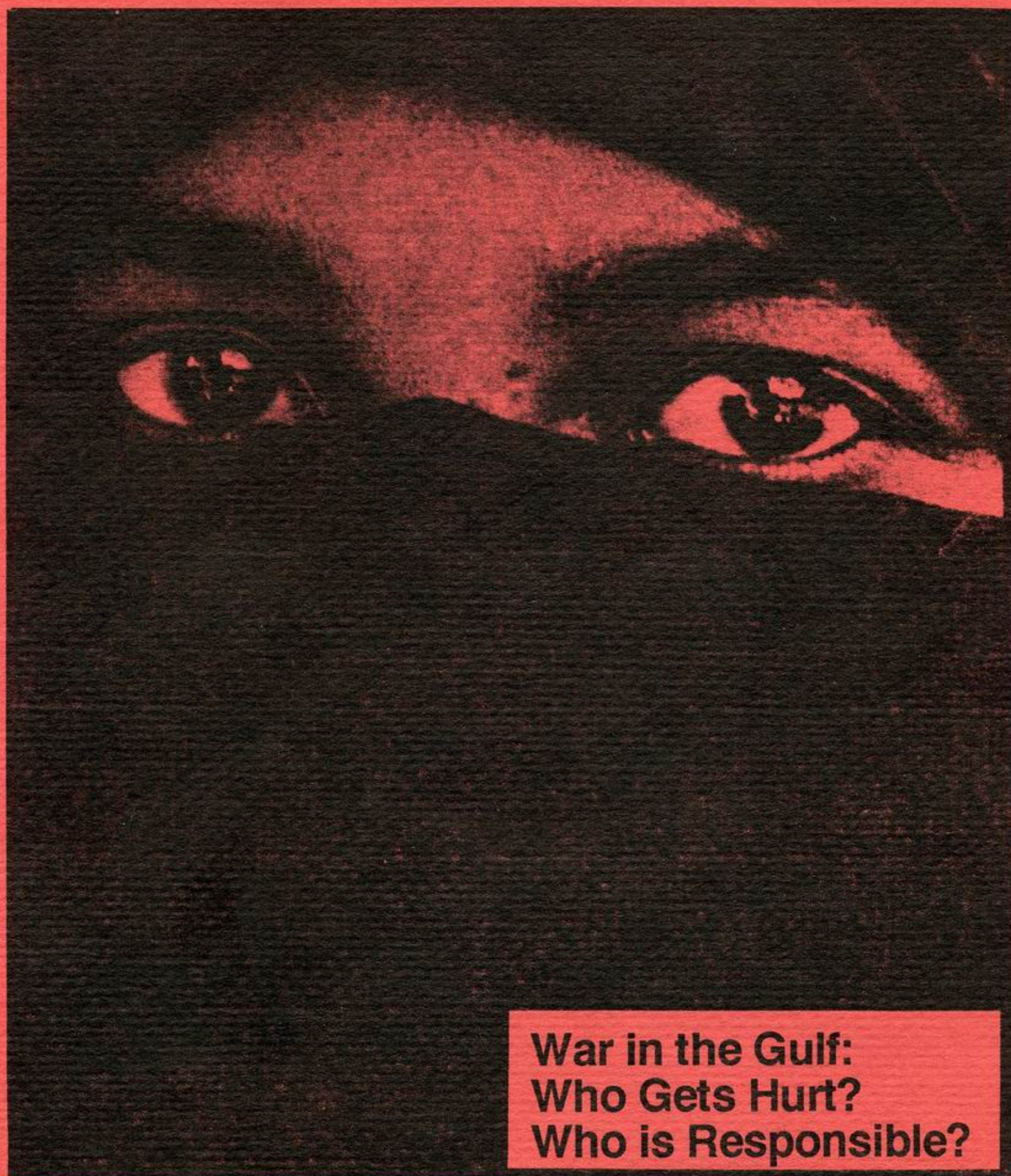
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## Alternative Voices

### War in the Gulf

A few hours before we went to press, the first wave of air attacks on Iraq was launched, thus setting off a war whose start could have been avoided and whose outcome could be far different from that foreseen by those who began it.

War was unnecessary even in the narrow view because the sanctions imposed by the United Nations after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait are being remarkably successful: well over 90% of Iraq's imports and exports have been stopped, a level of effectiveness not achieved by any sanctions previously implemented by the world community.

When sanctions were imposed, knowledgeable observers said 12 to 18 months would be required to cripple Iraq's economy, though there was hope that Saddam Hussein's dictatorship would be forced out before then.

Yet the United States embarked on a military 'solution' from the beginning, finally commencing an attack well before the time required for sanctions to work, making it difficult to escape the conclusion that the Bush administration *wanted* war. How else to explain the rapid, massive military build-up at levels far beyond those needed to enforce sanctions? How else to explain the U.S.-sponsored UN resolution setting a January 15 deadline – a date set in the full knowledge that sanctions would not have had time to complete their very effective strangling the Iraqi economy? How else to explain the American interpretation of that resolution, in which a provision that force *may* be used became an imperative that force *must* be used? *Most damning of all is the clear but little mentioned evidence that the U.S. knew of Saddam's intention to invade Kuwait -- evidence which includes the U.S. ambassador telling Hussein a few days before the invasion that the U.S. had no position on the border dispute and how it was resolved, as well as a CIA report which predicted days in advance not only that Iraq would invade, but the exact date.*

If there was a sincere will to avoid a hugely damaging war, there is no reason even now why, after the initial air attacks on Iraq's military installations, further attacks couldn't be stopped and the pressure of sanctions resumed against an Iraq whose military capabilities have been greatly diminished.

Instead, we see the U.S. and its allies launching themselves into an unnecessary but potentially calamitous war, all the while believing they remain in control of events and that everything will turn out just as they planned.

Those who will pay the cost will be those who had nothing to do with starting the war. Ordinary Iraqi working people, who have already suffered for years under an exceptionally brutal dictatorship, will face death and maiming, the loss of loved ones and of homes and possessions. Iraqi soldiers, most of them conscripted and forced into the front lines, many of them the survivors of the eight-year war that resulted from Saddam's aggression against Iran, will face mass death.

On the other side of the lines, American soldiers, many of whom – like their Egyptian, British, French, and Canadian counterparts – joined the armed forces to escape poverty and unemployment, will also shed their blood in a needless war. The injured and shell-shocked survivors will return to the

same neglect and ingratitude that greeted the American Vietnam veterans now living in poverty and pain, and the crippled Iraqi veterans who beg in the markets of Baghdad.

Those fighting against Iraq will be facing weapons provided to Saddam Hussein by the Americans, French, and Soviets, and chemical weapons developed with the help of German companies. The arms merchants who made huge profits providing these weapons will make more profits replacing those destroyed in the fighting. Almost certainly, whatever Iraqi regime emerges from a war will be massively rearmed, once again, by western arms dealers, before the decade is out. And western governments will once again be providing the loans and subsidies to make it all possible.

From a broader point of view, too, war was anything but inevitable. The U.S. and its allies backed Saddam Hussein for years, pouring in aid even as Saddam's forces massacred Kurdish villagers and tortured and murdered political dissidents. Without that support, Saddam would never have been able to launch his invasions of Iran and Kuwait. Only because he threatened western oil interests is he being attacked now, while other reprehensible acts of force, like the Indonesian occupation of East Timor, the Syrian and Israeli occupation of Lebanon, or the American invasion of Grenada and war against Nicaragua are ignored.

Equally unnecessary, but inevitable given the current Canadian government, is Canada's role in the Gulf mess. The part played by the Mulroney government has been predictable and squalid. Canadian forces were sent to the Gulf not under UN auspices or in response to a UN request, but because George Bush told Brian Mulroney to send them. Flouting democratic norms in a way that has become a trademark, the Mulroney government sent troops to a theatre of war without Parliament being allowed to even discuss it. They were already flying combat missions when Parliament was finally ostensibly deciding whether Canada should be involved. In a reversal of the policy of all previous governments during Canada's entire history as an independent nation, Canadian forces have been placed under foreign command: American commanders will decide when, where, and how Canadians will fight and die. Presumably it is only a matter of time until the Mulroney government, with its penchant for cost-cutting, replaces the Department of External Affairs with a fax machine attached to the phone line from Washington.

And so a crisis caused by the greed, cynicism, and irresponsibility of those in power has turned into war. Most of us, to a greater or lesser degree, are hostages to events that were none of our choosing.

If there is a positive side to all this, it is that this is not merely an end but a beginning. Social upheaval will be an inevitable outcome of the events in the Gulf. Regimes will be overthrown as populations rebel against the misrulers who inflict repression, dictatorship, poverty, and war on them.

Let us hope that the results of these upheavals will be more democratic and just societies, in the Middle East, and in Canada and the United States as well. And let us make sure we do our part to make it happen.

Ulli Diemer

(CX4163)



## Working together for peace

While praising francophone distinctness, many activists place a high value of their working relationship with anglophone groups. And at meetings between peace activists and natives, French, English and native languages are spoken.

"Meech Lake won't change our relationship to the English-speaking peace movement," said Serge Provencher of COCON. "Overall, we have worked well together, and will continue to."

"Peace and disarmament are more important than languages issues," he says. "This means working with everyone – not just people beside you who speak the same language."

Judy Berlyn, from the anglophone group Westmount Initiative for Peace, is also committed to collaboration, saying working side by side becomes in itself a form of peace-making.

"When you work together, you build up personal trust. You have common goals and very specific projects – and working together we slowly break down the barriers and stereotypes that separate us."

Five important Quebec groups joined the Canadian Peace Alliance in the last eight months. And CPA-facilitated projects, such as the Citizens' Inquiry into Peace and Security, have met with enormous enthusiasm from the francophone movement, which has struck a committee to organize the project in Quebec.

Many others see a bi-national model of working together, such as the CPA has developed in its recent campaigns, as a healthy next step. "Some of the new groups in the CPA are separatist," says Bourret. "They are there for solidarity – they would be there even if Quebec was a separate country."

As Provencher says, "Peace on earth means we try to work together despite our differences."

*Canadian Peace Report, Fall 1990. Subscriptions are \$12/year from The Canadian Peace Alliance, 555 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1Y6. (CX4164)*

## Quebec's two solitudes

Quebec's hopes to chart a smooth course to sovereignty may not run aground on confrontations between Quebec City and the federal government, as has generally been assumed. Rather, they may founder on claims to Quebec's territory by its original inhabitants – claims that could involve as much as 80 per cent of its land mass. As the Mohawk Warriors' cases related to events in Kanesatake (Oka) and Kahnawake begin their tortuous route through the courts, it is obvious

that Indian-white relations will never be the same. This is particularly evident in Quebec, where some of the more disturbing features of Quebec nationalism surfaced when the Oka affair was prolonged. As more and more anti-Indian incidents accumulated, it became apparent to Indians that they have real reason to fear a strident nationalist movement in Quebec.

*Adam Zachary, in This Magazine, December 1990-January 1991. Subscriptions to This Magazine are \$19.50/year from 56 The Esplanade, Suite 406, Toronto, Ontario M5E 1A7. (CX4165)*

## The Arab choice

For a long time now, I have rejected such broad and ideologically-charged terms as 'the West' or 'the Arabs'. For me, these ideas have acquired a plurality of meaning. I can no longer reconcile the West of the Enlightenment and the declaration of the rights of man with that of the Sixth Fleet. The Arabs, too, are so many peoples, cultures, religions, and realities. I cannot put an Arab tyrant, whoever he is, in the same category as a martyr for democracy like Mehdi Ben Barka.

Now, curiously enough, these distinctions no longer seem relevant today. Once again, the West is throwing its weight around en bloc, like some great monolith, and the Arabs, too, are seen as an equally monolithic bloc. However, among many of the Arabs, ideas and attitudes have undergone substantial development. Our open-mindedness has become a reality, our intolerances and our seclusions,

less burdensome. We too are fighting for pluralism, democracy, human rights, a real dialogue between North and South, East and West, South and South... But we live in a kind of permanent apocalypse. Everything which the Arab reality offers that is generous, open, creative, is crushed by regimes whose only anxiety is to perpetuate their own power and self-serving interests. And what is often worse, is to see that the 'West' remains insensitive to the daily tragedy while at the same time accommodating, not to say supporting, the ruling classes who strangle the free-will and aspirations of their people....

Those who call on the Arabs to choose sides in this conflict demonstrate double standards and a distressing paternalism. What are you really suggesting to us, except the choice between the criminal machinations of certain of our own leaders and the equally criminal intrigues of the western world when its interests are threatened? Allow us to choose the ground of what we reckon is our real battle: the struggle for human rights and democracy in our respective countries,





for a more moral international world which will no longer allow the big to systematically pauperise the poor, for a new ethical world order where the universal values of the West cease to be a dogma and allow the creative contribution of other people.

*Abdellatif Laabi, writing in Jeune Afrique, translated by Judith Vidal-Hall for Index on Censorship. Subscriptions to Index on Censorship are \$32.50 U.S. from 39c Highbury Place, London N5 1QP, England.*  
(CX4166)

## You either believe in freedom or you don't We believe

In 1975, just ten days after gaining its independence from Portugal, the southeast Asian island of East Timor was invaded by neighbouring Indonesia. As soon as the Indonesian soldiers arrived, they began slaughtering the inhabitants. Since then, 250,000 people, over a third of the population, have lost their lives.

For reasons best known to itself, the Canadian government supported Indonesia at the United Nations and in the marketplace. Fifteen years later, the Indonesian army continues to occupy East Timor. We think the Canadian government should end its support.

The Canadian government says East Timor will never be free. It says that after fifteen years, the people and the land belong to Indonesia. We believe people belong to themselves and the land belongs to those who live on it.

For a long time, people believed that Eastern Europe would never be free. The Canadian government adopted the same attitude to Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceaucescu as it does to the general who rule Indonesia. But times change.

We ask all Canadians to join us in telling the Canadian government to:

- Support the call of Bishop Belo of East Timor for a referendum on the country's future.

- Ban the sale of military equipment to Indonesia

- Condemn the Indonesian transmigration and assimilation programmes aimed at destroying the indigenous Timorese culture.

- Speak out for human rights by joining the European Community and the majority of the United Nations in calling for a free East Timor
- Provide humanitarian aid to East Timorese refugees and fight for the free access of the International Red Cross and other non-governmental organizations.

We want to get this open letter signed by as many prominent Canadians citizens and groups and possible and publish it in spring of 1991 in newspapers. Can you help with endorsements and the cost of publishing the open letter?

East Timor Alert Network, P.O. Box 354,  
Ladysmith British Columbia V0R 2E0  
(604) 245-3068.  
(CX4167)

## The free trade disaster: round two

Unlike the European Community, which has drawn up an advanced social charter, the United States did not negotiate any standards to protect social programs, wages, working conditions or environmental safeguards in the agreement with Canada and is not preparing to include them in the Mexican deal either. Without the protections built right into these agreements, standards are being pulled down to the lowest common denominator, allowing the transnational corporations to play countries and their workforces off against each other. Already, workers in Canada are being warned that if they don't pull their wages and other demands down, workers in Mexico will be only too glad to take their jobs. However, nothing Canadian workers can do is likely to save our battered manufacturing sector which is moving en masse to the low wage States in the U.S., or more recently, to Mexico. Even a cursory examination of the current situation in Mexico explain why....

The more Mexico shifts to an exporting nation, the more underdeveloped it is becoming as the transnationals control demand, supply, and prices..... These companies give nothing back to the country or its people. Real wages have fallen every year for eight years. No maquiladora profits go back into the communities for sewage treatment, education, health care or toxic waste disposal.... These companies are here for one reason and one reason only – there is no where else on earth where they can make the kind of profits they are earning here, and be required to give nothing back to the country or its people.

*Maude Barlow, Chairperson of the Council of Canadians, writing in Council of Canadians Bulletin, October 1990. Available from Council of Canadians, 801 - 251 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J6.*  
(CX4168)





## Globalizing the left

The Canadian trade union movement has to put greater emphasis on using its global ties to prevent multinational companies from shifting their operations to low wage countries, at the expense of well-paying jobs at home.... Through widening established liaisons in the international arena... Canadian labour stands a better chance of preventing employer groups from downgrading jobs, wages or benefits as a result of playing workers in one country off against those in others. As one important example of where this idea could go, the possibility of global negotiations with multinational firms – with unions in developed countries working hand in hand with those in the developing world – holds exciting prospects for enhancing wages, working conditions, and indeed, the value of work itself, on a worldwide basis. This is what 'free trade' should really be about – establishing international trade relationships that benefit ordinary citizens....

*John Fryer, President of the National Union of Provincial Government Employees, writing in the September issue of Canadian Dimension. Subscriptions to Canadian Dimension are \$24.50, from 425 - 100 Arthur Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 1H3.*

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## Winter of discontent

I don't wish to be overly dramatic, but I think the most visible sign of the crisis will be families freezing and starving in the dark in many parts of our region this winter. More working poor people who, until now, have supported themselves with no income at all, and with no alternative sources of support. For them, the economic crisis will mean misery and stunted lives. It will, in time, generate an intensifying social crisis, as whole communities are plunged into a poverty culture that is very difficult to escape. For every individual or family that emigrates – God only knows where – to find a job, dozens more will be forced into appalling living conditions and long-term economic marginality.

If a serious earthquake occurred in our region, people across Canada would act immediately to comfort the victims and to help rebuild communities and local economies. A crisis of economic decline, however, evolves over a protracted period, and by the time the destruction of people and communities becomes visible, outsiders see the situation as normal and irreversible. What is worse, they tend to blame the problem on the cultural characteristics of the victims – traits that, for the most part, are themselves symptoms of economic and social breakdown.

*Rick Williams, in New Maritimes, September-October 1990. Subscriptions are \$15/year from New Maritimes, 6106 Lawrence Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3L 1J6.*

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### Dragging us back

"All of my life it was enough to be a citizen, a modern woman. It isn't enough any more – the mullahs want to drag us all back to another time."

– Marina Ulyanova, a filing clerk in Uzbekistan, commenting on the re-emergence of religious fundamentalism

## No action on human rights

Prime Minister Mulroney kicked an MP from Alberta out of the Tory caucus to enforce party discipline on the Goods and Services Tax.

He packed the Senate to make sure the GST eventually passes.

He spent more than \$35 million tax dollars on propaganda to get Canadians to accept the GST without kicking him out of office.

The millions and muscle he spent before that on the U.S. trade deal is another example of what the Preem can and will do for a program his financial and political backers want.

He's not lifted a finger – not even the Trudeau digit – to show any interest in human rights issues in Canada.

The only Mulroney Minister of Justice to come right out with a deadline for passing needed amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act – John Crosbie – was shifted from the job before the promise came due.

Ray Hnatyshyn replaced Crosbie and would say only that the government would keep its promises as soon as possible.

Now he's signing our \$20 bills as Governor General of Canada.

Hnatyshyn's successor as Justice Minister – Doug Lewis – came close to saying the amendments were just months away early last year.

He ended up heading the Transportation Ministry in the next Cabinet shift.

Now we have Kim Campbell, an ambitious – if nothing else – person from British Columbia.

It took Campbell more than 100 days to respond to a written request from the Advocate for information on when to expect the amendments and what new coverage, if any, is planned.

Nothing in her answers hints at any commitment....

*From the October-November issue of The Canadian Human Rights Advocate. The Advocate ceased publishing at the end of 1990 because financial difficulties faced by human rights groups, coupled with the GST and large increases in postal rates, made continued publication impossible.*

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## The bureaucracy remains

Despite the change in government, the same shortsighted attitudes still prevail in many quarters, and above all, throughout the bureaucracy. In the Ministry of Natural Resources and elsewhere, the people who have encouraged clear-cutting, who have devised reckless resource plans in the past are still at their desks working away.

*Temagami Wilderness Society*

(Temagami Wilderness Society, 19 Mercer Street, Suite 307, Toronto Ontario M5V 1H2, (416) 599-0152)  
(CX4172)

## Our transportation future

In Ottawa we have a government that in October 1989 cut half the country's rail service, adding 1 million more car trips per year.

Then in April 1990 the Minister of Energy of the same government said that Canada cannot reduce gas emissions by 20% because there is no alternative to the automobile!

Is this the same level of government that stopped funding urban transit in 1984 and, therefore, increased our dependence on cars?

Governments are not indifferent to the pollution problem. They actually make it worse.

Pollution problems don't just happen by accident. We make choices as a society when we invest public funds in transportation projects. Take the present proposal to invest \$13 to \$17 billion to improve the road system.

Does it really make sense to increase the capacity of the road system when we have a railway system with underused capacity, capacity that will be cut because of insufficient traffic?

The billions of dollars proposed to be spent on roads would be better invested in electrifying the main rail lines in Canada.

The speed and reliability of an electrified rail system would reduce pollution by attracting traffic away from the more energy intensive air and road modes.

Trains, waterways, and pipelines use about one quarter as much energy as do trucks to transport freight. Yet Transport Canada projects that truck freight will grow at a rate three times faster than rail or marine freight in the 1990's.

This is because heavy trucks do not pay their share of the cost of building and maintaining roads built to suit them. A heavy truck, loaded to 9,100 kilograms on each axle, does as much damage to the roads as 34,200 automobiles for each kilometre driven.

*From Transport 2000's submission to the Royal Commission on National Passenger Transportation. Copies of the submission are available for \$3.95 from Transport 2000, P.O. Box 858, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5P9.*  
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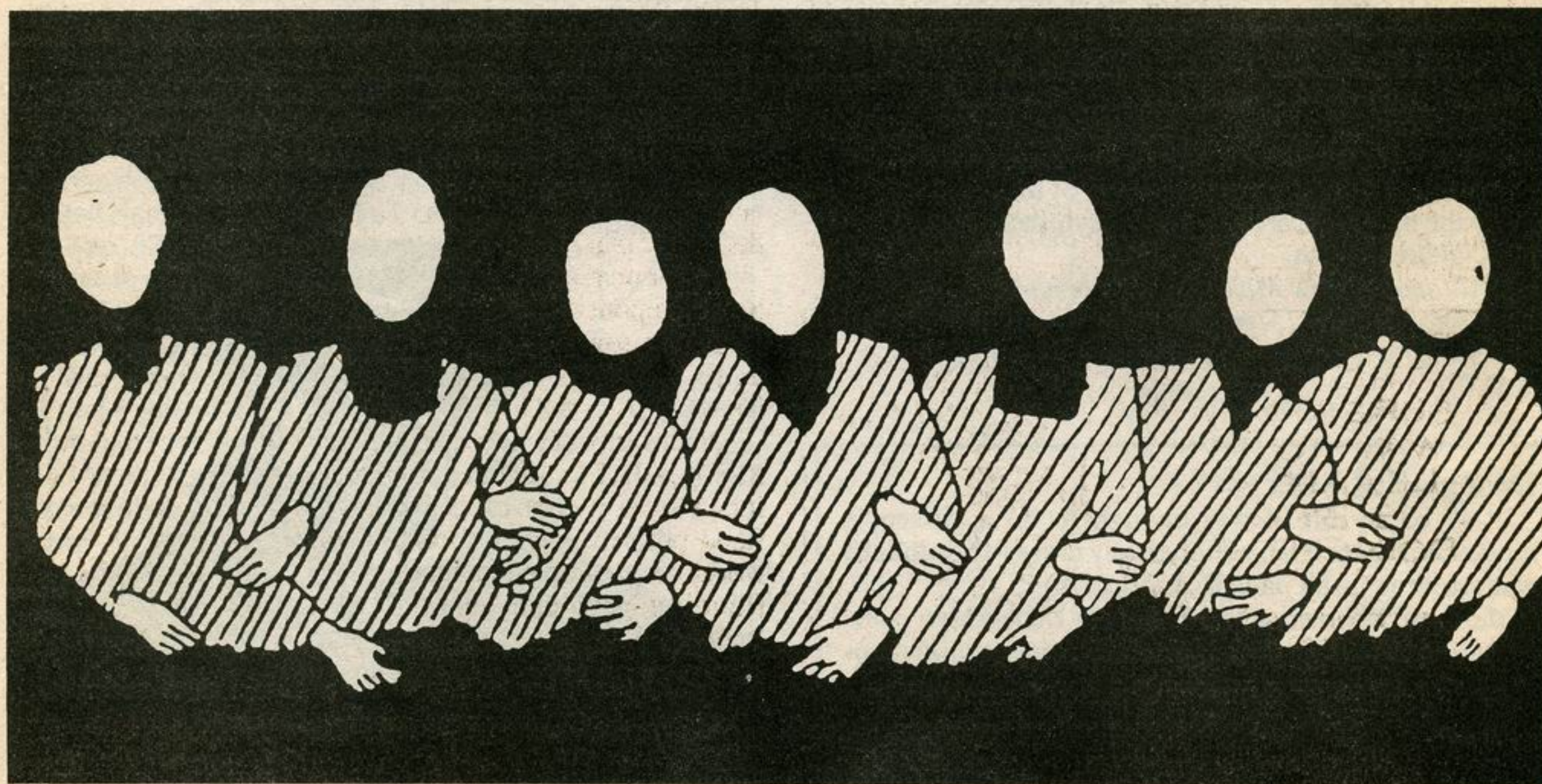
## The right to offend

Many people don't believe it, but humans do have a right to offend other humans, especially in presenting dissent from the views with which many people seem to be very content. This includes those views called "religious."

Who now says that Martin Luther, in 1517, should have considered whether or not his Theses offended Pope Leo X before he nailed them to the door of the church in Wittenberg? Should Mohammed have considered the offensiveness of his opposition to idolatry of the Qureysh to them?....

Those who would have us restrict, limit, and punish dissent, because dissent by its nature will offend someone, should consider that where they stand has come from what has offended in the past, and to realize they do not enjoy the epitome, the ultimate development from which dissent should be impossible and offense be outlawed.

*Kenneth H. Bonbnell, in AU Newsletter, reprinted in Humanist in Canada, Autumn 1990. Subscriptions to Humanist in Canada are \$15/year, from P.O. Box 3769, Postal Station C, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4J8.*  
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# Rafferty-Alameda: The American Connection

By David Orchard and Marjaleena Repo

The government of Saskatchewan has announced that it is proceeding full steam ahead with Rafferty-Alameda dams. This just makes public what has been going on at the dam site all year. Although the project was halted by federal court last January until an full environmental assessment could be done, although the federal government was paying the Saskatchewan government one million dollars a month not to proceed with construction beyond what was necessary for safety, still the work went on till finally October 12th the environmental panel quit in protest.

Now Premier Grunt Devine has ordered the bulldozers and earth movers to work around the clock. His government is attacking the federal Department of the Environment, calling them "simple and incompetent bureaucrats" with "an overwhelming bias against Western Canada". It is "Toronto environmentalists interfering with the people of Saskatchewan", he charges. The latest is that the federal government has "no right" to stop Saskatchewan from building these dams. "Enough is enough", Devine says.

Now the U.S. has weighed in against the federal Department of the Environment. A spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers declared on October 19th that whether or not a federal environmental review finds the project acceptable, Saskatchewan must build it exactly as planned. The U.S., he pointed out, has already paid Saskatchewan \$17 million dollars (U.S.) out of the \$50 million it plans to pay the province.

What is going on? Why is the U.S. paying \$50 million to a province for dams which the Saskatchewan government has told us are for irrigation and recreation of the Saskatchewan people? Why has the environmental and constitutional law of Canada suddenly become meaningless to the premier of Saskatchewan? How is it that the federal government suddenly has "no rights" over an international river flowing through Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Manitoba?

Opponents of the dams have criticized the destruction of two unique valleys, the flooding of an Indian artifact site and the beautiful Dr. Mainprize Park, not to mention farm and

ranch land of dozens of residents. The area has birds in numbers not often seen on the prairies anymore, and wildlife, from deer to painted turtles, makes these beautiful valleys their home.

There is, however, a central issue that has not received anywhere near the attention it deserves. The Souris (French for "mouse") river is a tiny stream that starts from spring runoff near Weyburn, flows south into North Dakota and then back up into Manitoba. It has no mountain fed source of water; it relies solely on spring snow melt. The flow volume most of the year is barely a trickle. Yet this creek is to be the foundation of a billion-dollar megaproject. The burning question is: Where is the water to fill the dam going to come from?

The most obvious place is the Qu'Appelle River, a short one hundred miles away which is linked to the south Saskatchewan River system, a secure mountain fed system. By looking at a map it becomes clear how simple such a diversion would be – a short pipeline or a channel less than 100 miles long through easily moved dirt from the Qu'Appelle to the Souris. With the Gardiner Dam and Lake Diefenbaker to stabilize flows much of the infrastructure already exists for this inter-basin water transfer. Maps of long standing water diversion plans – the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA), a huge U.S. plan to take Canadian water south to the U.S., and the Grand Canal project, a massive scheme to divert twenty Canadian rivers south – both show a crucial dam at the exact location of the Rafferty.

Once the connection is made to the Qu'Appelle, a secure source of water from the Rocky Mountains is available to make the Rafferty dam viable and, also, more significantly, to enable the export of Canadian fresh water down into the United States. On the U.S. side the water would simply be pumped from the Souris over into the Missouri to move south to states long hungry for Canadian water.

We don't believe the Rafferty Dam is being built for irrigation. The experience of Saskatchewan farmers with irrigation provided by the Gardiner Dam – salinity, falling land prices, yields below expectations – show that dryland irrigation creates more problems than it solves.

The Rafferty Dam is not needed to cool the Shand power plant as is claimed – it can be air cooled. In fact, the need for the Shand power plant and for extra power capacity has not been proven. Saskatchewan could buy available Manitoba power cheaper and without destroying more river valleys. Engineers, when confronted at the site about why the dam is being built 4-5 times bigger than anything required to cool the power plant, would say the dam will have "other uses".

As for recreation, fluctuations in the reservoir – admitted by the proponents to be up to nine metres – will create massive mud flats severely restricting any kind of recreational activity, except perhaps, in the words of one observer, mud wrestling.

Proponents say the dam will provide flood control for Minot, N.D. For Saskatchewan residents to watch – and pay for – the destruction of their valleys to provide rarely needed flood protection for a foreign country – the richest in the world – with ample resources and expertise to solve its own flooding problems, gives new meaning to the word "colonial".

In 1984, Senator Quentin Burdick of North Dakota urged the U.S. to consider developing flood control near Estevan





and Alameda saying it would only cost the United States half as much as to build its own dam and North Dakota would not lose any agricultural land or have any environmental problems. Another aggressive American proponent of the Rafferty dam, Orlin Bill Hansen, an elected member of the North Dakota House of Representatives, testified three times in front of the Saskatchewan government's inquiry into the project, without ever revealing that the Devine government was paying him \$22,000 a year through the agency seeking to build the dam. Mr. Hansen fought hard against building the Burlington Dam a few years ago on the American side of the border which would have provided flood control for Minot but also would have flooded part of his own ranch. Mr. Hansen was successful the project was defeated and now the U.S. government is "helping" build the dam in Canada.

We believe the Rafferty Dam is part of something bigger. The Rafferty, along with the Oldman River Dam under construction in Alberta, only make sense as part of a water

diversion to the United States. Because 90 per cent of Canadians, according to federal government study, are opposed to the export of Canadian water, this aspect of the project has not been made public and the Devine government is using the front of a purely localized development to "save" precious water for the dry prairies.

Stephen Kendall, former director of the South Saskatchewan River Basin study, let the cat out of the bag when in the summer of 1988 he questioned the lack of water in the Souris and linked the Rafferty Dam with water diversions from the South Saskatchewan. He was promptly fired by the Saskatchewan government without notice or compensation.

Once the Rafferty and Oldman dams are in place all that is required is a drought in the U.S., a media blitz about the desperate U.S. need for our water, and the primary structures are all there to divert our rivers south with the simple opening of the gates. In spite of denials from high places, water is part of the Free Trade Agreement – the "key" to the deal, as

Simon Reisman, then adviser to the Grand Canal project, called it. In 1985 he asked, "Do we have the courage and the imagination – yes, the audacity – to take on these two big projects, free trade and fresh water sharing, at the same time?" In 1990, Grant Devine says yes.

The Rafferty-Alameda controversy is not just about the environment. It is about the transfer of control of our rivers to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is about the Free Trade Agreement and Canadian politicians working in the interest of a foreign nation. And the opposition to the Rafferty-Alameda does not come from "Toronto environmentalists" but from those of us right here on the prairies who will pay the bill for its construction and the price of its long term effects.

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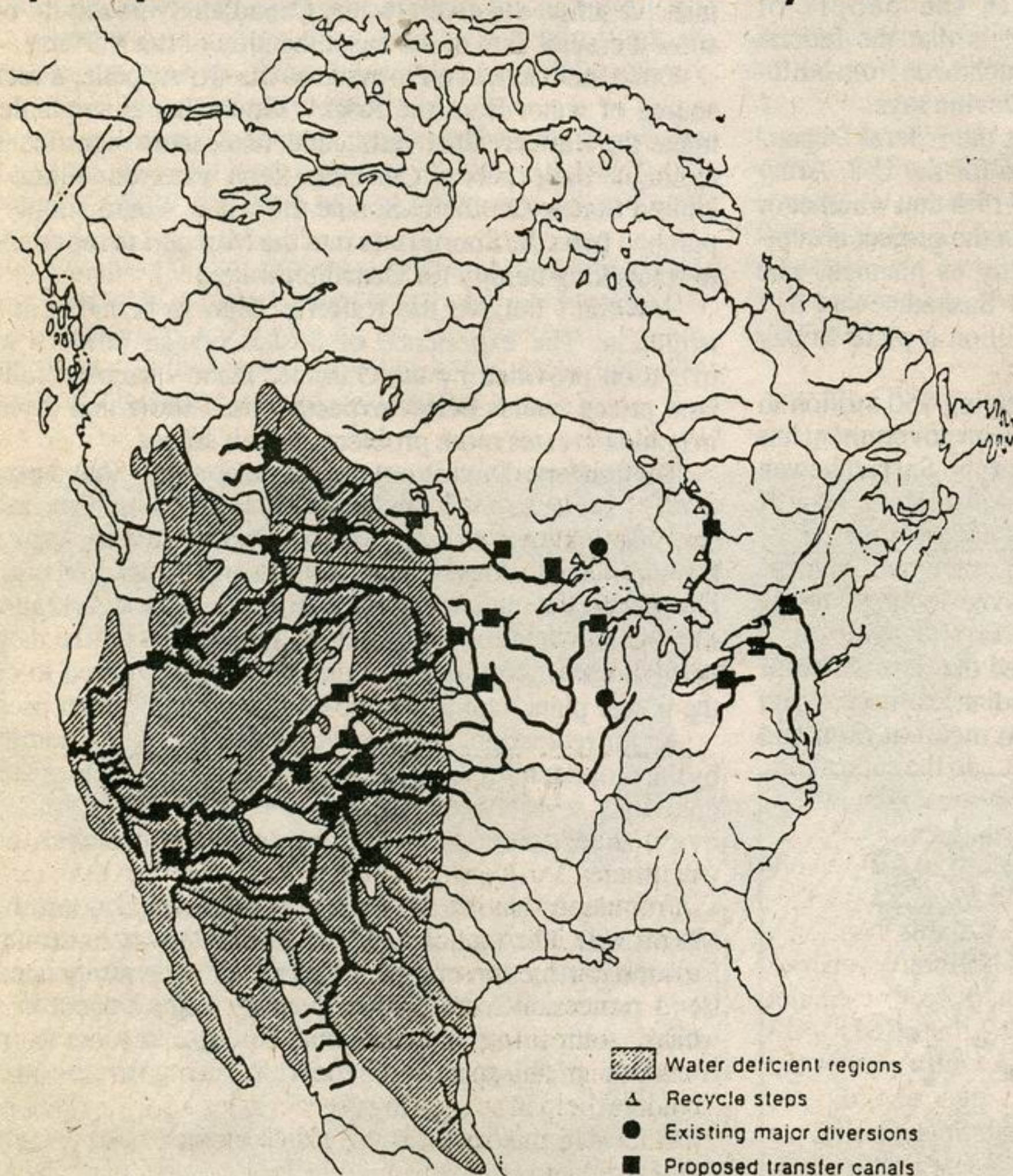
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## The Grand Canal Concept

### A proposed distribution system





## Making Changes

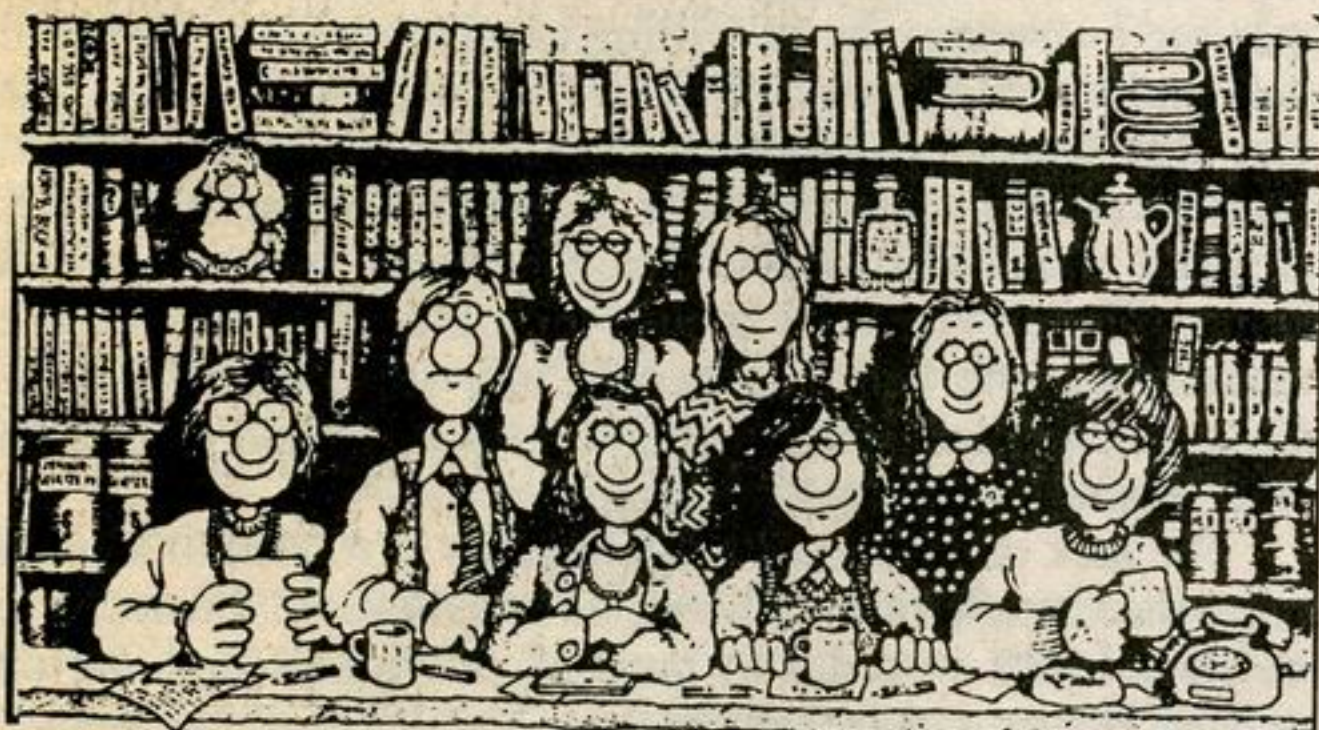
### The collective decides...

By Charles Landry, David Morley,  
Russell Southwood, and Patrick Wright

#### Introduction

For years the political rectitude of a collective method of working has been largely unquestioned. Nevertheless, a number of problems and issues have emerged in this method of working. We offer here a schematic account of these problems as we have encountered them in our own experience. Our emphasis is deliberately negative. We do not wish to decry the concern with democratic and accountable structures of organisation which gave rise to collectives, but we feel that many of the problems have gone unstated for too long. We are glad to add our contribution to the 'rethinking' process which is now starting to happen.

The libertarian obsession with 'process politics' leads to an obsession with all aspects of internal structure and its working. As a result, the collective can often lose sight of its larger political objectives and the primacy of the form of



organisation over the political objectives it was set up to meet. This often occurs in two stages. At the outset the collective process is regarded as equally important to whatever political purposes the group might have. Later the process itself often comes to be seen as of primary importance in a way which is perhaps best understood as an over-reaction to the subordination of the individual to the outward political aim which characterises traditional party political structures.

Even though many people in such collectives will readily admit that the process is inefficient and messy, it is nevertheless often held to be more 'democratic'. From this position it is a short step to claiming that the process is morally superior to the 'bourgeois' way of doing things and therefore cannot be called into question. At this point the group finds itself trapped. A discussion of doing things differently, within the realms of the 'morally acceptable', is no longer possible.

We believe such a discussion to be vital. Specifically, we believe that unless some of the recurring problems of collec-

tive working are recognized and resolved, the entire sector may soon be a matter of historical interest only.

Two distinct forms of collective, the 'open' and the 'closed', have emerged, each regarded by their respective supporters as the only proper way of doing things in the debate over community projects.

Those in favour of open collectives argue that unless you give the widest possible range of people open access to the collective you will exclude some category or constituency who deserve representation. Any discussion of restriction of access to the production process is seen as a betrayal of faith in what is held to be the purest form of democratic politics. By contrast, a closed collective is seen as elitist and self-perpetuating.

The open collective has, however, several problems. In an open collective you are continually caught between the need to explain things to the newest member and to help them integrate into the group's work and the need to get on with the task in hand. As the Newsreel Collective put it:

"We have never had the time, nor money, to retrain one another thoroughly in the skills we don't possess, let alone to provide one another with the opportunity of 'wasting' film by allowing ourselves to make a lot of mistakes in gaining experience. In any live shooting situation, especially one that cannot be repeated, it's a horrible choice to have to make – between someone who needs to learn how to use a camera but might fuck it up, and someone who already knows and is more likely to get what we need on film."

The open collective's emphasis on integration and involvement of every member usually means that you can never go faster than the pace of the newest or slowest person in the group.

Further strain is placed on the the system by the fact that members of such collectives are often volunteers. Few people have the necessary time to devote to the task in hand, so large parts of the effective work of the collective will tend to devolve on to a small, highly committed group. The same kind of structural conflict of interest emerges in many projects between the paid workers and their management committee. This is also the underlying issue in many of the debates over whether to constitute a collective as a workers' co-op or a member/users' group.

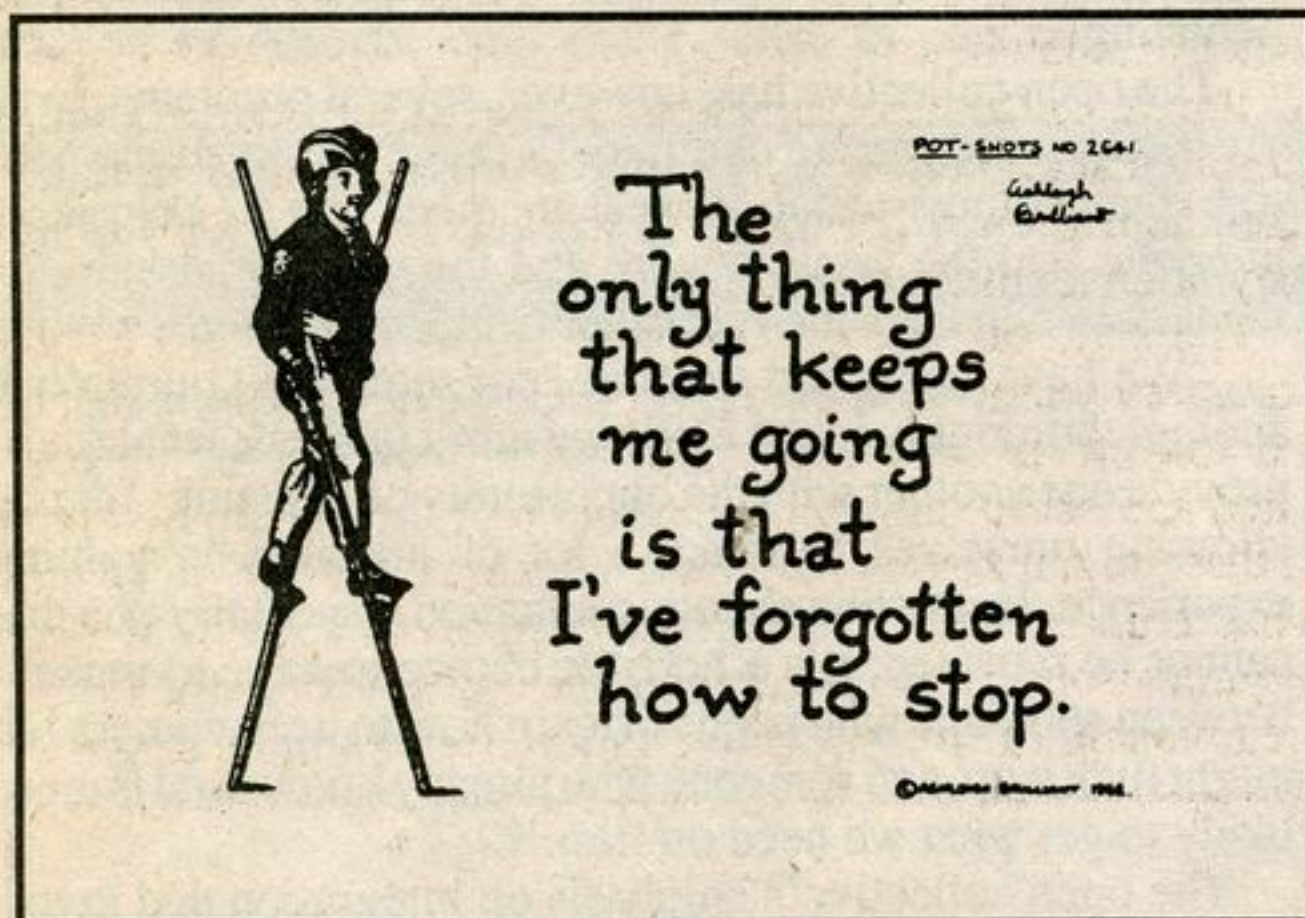
### Making Changes

In the *Making Changes* section, we present a selection of articles dealing with experiences, issues, and practical information relating to working for change. Our aim is to provide information and also to stimulate thought and discussion by presenting a variety of approaches and experiences. We have selected articles which we think have something of value to say, but we are not 'endorsing' any specific approach. We would appreciate readers' help in suggesting other articles which might be included in this section. We also welcome original articles and letters.



Such conflict frequently results in tension between those who know they will be doing the work and those who are there only for the generalized discussions of overall policy; between those who do most of the practical work and feel they have a better view of what is happening, and those who want political influence but are unable or unwilling to give a lot of time to the group's practical work.

The result is often that the most important practical decisions are taken outside the formal group meeting and ratified at a later meeting. The formal group meeting thus functions merely as a rubber stamp – it adds a 'democratic' seal of approval to *de facto* decisions that have already been made. Things often develop to a point where the group's work process itself becomes one long plenary session where everything is open to discussion and decision at every point, rather as if the House of Commons were to try to run an airline by debate.



A further problem is the frequent lack of clear discussion over policy options: often the very notion of being clear about what your policy objectives are is tainted with all the evil connotations of machismo and 'power'. A polarized discussion will be presented in such a way as to blur differences. Moreover, this whole process (especially when merged in a 'consensus' decision making procedure which excludes the possibility of decision by majority vote) encourages people to say similar sounding things when they actually mean the very opposite. Equally bad, it often leads to a use of language that serves to obscure sharp difference of opinion so that at least the work at hand can carry on.

Worse still, however, the failure to present clear policy options often means that a collective will try to 'contain' two or more entirely conflicting factions, none of which can be given permission to implement what they believe in. The 'no-vote' principle implicit in the commitment to consensus decision-making also allows a vocal minority to give the impression of commanding greater support than they actually do, and allows such a minority to prolong the discussion beyond the point at which they would have any hope of gaining a majority for their views.

Without a forum in which formal policy of any kind can be made, there will usually be, by default, a kind of *de facto* policy-making by a network of personal friendships which is able to utilize the confusion built into the process. The only formal record of the decision making process is often the

minutes of the collective meeting. Since these won't necessarily represent the necessary day to day decisions taken during the group's actual work, there can often be immense confusion over what decisions have been taken.

If a collective meeting is too obviously divided, a problematic issue will often be deferred to give the collective more time to reach a consensus. Such a process does not allow decisions to be taken quickly on controversial issues. This poses no problem in a self contained discussion group, but if the collective in question is trying to produce a service or product for the outside world – a cafe, a cinema, a magazine – it can cause obvious difficulty. Quite simply, the outside world will not necessarily take heed of Canute-style gestures indicating that the collective needs time to arrive at a consensus. The democratic impetus behind the notion of collectively discussing and deciding things is certainly important, but in order to survive, an organisation must be capable of taking key policy decisions quickly when the situation demands it. Too often the commitment to 'consensus' pre-empts that possibility. Different situations demand and allow different decision-making procedures, and the 'principled' adherence to one (collective/consensus) method in all situations is a recipe for disaster.

Often the formal lines of responsibility in radical projects/groups bear no resemblance to where or how decisions are actually taken. This is an inevitable consequence of setting up 'ideal' structures that don't correspond with the reality of the needs of the group's practical work. To the outsider who wishes to join the collective the situation can be even more confusing. You won't be dealing with one person; everyone may be willing to talk to you, but few will take individual responsibility for a decision: chiefly because the very notion of individual responsibility is usually ruled 'out of order' by the collective ideology. This lack of clearly defined responsibility is a frequent cause of rancour – it means that it's very hard to trace the source of a mistake since nobody can be found to accept individual responsibility. Everyone produces either pragmatism or default as reasons why a particular thing didn't happen.

The lack of individual responsibility is related to another unwritten article of the libertarian constitution: the desire to rotate all jobs in order to prevent individuals building up power. Power, rather than the way in which it is exercised, is often seen as a thing in itself. As a result, people will only take responsibility on a partial basis.

The voluntary nature of a collective can also result in a particular task often being forced on someone or given to an unknown newcomer. It is then difficult to demand that this person takes full responsibility for that task. More importantly, because the jobs are often constantly taking part in a kind of 'pass the parcel' rotation, they are never seriously defined, because such a definition would imply the kind of sole responsibility which is anathema to a collective that wants everyone to feel equally responsible for everything. But without clear job definitions it is impossible to call to task somebody who isn't doing their job. Everything is equal and shared, but no one is directly accountable for anything.

There is a worrying definition of 'equality' implied here. In this context the struggle to establish equality takes on new dimensions as, in effect, the struggle to abolish all differences. The starting point seems to be the notion that different degrees



of power are to be abhorred. As the individual possession of knowledge and skills is a source of power in any organisation there is an attempt to eradicate all differences of knowledge or skill within the group. But as the possession of knowledge or skill is something which people are made to feel guilty about, they often can't admit that they have them, which, among other things makes it difficult for them to share their skills with others. The fact that commitment to collective solidarity is a key value tends to increase the pressure for people to adopt the same views or, at least, to repress their differences. This makes constructive debate difficult within the group, and leads easily to a situation in which the repressed differences finally explode and the collective splits in an ironic parallel of sectarian organizations to which the collective was seen as an alternative. In short, what we have here, and we cannot prevent the Kampuchean overtone, is 'equality' remodelled as the suppression of all difference.

### Accountability and the rationality of bureaucracy.

At the heart of the matter is the problem of defining responsibilities in radical projects. The present pattern is one in which undefined responsibility is too lightly undertaken without considering the nature of the job and whether, for example, a volunteer is the right person to do it. And when things start going wrong it becomes even more difficult to reallocate responsibility.

Experience shows that clear patterns of accountability are crucial if a collective is to function effectively. So if, for example, the task is to sell advertising space and after an agreed period the individual responsible has not sold any advertising space, he or she should be asked to account for their failure to do the job effectively. Then we need to discover whether the problem arose because the job was delegated to the wrong person, or whether it was because the job itself was badly defined, or whether there are external factors which mean that the job cannot be done until the circumstances have changed.

But accountability means more than simply apportioning blame to certain individuals. It also means developing an organisational culture which will encourage the individual in question to be the first to bring the problems to the attention of the collective. This requires a working atmosphere in which the admission of personal inadequacy or failure is not necessarily regarded as culpable.

At this point we could also refer to Max Weber's arguments for the *rationality* of bureaucratic procedures – in so far as they usefully distinguish, for instance, between the role and the particular person filling that role at a given moment.

One of the strengths of a bureaucracy is that it will develop explicit rules and procedures, written down in rule books, which can be shown to newcomers to the organization, who can thus take over a new function without too much trouble. Our argument is that in relation to 'bureaucracy' (and in relation to the division of labour) the left has, on the whole, only got *half* of the argument. Bureaucracy may have depressing aspects and ironically the left shares some of these, but it also has some vital points on its side. For instance, it is quite normal for a crisis to occur when a worker leaves a community project. No one else can effectively take over from them, because all the information, contacts and criteria of

decision-making are inside their heads, rather than explicitly formulated in a way that makes them accessible to others. You have to start with the premise that since no one is irreplaceable, other people will be able to understand what is in his or her head, and establish a system for making that knowledge generally available. If you don't start on that basis it will be too late when you realize why you should have done. Or, as someone said, an organisation that does not secure the conditions of its own reproduction is doomed within a generation.

### Voluntary disorganization

Many collective or cooperative organization in the voluntary sector were formed in the social welfare or community development field in the seventies and were also influenced by the political, libertarian culture of that period. However, it is noticeable that the style of collectivity operated by many of the voluntary organizations frequently resembles more closely that of professional partnerships or companies, rather than the earlier experiments in workers' control with which they often identify themselves.

The style of self-management practised in much of the voluntary sector is in many respects quite different to that of the collectives discussed earlier: it reflects the highly educated and self confident background of the people involved in these organizations – people who are not about to be told what to do by anyone else if they can avoid it. In some such organizations this difference becomes institutionalised: membership of the collective group, for example, might be





limited to the professional workers, while other functions, such as clerical and secretarial work, are contracted and managed on a conventional hierarchical basis.

Damaging collisions can occur between supporters of this style of self-management in social or community work, and the very people they are working to help. This was illustrated by a letter in the *Hackney Gazette* in January, 1984. It was written by an outraged member of the local community, who complained that the local community centre was closed for the whole of the Christmas week. Here, as the embittered author put it, was a bunch of educated, middle-class lefties organizing their cooperative working rules to suit what the author perceived as simple self-interest. Everyone else in the area either had to work or to suffer unemployment during the Christmas period, yet the centre was run by a group of people who were able to make the rules to suit themselves – a self-indulgence they justified on political grounds. While we pass no judgement on the fairness of this complaint, the form in which it was expressed – conflict between traditional working-class expectation and middle-class self management – is certainly worth noticing.

This conflict has other manifestations. Many of these organizations have offices which are ablaze with posters and lapel badges asserting a progressive and radical politics. This sort of display defines and expresses the politics of the organizing group, but it seems possible, at the very least, that it will also work to intimidate many other people who, while far from rabidly Tory, do not exactly share these explicitly asserted faiths, and this can work against any possibility of developing the involvement of a wider public, or of expanding the constituency of political ideas one supports. In some respects, the recent increase in the number of paid community work posts in many inner city areas, which is also a consolidation of the political culture we are talking about, may actually be working to increase the distance it was intended to close. Harmonious relations between the managers and the managed in voluntary sector organizations may have been possible during the community development drive of the early seventies. They have certainly faltered, with the hardening political and economic climate of the eighties, and we have already seen a return to a more militant trade unionism within the sector. In some depressing cases, ex-community workers have ended up taking management committees (which they themselves had struggled to form a few years earlier) to industrial tribunals, in disputes about their own personal terms and conditions of employment. The mobilization of the heavy machinery of industrial relations against management committees can be perverse if it results in a less educated, less politically adept group of voluntary people (*not* always representatives of the local state) being crudely thrust into the role of 'management'. A similar failure of political integrity may well be involved in the recent blocking by local government officers of attempts to decentralize Labour controlled administrations through 'going local' initiatives, involving area offices. As a result and welcome pamphlet from the Labour Coordinating Committee puts it: "When cuts and

privatisation are on the top of the agenda, if you're not going to work in a way that is appropriate to the needs of the community you serve, they will have no reason to support you when your job is on the line".

(*Labour Co-ordinating Committee, Go Local to Survive: decentralisation in local government, p.25*)

### Political guarantees

The alternative/libertarian sector has been dominated by an extremely slipshod approach, often involving lack of attention to the specific skills of the task in hand. Sometimes this results from the assumption that a person's 'correct' political views will guarantee that they can do any given task. This is, of course, a most unhelpful form of moralism, which derives from a generalisation of concerns such as politics and morality, which may well be the proper priorities in some contexts, to a perspective in which they function as the determining priorities in all situations. The need to distinguish between the person and a particular task is often bypassed. This distinction has often been blurred by the libertarian version of the argument that the personal is political. The person in question may have an impeccable political stance on racism, sexism, etc., and still be lousy at packing parcels or writing reviews, or whatever. The converse is, of course, also true. It may be that a group wants to insist that a person should be good at doing a task *and* possess a particular set of political views, or inhabit a particular lifestyle. But that then has to be seen as a *supplementary* or *additional*, not an *alternative* qualification. The priorities chosen here have to be chosen consciously, and their likely effects fully understood.

The personal is surely political (how could it not be?), but the political extends some distance beyond the personal (into the 'public'); nor is the personal capable of simply being reduced to the political. One consequence of the dominant libertarian perspective here (as you are 'living a project', not 'doing a job') is that you can't criticize anyone's performance of a particular task without it being seen as a total attack on the person. It thus becomes impossible to distinguish 'doing a bad job' from 'being a bad person'.

From this perspective 'politics' becomes a guarantee of ability or, conversely, proof of inability. The bones of libertarian Stalinism perhaps, with a different content, and different views being prescribed, but a similar form, where there is only one road to salvation and all other roads are seen to lead to the libertarian equivalent of Hell.

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### Fabricated politics

Perhaps then, in the dark ages of politics, when Robert Stanfield led the Tories, campaign events still existed in their own right as attempts to meet and sway voters. The press would come along to record them. Now we have landed on the moon: campaign events are not simply recorded by the press, they are fabricated for the press, who pass them along to the TV audience.

—Rick Salutin, *Waiting for Democracy*

### The hardest thing to understand

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is income tax."

—Albert Einstein



# Communicating Effectively Through Your Newsletter

By Ulli Diemer

You are producing your newsletter – or your catalogue, brochure, or magazine – because you have something important to communicate. You owe it to yourself, and to your readers, to make sure that you communicate it *effectively*. Here are some pointers to help you achieve that:

## Know Who You're Writing For

The more clearly you can define your intended audience(s), the better the job you can do producing a publication which suits your readers' interests and needs. Start with some general questions:

Whom is your newsletter for? For the members of your own group or for the general public? For people who are already well-informed about your subject, or for those who are just learning about it?

Look at the subject matter, the language, the level of knowledge your publication presumes. Are they appropriate for your readership?

If your publication deals with a particular issue, does it relate that issue to the experience of readers with different ethnic or racial backgrounds? To women? To readers with handicaps? To the young or the old?

## Stay In Touch With Your Readers

The day-to-day chores involved in producing a publication sometimes cause us to lose touch with our readers and what they want. Solicit their feedback regularly. Invite letters and comments. Consider sending out a questionnaire. Ask readers what they think of the newsletter whenever you have a chance to speak to them personally. Always keep the reader in mind in everything you do.



## Write Clearly And Directly

Don't expect your readers to read the publication out of a sense of duty. Make the writing as lively, interesting, and clear as you possibly can. As you write, or edit someone else's writing, imagine the reader is looking over your shoulder. When the reader would interrupt with: "Why did you say that?", or "What do you mean?", or "Who cares?", make sure that the article answers the reader's concerns.

Be sure that all articles – even the editor's – are read by someone else before being printed. Even the best writers find it difficult to be objective about their own writing.

## Produce A Publication That Looks Good

Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that our subject matter is so important that we don't have to 'dress it up'. Such an attitude may work against you.

Even readers who are committed to a cause or interested in a subject are more likely to read an attractive, visually interesting publication.

The strategic use of photographs and drawings, white space, borders, bold headlines and other elements of effective design helps to involve readers and to keep them reading.

## Publish Interesting and Informative Material

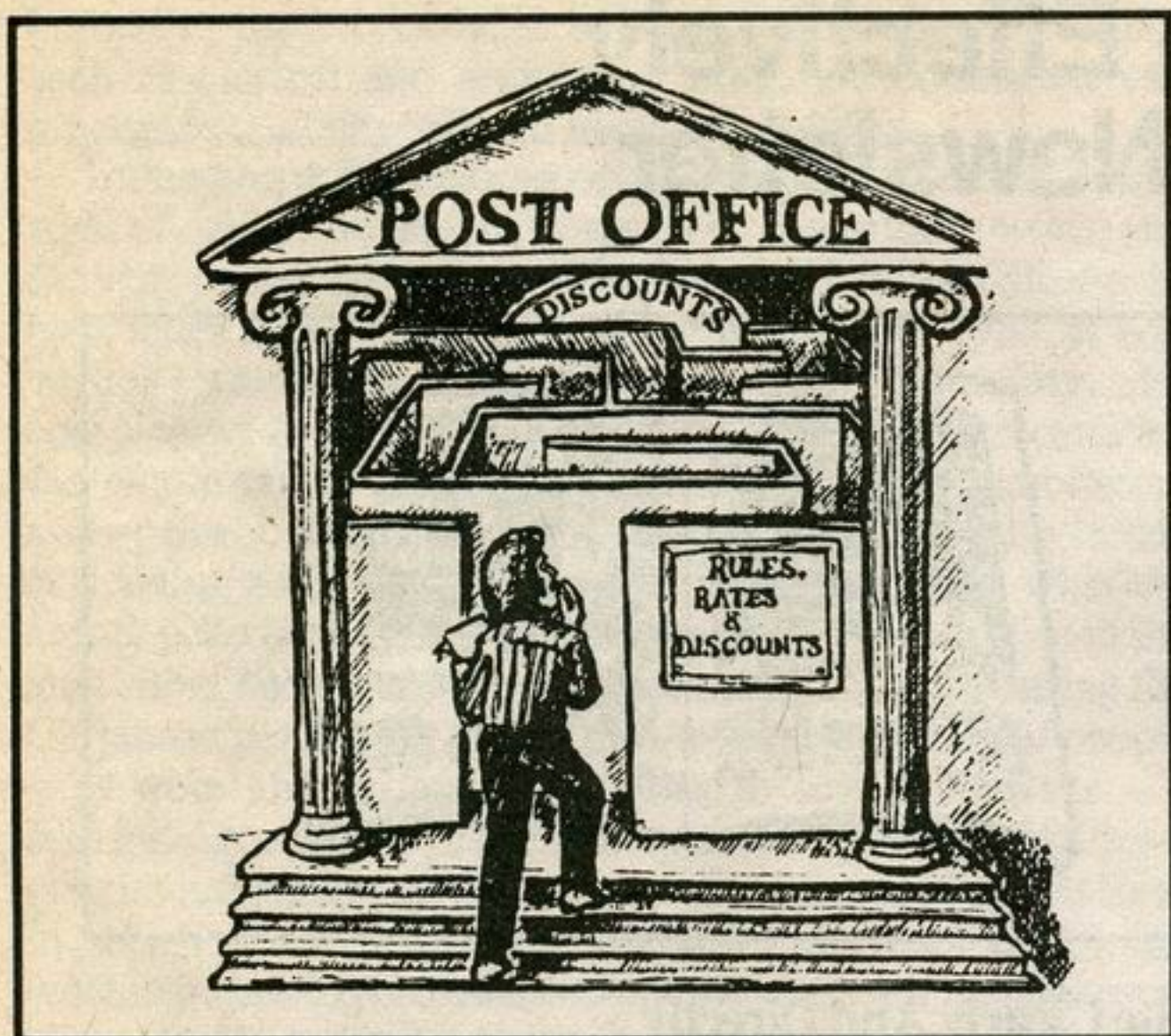
Don't let your newsletter be repetitive, predictable, and dull! Work with your contributors to help them produce top-quality material. Give them constructive feedback. Set the goal of producing a publication readers look forward to receiving – a publication containing genuinely useful information, and intelligently presented ideas and opinions. Infect everyone with your enthusiasm for excellence.

## Include A Mix Of Articles

A publication offering an unrelenting diet of long serious articles can tax the enthusiasm of even the most committed reader. Strive for variety. Include some shorter, lighter pieces. Look for cartoons or illustrations that relate to your subject. If possible, include personal experiences and first-person accounts from a variety of perspectives.







### Include Distribution In Your Planning

Distribution – especially if you use the mail – should be considered as you plan your publication. For example, adding a single extra page can add 39 cents per item to your mailing costs if it takes you into the next weight category. This can translate into an additional expenditure of hundreds of dollars per issue even for a newsletter with less than 1,000 subscribers. The size of the envelope used can have a similar effect. It can be very worthwhile to get expert advice on these questions.

### Consider Typesetting Or Desktop Publishing

If your newsletter is typewritten, investigate the advantages of having it typeset or produced on a computer desktop publishing system. Because typesetting uses space more efficiently than typing, it is possible to fit the same number of words into a significantly smaller number of pages while actually improving readability. The amount saved in printing and postage costs is often greater than the cost of using a desktop publishing service.



### Don't Try To Do It All Yourself

There are those who can single-handedly handle every aspect of producing a publication, from writing and editing through design, production, and distribution. For most of us, however, it makes sense to concentrate on those aspects we are best at, and find others to handle those tasks which are particularly time-consuming or which require specialized skills or equipment. Trying to do everything can result in expensive mistakes or 'burned-out' staff or volunteers.

### Allow Enough Time

A publication takes time to produce. Trying to skimp on that time can result in shortcuts in quality, avoidable mistakes, increased costs, and frayed tempers. Develop a schedule for your newsletter. Plan when you want to have it appear, and calculate backwards from there. Allow time for unforeseen problems. Change the schedule for subsequent issues if it seems unrealistic.



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## Network News

### Actions and Campaigns

#### Persian Gulf crisis

The Canadian Peace Alliance (CPA) has been organizing against war in the Middle East. The goal of the campaign is to pressure the Canadian and other governments to seek a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis. The CPA is asking Canadian to write or send a telegram or fax to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, Defence Minister Bill McKnight, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, and local MPs expressing opposition to war. The CPA is also organizing a variety of other protest actions in collaboration with local groups. Contact your local peace group for more information or call the hot line at (416) 340-7626 (CX4175)



#### Justice for First Nations

Justice for First Nations was formed in the wake of this summer's events at Oka and elsewhere. The group describes itself as an ad hoc committee open to all Canadians who support its aims. Justice for First Nations calls for settlement of land claims and for discussions of sovereignty to begin. In conjunction with the Assembly of First Nations, Justice for First Nations is planning to co-sponsor a national conference in May 1991 to formulate a just settlement of historic claims. Contact Dr. Robert Laxer, Chairperson, Justice for First Nations, P.O. Box 435, Station R, Toronto Ontario M4G 4C3. (CX4176)

#### Citizen's Inquiry into Peace and Security

A number of national organizations are organizing a Citizen's Inquiry into Peace and Security. The Inquiry will look at Canada's current military and security policies and ask if they are appropriate. Facilitated by the Canadian Peace Alliance, it will travel across the country to solicit citizens' views on security issues. Hearings will be held in 25 communities. Hearing dates are from March 3 to April 17. A background document, *What Makes Canada Secure?*, has been prepared by Project Ploughshares. To make a submission, to help organize hearings, or for more information, contact Citizens Inquiry into Peace and Security, c/o Canadian Peace Alliance, 555 Bloor Street West, Toronto Ontario M5S 1Y6, (416) 588-5555. (CX4177)

#### Inquiry on Canada's future

The National Union of Provincial Government Employees (NUPGE) and the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) are organizing a national inquiry of the future of Canada, to take place between February and May. The inquiry, "Canada's Future: The Public Sector Response", will hold "town hall" meetings in major cities across the country. It is intended that the future of public services will be a major focus of the inquiry. Contact NUPGE, 2841 Riverside Drive, Room 204, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8N4, (613) 526-1663. (CX4178)

#### Save the Georgia Strait

The *Save the Georgia Strait Alliance* is bringing together environmental, community, Native, and labour groups in an effort to stop the destruction of British Columbia's Georgia Strait and to begin its healing. The Strait, which stretches 220 kilometres between Vancouver Island and the mainland, is a dumping ground for wastes and toxins. Twelve pulp mills, two mines, four oil refineries, six chemical plants, four shipyards, 61 sawmills, and 161 sewer outlets are pouring waste into the Strait at the rate of a million gallons a minute. The fate of the Strait, and the work of the *Save the Georgia Strait Alliance*, were featured in the Summer 1990 issue of *The New Catalyst*. The *Save the Georgia Strait Alliance* is at 2nd floor, 479 4th Street, Courtenay, British Columbia V9N 1G9. Subscriptions to *The New Catalyst* are \$10/year from *The New Catalyst*, P.O. Box 189, Gabriola Island, British Columbia V0R 1X0. (CX4179)

#### James Bay megaproject

A coalition of groups, including the Grand Council of the Cree, Les Amis de la Terre, and the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, have joined in a legal action whose purpose is to ensure a comprehensive and public environmental review of Hydro-Quebec megaprojects in the James Bay region. The projects would involve, among other things, the diversion of eight northern rivers, the flooding of more than 12,800 square kilometres of forest, the destruction and disruption of numerous wildlife habitats, and the discharge of massive quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Contact Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, 1 Nicholas Street, Suite 412, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7. (CX4179A)

### Network News

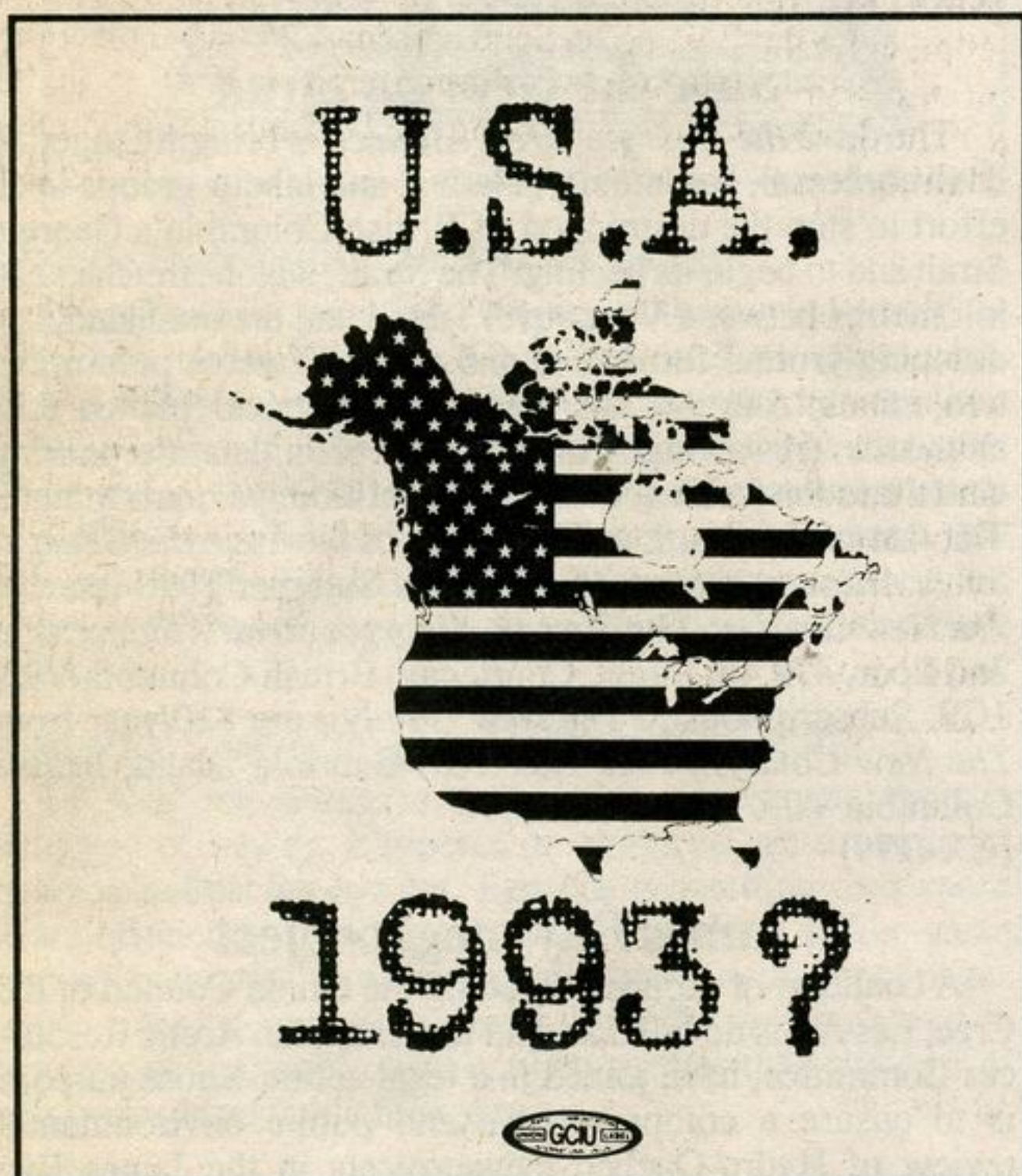
*Network News* contains news and information from groups and individuals across Canada. All items are numbered and indexed in the Name and Subject Indices in the back of the Digest. Items for *Network News* should be submitted to Connexions, 427 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1X7.



## They forgot the bicycle

Advocates of the bicycle are demanding that the bicycle be acknowledged as having an important role to play in any *Green Plan* for Canada. Cycling groups, including Velo Quebec, the Vancouver Bicycle Advisory Board, and the Toronto City Cycling Committee, are asking people to write to Environment Minister Robert de Cotret (House of Commons, Ottawa, no postage required) to state that "the bicycle is one of the fundamental tools of creating an environmentally sustainable society." They write that "we cannot afford to ignore the clean alternative to the private automobile, the pervasive polluter that consumes energy and land and makes our large cities noisy, dirty, congested places to live.... Support is needed to encourage the use of the bicycle as a vehicle for commuting, shopping and other short trips."

(CX4180)



## Appeals for Support

### TCLSAC faces financial crunch

TCLSAC, the Toronto Committee for the Liberation of Southern Africa, is asking for financial contributions from its supporters to be able to carry on with its programmes. TCLSAC publishes *Southern Africa Report* and is involved with a number of other programmes, including one on international debt and structural adjustment programmes, which is working to build a North-South network of action researchers, with partner working groups in the various countries of southern Africa. TCLSAC also maintains the Southern Africa Resource Centre which features periodicals and documents from southern Africa.

(CX4181)

## Mohawk Defense Fund

Contributions are still being sought for the Mohawk Defense Fund, which has been set up to provide material aid to the Mohawk Nation, especially in relation to the coming massive legal bills related to the hundreds of charges laid against Mohawks after this summer's events. Contributions can be sent to Defense Fund for Mohawk Sovereignty, Acct. 2638, c/o Bread and Roses Credit Union, 348 Danforth Ave., Suite 211, Toronto, Ontario M4K 1N8. For more information call (416) 921-0437.

(CX4182)

## Guatemalan Massacre

*Nuestra Voz*, a newsletter for Guatemalan Women, is calling on Canadians to make their voices heard in protest against the murder of 13 civilians by soldiers in the town of Santiago Solola on December 2. Letters can be sent to the President of Guatemala, Palacio Nacional, Guatemala, Guatemala. *Nuestra Voz* can be contacted at Box 20092, 1399 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto M6L 1A7.

(CX4183)

## Naturist Action Fund

The Naturist Action Committee (NAC) is an organization working to resist what it sees as a current trend toward anti-nudity laws and regulations, directed at clothes-optional beaches, skinny-dipping, and nudity in art. The Committee has created the Naturist Action Fund to marshal the resources to oppose and reverse the trend to repressive legislation. The NAC writes that "once anti-nudity laws are created, it has proven difficult to get government officials and politicians to remove them. If you think your favorite skinny-dipping spot can't be the next to go, think again... We know we all like skinny-dipping and nude recreation as a way to spend time in our natural condition, free for a while from the ill effects of a clothes-compulsive society. But we also know freedom is not free." To make a contribution or for more information contact Naturist Action Committee, P.O. Box 132, Oshkosh WI 54902 U.S.A.

(CX4184)

## Pro-Canada Network asks contributions

The Pro-Canada Network is looking for support in its efforts to fight the G.S.T. and other elements of the Progressive Conservative government's policies, including free trade and cuts to social programs. The Pro-Canada Network sees all these policies as part of an overall government strategy and sees it as imperative that every effort be made to defeat the government. Contact Pro-Canada Network, #904 - 251 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa Ontario K1P 5J6.

(CX4185)

## Paying good money

"The Americans are paying good money for this project."

— Saskatchewan Premier Grant Devine, explaining why he is determined to press ahead with the Rafferty-Alameda project



## Comings and Goings

### Goodwin's Awards

Nominations are being sought for the fifth annual Goodwin's Award for Excellence in Alternative Journalism. The Goodwin's Foundation offers an award of \$300 to the winner. It also names three runners-up and three honourable mentions. The MacDonald Citation is given to an alternative publication which has provided extraordinary coverage of an issue or has shown outstanding overall improvement. Any journalist may submit articles, but they must have appeared in a Canadian alternative magazine or newspaper during 1990. Alternatives are defined as newsstand publications of at least quarterly frequency dedicated to progressive social change. Contact Goodwin's Foundation, P.O. Box 1043, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R1. (CX4186)

### Environmental Education Resources

The Pembina Institute is developing a cataloguing service for environmental education resources and materials. The catalogue is to cover publications, audio-visual resources, curriculum kits and packages and periodicals suitable for school and community education. The catalogue will be available in both print and computer disk versions. Contact Lisa Laing, Canadian Environmental Education Resources Project, Box 7558, Drayton Valley, Alberta T0E 0M0, (403) 542-6272. (CX4187)

### Legislative Research Bureau

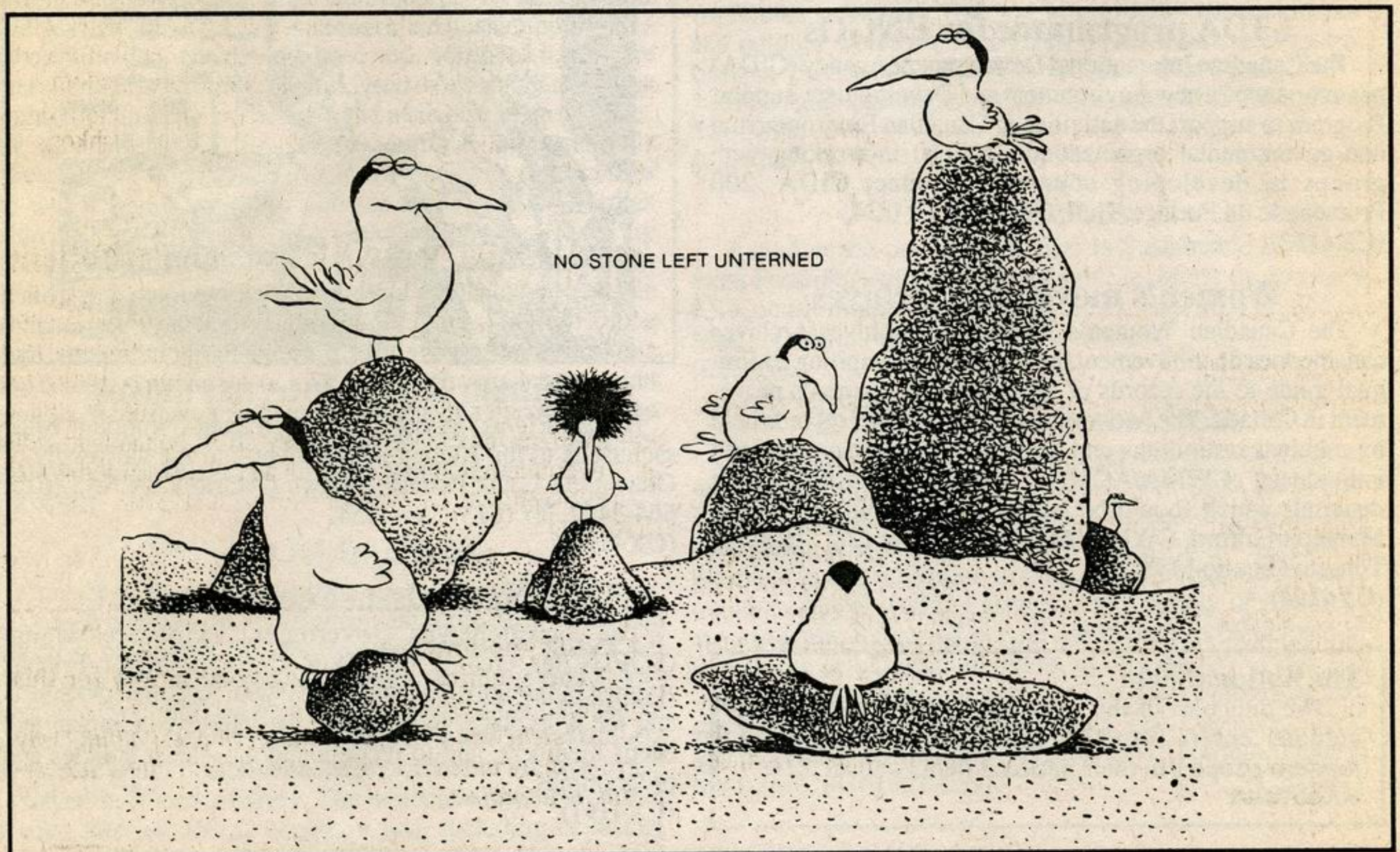
The Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto has set up a Legislative Research Bureau, which offers non-profit organizations the research skills of law students. The purpose is to help groups articulate their concerns into legislative proposals to be presented to municipal or provincial governments. If your group is interested in making a proposal, contact the Legislative Research Bureau, c/o Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, 78 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C5, (416) 978-3725. (CX4188)

### Women's History Prize

Nominations are being solicited for the Hilda Neatby Prize in Women's History, awarded since 1983 by the Canadian Committee on Women's History. Any academic article published in Canada during 1990 and deemed to make an original and scholarly contribution to the field of women's history is eligible for the 1991 prize. Send nominations and eight copies of the nominated article before March 1 1991 to Judith Fingard, Department of History, Dalhousie University, Halifax Nova Scotia B3H 3J5. (CX4189)

### Eco-Log

Eco-Log is a daily 90-second radio report on natural science issues being developed for distribution to private radio stations across the country. Areas of concern will include conservation, wildlife, energy resource management, and the environment. CommSource, the company producing Eco-Log, is asking environmental groups to send them news releases, publications, etc., relating to these issues. Contact Barrie Hussey, CommSource, PO Box 727, Belleville Ontario K8N 5B3, (613) 967-0176. (CX4190)





### Akwesasne Notes editor cleared

Doug George, the editor of the Native newspaper *Akwesasne Notes*, has been cleared of a charge of second-degree murder. George was charged after a confrontation between pro- and anti-gambling groups on the Akwesasne reserve which left two men dead. George said that he suspects the charge may have been politically motivated. "For years I have been critical of the federal and provincial governments and the provincial police for their failure to work with us to stop gun-running and gambling," said George. "But they have refused to work with us, they have abandoned us." (CX4191)

### tecNICA carries on

The tecNICA Foundation, which has been providing a variety of technical assistance to Nicaragua, is continuing with its work despite the election of the UNO opposition in Nicaragua. Tecnica says that "we are continuing to focus on Nicaragua because it is still in the forefront of social struggle. Productive factories and land may be turned over to private owners, children may starve and be denied medicine but it won't be accepted as natural. The revolution is now part of Nicaragua's soul. The people will not be submissive. They will fight back." Accordingly Tecnica is working directly with popular organizations in Nicaragua such as the National Union of Farmers and Ranchers. Tecnica is also considering involvement in South Africa and with Canada's Native people, noting that "our charitable registration in no way restricts us to serving any particular country or community, only to helping communities that want to help themselves." Contact Tecnica, Box 81, Station G, Toronto Ontario M4M 3E8, (416) 691-1529. (CX4192)

### CIDA programme for ENGOS

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has announced a new Environment and Development Support Program to support the activities of Canadian Environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in working with groups in developing countries. Contact CIDA, 200 Promenade du Portage, Hull, Quebec K1A 0G4. (CX4193)

### Women's movement archives

The Canadian Women's Movement Archives/Archives canadiennes du mouvement des femmes is compiling a bilingual guide to the records of the post-1960 women's movement in Canada. The two-volume guide will list records held by archival institutions and by women's organizations and individuals. CWMA/ACMF is seeking information about materials which should be included in the guides. Contact Margaret Fulford, CWMA/ACMF, P.O. Box 128, Station P, Toronto Ontario M5S 2S7. (CX4194)

### The national debt

The only part of the so-called national wealth that actually enters into the collective possessions of modern peoples in their national debt.

- Karl Marx

### Mackenzie-Papineau veterans organize

Surviving veterans of Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion, the contingent of 1,400 Canadians who served with the International Brigades in Spain during the Spanish Civil War, are working to organize a permanent memorial to the brigade. Named after the leaders of the 1937 rebellions in Upper and Lower Canada, the Mac-Paps, as they become known, were part of an international effort to help Spain's elected government resist the drive of Franco's fascists to seize power. Franco's forces, helped by Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy, were ultimately successful in taking power after a bloody war in which the western governments, many of which included officials sympathetic to fascism, failed to provide comparable backing to the elected Spanish government. The International Brigades, including the Canadian Mac-Paps, consisted of men who, unlike their governments, believed it was important to try to stop fascism. After the war, the Mac-Paps never received any form of official recognition extended to Canadian veterans of other wars. For more information about the efforts to create a memorial to the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion, contact Association of Veterans and Friends of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion, 175 Cummer Avenue Apt. 209, Willowdale, Ontario M2M 2E3, (416) 225-5276. (CX4195)



### Human Rights Internet moves

*Human Rights Internet* has moved from Cambridge Massachusetts to the Human Rights Centre at the University of Ottawa, 57 Louis Pasteur, Ottawa Ontario K1N 6N5 (613) 564-3492, fax (613) 564-4054. (CX4196)

### Native issues committee

The Saskatchewan Government Employees Union (SGEU) has created the FAIR Committee (for Friends Against Indigenous Racism) to deal with racism in the SGEU and the workplace, to represent the interests of Indian and Metis members, and to recommend anti-racist policies and programmes. (CX4197)



## Health Care Environment Network

The *Health Care Environment Network* is a group of doctors, hospitals and health care service agencies in Ontario formed to promote waste reduction. The network is working to compile ideas for a province-wide strategy regarding issues such as purchasing agreements for recycled products and for recycling. Contact Cynthia Martin, Director, Public Affairs, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, 2075 Bayview Avenue, North York Ontario M4N 3M5, (416) 480-4040. (CX4198)

## Great Lakes water quality

The International Joint Commission's Virtual Elimination Task Force is investigating how to accomplish the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement's goal to virtually eliminate the input of persistent toxic substances into the Great Lakes ecosystem. Comments, questions, and ideas from the public are invited. All received comments will be reviewed and two public meetings will be held in April to discuss them in greater detail. All comments must be received by April 15. To obtain a copy of the discussion paper, write: Marty Bratzel, International Joint Commission, 100 Ouellette Ave., Eight floor, Windsor, Ontario N9A 6T3 or call (519) 256-7821. (CX4199)

## Human Rights Advocate folds

The *Canadian Human Rights Advocate*, which has provided invaluable background information and analysis of a wide variety of human rights issues in Canada, is shutting down. Publisher Charles Walden blames says that many of the *Advocate's* 1,200 subscribers are small community-based organizations which have been severely hit by government funding cutbacks. Many have shut their doors, many others have had to cut back on expenses even as modest as a subscription fee. Simultaneously, the *Advocate* itself, like other Canadian publications, is faced with substantial cost increases in the form of the GST and a big hike in postal rates. The *Advocate* notes that "The Mulroney government's policies to cut the postal subsidy for Canadian publications and then to tax reading are policies that threaten Canadian publications and Canadian cultural existence. They are policies that discriminate by having their harshest impact on the most oppressed and disadvantaged in our society. Native publications, that helped expose hidden-away abuses like the crime against Donald Marshall, and women's publications have been directly attacked by the Mulroney government and many have close down. The postal subsidy removal and the GST tax on reading is, as George Woodcock says, a 'non-too-subtle form of censorship' on those that remain." (CX4200)

## Phoenix Rising closes

*Phoenix Rising*, the psychiatric patients' rights magazine, has ceased publication. In a farewell editorial, the publishing collective explained that the familiar problem of lack of money and lack of people was forcing them to close down. However, the collective does plan to take on other publishing projects in the future; being considered are a booklet on psychiatric drugs and an anthology of some of the best work published in *Phoenix Rising*. The collective says it is proud of what *Phoenix Rising* accomplished, including exposing

Ewen Cameron's CIA-funded brainwashing experiments, producing theme issues on women, children, prisoners, the elderly, advocacy, homelessness, and electroshock, and the final issue, on lesbians and gay men. *Phoenix Rising* back issues are available from Phoenix Rising, 394 Euclid Street, Toronto, Ontario M6G 2S9, (416) 929-2079. (CX4201)

## Synapse shutting down

*Synapse*, a newsletter on biomedical ethics published by the Centre for Bioethics at the Clinical Research Institute of Montreal, is being shut down. The final December 1990 issue will contain a cumulative index of the 21 issues of *Synapse* that appeared since 1985. (CX4202)

## Sex-role portrayals

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is calling for public comment as part of its review of current practices and policies and sex-role stereotyping. The CRTC released a study on the issue on December 28, and is also asking for comments on that study. To obtain a copy of the study or to make a submission, contact Pierre Pontbriand, Director General, CRTC Information Services, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2, (819) 997-0313; TDD (819) 994-0423; Fax: (819) 994-0218. (CX4202A)

## Meetings, Conferences, Events

### Environmental Youth Alliance

The Environmental Youth Alliance is having a regional conference in Vernon, B.C., on **January 18 - 20**, with indoor and outdoor workshops for youth on environmental issues. Contact Environmental Youth Alliance Okanagan, 2908 - 30th Avenue, Okanagan, British Columbia V1T 2B7, (604) 545-9292. (CX4205)

### Winter cities

A conference on Winter Cities: Is Sustainable Development Possible?, will be held in Sault Ste. Marie on **January 21**. Contact Winter Cities Forum, P.O. Box 787, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5N3, (705) 945-9986. (CX4206)

### Lifting the Burden of Debt

The 1991 program of *Ten Days for World Development* will be "Lifting the Burden of Debt". Ten Days for World Development is a national education action campaign that encourages people to join together to a ten-day high profile period of public education in their communities. There are a number of local working groups, and a variety of resources are available. Interested people are invited to participate in their local Ten Days committee, to making use of the Ten Days materials, and to support the Ten Days events that take place in their communities. Contact Ten Days for World Development, 85 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1M8, (416) 922-0591. (CX4207)



### Festival of environmental films

A British Columbia festival of Environmental films will be held at Okanagan College on **January 24**. Contact Heather McRae, (604) 762-5445. (CX4208)

### Race to the screen

*Race to the screen* is a program of films, panels and workshops, and illustrated presentations being held **January 26 - February 3** at the Euclid Theatre, 394 Euclid Street, Toronto, (416) 925-8104. (CX4208A)

### Radical Waste Reduction

A workshop on radical waste reduction will be held **Saturday February 2** in Guelph. Its purpose is to brainstorm ways of reducing the amount of waste going into landfill sites. The workshop will be held at the Community Health Centre, 89 Wyndham St. N., Guelph, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Barbara Wallace, 705-887-1553. (CX4209)

### Zebra mussels

The Ontario Hydro Environmental Protection Department is sponsoring a conference on Zebra Mussels: Mitigation Options for Industries, on **February 11 and 12** at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. The fee is \$275 before December 21, \$325 after. Contact F. Ely, Ontario Hydro Environmental Protection Department, 700 University Avenue, A7-C4, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1X6. (CX4210)

### Community forestry conference

*Transition to Tomorrow* is a conference on community forestry to be held at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, on **February 15 - 17**. Contact Transition to Tomorrow, 1709 Carnegie Crescent, Victoria, British Columbia V8N 1P2, (604) 477-8479. (CX4211)

### Race Relations Conference

A conference on ethnic and race relations as they pertain to Black, Native, and Indian culture in Canada will be held in Saskatoon **February 15 - 17**, sponsored by the Afro-Caribbean Association. Workshops include education and race relations, culture and values, and law enforcement. Cost is \$55. Contact Afro-Caribbean Association, Box 7096, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 4J1. (CX4211A)

### Glasnost and the Global Village

Glasnost and the Global Village is a conference to be held at York University **February 19 - 22** at York University, Toronto. "Values related to communication and to the as yet inarticulated but developing reality of a "global citizenship" will frame discussions ranging through politics, economics, technology, culture and the environment. The conference sponsors include Atkinson and McLaughlin Colleges at York University and the Novosti Press Agency, Moscow. Contact Glasnost, York University, Toronto, Canada M3J 1P3. (CX4212)

### Georgia Strait conference

A State of the Strait conference to examine issues and formulate strategy on saving the Georgia Strait will be held **February 23 - 24**. Contact *Save the Georgia Strait Alliance*, 2nd floor, 479 4th Street, Courtenay, British Columbia V9N 1G9, (604) 338-9242. (CX4213)

### Multiculturalism Conference

There will be a Canadian Studies on Multiculturalism at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg from **February 28 to March 2**. Papers will focus on the policy, practice and effects of multiculturalism as Canadian social policy from 1971 to the present. Contact Stella Hyniuk, Conference Co-ordinator, 222 St. John's College, The University of Manitoba, 400 Dysart Road, Winnipeg Manitoba R3T 2M5. (CX4214)

### Settlement workers conference

The Ontario Immigrant Settlement Workers' Association is planning a skills development forum for **late February or early March**, with the theme "Settling into the Nineties." Planned workshops include Multiculturalism and Antiracism, Aging and Services, Social Service, Social Change. Contact Isabel Mahoney, 1075 Dovercourt Road, Toronto Ontario M6H 2X8. (CX4215)

### Protest against cruise missile tests

A national day of protest is being planned against the continuation of cruise missile tests over Canada. Protests are planned for Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto, and other centres. Further details were unavailable as we went to press. (CX4216)

### Marxist Scholars Conference

The 1991 Marxist Scholars Conference will be held at Temple University, Philadelphia, **March 14 - 17**. Contact Marxist Education Press, 215 Ford Hall, University of Minnesota, 224 Church Street S.E., Minneapolis MN 55455 U.S.A., (612) 922-7993, (CX4217)

### Forest Ecosystem conference

The Forest Ecosystem Research Network (FERN) is planning a workshop on "ancient woodlands" for **April 1991** in Hannover Germany. Contact Anne Teller, Rue de la Loi 200, B-1049 Brussels, Belgium. (CX4218)

### Organizing for the 90s

The sixth *Labor Notes Conference*, on the theme *Organizing for the 90s*, will be held near Detroit **April 19 - 21**. The conference is intended to highlight "both the tactics used by activists to create strong and democratic organizations and the types of organizations we need to build to defend our living and working conditions." The organizers say that "we need to revive the idea that having a union means more than paying dues. It means being organized at the workplace to take action when our jobs, or the jobs of our sisters and brothers, are threatened." Contact Labor Education and Research Project, 7435 Michigan Avenue, Detroit MI 48210 U.S.A., (313) 842-6262, fax (313) 842-0227, E-Mail Peace-Net labornotes. (CX4219)



## Global Week of Ecology Action

Green and ecology action groups are calling for an international week of resistance to corporate and government polluters between Earth Day, April 22, and the fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, April 26, 1991. Contact New England Green Alliance, P.O. Box 703, White River Jct., VT 05001 U.S.A., (802) 295-1544. (CX4220)

## Alberta rivers

*Flowing to the future: Alberta Rivers Conference 1991* takes place April 25 - 28 in Edmonton. Contact Val Smyth, University of Alberta Extension, Edmonton, Alberta. (CX4221)

## Global Synergy

The International Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR International) will hold an international congress in Banff Springs Alberta May 1 - 6. The congress theme will be "Creating Global Synergy: The Intercultural Perspective". Contact SIETAR, 733 15th Street SW, Suite 900, Washington DC 20005 U.S.A., (416) 737-5000. (CX4222)

## Canada-U.S.-Mexico relations

*Facing North/Facing South* is a multidisciplinary conference on contemporary United States-Canadian-Mexican relations, to be held May 2 - 5 at the University of Calgary. Contact Madeleine Aldridge, University of Calgary Conference Office, Faculty of Continuing Education, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4, (403) 220-7319. (CX4223)

## Great Lakes United

Great Lakes United is holding its annual meeting in Ottawa May 3 - 5. Contact Great Lakes United, State University at Buffalo, Cassety Hall, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo N.Y. 14222 U.S.A., (716) 886-0142. (CX4224)

## Africa in the 1990s

The Canadian Association of African Studies is holding a conference on Africa in the 1990s: Development with Democracy, on May 16 - 19 at York University, Toronto. Topics will include refugees, human rights, neo-colonialism, and NGOs. Contact Ogengua Ottunnu or Howard Adelman, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario M3J 1P3. (CX4225)

## Spring peace action

ACT for Disarmament will be holding its Ninth Annual Spring Protest for Peace on May 11 in Toronto. (CX4226)

## Management of protected areas

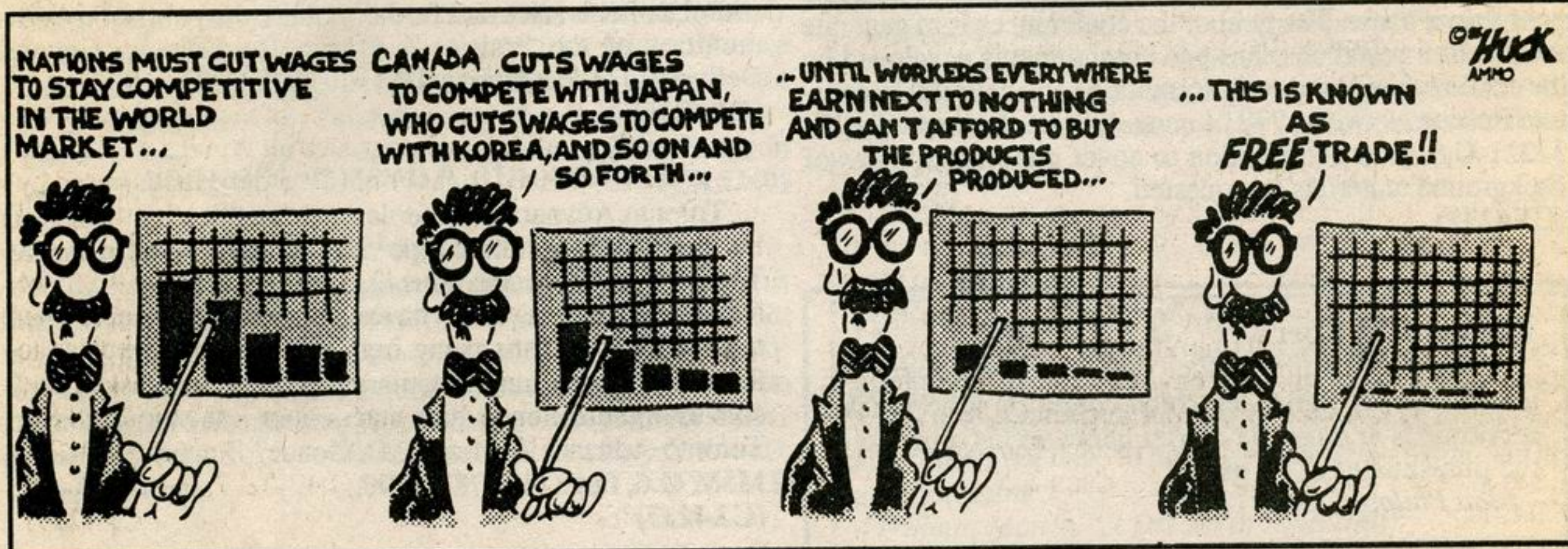
An international conference on Science and the Management of protected areas will be held at Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, May 14 - 19. The conference will serve as a forum for presenting and discussing current perspectives on the role of science in managing protected areas, and will serve as a lead-up to the IUCN World Parks Conference in 1992. Contact Neil Munro, Director, Policy Planning and Research, Canadian Parks Service, Atlantic Region, Environment Canada, Historic Properties, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 1S9. (CX4227)

## Refugees at Home and Abroad

The Centre for Refugee Studies at York University is planning an international symposium on the theme *Obligations and their limits: Refugees at Home and Abroad*, to be held May 25 - 28, either in Toronto or Kingston. For more information contact The Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario M3J 1P3, (416) 736-5663. (CX4228)

## Death and Bereavement Conference

The ninth annual Kings College Conference on Death and Bereavement will be held May 27 to 29 with the theme *Many Paths to Healing*. Contact Dr. John D. Morgan, Death Education Conference, King's College, 266 Epworth Avenue, London Ontario N6A 2M3. (CX4229)





## Socialist Studies Conference

The 1991 Socialist Studies Conference, which takes place in conjunction with the annual Learned Societies Conference, will be in Kingston, Ontario, from **June 1 to 4**. For more information contact the National Office, Society for Socialist Studies, 471 University College, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg Manitoba R3T 2M8 (Fax 204-261-0021, E-Mail VORST2@UOMCC). Among the sessions which have been proposed for the conference are *Sexism and Racism in Universities and Society -- Social Transformation; The Future of Socialism; 1992: The European Conquest of the Americas; Ecology and the State; Historical and Contemporary Immigration Policies in Canada: Ideological and Racial Biases; Contemporary Social Movements; Regional municipalism – An Ideological Overview; Extending democracy and social change: Process and strategies; Ethics of social transformation; Cultural politics and the left; The crisis in nursing; Critical Perspectives on Urbanism and Urban Environments; Anti-Racist Feminist Theory*. (CX4230)

## Metro World 1991

Metro World 1991, an international forum to address urban, environmental, and sustainable development issues, will be held **June 15 - 20** in Toronto. Contact Jennifer Dickson, Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, 390 Bay Street, 4th floor, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3Y7. (CX4231)

## Consumers Unions Congress

The 13th World Congress of the International Organization of Consumer Unions will be held in Hong Kong **July 8 - 12**. The theme of the congress is *Consumer Power in the Nineties*. Contact Rajewari Kanniah, Congress Coordinator, 13th IOCU World Congress Secretariat, 250-A Jalan Air Itam, 10460 Penang, Malaysia. (CX4231A)

## Fate of the Forests

The 1991 round of *Fate-of-our-Forests* conferences has been set for **September 13 - 15**. *Fate-of-our-forests* conferences are not a single large, conference, but as many different local conferences as possible, all happening at the same time. Conferences may be called by any individual or group. They may be large formal gatherings or simple meetings of a few people in a home. The goal of the conferences is to generate local action based on plans and commitments developed by the conferences. For more information contact Forest Ecosystem Rescue Network, 7781 Lenox Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32221 U.S.A. A contribution to cover mailing expenses of background materials is requested. (CX4232)

### The price of liberty

The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt.

– John Philpot Curran (1790)

## Publications and Resources

### True North

Citizens Concerned About Free Trade (CCAFT) have issued the first issue of their new newspaper, *True North*. Free trade is naturally the focus of the first, 24-page issue, but there are also articles on Meech Lake, electoral reform, and Native Peoples. Subscriptions are \$20 for 10 issues from CCAFT, P.O. Box 8052, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 4R7. (CX4232A)

### Healthsharing changes

*Healthsharing*, the women's health magazine, is restructuring itself to cope with a funding crisis. *Healthsharing* is now attempting to move from a collective to a community board, and is seeking ten to twelve women to sit on this board for one or two year terms. Contact Healthsharing, 14 Skey Lane, Toronto Ontario M6K 3S4. (CX4233)

### National Senior News

The National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation has revamped its newsletter, *National News*, and turned it into a ten-times-a-year newspaper. Subscriptions are \$10/year. Contact National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation, 3033 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto, Ontario M8V 1K5. (CX4234)

### IDRC Reports is back

The magazine *IDRC Reports*, published by the International Development Research Council, whose demise we reported last year, is back in action. Apparently the IDRC's decision to close to magazine produced a flood of letters in protest, which led to a reversal of the decision. *IDRC Reports* will be published quarterly. Subscriptions are \$16/4 issues from IDRC, P.O. Box 8500, 250 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3H9. (CX4235)

### Prairie Bookworld

Prairie Bookworld is a new paper, in the same format as BC Bookworld, which will be serving readers and the booktrade in the Prairie provinces. The first issue states that "this newspaper will promote the reading and writing of Prairie books, provide meaningful coverage of Prairie culture, stimulate book sales and further cohere the publishing communities of the Prairies." Prairie BookWorld, General Delivery, Tofield Alberta T0B 4J0, (403) 662-3100. (CX4236)

### Toronto Advance Planner

Toronto Advance Planner is a new publication "that lists the major social, philanthropic, and cultural events in Greater Toronto for 12 months. *Toronto Advance Planner* will be published three times a year, with each issue to cover the succeeding 12 months. Listings are free, subscriptions are \$55/year for non-profits; a complimentary year's subscription is available to organizations which sponsor special events. Contact Toronto Advance Planner, P.O. Box 85, Station S, Toronto M5M 4L6, fax: (416) 787-9299. (CX4237)

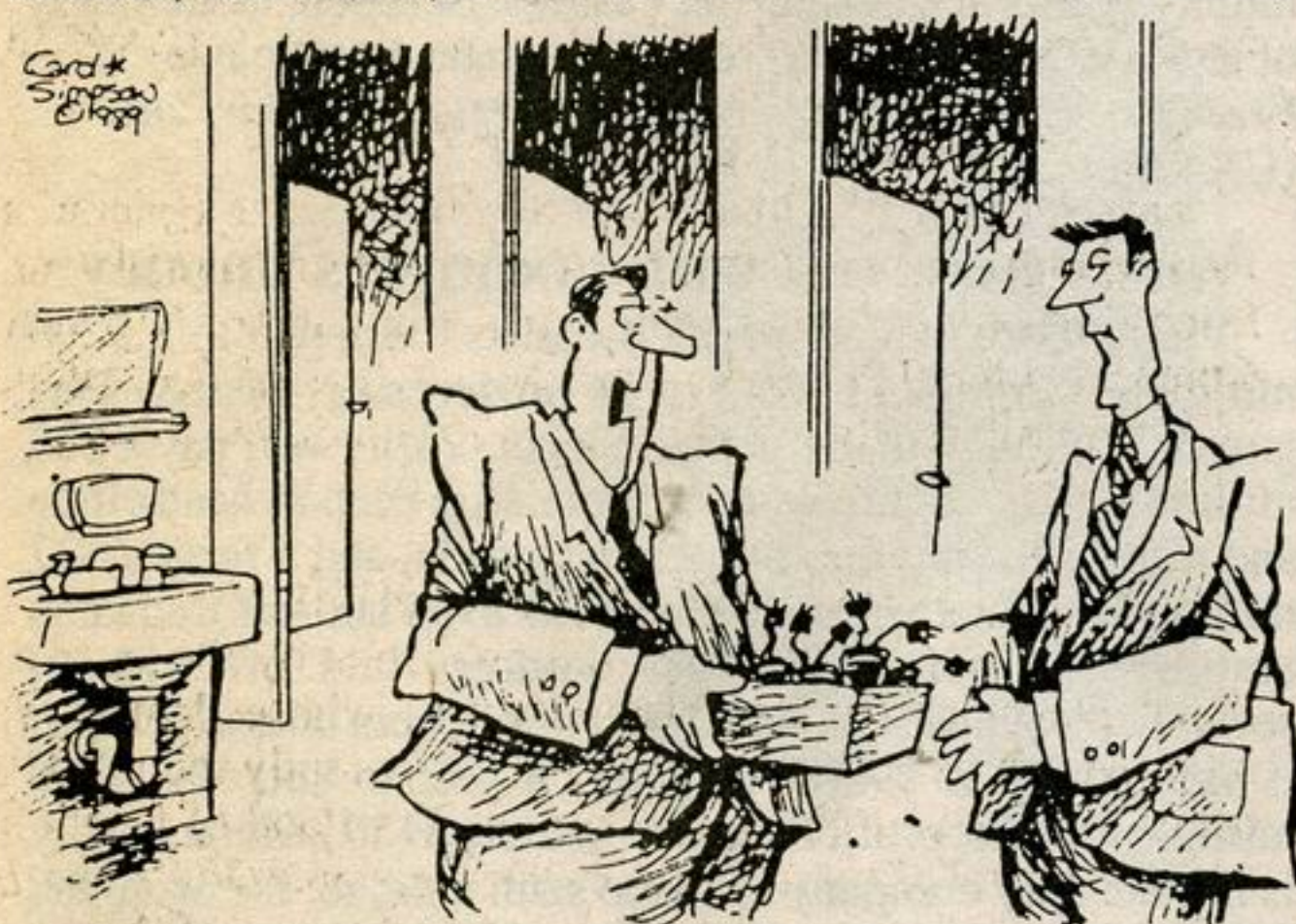


## News Briefs

### Networks refuse anti-TV ads

The Telecaster Committee of Canada, the advertising standards group for the private networks, has refused to accept a series of four television advertisements produced by The Media Foundation, a non-profit organization concerned with what it calls "TV addiction". In one of the ads, a father struggles to pry a television set from off his head while his son pleads, "Dad! Dad! Talk to me, Dad!" According to the Media Foundation, the Committee demanded that it "prove" its ads are true, and that they carry a disclaimer stating they are the opinions of the Media Foundation. Apparently no other advertisers are required to meet similar conditions.

For more information contact: Adbusters, 1243 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C. V6H 1B7. (CX4239)



"I want to open up better lines of communication with my employees. Plant these listening devices in all the washrooms."

### Danger: sticky yellow notes

The Canadian Conservation Institute, the association of Canadian archivists, has warned that self-sticking yellow note pads pose a danger to archives. The tabs, such as 3M's Post-it Notes, can leave some of their adhesive behind when removed from documents. The residue collects dirt and causes papers to stick together. The adhesive also lifts away some typewriter and photocopier inks. "The results of these tests lead to the recommendation that self-sticking notes not be used on documents, books or any other subject of importance or value," said conservation specialist John Grace in an article in *The Archivist*. (CX4240)

### 105,000 jobs lost to free trade

According to the Canadian Labour Congress, at least 105,000 jobs have been lost to free trade since the agreement was ratified in 1989. The Congress adds that this is almost certainly a low figure, since only manufacturing jobs that can be directly traced were included in the figures. Many thousands of other jobs have been lost as companies have gone bankrupt. (CX4241)

### "Open skies" coming?

Federal Transport Minister Doug Lewis has announced that the Progressive Conservative government intends to negotiate what it calls an "open skies" agreement with the United States. However, what the government is in fact proposing is a bi-lateral aviation deal with the United States, not a general international "open skies" arrangement. The intent is to bring about further deregulation of the airline industry, eliminating all remaining government-imposed restrictions except those related to safety. The government's intentions were criticized by PWA president Rhys Eyton, who said unlimited competition with the U.S. carriers could destroy the Canadian airline industry and shift thousands of jobs to the U.S.. Equally critical was the CAW union, which represents many aircraft workers. According to the CAW, "open skies" is more likely to lead to a reduction in the number, size, and scope of Canadian air carriers." CAW president Bob White said that "In a country as vast as Canada, strong national links in transportation are essential. Canada-U.S. free trade in airline service would do just the opposite. It would enhance north-south relations at the expense of our national links." The CAW points out that U.S. airlines enjoy significant cost advantages, including lower interest costs on debts to finance aircraft and lower fuel costs. The sheer size of the major American carriers also gives them significant economies of scale, while their control of take-off and landing slots and airport gates enables them to keep potential competitors out of their own markets.

Source: *Canadian Tribune* and CAW. (*Canadian Tribune* subscriptions are \$20/year from 290A Danforth Ave., Toronto M4K 1N6).

(CX4242)

### Black settles on pensions

Canadian capitalist Conrad Black has agreed to pay \$44 million to 10,000 former employees of Dominion Stores to settle a long pension fund battle. Black, the chairman of Hollinger Inc., and his brother Montegu touched off the battle in 1986 when they withdrew \$38 million from the pension fund at a time when the chain was planning store closings and layoffs. The union fought the move and the Ontario Supreme Court ordered the Blacks to return to money. The union also argued that inflation had reduced the value of the pension money in the meantime, leading to a court-approved settlement which saw the Blacks paying \$44 million to the former employees.

(CX4243)

### Losing, and winning, and ...

Men fight and lose the battle, and the thing that they fought for comes about in spite of their defeat, and when it comes, turns out not to be what they meant, and other men have to fight for what they meant under another name.

– William Morris, "A Dream of John Ball"



### \$300,000 for government video

The federal Finance Department is spending about \$300,000 to produce and distribute 40,000 videotapes justifying government economic policies. The 12 1/2-minute video, entitled *Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?*, featuring pie charts and clips of Canadians at work in offices, factories, and fields, promotes the government view that spending cuts are necessary to control the deficit. Copies of the video are being mailed free to libraries, associations and businesses. The \$300,000 cost comes in addition to \$1.3 million spent early in the fall to send out 10 million brochures promoting the government's economic policies.

(CX4244)

### GST discriminates against co-ops

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) discriminates against co-operatives, according to Tom Webb of Co-op Atlantic. Members who pay for shares in a co-operative will be forced to pay 7% GST on top on the transaction, while individuals who buy shares in a for-profit corporation will not have to pay GST. In addition, the way in which the GST is applied to local co-operatives which belong to a larger co-op will mean double the administrative costs for them than it does for privately owned businesses in the same field. According to Webb, government officials "don't understand what a co-operative is. They don't care... Whether it puts a whole alternative business form in jeopardy is of no concern to them at all. They couldn't care less."

*From Pro-Canada Dossier. Subscriptions from Pro-Canada Network, 251 Laurier Avenue West, Suite 904, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J6.*

(CX4245)

### Towns take Post Office to court

*Rural Dignity* and the residents of four Canadian communities are taking Canada Post, and Harvie Andre, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, to court in a challenge to decisions to close Post Offices in Arran, Saskatchewan, Falmouth, Nova Scotia, and Meductic and Aroostock, New Brunswick. Among other things, the case charges that the closures effectively deny the right to postal services to aged and other residents who don't have cars and are therefore unable to drive to another town for postal service.

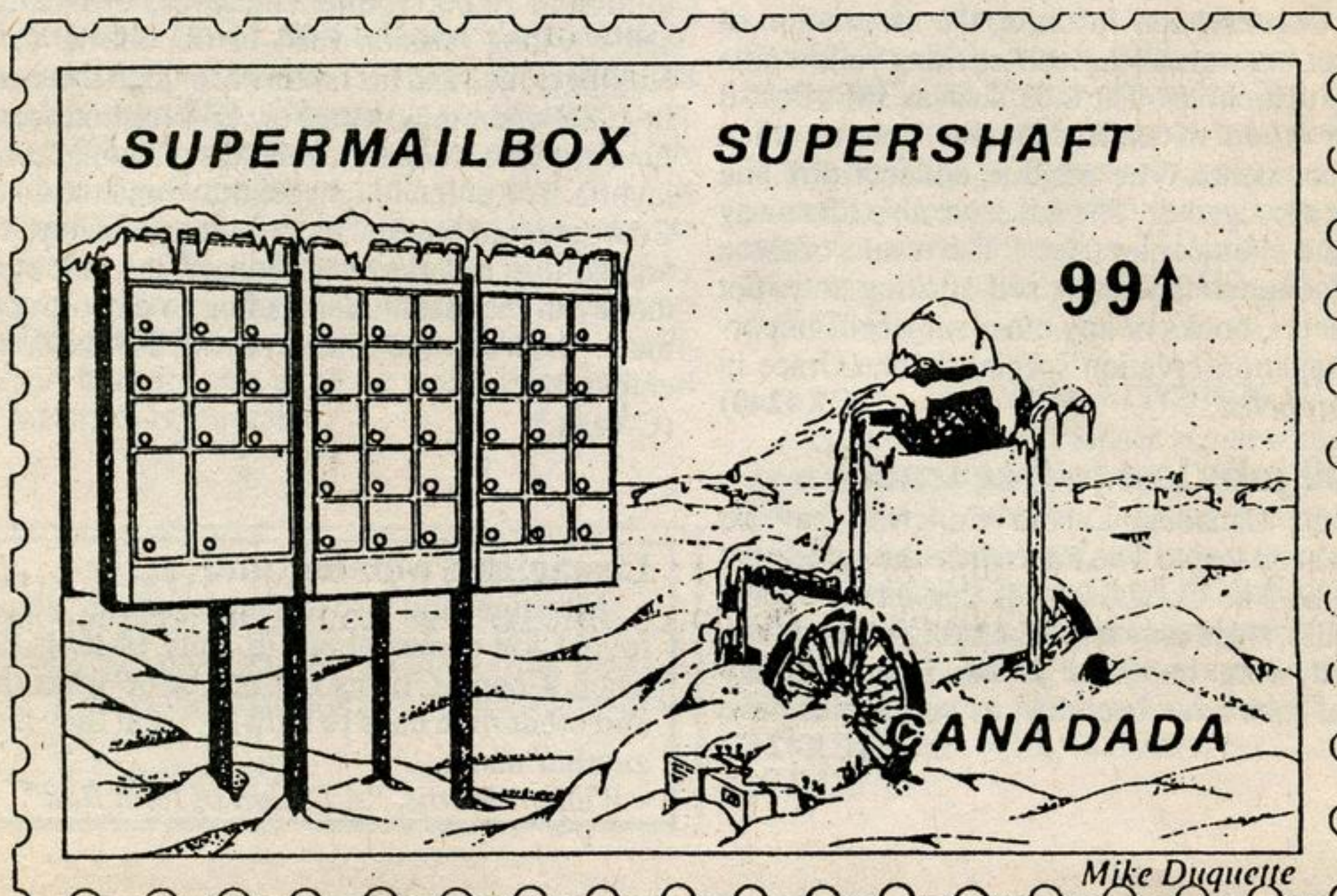
Even as the case is before the courts, Canada Post, acting under federal government orders to show a profit no matter what, is continuing to remove mail boxes and close post offices, all the while denying it is reducing service. A typical recent example came from Walkerton, Ontario, where the Post Office removed 11 of the town's 12 mailboxes this fall. According to Tom Dalby, the manager of media and community affairs at Canada Post's Huron Division, the removal of street letter boxes is a way of "increasing efficiency".

*From Pro-Canada Dossier and Walkerton Herald-Times*  
(CX4246)

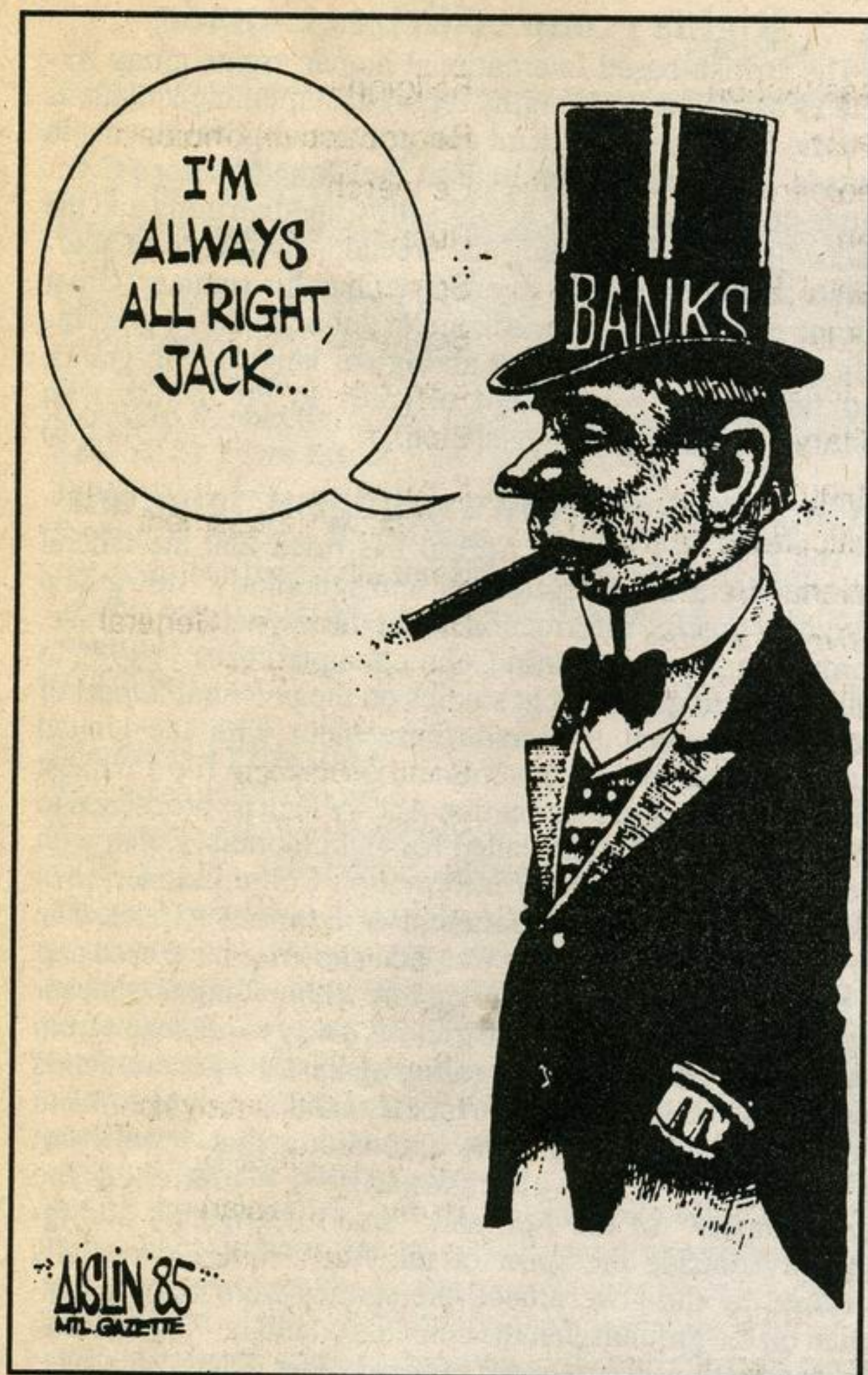
### Varity pulls out with taxpayers' money

Varity Corporation, which owes its existence to a \$200 million government bailout of its predecessor, Massey-Ferguson, is moving to the United States. Varity will pay a \$25 million penalty for breaking its promise to keep its head office and a specified number of jobs in Canada, and a further \$27 million in severance pay and benefits to its laid-off Canadian employees, including 1,400 workers laid off without severance pay in 1988, and 3,000 pensioners whose benefits it had cut off in 1988. However, it gets to keep the \$200 million, for a net profit of approximately \$150 million. Varity is not the only company to make such a move: for example, Tridon Ltd. announced in October that it is moving to the United States, wiping out 550 Canadian jobs, after picking up \$9 million in government assistance.

(CX4247)







### Rule change may hide executives' pay

Canadian corporate executives may have found a way of concealing the size of their pay cheques from Canadians. At present, corporations whose shares are listed on American stock exchanges, including many large Canadian companies, are required by U.S. disclosure rules to reveal the amounts top executives are paid. Companies listed on Canadian exchanges are only required to disclose the aggregate amount paid to top executives as a group. A proposed set of new rules, the Canada-U.S. Multijurisdictional Disclosure System, expected to be adopted early in 1991, would waive the disclosure requirement for Canadian executives. This would mean that in the future Canadians would not be able to use U.S. information to find out that, for example, Inco chairman Don Phillips made \$1.9 million in 1989, while BCE president Raymond Cyr and Magna Corp. chairman Frank Stronach had to struggle by on \$1.2 million each. The move comes at a time when the gap between the pay of top executives and ordinary workers is growing larger than ever. For example, a recent study by Hewitt Associates showed that executives received increases of 6.6 per cent last year, compared with 5.6 per cent for hourly workers. (CX4248)

### Benefit to Canada no longer matters

The National Energy Board, the federal agency that is supposed to regulate Canadian energy exports, has dropped its 'benefit-to-Canada' test for deciding whether an export should be approved. The test itself was a much-diluted criterion after the Free Trade Agreement forced it to abandon its previous mandate to ensure that Canada maintain at 25-year reserve of energy at all times. It dropped the 'benefit-to-Canada test' after American energy companies pressured the Canadian government to drop the test. The federal government has also taken away from the NEB the power to rule on hydro-electric exports, thereby allowing provinces such as Quebec and British Columbia to contract hydro deals with U.S. customers without any public input. (CX4249)

### Energy Board OKs pipeline subsidy

The National Energy Board has approved a \$2.6 billion pipeline expansion project which will see Canadian consumers subsidizing the construction of a pipeline designed exclusively to serve American customers of TransCanada PipeLines Ltd. Sixty-four of TCPL's current industrial customers had objected to having to pay the costs of the new pipeline, saying that the cost of constructing the pipeline should be paid for by the U.S. customers it is designed to serve. The NEB's ruling reflects its similar policy for the Hibernia megaproject, where \$2.7 billion of Canadian taxpayers' money is being used to support a project whose entire output is slated for export to U.S. markets. (CX4250)

### Environmental data lacking

According to the members of an expert panel assembled to prepare environmental "report cards" on the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, they had to abandon one of their main objectives, that of compiling key indicators of environmental quality, because so much of the needed information does not exist. "I was flabbergasted, not only at the gaps, but at the lack of correlation across the country," said panelist Peter Vivian, corporate vice-president of Bell Canada International. "I'd say we know nothing," said panelist Digby McLaren, a former president of the Royal Society of Canada. Information not being collected includes data on the amounts of toxic substances in fish (only Ontario collects detailed information on this); data on hazardous wastes (again, only Ontario compiles this); the extent of remaining wetlands and the rate at which they are disappearing; changes in the quality of soil or the losses caused by erosion; the rate of pesticide use by farmers and whether it is increasing or decreasing. There are also no common standards for what constitutes successful replanting of logged forests, and there are no national studies on human exposure to hazardous chemicals. The panel also complained that existing information is often out of date. (CX4251)

### Separating together

"I think we should all join Quebec and then separate together."  
– Stompin' Tom Connors



### Ecosystem research threatened

The future of Canada's most important ecosystem research program, the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) program, is in doubt because of funding cutbacks. The ELA, located just east of Kenora, consists of 47 lakes and associated streams and watersheds. The area was set aside in 1968 for long term study. The ELA has since become known around the world as a uniquely important centre for whole ecosystem research, especially for research on the causes of lake eutrophication and acid rain. However, the program, funded primarily by the federal department of fisheries and oceans has been frozen. When the effects of inflation are taken into account, the project has suffered a 70 per cent funding cut since 1976.

Source: November-December 1990 issue of *Alternatives*, c/o Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo Ontario N2L 3G1. (CX4252)

### Auditor raps waste dumping

Federal negligence is allowing polluters to dump waste into northern rivers in clear violation of their licenses, according to Auditor-General Kenneth Dye. He blames the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for failing to enforce its regulations for waste discharge. In one example cited by Dye, the Justice Department wanted to lay charges against a company that had dumped excess waste for about 100 days in 1989, including arsenic for 50 days. Instead, Northern Affairs renewed the company's license. Across the country, according to Dye, only 50 per cent of Canada's mines were complying with effluent regulations in 1988, a serious decline from 1982 when 85 per cent of mines were obeying the rules. (CX4253)

### Ban on disposable diapers

The town of Saanich, British Columbia, is in the midst of legal battles after passing a bylaw banning the use of disposable diapers. The bylaw came out of concern for the waste disposal problems and health hazards caused by disposable diapers. (A baby will use something like 3,000 pounds of diapers before toilet training. Diapers alone account for about 2 per cent of the contents of landfill sites.) The bylaw would make it an offense to dispose of the diapers, and provides for fines and withdrawal of garbage pickup for repeat offenders. Saanich's action brought swift legal action from Procter & Gamble, which sees the bylaw as a dangerous precedent which threatening its \$400 million a year market in Canada. (CX4254)

### Japan suspends some driftnetting

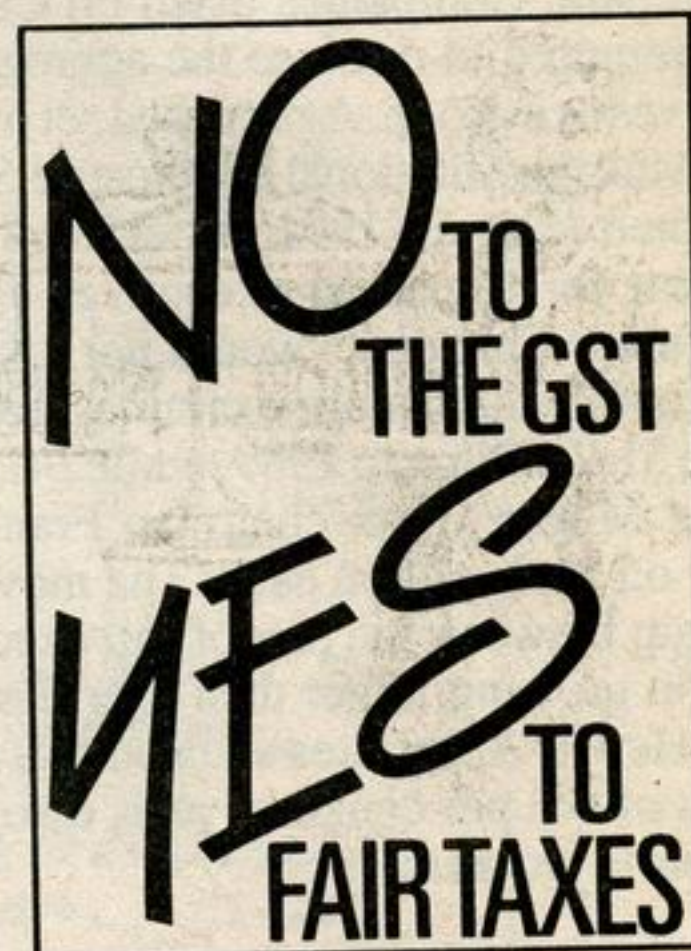
The government of Japan has announced that it is suspending driftnet fishing in the South Pacific for the 1990-91 season which began October 1990. The Japanese announcement comes just before the July 1, 1991 deadline for ending all driftnet fishing set out in a UN General Assembly Resolution. This leaves only Taiwanese driftnets active in the South Pacific. South Korea had already withdrawn its South Pacific driftnet fleet before last year's season began. Taiwan has said it will abide by the UN ban, but in the interim Japan, South Korea and Taiwan will all continue driftnet fishing in the North Pacific. (From *Tok Blong SPPF*, July 1990, and *Pacific Report*, July 19, 1990) (CX4255)

### Rights group criticizes Canada

The British-based international human rights group Article 19 has released a lengthy report documenting violations of basic freedoms by federal and provincial governments in Canada. The report, submitted to the United Nations Committee on Human Rights, accuses the Canadian army and the Quebec police of violating the freedom of speech of journalists during the armed standoff at Oka this summer. Other actions criticized were the seizure of publications by customs officials, cuts in support for aboriginal language programs, and failures of government officials to co-operate with freedom of information legislation. (CX4256)

### Court rules Ottawa negligent, ignorant

The Federal Court of Appeal has ruled that the federal government acted "negligently and ignorantly" towards a journalist seeking information about the impact of free trade. Toronto Star writer Martin Cohn attempted back in 1985 to gain access to government studies on the potential impact of the then-proposed free trade agreement with the United States. He was told by government officials to file a request under the Access to Information Act – which he proceeded to do – and then was stonewalled for eight months. Cohn, with the support of the federal Information Commissioner, then filed suit against the Department of External Affairs. The government's stonewalling was later shown to have been part of a deliberately adopted strategy of withholding any meaningful information about free trade as a way to prevent it from becoming a public issue. In ruling against the government's actions, the Federal Court of Appeal said that the government "delayed unduly", sought extensions that "were not justified", "acted unreasonably", "breached the requirements" of the Act, and "acted negligently and ignorantly outside the spirit of the Act". When eventually released by the government, the studies were heavily censored on the grounds that the contents would be "injurious to the conduct of international affairs." The deleted passages later turned out to be those portions which documented the potential negative impacts of the trade deal most clearly. (CX4257)





## New Resources

### Arts, Media, Culture

#### Confronting Pornography: A Feminist on the Front Lines

Jillian Ridington

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women  
#408 - 151 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H3

Jillian Ridington was chairperson of the British Columbia Periodical Review Board from 1984 to 1988. In this paper, she describes the establishment, procedures, and criteria used by the board and offers some comments on the types of material reviewed.

(CX4259)

#### Modern Primitives

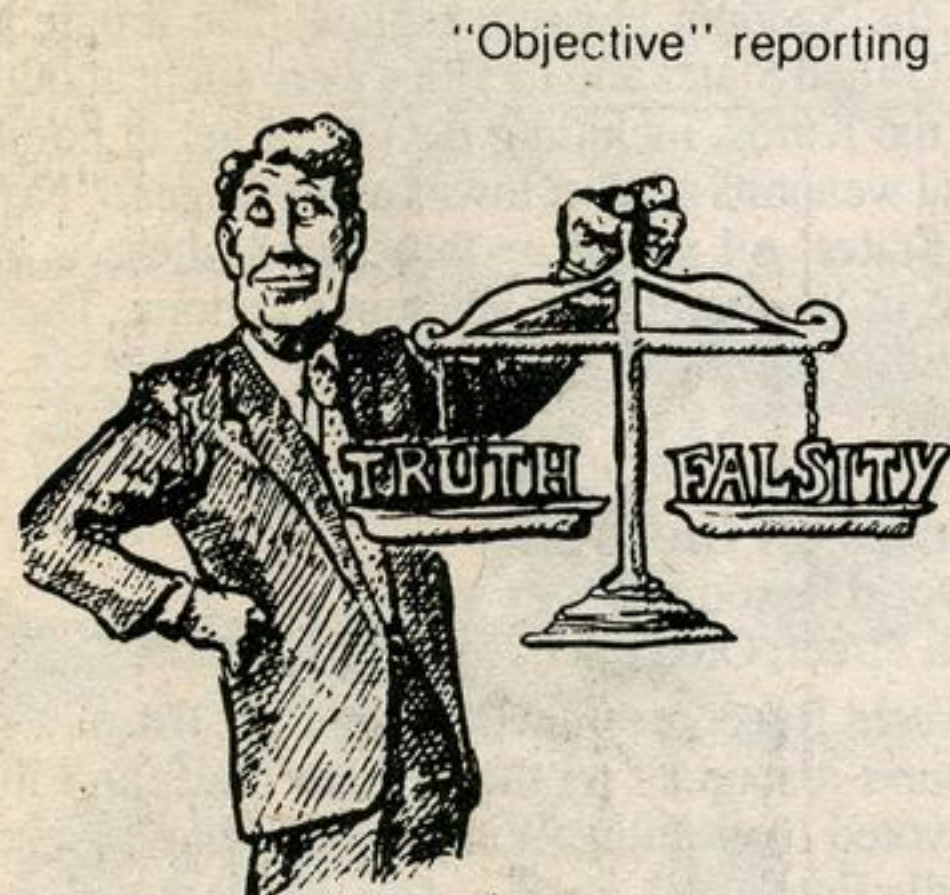
Re/Search Publications

20 Romolo #B, San Francisco, CA 94133 U.S.A.

1989, 212 pp, \$18, ISBN 0-940642-14-X

*Modern Primitives* describes itself as "an anthropological inquiry into a contemporary social enigma: the increasingly popular revival of ancient human decoration practices" such as tattooing and piercing. The volume integrates text and pictorial material into an arresting and thought-provoking whole. Included are twenty-two interviews with artists and practitioners, as well as a section of quotations and a bibliography. While the photographs and drawings – some of them not for the squeamish – are the immediately visually striking thing about the book, the most challenging and philosophically intriguing parts are the interviews which explore why people are driven to define their identities by reshaping their physical appearance in ways that often defy social conventions.

(CX4260)



### Development, International

#### Socialist Ideology and the Struggle for Southern Africa

John S. Saul

Africa World Press

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

200 pp, ISBN 0-86543-100-0, \$15.95

John Saul discusses the place of socialism within the liberation struggle in Southern Africa against the background of a broader debate about the nature of socialism itself. He takes a hard look at the theoretical underpinnings of governing parties and liberation movements in the region, examining the practical expressions of their socialist projects.

(CX4261)



#### Beyond Brundtland: Green Development in the 1990s

Thijs de la Court

Zed Books

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

1990, 128 pp, ISBN 0-86232-905-1, \$16.95

Thijs de la Court builds on the Brundtland report *Our Common Future*, explaining the concept of "sustainable development" and focusing on the criticisms it has encountered from leading environmental campaigners in the Third World. These critics have criticized its recommendations for increased industrial output and its configuration of the poverty = environmental destruction equation.

(CX4262)

### New Resources

The New Resources section presents information about publications, teaching kits, audio-visual materials and other resources relating to social, economic and environmental alternatives. Summaries of new resources are intended to inform readers about the materials' contents and approach, rather than to present either an endorsement or a critical analysis of them. All entries are numbered and indexed in the Name and Subject indices in the back of the Digest.



### After the Green Revolution: Sustainable Agriculture for Development

Gordon R. Conway and Edward B. Barbier  
Earthscan/Distributed by DEC Book Distribution  
1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8  
256 pp, ISBN 1-85383-035-6, \$21.95

*After the Green Revolution* looks at the effects of international economic restraints and of national policies on development. It charts the path of sustainable livelihoods for Third World farmers. The authors indicate what national policies should be advocated and what approaches adopted at local levels to ensure agricultural sustainability.

(CX4263)

### BIZARRO

By DAN PIRARO



### Economic Analysis of the Environmental Impacts of Development Projects

John A Dixon, et al.

Earthscan  
Distributed by DEC Book Distribution  
1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8  
160 pp, ISBN 1-85383-015-1, \$34.95

A group of economists and environmentalists from the East-West Center have brought together a number of accepted economic analytical techniques and demonstrate their applicability to the problem of unavoidable pollution and waste in development projects. The study demands the systematic evaluation of all the intentional and unintentional consequences of development initiatives before they are decided upon. By using case studies and by giving clear step-by-step accounts of these techniques, the authors provide a powerful and innovative tool for this purpose.

(CX4264)

### Searching

International Development Research Council  
P.O. Box 8500, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3H9

A dilemma currently traps two thirds of developing countries: because they cannot afford to adequately fund their own scientific research, they cannot benefit from the research of other countries. This document explains that "the greater the investment in domestic research and development, the greater the potential for absorbing and utilizing external research."

This is especially true in the area of agricultural research. A study quoted in *Searching* estimates that the minimum cost for research on one crop in 1982 required an annual expenditure of \$500 000 US (90% operational expenses, 10% for innovations and equipment). This would fund four chief researchers at the MSc or PhD level with support costs, training, and so on. Only the larger countries would be in a position to finance a broad coverage (multiproduct) research infrastructure. *Searching* goes on to compare two countries in the same agroclimatic zone with access to the same research results. The country with indigenous research capabilities generated 30 times more benefits than the one with no research activity.

The IDRC study emphasizes the need for small developing countries to adopt national technological and scientific policies, to focus their research efforts, and to make the fullest use of available information and of the assistance available from international research organizations.

The document concludes with several examples of IDRC-supported research in 1987 in developing countries.

Each year, IDRC publishes an analysis of one facet of scientific activity in developing countries. This study is also available on microfiche and in French.

(CX4265)

### Kurds: The forgotten victims of Saddam Hussein

Humanitas  
P.O. Box 818, Menlo Park, CA94026 U.S.A.

The current issue of *Humanitas Newsletter*, published by the Humanitas Foundation, focuses on the Kurdish victims of Saddam Hussein. The lead article documents the history of the brutal repression directed against Iraq's Kurdish population by the Saddam Hussein regime. The article points out that the United States and its allies were silent about atrocities against the Kurds, including the use of aerial bombings and chemical weapons against towns and villages. "Now that the United States' oil supply is threatened, there is a different response in Washington to Hussein's actions. The U.S. now compares its former ally to Hitler".

(CX4266)

### Resources on the Gulf

Third World Resources  
464 19th Street, Oakland CA 94612 USA

Third World Resources have compiled a list of a variety of background resources on the Persian Gulf, and in addition have devoted their entire Winter 1991 issue to resources on the Middle East.

(CX4267)



## Economy, Poverty, Work

### The Privatization Putsch

Herschel Hardin

Institute for Research on Public Policy

P.O. Box 3670 South, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3K6

1-800-565-0659

1989, 224 pp, \$24.95, ISBN 0-88645-084-5

With government and the media aggressively pushing the ideology of privatization as the cure to economic problems, Harshel Hardin's *Privatization Putsch* is a timely expose of the truths underlying the myths. Hardin shows that privatization is not a self-evident, rational economic formula for economic well-being. According to Hardin, privatization is the expression of the ideology of a right wing, corporate agenda: business wants to get its hands on public funds and politicians are more than willing to hand over publicly owned enterprises and public services to business friends, nearly always on terms that are immensely favourable to the corporations involved. Hardin identifies the "privatization bureaucracy" which stands to gain from privatization: investment groups, corporations, investment dealers, securities dealers, consulting companies, bankers, lawyers, accountants, financial magazines and stockbrokers. For example, in 1986 alone, British underwriters 'earned' \$200 million in fees from privatization transactions, all directly from the taxpayers' pockets. Hardin points out the irony of accusations that public enterprise is bureaucratic. He demonstrates that public enterprises are commonly less bureaucratic than private enterprise, a fact that is commonly hidden from view by ideology. As Hardin notes, private enterprise in fact breeds a huge unproductive bureaucracy involved in paper entrepreneurship, mergers and takeovers, golden parachutes, financial lobbying, etc. It is just that it is never called a bureaucracy by the media, the politicians, or the business community.

Hardin strongly argues the merits and contributions of public ownership, showing that public enterprise has been crucial to the development of Canadian needs in developing enterprises when business would not take the risk.

*The Privatization Putsch* also argues that public enterprise could be an effective way of developing decentralization of economic power, and democratic ownership and control of enterprises and economic decision-making.

(CX4268)



### Canada's social programs are in trouble

Canadian Council on Social Development

55 Parkdale Avenue, P.O. Box 3505, Station C

Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4G1

(613) 728-1865

Free

A coalition of social development organizations has produced an eight-page tabloid publication, entitled *Canada's Social Programs Are in Trouble*. The publication is directed against the new federal legislation, Bill C-69, which withdraws federal money from national social programs. The legislation would reduce money paid to the provinces under Established Program Financing for medicare and post-secondary education from its present level of \$9 billion to zero by the year 2004. In addition, the bill would cap federal cost-sharing increases over the next two years for social assistance and social services in B.C., Alberta and Ontario to five per cent. According to the Canadian Council of Social Development, "this takes Canada down a road from which it can probably never return. It would represent a dramatic shift away from the federal government's commitment to vital health and social programs and helping those most in need, and would break down some of the strongest ties that bind us together as a nation."

(CX4269)

### The Political Economy of Pensions: Power, Politics and Social Change in Canada, Britain and the United States

Richard Lee Deaton

University of British Columbia Press

6344 Memorial Road, Vancouver, B. C. V6T 1W5

(604)228-5042

1989, 500 pp, \$55, ISBN 0-7748-0318-5

In 2011 the "Baby Boom" generation will begin to retire. That leaves a little over 20 years for fixing pension systems, systems which according to Richard Lee Deaton are inadequate and heading towards a crisis.

Consider the implications of these simple statistics: by 2011, the median age of the Canadian population will have risen from 30 to 42, and the percentage of retired people in the population will have nearly doubled; currently, per capita public expenditure for an elderly dependent is 2.5 to 3 times greater than for a young dependent. The chilling reality underlying these statistics is that pension reform in advanced capitalist countries has failed.

The objective of the study is, in Deaton's own words, "to contribute a critical analysis of pensions policy using the approach of Marxist political economy. The method adopted here is to identify and explore the linkages and interaction between those socio-economic structures and forces which will affect the development of social policy towards aging and pensions over the next thirty to fifty years in the advanced capitalist countries of Canada, Britain and the United States."

The book examines the problems associated with the impoverishment of the elderly, the limitations of employer-based pension plans, and the under-development of state pension systems. Deaton links these problems to the structure of private pension fund power, pointing out that nearly 45%



of all pension fund assets are controlled by three conglomerates: CP, Edper, and Power Corporation.

Deaton predicts that public policy towards aging and pensions identifies personal concerns and issues which will act as catalysts in terms of power, politics, and social change in the near future. Pension reform is ultimately a fight with the private sector, he maintains. The real issue is who is to control this vast pool of pension capital.

(CX4270)

### Transnational Corporations and Labor: A Directory of Resources

Edited by Thomas P. Fenton & Mary J. Heffron

Orbis Books

1990, 160 pp, \$9.95, ISBN 0-88344-635-9

This is a comprehensive resource directory of materials on organizations and resources on international labour and transnational corporations. It is an invaluable networking tool for activists in the First and Third Worlds, providing information on how to learn about the labour movements in the Third World, how to support them, and how they can seek support.

The book's primary concern is with the impact of transnational corporations -- "corporations engaged in industrial production in two or more countries" -- on Third World countries, but also on individuals and communities in their home countries (e.g. in the case of plant closing).

It is packed with complete descriptive and ordering information for unique and ground-breaking organizations, books, periodicals, and audiovisual material that promote an alternative political orientation and progressive labour approach to the internationalization of most countries' economies.

The book's wide array of topics include: "foreign investment, industrial development, plant shutdowns, international debt, the international labour movement, women workers, the international division of labour, working conditions in factories owned and operated by transnational corporations, nuclear energy, production and use of pesticides and other chemicals, export processing zones, the export to Third World countries of hazardous products, international migration for work purposes, and slavery".

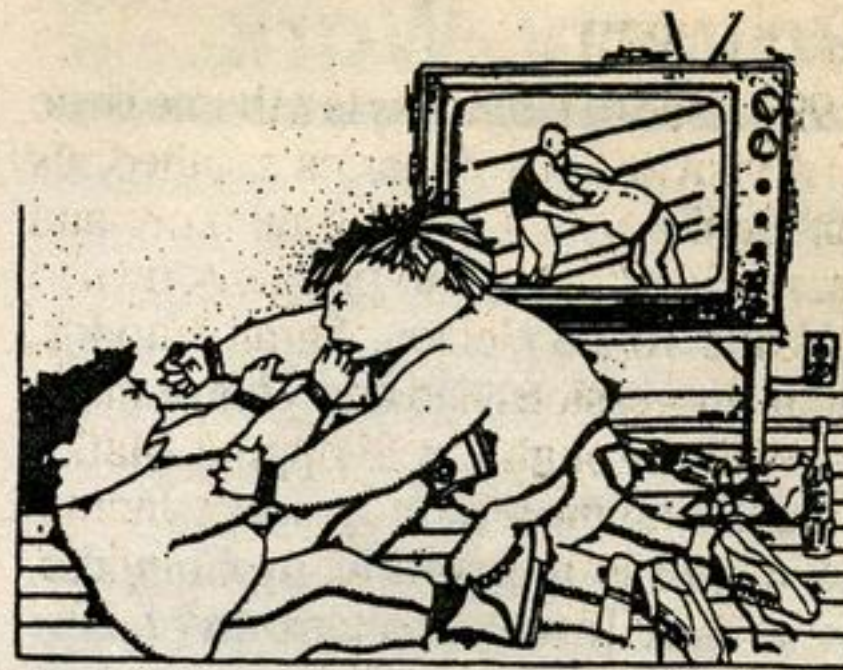
This book is the first in a twelve-volume series of resource guides dedicated to promoting alternative points of view on Third World affairs and to opposing foreign military and economic intervention in the Third World. The series will also promote the education/action resources of Third World-related organizations in a "sustained, focused, and professional manner" and serve as comprehensive guides for researchers and organizers in the Third World. Finally, the editors hope to direct "concerned citizens in First World countries to the books, periodicals, audiovisuals, and other resources they need to study in order to take informed and effective action to correct injustices in the ways their governments and businesses treat Third World nations and people".

(CX4271)

### Private enterprise ideology

Private enterprise ideology falls on us, day and night, like acid rain.

- Herschel Hardin, *The Privatization Putsch*, published by The Institute for Research on Public Policy



### Behind the Silicon Curtain

Dennis Hayes

Black Rose Books

P.O. Box 1258, Station Place du Parc

Montreal, Quebec H2W 2R3

1990, 215 pp, \$16.95, ISBN 0-921689-62-4

This book dispels the popular illusion of the Silicon Valley as a land of prosperity, and exposes a nightmarish reality. Hayes argues that ambition and the pursuit of wealth have stripped the valley's inhabitants of normal, well-adjusted lives. Selfish corporate policies, hazardous working conditions, two-hour commutes, a frantic job turnover rate, and a polluted environment (among other problems) have reaped desperation, alienation, and compulsive and obsessive habits: "They turn their neuroses into product and sublimate their desire for love and community with hackers' highs."

Hayes backs up his speculation with some simple facts. Consider the figures presented to the reader in the introduction: the valley boasts the highest divorce rate in the country, three quarters of the working population are victims of substance abuse, and over half are in therapy.

One of the more disturbing chapters describes the working conditions in a "clean room," where the safety of dust-sensitive computer components is placed above that of the workers. Workers are routinely exposed to some of "the most toxic substances in the biosphere" -- gases prized by the industry because they impart electrical properties to microchips. Yet the "bunny suits" the workers wear "provide no protection from the chemicals; rather they protect the clean room from us -- the invisible particles our bodies throw off with every slight movement."

(CX4272)

### Labour in Newfoundland

The Journal *Labour/Le Travail* has published a special issue on *Labour in Newfoundland* in its Fall 1990 issue. Articles include Collective Action in Outport Newfoundland; Organizing on the Waterfront; The Reid Newfoundland Strike of 1918; Politics in Newfoundland During the Great Depression, and Battle Harbour in Transition. The issue also includes a bibliography of the Canadian labour movement from 1985 through 1989. \$12 from *Labour/Le Travail*, Committee on Canadian Labour History, History Department, Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 5S7. (Subscriptions \$20/year individuals, \$25 institutions, \$15 unemployed/retired.)

(CX4273)



## The Shopping Mall: A visit to North America's Cathedrals of Consumerism

The January/February 1991 issue of *Compass* is a theme issue on "The Shopping Mall: A visit to North America's cathedrals of consumerism". Brian Banks writes about how more and more public functions are being diverted to privately owned space: shopping malls, while Joyce Nelson, Sarah Chodos, and Jim Romahn give their impressions and analyses of malls in a section entitled "A Walk through the Shopping Mall." Susan Lussier writes about living more simply, while Jacinta Goveau writes about the lessons immigrants learn. *Compass*, 10 Saint Mary Street, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1P9; Subscriptions \$19/year, individual issue \$3.50. (CX4274)

## Privatization: A global disease

The May 1990 issue of *Briarpatch* featured a major report on privatization, analyzing it both as a global phenomenon and as a current threat in Canada. An article entitled 'Networking on the right' focuses on the international network of right-wing policy organization which advocate privatization. Other articles look at privatizations by Saskatchewan's Devine government, British Columbia's Socred "peoples' capitalism", and the threatened privatization of Canada Post. Subscriptions to *Briarpatch* are \$19/year from 2138 McIntyre Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2R7. (CX4275)

## Job losses

The December-January issue of *CLC Today* contains a partial listing, filling two pages in small print, of jobs losses since the Progressive Conservative government came to power. Available from Canadian Labour Congress, 2841 Riverside Drive, Ottawa K1V 8X7. (CX4276)

## Labour songs

*Work's Many Voices* is a collection of labour songs written and recorded between 1950 and 1985, compiled by Archie Green, who has dedicated his life to studying the music and culture of working people. The set of two is \$20 from Down Home Music, Arhoolie Records, 10341 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530 U.S.A. (CX4277)

## Education, Children

### Keeping the Peace: Practicing Co-operation and Conflict Resolution with Preschoolers

Susanne Wichert  
New Society Publishers  
Distributed by DEC Book Distribution  
1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8  
1990, 98 pp, ISBN 0-86571-158-5, \$16.95

*Keeping the Peace* is meant to help parents, teachers and other caregivers create an environment in which the level of conflict is low enough so that the adults can guide the resolution process in such a way that it works for the child and can be used again by the child. (CX4278)

### Who's Calling the Shots? How to Respond Effectively to Children's Fascination with War Play and War Toys

Nancy Carlson-Paige and Diane E. Levin  
New Society Publishers  
Distributed by DEC Book Distribution  
1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8  
1990, 185 pp, ISBN 0-86571-165-8, \$16.95

*Who's Calling the Shots?* carefully examines the positive developmental needs served by dramatic play – and contrasts them with the unimaginative play encouraged by today's merchandise-oriented children's TV and the accompanying specific war-related paraphernalia offered by the toy industry. (CX4279)

### A Manual on Nonviolence and Children

Stephanie Judson  
New Society Publishers  
Distributed by DEC Book Distribution  
1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8  
1984, 146 pp, \$16.99, ISBN 0-86571-036-8

*A Manual of Nonviolence & Children* is an outgrowth of the work of the Nonviolence & children Program, begun in 1969 in Philadelphia by members of the Friends of Peace Committee. They felt that an important way of building a peaceful world would be to develop a program for young children. It would help children and their caregivers develop non-violent

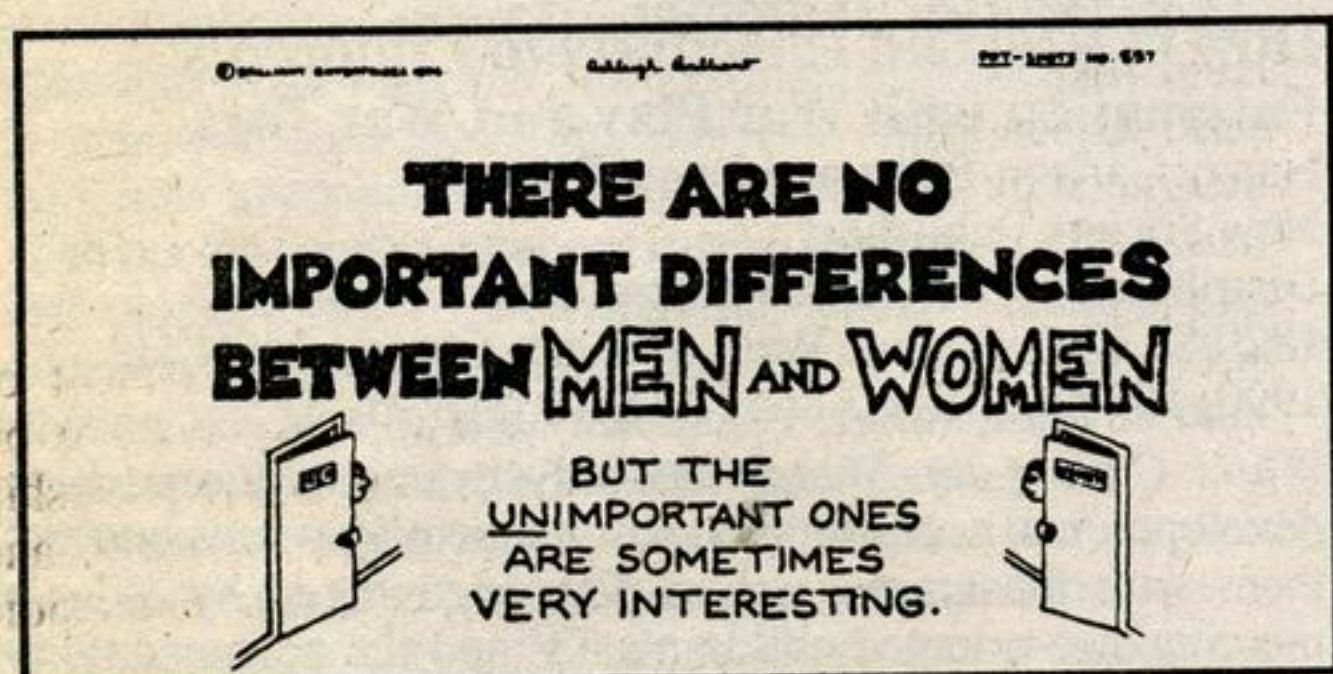
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attitudes and skills. In 1974 the Nonviolence and Children Collective was formed.

The *Manual* is divided into several sections: the Collective chose "Empowerment in an Age of Anxiety" as its theme in 1984, defining "empowerment" as the process of becoming hopeful and in charge of one's own life, which leads, in turn, to participation in social change. The authors feel that empowerment is a logical outgrowth of the work described in the manual. The steps to empowerment for the *Manual's* sections: feel good about ourselves; learn to empathize with others; find a supportive community; build confidence through solving our own problems, and make beauty and joy a part of our lives. The manual is divided into two main divisions: About Nonviolence and children, and For the Fun of it!, selected cooperative games for children and adults. (CX4280)



### Watermelons Not War! A Support Book for Parenting in the Nuclear Age

Nuclear Education Project  
New Society Publishers

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution  
1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8  
1984, 160 pp, \$12.95, ISBN 0-86571-032-5

Five mothers who formed, first as a support group, then become a book-writing collective, produced this handbook. They were concerned as individuals and parents about how to deal with the despair they felt as a result of the Three Mile Island accident in 1979, and about how to talk with their children about nuclear threats to their future. In addition, they were concerned about how to begin to transform the world into a safe and nurturing place for all children, and they wanted to learn more about radioactivity and how it affects the lives of children. In doing research for this handbook they wanted to be able to answer their children's questions about the world and to reach out to others who might be feeling the same way. They wanted their work to tell each reader that s/he is not alone and powerless.

Some of the questions they try to answer are what is it like to be a child in the nuclear age, what are some of the fears of children, how can we tell them the truth about the world without frightening them, what are the social myths that burden them and what new myths can we give them. The book is divided into five parts: parenting and dealing with despair or the Heart of the Matter; Nuclear Realities; Alternatives, such as changing our lifestyle or technology; Taking Action for the world We Want; and Visions of the Children. (CX4281)

### The Role Co-operatives in Childcare

K.J. McCready

Co-operatives Secretariat

Government of Canada, 10th floor, Sir John Carling Bldg  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5  
(613) 995-4787

This report surveys the role of co-operatives in the provision of day care and pre-school activities. Co-operatives are defined as non-profit organizations in whose activities parents are directly involved. Most of the report is devoted to providing definitions and statistical information about the number of childcare co-operatives across Canada. There are some tentative proposals for what could be done to support childcare co-operatives. (CX4282)

### The State of the World's Children 1990

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Canadian Unicef Committee

443 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto, Ontario M4S 2L8  
(416) 482-4444  
1989, 102 pp

This Report, prepared by UNICEF, illustrates through the use of research results, charts, tables and statistics, how millions of the world's children can be saved if more money and attention was given to their cause.

Today, developing nations spend almost one billion dollars a day on debt servicing and military spending. For a cost of approximately 2.5 billion dollars a year, millions of young people in the world's developing countries could be saved from dehydration caused by diarrhea or pneumonia. Approximately 13,000 children die daily from these two diseases. Tetanus, measles and whooping cough also claim many young lives.

Only high-level political commitment can put today's low-cost solutions into practice on the necessary scale. Accordingly, UNICEF has called for a World Summit for Children to be held in September 1990 for Heads of State to discuss this major social issue for the first time.

There have been achievements. Seventy per cent of the developing world's children are now being immunized. Oral rehydration therapy is now being used by one family in every three in the developing world and is preventing one million child deaths a year from diarrheal dehydration.

The Report points out that military spending has been cut or frozen in many nations today and that there are fewer wars being fought. Unicef's Executive Director hopes that an outbreak of peace could represent an opportunity for the world's children. (CX4283)

### Refugees and literacy

The December issue of *Refuge* focuses on the issue of *Refugees and Literacy*. Topics discussed in the articles include ESL and Literacy, literacy for health, and education for refugee children. Subscriptions are \$20/year from *Refuge*, Suite 234, Administrative Studies Building, York University, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario M3J 1P3. (CX4284)



## Environment, Nature, Rural

### **Defending the Earth: A Dialog between Murray Bookchin and Dave Foreman**

South End Press

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

132 pp, ISBN 0-89608-382-9, \$10.95

In this fascinating book, a renowned political theorist faces off against an activist on the cutting edge of direct action and the two grapple with these fundamental questions:

What is the connection between theory and activism?

What is the role of sabotage in creating social change?

How can human beings fit into a stable ecosystem?

(CX4285)

### **Proceedings of the First International Congress on Uranium Mining**

International Uranium Congress

2138 McIntyre Street, Regina, Sask. S4P 2R7

(306) 522-4168

1989, 54 pp, \$15, ISBN 0-9693846-0-2

The First International Congress on Uranium Congress was held in Saskatchewan; appropriately, as the foreword points out, since Canada produces more uranium than any other country, with the bulk of it being mined in northern Saskatchewan. The Congress report is a good basic overview of the issues related to uranium mining, including military, environmental, human rights, and Native People's concerns.

(CX4286)

### **Getting There: Steps to a Green Society**

Derek Wall

Merlin/Green Print

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

160 pp, ISBN 1-85425-034-5, \$12.95

How can we make the move to a society that is ecologically sustainable, economically viable, and socially just? This book identifies and examines the obstacles – political, economic, ideological and institutional – that a Green party would confront if it took office.

(CX4287)

### **Green Energy: A Non-Nuclear Response to the Greenhouse Effect**

Dave Toke

Merlin/Green Print

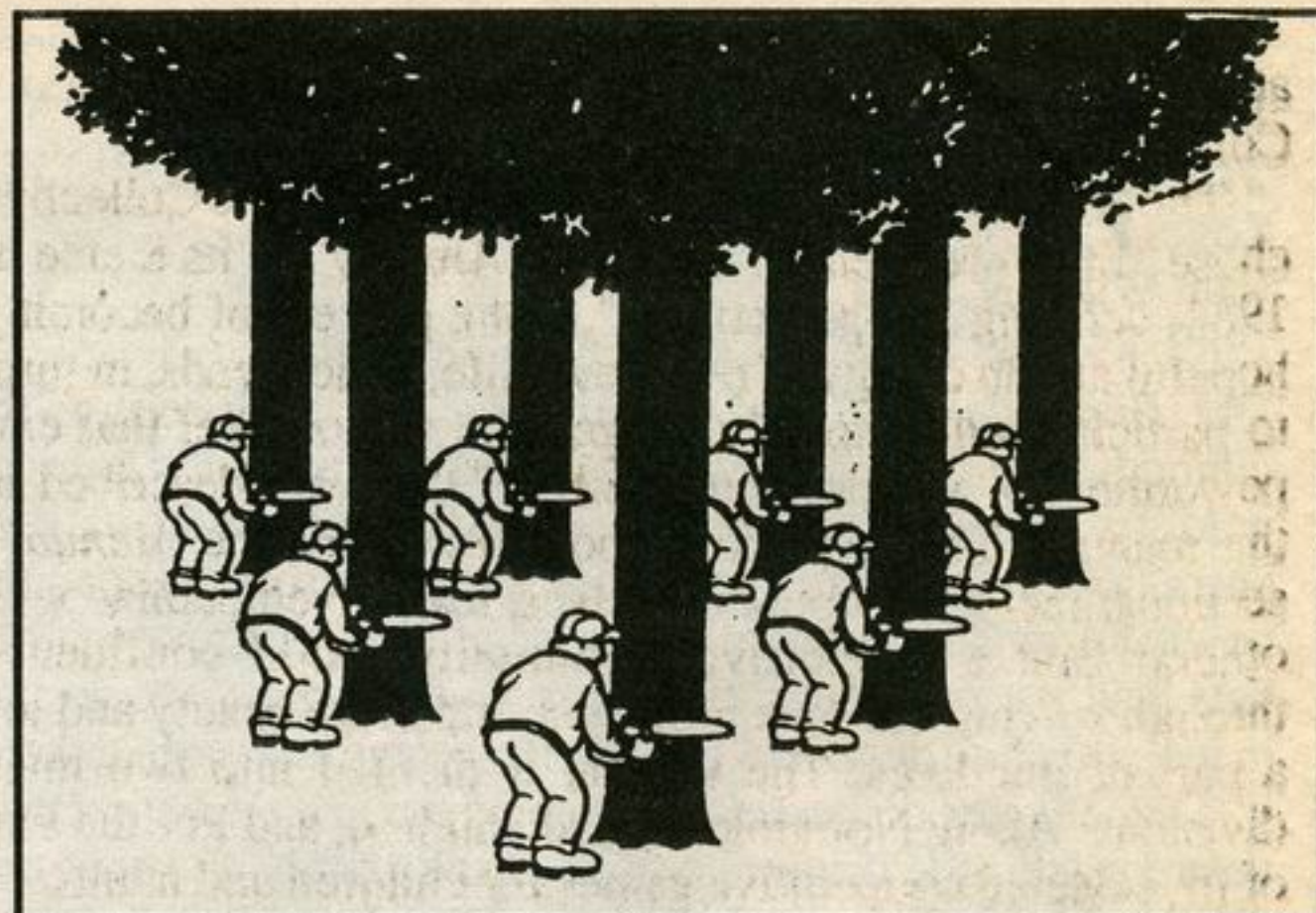
Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

160 pp, ISBN 1-85425-035-3, \$14.95

Recognising that the greenhouse effect is a political, and not just an environmental problem, Toke looks at different energy sources from environmental, social and economic perspectives and argues nuclear generation creates more problems than it solves. The author argues for a greater reliance on 'alternative' and environment-friendly energy sources.

(CX4288)



### **It Doesn't Have to be Like This: Green Politics Explained**

David Toke

Merlin/Green Print

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

224 pp, ISBN 1-85425-033-7, \$12.95

This comprehensive, down-to-earth book covers most of today's controversial topics, with a Green perspective on farming and food policies, economic growth, our relationship with the Third World, energy, transport policy, health and education matters, land ownership, the population explosion, defence and armaments and lots more.

(CX4289)

### **Organic Gardening: Everything the Beginner Needs to Know**

Margaret Elphinstone

Merlin/Green Print

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

160 pp, ISBN 1-85425-009-4, \$12.95

This book covers everything from garden design, choice of tools and soil fertility to weeding, digging and pest control, with guidance for everything you might want to grow, from potatoes to herbs and fruit trees. A lucid, comprehensive guide for the would be organic gardener.

(CX4290)

### **Toxic Terrorism: Dumping Hazardous Wastes**

Joyeeta Gupta

Earthscan

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

160 pp, ISBN 1-85383-061-5, \$16.95

The dangerous toxic throwaways generated by Western industry are expensive to deal with and dumping them in countries desperate for convertible currency is a convenient way of putting them out of mind. This book describes the ways in which the very idea of "waste" needs re-examination as well as revealing the scale of such scandalous practices.

(CX4291)



### The Endangered Kingdom: The Struggle to Save America's Wildlife

Roger L. DiSilvestro

John Wiley & Sons

1989, 241 pp, \$27.95, ISBN 0-471-60600-6

*The Endangered Kingdom* surveys the philosophy, the methodology, and the successes and failures of American wildlife management policies. It charts the plight of such animals as the gray wolf, the pronghorn antelope, the bowhead whale, the North American deer, migratory birds, bats, and the river otter. It discusses where these species are in jeopardy and describes our efforts to save and protect them.

One chapter discusses the state of the grizzly bear. DiSilvestro relates the original citings of the grizzly and analyzes civilization's role in its decline over the decades: "Of thirty-four grizzlies under biological study that died from 1975 to 1983, three died from natural causes and one from unknown causes. The other thirty deaths were caused by humans." Oil, gas and mineral exploration, roads, logging, and livestock grazing are among some of the factors cited by the author as contributing to the grizzly's demise in the lower 48 states. DiSilvestro also discusses the efforts made by conservationists to enforce positive legislation. The chapter ends, "Survival for the grizzly bear depends on those who do not want an entire continent made commonplace and tame. Only if untroubled wilderness is eternally preserved will future generations see such living monuments of a pristine North America as the grizzly bear."

(CX4292)

### Parliamentary Forum on Global Climate Change

Canadian Government Publishing Centre

Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa K1A 0S9

1990, 264 pp, in both English and French

These are the minutes of the joint proceeding of several parliamentary committees (on agriculture, health, environment, etc.) on climatic change. The bulk of the report is comprised of the presentations of a number of experts on the topic, followed by questions from the members of parliament at the hearings.

(CX4293)

### Will Sustainable development save our lakes and rivers?

The November-December 1990 issue of *Alternatives* is on the theme "Will Sustainable Development Save Our Lakes and Rivers?" Articles look at water resource management, remedial action plans and grassroots involvement in the Great Lakes basin, federalism and sustainable development, and "Pricing: A Neglected Tool for Managing Water Demand". The issue is the fourth in a series of theme issues produced by *Alternatives* on "Asking the Hard Questions About Sustainable Development". The issue also features a household pin-up on "Hazardous Products in Your Home, And What to Use Instead". From *Alternatives*, Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1.

(CX4294)

### Agriculture issue

The September issue of *Compass* was a theme issue on agriculture. Asking if time is running out for Canada's farmers, it conveys "a call from the land for a just economy". Topics covered include Saskatchewan's farm crisis, how self-reliance would help both farmers and consumers, Sustainability: a new ethic for agriculture, reports on seven farm commodities, and agriculture in Quebec. Subscriptions are \$19/year from *Compass*, 10 St. Mary Street, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1P9.

(CX4295)



*Ed, the job isn't worth it—it's wearing you down to nothing.*

### Groundwater Pollution

*An Underlying Threat*, a film produced by the National Film Board, outlines the devastating effects of groundwater pollution and what we can do to prevent it. This 48-minute film in 16mm, broadcast quality 3/4" and VHS is available by contacting your nearest NFB office, or the National Film Board, Box 6100, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3H5, 1-800-363-0328.

(CX4296)

### Saving the Strait

*Saving the Strait, Saving Ourselves: A Report on the Georgia Strait*, by Randy Thomas, details the pollution and degradation of Georgia Strait. \$7 from Save the Georgia Strait Alliance, 2nd floor, 479 4th Street, Courtenay, British Columbia V9N 1G9.

(CX4297)

### E Magazine

*E Magazine* is an environmental magazine published by Earth Action Network. Subscriptions are \$20/year. Contact *E Magazine*, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, CT 06881.

(CX4298)

### Directory of Environmental Organizations

Educational Communications of Los Angeles has produced a U.S. *Directory of Environmental Organizations* with over 4,000 entries, indexed by subject and zip code. The printed directory costs \$30 U.S. Copies of the zip code or subject index are \$5 each. The information is also available on disk or mailing labels. Contact Educational Communications, Box 35473 Los Angeles CA 90035 U.S.A.

(CX4299)



## Health

### Canada's Radiation Scandal

Greenpeace

578 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M6G 1K1

(416) 538-6470

1990, 16 pp

In this paper Greenpeace argues that Canada's radiation limits are among the worst in the developed world and that this poses risks to workers who work with radiation or in nuclear facilities. It calls on the government to act to impose stricter limits and criticizes Canada's heavy involvement in the nuclear industry.

(CX4300)

### Canadian Women and AIDS: Beyond the Statistics

The publisher Les Editions Communiqu'Elles has published *Canadian Women and AIDS: Beyond the Statistics*, a bilingual anthology on AIDS as it affects women. According to editor Jacquie Manthorne, the aim of the book "is to move beyond the realm of statistics, to give a voice to women with HIV/AIDS and to women working with them, either as professionals in main-stream institutions – nurses, doctors, social workers, psychologists, for example – or as grass-roots workers in community organizations." The anthology is divided into five thematic sections, including an introduction to the issues, stories of women with AIDS, Who's Vulnerable, Education, and Organizing. Available from Les Editions Communiqu'Elles, 3585 St-Urbain, Montreal, Quebec H2X 2N6 for \$16.95 + 7% Tory GST.

(CX4301)

### Fast Food Eating Guide

The Center for Science in the Public Interest has produced a new *Fast Food Eating Guide*, a chart which compares the current calorie, fat, sodium and sugar content of over 250 popular foods and meals, including foods from McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, and Burger King. The chart features a *GLOOM* rating: the higher the rating, the worse the food. For example a Broiler Chicken Sandwich at Burger King rates 26 *GLOOM* points, while a Double Whopper-with Cheese rates 81 *GLOOM* points. Available from Center for Science in the Public Interest, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., #300, Washington DC 20009-5728 U.S.A.

(CX4302)



## Native Peoples

### Arctic Circle

The Canadian Arctic Resources Committee (CARC) is publishing a new magazine, *Arctic Circle*, which it describes as "Canada's first and only public affairs magazine devoted exclusively to northern issues." *Arctic Circle* is published six times per year in Iqaluit. Subscriptions are \$25 per year and include a membership in CARC. Contact CARC, 111 Sparks St., 4th floor, Ottawa Ontario K1P 5B5. The December 1990 issue carries an article by Keith Crowe surveying the background, character, scope, and process of northern land claims, in a useful analysis that offers more detail and background than are found in most journalistic treatments. An accompanying by Bill Diamond describes the trail of broken promises left by the James Bay Agreement.

(CX4303)



## Women

### No Easy Road:

#### Women in Canada 1920's to 1960's

*No Easy Road: Women in Canada 1920's to 1960's*, edited by Beth Light and Ruth Roach Pierson, is a selection of documents on conditions and concerns of women. \$15.95 from New Hogtown Press, Woodsworth College, University of Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A9.

(CX4304)

### Abortion without Apology:

#### A Radical History for the 1990s

Ninia Baehr

South End Press

Distributed by DEC Book Distribution

1870 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6N 1J8

1990, 68 pp, ISBN 0-89608-384-5

*Abortion without Apology* describes the experiences, successes, and ideas of the early wave of pro-choice activism in the United States from 1959 to the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision. The book is based on interviews and letters for "Abortion Rap" workshops conducted by the author. Baehr says that the workshops are intended to use history "to encourage a new generation of activists to envision what they really want and to empower them to take action to get it." She adds that "the stories of the women in this pamphlet are in danger of being lost to history. If their stories are hidden, contemporary activists will be left without an understanding of how we arrived at this critical moment in history, and will be forced to reinvent the wheel. Knowledge of the history of abortion policies and politics is critical in today's reproductive freedom movement.

(CX4305)

### The threat of the Sixties

What was it about that period [the 1960s]? I don't think it was the ideology, which was often a trite version of what had been around much longer. Nor was it the idealism; there is always idealism among the young. I think it was the belief in change: it was the last time that large numbers of people were sure that major social change was possible. That conviction, which hasn't been around since, contained the real threat of the sixties. I guess that's why those years regularly get debunked on TV, in films and in the press. It's the only period that inspires what you could call decade bashing.

– Rick Salutin, *Waiting for Democracy*

## Social Justice: General

### Spiritual Warfare:

#### The Politics of the Christian Right

Sara Diamond

Black Rose Books

P.O. Box 1258, Station Place du Parc

Montreal, Quebec H2W 2R3

1990, 292 pp, \$18.95, ISBN 0-921689-64-0

Although Jim and Tammy Baker have now gone the way of the one-dollar bill, it seems that the Christian Right is still very much alive and well, and in circulation. There is yet a powerful movement out there, and to assume it's been crippled may allow it to sneak up from behind. Sara Diamond ponders the threat the Christian Right poses to our society, the damage already done, and the extent of this evangelical religion's enduring political clout.

What's at stake? Diamond argues that the question is not whether the Christian Right will or will not "take over," but rather just how much damage they might do – "to academic freedom, sexual and racial equality, and to the prospects for genuine progressive reforms in foreign and military policies," to name only a few of the book's concerns.

Some of the most effective arguments in the book target the inconsistencies and ironies to be found in the Christian Right. In a chapter discussing the war on abortion, Diamond points out that during a week of protests by "a few thousand" Operation Rescue activists, a massive crowd of 25,000 "outraged Christians" stormed Universal Studios in Hollywood to protest the screening of the *Last Temptation of Christ*: "Somehow, in the Christian Right's 'moral' priorities list, cinematic blasphemy outranked 'killing babies' in the numbers drawn to protest."

*Spiritual Warfare* looks at the sources of the Christian Right's domestic power (among which are its broadcast industry and its rise in Republican Party politics), and its broadening power outside of the U.S. (including counterinsurgent "missionary" work in the Third World, and specific incidences in which missionaries have violated the sovereignty of "target" populations).

Diamond also investigates the social psychology of the "charismatic" movement, with emphasis on the practices and beliefs that inspire fanatical militancy. One of the communities she describes, the highly secretive Sword of the Spirit, trains its members for covert warfare. A "Statement of Commitment" reads: "We are ready to serve the Lord until the Lord indicates that the war has been won.... We will keep our plans and movements hidden from the enemy and his agents."

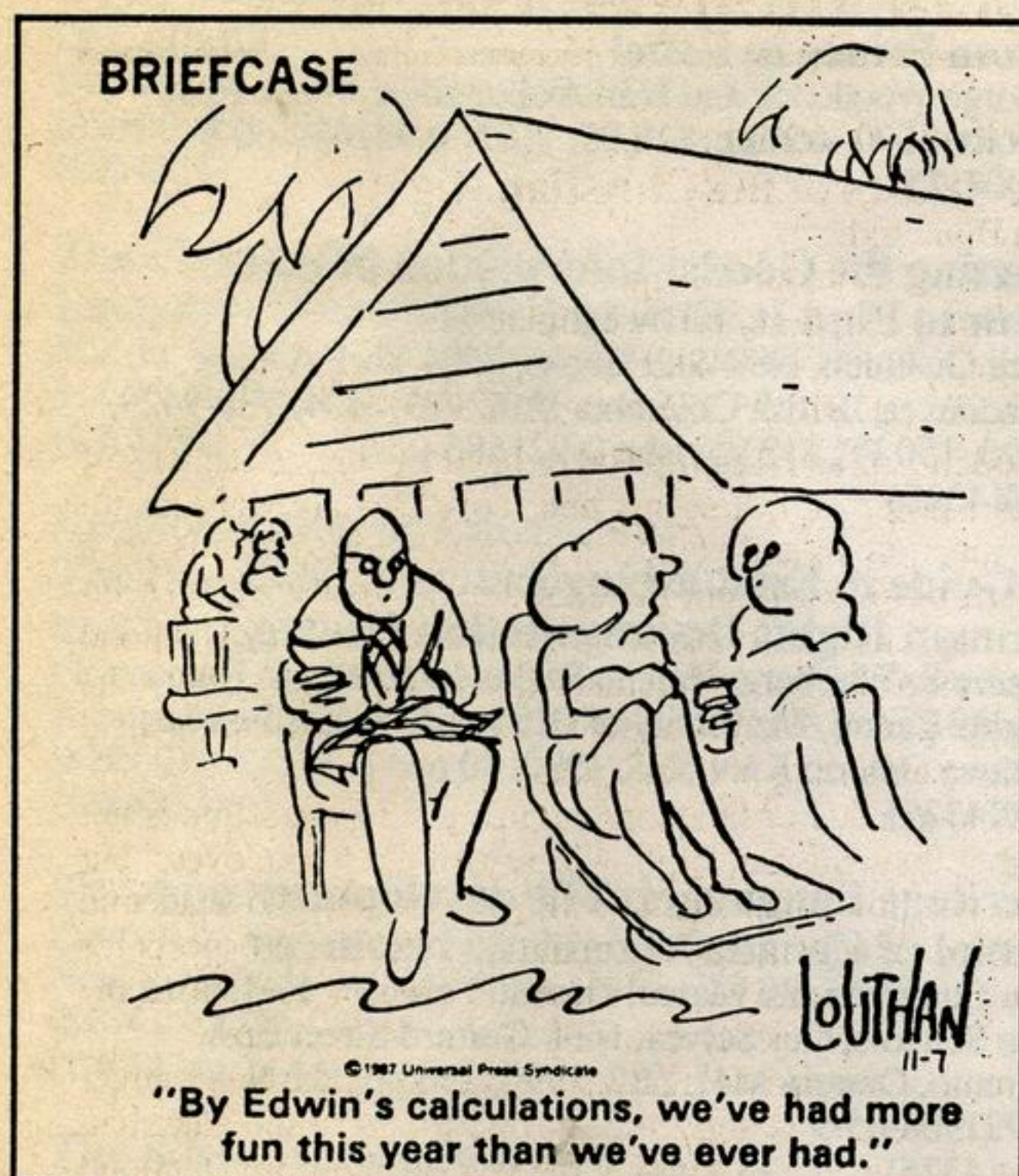
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### Confusion in the public mind

"Without censorship, things can get terribly confused in the public mind."

– Retired General William Westmoreland, reflecting on the lessons of the Vietnam War





### On Behalf

Gunther Ostermann

P.O. Box 5128, Station A, Kelowna, B. C. V1Y 8T9

1990, 48 pp, free

This independently published, opinionated booklet teaches a "New way of thinking" that it claims will heal and preserve both our planet and our lives. The first half of the booklet discusses our profound social, economic, and ecological problems, the second half the solutions. Ostermann's ponderings will rest uneasily with sceptics, but perhaps not with New Age enthusiasts.

(CX4307)

### National Senior News

The National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation has revamped its newsletter, *National News*, and turned it into a ten-times-a-year newspaper. Subscriptions are \$10/year. Contact National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation, 3033 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto, Ontario M8V 1K5.

(CX4308)

### Daughters of the Elderly

*Daughters of the Elderly: Building Partnerships in Caregiving*, edited by Jane Norris, centres on the stories of eight daughters and one son and their efforts to care for their aging parents. The book also includes comments and advice from professionals on such issues as decision-making in health care, how to determine whether your parent is being over- or under-prescribed with drugs. Published by Indiana University Press, Tenth & Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana 47405 U.S.A., \$9.95 paper, \$27.50 cloth.

(CX4309)

## Activist's Bookshelf

### Expose Yourself:

#### Using the Power of Public Relations to Promote Your Business and Yourself

Melba Beals

Chronicle Books

275 Fifth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 U.S.A.

1990, 240 pp, \$19.95, ISBN 0-87701-607-0

Melba Beals says that she first discovered the power of the media when, as a sixteen-year-old, she was one of nine black children who integrated Central High School in Little Rock Arkansas in 1957. She says the experience forced her, among other things, to learn how to deal with the media in a professional manner. In *Expose Yourself*, she writes as a public relations expert about how to approach the task of achieving publicity. This is a hands-on, practical book that gets down to the details of doing promotion. There are worksheets and lists of questions to assist the reader in planning their publicity initiatives; these would be of value to non-profit organizations as well as businesses.

(CX4310)

### Type from the Desktop:

#### Designing with Type and Your Computer

Clifford Burke

Ventana Press

P.O. Box 2468, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 U.S.A.

1990, 226 pp, \$23.95, ISBN 0-940087-45-6

"Desktop publishing" – page design and production using computers – is now widely used to produce many publications, especially the more inexpensive newsletters, reports, and magazines. One of the problems with desktop publishing, however, compared to traditional typesetting, is that the quality and variety of type produced is noticeably inferior. As a result, higher-quality publications have continued to rely on traditional typesetting, at least for the final output.

However, efforts as being continuously made to upgrade the quality of type available through desktop publishing. *Type from the Desktop* is an intelligent and systematic introduction to getting better typographical results. Clifford Burke, whose earlier book *Printing It* is something of a classic handbook for small-scale publishers, begins by explaining what typography is and why it is so important to someone who is using text to communicate. He discusses how to choose typefaces, how to decide on margins and type sizes, and then begins a detailed look at display type, type as ornamentation, building your type library, design consideration, and production. Burke also practises what he preaches: *Type from the Desktop* is well-written attractively designed.

For someone who cares about producing printed materials that truly look good but doesn't know exactly how to go about it, *Type from the Desktop* would be an excellent "desktop" reference guide.

(CX4311)



## Just Arrived

### The Anarchist Papers 3

Dimitrios I. Roussopoulos (ed.), Black Rose Books, 1990, 211 pp, \$12.95, ISBN 0-921689-52-7 (CX4312)

### Canada and International Peace and Security: A Bibliography 1985-89

Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, 360 Albert Street, Suite 900, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 7X7, 1990, 434 pp, \$15.00, ISBN 0-660-55772-X (CX4314)

### Canada's Fighting Seniors

C.G. Gifford, James Lorimer and Company, 1990, 280 pp, ISBN 1-55028-314-6 (CX4315)

### Canadian Churches and Foreign Policy

Edited by Bonnie Greene, James Lorimer & Company, 1990, 224 pp, \$19.95, ISBN 1-55028-285-9 (CX4316)

### Community Workshops for the Environment: An Organizer's Manual

The Harmony Foundation of Canada, P.O. Box 4016, Station C, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4P2, 1989, 54 pp, ISBN 0-929010-03-05 (CX4317)

### Convention Proceedings: Confederation of Canadian Unions

Confederation of Canadian Unions, 1331 1/2 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6E 1C3, (416) 651-5627, 1989, 92 pp (CX4318)

### Earth Book for Kids:

#### Activities to Help Heal the Environment

Linda Schwartz, illustrated by Beverley Armstrong, The Learning Works, P.O. Box 6187, Santa Barbara, CA 93160 U.S.A., 1990, 184 pp, \$9.95, ISBN 0-88160-195-0 (CX4319)

### Earth Education: A New Beginning

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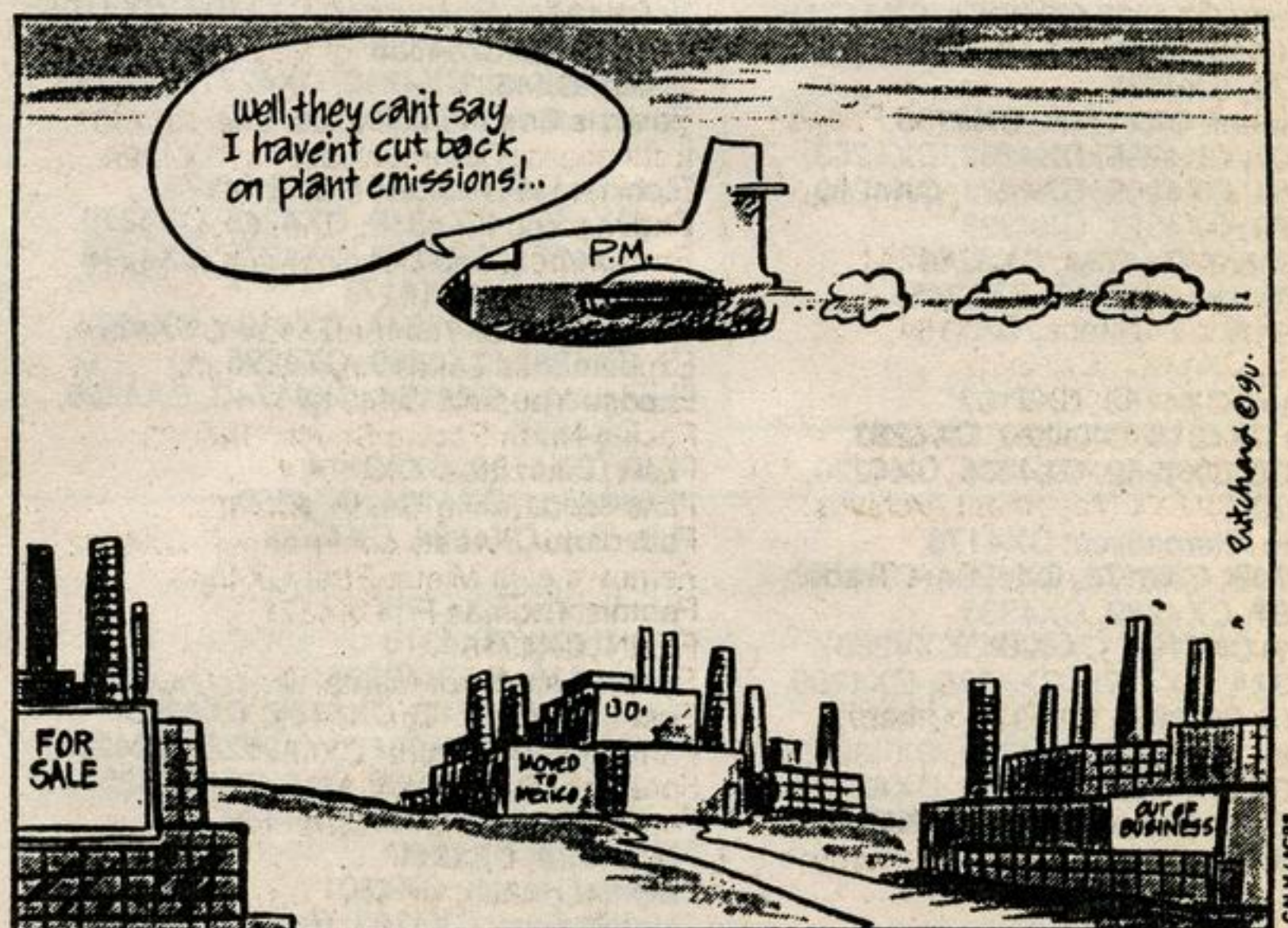
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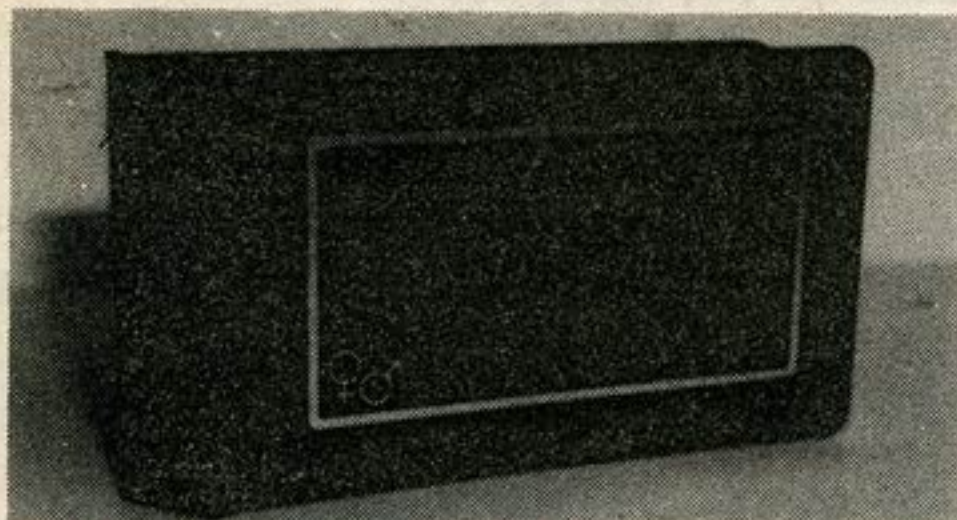
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