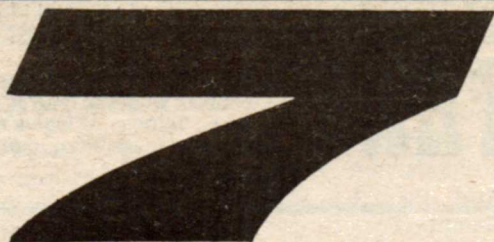


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Jerzy Ambrozewicz (standing at far right) with cast of Primary English Class.

Actor discusses immigrant problems

By TERRY FIELD

The man is articulate, self-confident and a "somebody." In Poland he was a respected engineer, an actor of national prominence, and a person who adapted to life's changes with assurance. Eyes wide, he speaks through a challenging grin, and slowly tightens an emphasizing fist. Immigrants must be strong, and "adapt" to their new country or "go home," he charges. To help them adapt we should not "talk about difficulties without offering help."

The man, Jerzy Ambrozewicz, is a 41-year-old citizen of Canada who left Poland six years ago. Today he is a freelance engineer, married, the father of a year-old girl, and an actor.

For the past six months Jerzy has portrayed a Polish janitor in Israel Horowitz' The Primary English Class, a play that demonstrates, in a funny way, the plight of immigrants in a new land. Because they can not communicate they must take lessons in English from a bad teacher with predictable results.

They do not learn the language. To Jerzy Ambrozewicz the play is "well directed, funny and technically brilliant," but not a play for immigrants because it does not help them adapt.

"The lives of Canadians and immigrants are different," and therefore their needs are different, Jerzy suggests. Canadian audiences laugh at the situation and possibly empathize with the characters, but the tragedy of the immigrants existence is not forced on them. For immigrants who watch the show the characters are moving through an alley that has high walls and no exit beyond turning back. Those who were strong enough to scale the walls may feel maligned by the characters' inabilities. Those who have not adapted may see themselves on stage.

To Jerzy the formula is simple. Immigrants to Canada must "learn the language, and learn to be Canadians. This is a fact," he said. Artists and their art should help them live in the new country. "I don't see that

this play can help immigrants adapt," Jerzy said.

The play isolates a handful of immigrants from several countries and ninety minutes later drops them. The laughter in between is sustained, and the play is a critical success, but what happens to the characters at its end? They have not learned English and Jerzy asks "what will be with them tomorrow?"

An immigrant may believe, rightly or wrongly, that his whole world hinges on speaking English, Jerzy explains. It protects his job and safeguards his family if he learns the language. If he does not learn he believes his world will collapse. "It's like the man who has cake thrown in his face," Jerzy offers. The situation is funny and no one thinks of the man who has cake on his face. "His face no longer exists under its veil of cake."

Jerzy Ambrozewicz is a "doer," a man who adapts. There are many other immigrants who adapt as easily, but many more do not. "What will be with them tomorrow?"

The old Don Jail will be closed down

Amid protests calling for the immediate closing down of the Don Jail and the transfer of prisoners elsewhere, the Ministry of Correctional Services has said that the old section of the Jail, built in 1862, will be closed down by the end of the year. The jail has been condemned by several grand juries, as well as prisoners' rights groups.

Cells at the Don have an area of 250 square feet, compared to 700 square feet in the new Toronto East and Toronto West Detention Centres, to which prisoners will be transferred.

The jail has also been called a

fire hazard, and this is what a Quaker group and the Ward 7 based Prisoners' Rights Group have been focusing on. They are demanding that the jail be closed immediately, before it is hit by a disastrous fire of the kind that have killed or trapped prisoners in a number of jails in the last few months.

What will happen to the Don when it closes? Harry Hughes, assistant deputy minister of correctional services says the jail should be "bulldozed out of existence". However, conservation groups want the jail preserved as a historic building.

The Community Secretariat raises prices to stay alive

The Community Secretariat, threatened with immediate collapse as its funding comes to an end with no other sources in sight, is making a determined effort to stay alive. Plans hatched at a meeting of community representatives last week call for the Secretariat to substantially raise its printing prices (while still keeping them below commercial rates) and to charge for typing and design

work. It is hoped that the new pricing policy will enable the Secretariat to break even, or at least to come close enough that a modest fundraising effort could make up the difference. The higher prices will not be good news for community groups depending on the Secretariat, but the feeling at the meeting was that groups would pay them to keep the Secretariat alive.

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Food co-ops are alive and well in the Ward 7 area

By HOWARD VEZINA

Food co-operatives are alive and well in the Ward 7 area during these summer months. The Central Neighbourhood House Food Co-op, the Dixon Hall Food Co-op, and the Don Vale Food Co-op at 20 Spruce St. have all been in existence for about three years now.

Rural communities have made use of co-ops for many years. But it wasn't until the sixties that the idea of an alternative to the giant food stores and the monopolistic food conglomerates took root in the cities.

The idea that neighbours could get together and choose for themselves the foods that they wanted, at prices lower than those offered by mammoth supermarkets, gave

birth to food co-operatives in the large centres all over the continent.

Peter Banks, an artist and part-time director of the Central Neighbourhood House Food Co-op on Ontario Street feels that with food co-ops "you have some control over the basic foods you eat. This is an important point, especially today."

He cites the fact that though the lower prices charged by his organization are advantageous to those with families and low incomes, many middle class and 'professional' people also belong to the co-op.

"These people are well read. They know what's going on."

However, Banks feels that the idea hasn't been fully exploited by Torontonians.

"The idea of co-operatives hasn't really caught on here," he says.

Elenor Powicke, the bookkeeper and office manager of the Toronto Federation of Food Co-operatives, strongly disagrees with Banks' sentiments.

"Our number and location is pretty hard to find. We don't advertise at all, and yet we're always getting calls and people coming down wanting to find out more about how the whole thing works."

"How the whole thing works," is not as hard as you might suspect. Briefly, a group of people interested in getting a co-op going get together. A name is chosen; a board of directors is elected; and the information is passed on to the

Ministry of Consumer and Commercial affairs. For a small fee, the ministry recognizes the group, approves its incorporation and issues a vendors permit.

Grants can be applied for to help with the initial cost of starting out. Some type of transportation, a place to hold the activity, and some basic equipment like scales and letterhead will be the first investments any new co-op has to make.

Money aside, the major investment members have to make is time. Volunteers are the backbone of the organization, and their performance and enthusiasm will be largely responsible for the co-op's success or failure.

Take, for example, the Don Vale Food Co-op. Members fill in

forms listing various types of fruits and vegetables. There are also some dairy products, like cheese and buttermilk, and the co-op will sometimes carry items such as honey, maple syrup and perhaps baked goods. (Items such as meat are too expensive to store and butcher, and canned goods aren't carried because of the volume that must be bought in order to realize even the smallest saving.)

Volunteers then compute the total volume of the order. This in turn is worked into a bulk order that will serve three to four co-operatives in the area.

Early Thursday mornings, volunteer buyers go down to the Ontario Food Terminal, a huge warehouse on the Queensway that

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"Birthright must not be bartered"

Dear 7 News:

The Alaska Highway Pipeline is a proposed project of Foothills (Yukon), a company whose main objective is to transport American gas from Alaska to the lower 48 states. Unfortunately, the route lies through Canada and a proposal is before the government to build a pipeline through the Yukon Territory along the route of the Alaska Highway into the provinces of B.C. and Alberta, from where it would be piped south to the U.S.

In order to finance the \$8 billion development, the Canadian government will need to borrow more money from foreign sources, increasing inflation, and foreign control of Canadian affairs.

On the other hand, increased borrowing from Canadian sources will mean less money available for household mortgages and higher interest rates (the old law of supply and demand.) Although the pipeline means temporary employment, less investment money means that the growth of smaller industries will be reduced, which in turn means fewer permanent jobs being created for Canadians.

At this point in time, and for a number of years, there will be no Canadian gas flowing in the pipeline, just American. Despite what the oil companies would like us to believe, Canada presently has a gas supply surplus which is estimated to be adequate for at least the next 20 years. If a link with Mackenzie Delta were made, and if Canadian gas were shipped south while the Alberta fields were still producing, that gas would most likely be exported to the U.S., literally going down the pipe to fill the ever-increasing consumption of the U.S. In addition, southern gas we already receive from the fields in Alberta will cost more, to come in line with what will be very expensive northern gas.

Economic conditions aside, construction of the pipeline would seriously endanger the breeding, migration and very existence of wildlife in the Yukon. Very few studies have been done on this, however, the comparable Mackenzie Valley data indicates consequences of a pipeline would be grave indeed. Once a gas pipeline has been constructed, an oil pipeline is the next logical step. An oil leak, a very real possibility, could prove disastrous for all life in that northern wilderness area.

Acceptance of the proposed Alcan or Alaska Highway pipeline deal will not only prove ecologically unsound, but will cause the violation of the social structure of the northern native peoples and jeopardize a fair settlement of their land claims, currently under negotiation.

The decision of Justice Thomas Berger, who headed the Inquiry into the impact of a Mackenzie Valley Pipeline on the north, was that "There should be no pipeline across the northern Yukon. It would entail irreparable environmental losses of national and international importance. And a Mackenzie Valley pipeline should be postponed for ten years."

Ten years is a short period in which to allow Canadians an opportunity to evaluate the real, unseen costs of a northern pipeline. More time is needed to study the effects of an Alaska Highway. Canada's natural resources — mineral, animal and human — are a birthright which must not be bartered cheaply and in undue haste. Under pressure from the American government, Canada's Parliament is expected to vote on the proposed pipeline this August. If you support the moratorium, that is, the idea of waiting for a time before making the vital pipeline decision, write a letter to your member of Parliament, telling him so. The MP's for Ward 7 are Donald Macdonald (Liberal) and John Gilbert (NDP).

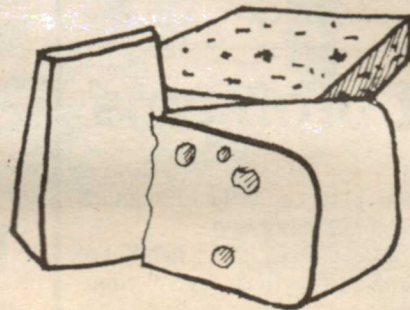
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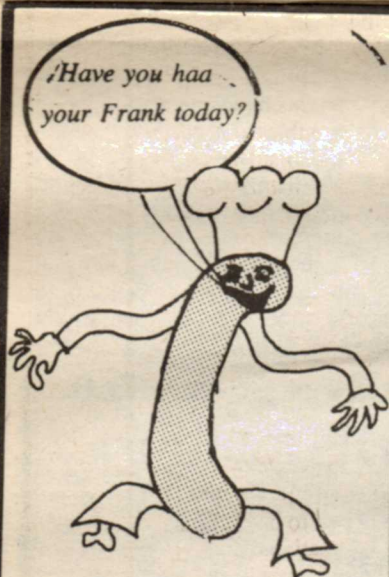
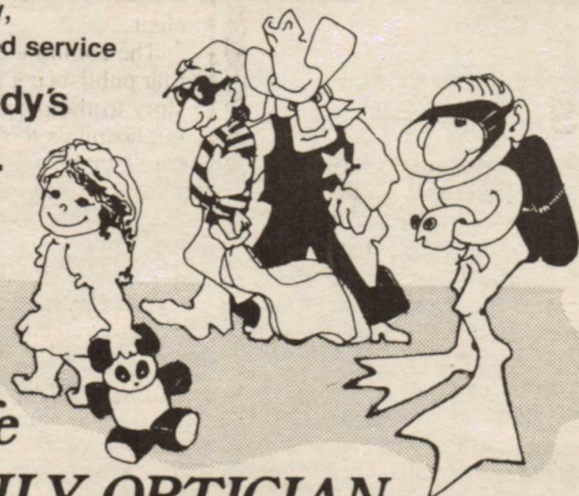
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Fortunately this society still has the opportunity to arrest the cancer of racism before it leads to open conflict between the races which is happening in many parts of the world.

Project Awareness constitutes an effort by the RPCIA and Dixon Hall to take a stand against racism by promoting better understanding of the various peoples in the community by agency staff and the community at large. A series of seminar workshops have been planned for every Thursday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. at Regent Park School, 20 Regent Street. The workshops will run from July 14 until August 25th. A multicultural fair is being planned for August 26th-27th and will be held in Regent Park.

All agency members and interested community people are encouraged to attend any or all of the seminars. Any groups that would like to participate in the multicultural fair is asked to contact the project staff Mel and Godfrey at Dixon Hall 863-0499. Also, we solicit comments and criticisms concerning any and all aspects of the project activities.

Quote of the week

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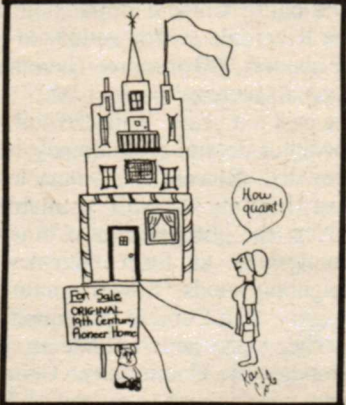
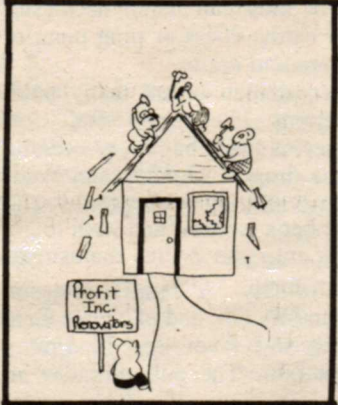
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Your article on "Don't answer this ad" was very interesting. I find nobody gains more from honest transactions than ethical businesses. However this space could have been devoted to more newsworthy items had you checked with the Better Business Bureau before you placed the ad. We are an association of businesses dedicated to maintaining

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vention . . .
I would also like to congratulate you on your paper. The layout and articles are excellent. You started printing about the same time when my husband William Huculak was President of the South of St. Jamestown Rate Payers Association. And now you have a circulation of 20,000. Keep up the good work.

Anne Golden

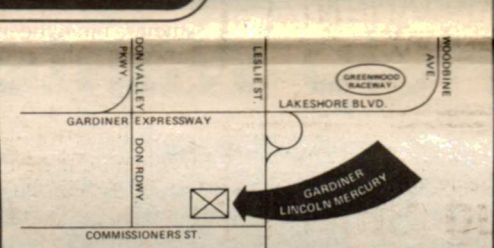
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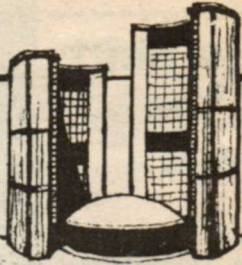
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Citizen's committee works with the Wellesley

By JANET HOWARD

The Citizens' Committee which has been working on describing problems at the Wellesley Hospital and suggesting solutions, is about to get down to work with Hospital personnel. We are very happy that the Wellesley has recognized that we are not trying to work against them but in fact work with them, as committee members represent various fields of knowledge which, although not medical, can certainly be useful to the Wellesley.

Mr. J.W. Hamilton, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said in his letter that the Wellesley Board had recorded its appreciation of our interest and asked us to put forward names of people who might work with their staff and Board members. The committee has so far identified areas of expertise among community people which could well help the Wellesley re-design some of its procedures in dealing with people.

We have invited people who have worked in these fields to join the Committee: rooming house tenants, public housing tenants, skid row worker, some people from various community organizations who deal with social services problems, a woman who works with women at Nellie's Hostel and a man who works with native people. As well, we have attempted to contact a St. James-town resident who is herself confined to a wheelchair and has worked hard to help others who are disabled.

The committee's brief which was presented to the Wellesley in May documented a number of case histories of patients at the Wellesley. The cases chosen illustrated a range of problems and the brief suggested some ways of approaching these problems.

No doubt when the committee and the Hospital people get together progress can be made easily on some of the technical problems (such as the way the Emergency Department is laid out — a matter the Wellesley is already working on).

The most important area of concern, however, will be in helping the staff who have most contact with the patients to gain an understanding of the kinds of problems many patients have apart from the clearly defined medical ones. It is impossible to treat a person adequately for an illness if that person is also suffering from malnutrition, dirty surroundings, emotional disturbance, or other complicating factors which are true of a great many residents of the Don area.

We know that nurses and other staff at the Wellesley have been aware for some time that their job is much more difficult because they are often not on the same wavelength as the patients they are treating, and with the best will in the world, it is hard even to discuss what is happening intelligently without both parties having some understanding of the other's position. Many low-income people have been kicked around for many years by social workers and other agents of government and, consequently, don't make a distinction among people who are supposed to be helping them with their problems. On the nurses' side, the patients' fear of hospitals and the expectation of being treated badly is baffling. Even more confident, financially comfortable patients have found tremendous gaps in communication that are frustrating and sometimes frightening. This is a major concern to the committee.

The committee feels that matters of attitude and lack of understanding can be greatly improved through a series of meetings between staff and people who know first hand what it is like to live in a rooming house or get turned down for disability while unable even to walk or being a homeless woman or confined to a wheelchair.

The committee has had an enormous response since The Toronto Star published a story about its work. The reason why we gave the story to the press was to encourage other citizens' groups to open out hospitals to the public so that this very major source of health care can be as smoothly functioning a part of the community as other services that people pay for and expect.

Is anybody interested in St. Michael's?

All members help out at co-ops

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encloses a bustling farmers' market.

The purchases are made, and the foodstuffs are trucked back to the co-ops.

Each co-op takes their share, which is further broken down by volunteers into individual orders. Any supplies left over are either sold to other co-ops or to non-members. Ideally, all members put in some time each month tending to the duties.

There is about a 15 to 18% mark-up on the items, which is used to cover transportation costs and spoilage.

Joining a food co-op (or starting one of your own) can make a big difference in the cost of feeding a family and in the quality of the food you are paying for.

If you would like more information on food co-ops, get in touch with the Federation of Food Co-operatives, 203 Oak St. Their phone number is 368-0143.

Tee Shirt of the week

The T-Shirt as Icon. This study in symbolic art was discovered on a hot Saturday two blocks from the Parliament Street Brewers' Retail.



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Woodgreen Centre meets the needs of Riverdale's Chinese community

By
CHRISTINE STEPHENSON

The trend toward the establishment of a new Chinese community in Riverdale has been evident for some time, and there is no indication that the large influx of Chinese immigrants into this area will stop in the near future. The entire Chinese population of the Riverdale area is estimated to be about 6,000 or more. There has been an increase of over 300% in the past ten years. With the downtown residential area already too crowded, Riverdale is where low cost housing is still available. Given the tendency of Chinese immigrants to form their own neighbourhoods, it will continue to grow as a Chinese community.

The staff and volunteers of Woodgreen Community Centre were wise enough to recognize the growing need for services to the entire Riverdale community some time ago. They have attempted to provide them in as many areas as possible.

There are two Metro-subsidized daycare centres (for approximately 85 children from 2 to 5 years old) which are especially helpful to single working parents, after-school programs for children from 5 to 10, and summer day camp activities at the Clairemont Conservation area for children 5 to 12. Woodgreen has clubs and activities for young children and youths,

many of whom have social or emotional problems which prevent them from participating in peer or extracurricular activities. They have a Life Skills Program for teenagers who have dropped out of school, a Hire-a-Teen Program and a leadership program for volunteers. There is also a drop-in where kids can listen to music, play cards, chess or ping pong or do arts and crafts.

Woodgreen offers many adult programs like bingo and card games, a snack bar every evening and a drop-in Monday and Wednesday afternoons for adults who have been isolated and wish to get back into the social mainstream comfortably. A family program began July 6th, and of course there is the old favourite, the Friday night pub. The pub provides an alternate form of entertainment where people can "meet and talk with their friends in a low-key atmosphere". There is also a service which assists people with housing, food, clothing, emergency, employment, and family problems, and a social-legal aid clinic.

Woodgreen offers a number of services for seniors. There is a visiting service to the Chinese patients at Riverdale Hospital who often have no family nearby, a Friendly Visitors Program where staff and volunteers pay visits to seniors helping them with light household chores, shopping and

banking so that they might remain at home and independent. On Fridays Meals on Wheels provides contact and support for those who live alone. There is a day service two days per week for seniors who do not wish to be alone and inactive. A cooking class combats the problem of men who never stepped into a kitchen and find themselves alone after 40 or 50 years, and a nutrition program encourages seniors to eat more nutritiously. A Friday co-op purchases food at a food terminal and sells at cost and in small quantities so that seniors can have lots of fresh food at reasonable prices. Woodgreen also has two vehicles to assist seniors with transportation problems.

The Chinese Outreach Program branched out from the Senior Citizens department in March of 1972 as a special service by the Chinese staff to the Chinese seniors in the community. Over the past five years this department has continued to serve and expand. The problems that all immigrants face, language, employment, housing, social isolation and adjustment are dealt with at Woodgreen.

The programs for Chinese adults attempt to overcome the language barriers, dispel isolation, show the people different aspects of Canadian life, and make them more a part of the community. English orientation classes which deal mainly with women provide the opportunity for many to learn the language while the their children participate in supervised activities. They learn basic skills necessary to function in daily life such as banking, the postal system, and how to travel on the TTC. Often they take trips to places such as hospitals to familiarize them with these organizations. There are also interpretation services and a Health Care Program for people who have problems dealing with health care as well as lectures from the Public Health Nurse.

Woodgreen has a home visiting program which seeks out older, more isolated people to ascertain their needs and inform them about the services offered. They also have a newsletter in Chinese to inform them about relevant events in the community and country.

Tuesday mornings there are Tai Chi classes, Thursdays there is a supper club for seniors who like to have a social meal, and a movie program, and Friday there is a seniors drop-in. Approximately 100 people come for a morning of informal activities and an afternoon of organized entertainment. Perhaps the highlight of the regular events for Chinese seniors is the birthday party held the first Saturday of every month. Here 100 to 150 people celebrate anyone's birthday that falls in that month.

Woodgreen receives funding from various sources including LIP and Canada Works, but like all community services it is feeling the effects of tightening funds.

Among the people of Riverdale, especially the Chinese community there has always been a tendency to keep problems personal and not ask for help. The people at Woodgreen are working hard to "let them know that we are here and ready to help", and with word-of-mouth as the best advertisement, steadily increasing numbers of people are sharing their lives with Woodgreen.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday July 31

Jazz at Harbourfront tonight features Jim Galloway's Metro Stompers. The beat goes on from 7:30 p.m. at the Harbourfront Cafe, 235 Queen's Quay West. Free.

Monday August 1

If your child speaks **French** and is between the ages of 4 and 14 Centre De La Jeunesse Francophone Torontoise has a summer program which includes arts and crafts, sports, sailing, etc., For more information, call 368-1772.

The 41 Oak St. **Bingo Club** will hold its first game of the summer in the main floor lounge from 1:30 until 4:00. Admission price of 35 gets you two playing cards, while additional cards go 3 for 25.

Wednesday August 3

Simpson Avenue United Church Social Club are holding **dart games** tonight and every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Other games, such as euchre, will be starting as well. Refreshments will be served. The church is at the corner of Simpson Ave. and Howland.

Thursday August 4

Project Awareness is holding a seminar on **East Indian Immigrants** and the problems they face upon settling in Canada today at Regent Park School, 20 Regent St., from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday August 6

The St. Jamestown Y and the Parks Department are presenting an **outdoor concert** with Peter Schofield and the Royal Canadians in the open meeting area to the west of the mall in the middle of St. Jamestown, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Today is also the day of the St. Jamestown Y **summer festival**, a full day of events with something for everyone, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bazaar tables open on the concourse at 10 a.m.; other events include a raffle, a penny carnival, and contests.

The Riverdale Multicultural Council is holding a **Multicultural Summer Festival** today at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West. There will be displays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m., light refreshments from 6:30 to 8:00, and multicultural music and songs and dance from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. For further information call 465-1143.

While you're down at Harbourfront today, you might also drop in at the 1977 Canadian Open **Frisbee Tournament**, held at the Bathurst playing field, Bathurst and the Lakeshore.

Wednesday August 10

It's Wednesday night at the movies at Harbourfront, and four films from **South America** are being shown, starting at 7:30 p.m., in the Harbourfront Cafe, 235 Queen's Quay W. They are In Search of the Real Che Guevara; Campagnero; Victor Jara of Chile; Mujer De Milfugos, and Salvador Allende Gossens: A Testimony. Admission free.

Sergui Stefanski, a principal dancer with the National Ballet of Canada, will be guest artist at an **evening of dance** presented by students of George Brown College's Lois Smith Summer School of Dance, tonight and tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. The evening of dance will be held at Castle Frank High School, 711 Bloor St. E.

Thursday August 11

It's games, songs, music, a white elephant sale, a potluck supper, and a street dance at the **Empire Street street festival** today. For more information, call Virginia Wallace at Woodgreen Community Centre, 461-1168.

Project Awareness presents a seminar on **Native Peoples: The Urban Dilemma**, today from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Regent Park School, 20 Regent St.

General

Needed: volunteers to share their time and skills in Eastdale Collegiate's after 3 program beginning in the fall. Call 461-0835.

Overnight **camping** and day trips for Riverdale youth 12 to 18. Join us and bring summer to life. See Dave at Woodgreen or call 461-1168, local 33.

The Broadview Y is offering **free swim** classes this summer at the lake and in the pool. Call 461-8123.

Woodgreen Community Centre needs **volunteers** to work with Senior Citizens, children, and teens, and help out with day care, food co-op, craft classes, etc. Call 461-1168.

Toronto in a Nutshell is a program offering classes on a whole range of this for children this summer. Call 863-1973 for more information.

The Christian Resource Centre's summer **arts and crafts** program still has space available for a few interested participants. The program is for children aged 6 to 14. Call 922-7391.

Theatre Beyond Words is performing at the Firehall Theatre, 70 Berkeley St., until August 13. The group specializes in non-verbal theatre such as mime.

Riverdale socio-legal services (RSLs) has recently obtained a grant from the Ontario legal aid plan to establish and operate a full-time service, offering assistance to people who are having legal and social service problems. Interested people in the community are invited to become involved in the making of policy decisions regarding this service by applying to become members of the advisory committee. For more information, call Valerie Lavergne at 461-1168.

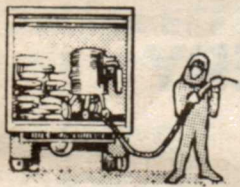


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OPINION

Vital issues surround CANDU reactors

Dear 7 News:

Until recently, the question of what role nuclear power would play in future energy strategies in Ontario has been treated complacently by the government and ignored by a public which felt at a loss to deal with this complex technology in our midst.

Ontario is the heart of the Canadian nuclear reactor program. Four commercial reactors are already in use at Pickering and one in the Bruce complex. There are four more reactors being installed at Pickering and seven more at the Bruce site. Ontario Hydro also plans to have four reactors at Darlington, about 20 miles east of Toronto. In addition, there are research reactors at Chalk River, the Douglas Point reactor, and a small reactor on the Ottawa River about 20 miles upstream from Chalk River. There may be three reactors a year installed during the 1980's. An issue paper of the Porter Royal Commission claims that the nuclear component of Ontario Hydro's development program may exceed \$30 billion by the end of the century.

Canada's nuclear reactor is the CANDU reactor. Since the CANDU reactor uses natural uranium, this means that in the long term fuel costs are much less than those of the U.S. light water reactors which require costly refining of the fuel to a purer form. However, the CANDU reactor burns uranium twice as fast as light

water reactors and turns out twice as much radioactive nuclear waste. It has been estimated that the four Pickering reactors produce about 1760 pounds of radioactive material a day.

Radiation can cause chemical changes in the human body which may produce leukemia, cancer of the thyroid, lungs, stomach, ovaries, and cervix. Beyond these immediate effects are the long-term results of radiation poisoning — genetic mutations which can lead to physical malformations and mental retardation. These malformations may not show up for generations as mutant genes are passed on from parent to child. Therefore, radioactive wastes that are removed from the nuclear reactor core must be shielded from human contact. According to George Wall, Harvard University biology professor and 1968 Nobel Prize winner: "... no one knows how to store the waste products, which will remain dangerous, for half a million years. The whole of human civilization is perhaps 10,000 years old, and we are producing a lethal liability for man and for life on earth for hundreds of thousands of years to come. At present this stuff is being stockpiled just about where it is produced, while we try to figure out what to do with it." There is also the possibility that these wastes may be stolen by terrorist groups or reactors sabotaged. Eternal vigilance will be necessary.

While CANDU reactors are claimed to be safer than American types, an experimental reactor destroyed itself at Chalk River in 1952; there were serious leaks of radioactive heavy water from Douglas Point in 1970; and serious coolant pipe leaks were discovered at Pickering in 1974. Dr. Gordon Edwards of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility states: "As the nuclear industry proliferates, it will become increasingly difficult to provide the high level of supervision necessary to guard against manufacturing defects, operator errors, shoddy workmanship, incompetent management, or carelessness in the shipment of radioactive wastes."

Since the most unreliable component in the whole nuclear system is human behaviour, the controls and regulations necessary to make the system as fool-proof as possible may well threaten civil liberties and lead to an elitist technocracy.

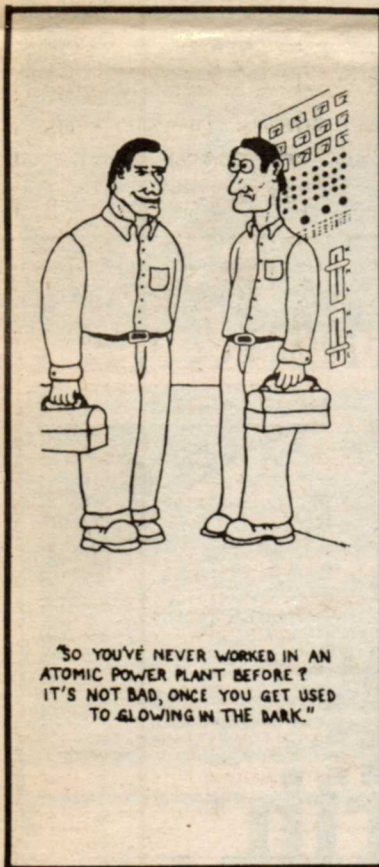
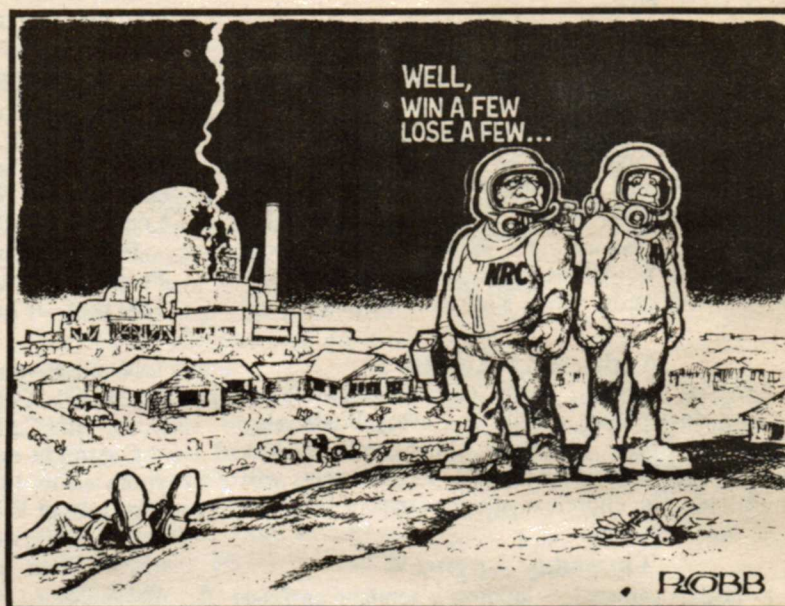
Furthermore, the sale of nuclear reactors abroad has made available to many unstable countries such as Brazil, Argentina, India, Pakistan,

South Africa, and Korea the technology to build nuclear bombs. In May, 1974, India detonated an atomic device using Canadian and American technology gained from the sale of nuclear reactors. Sales of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes may well lead to military disasters.

None of these issues should be dismissed out of hand or shrugged off as groundless anxieties. However, these decisions with such far-reaching implications concern all of us. If we let others make the decisions for us which determine our future, we may find that 30 years from now all other choices have vanished. We residents of Ward 7 should demand now our right to be informed and consulted on the nuclear power issue.

If you are concerned about the lack of public involvement in nuclear power planning, contact your local MP, Donald Macdonald or John Gilbert, and make your concern known. You can also write the Federal Minister of Energy, Alistair Gillespie. Inform yourself about the issues involved in the nuclear power debate. For information, write to Energy Probe, 43 Queen's Park Crescent E., Toronto.

Bradley Lennon,
Community Secretariat



TTC's exact fare system impractical for Ward 7

By JUDY SMITH

How well is the TTC's exact fare system working? Opinions differ, but along the Carlton-Gerrard streetcar route in Ward 7, users have been complaining that ticket outlets are hard to find, often making it necessary to pay the cash fare of 50¢.

A check with the TTC reveals that along the Ward 7 portion of the route, from Jarvis to Paper, there are only 9 outlets directly or within a block north or south of Gerrard. Another 8 outlets are also in the same general area, but

farther removed from the route.

The coverage is worst east of Broadview Ave., where ticket outlets are few and far between. If you want to buy tickets, you have to walk several blocks to an outlet — if you know where it is. The area is also far removed from the subway line making it impractical to get tickets from the nearest station. As a result, local residents often find themselves paying more per ride than they should have to.

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NEWS BRIEFS

St. Jamestown Festival

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The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. on the shopping complex and will continue until 9:00 p.m. with activities for all age groups.

From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. the Parliament Street Library will present a puppet show for the young and young at heart. If this doesn't appeal to you, the Premier Theatre Group will stage a play from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For those with nimble feet, Paul Schofield and the Canadians will get you stomping from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. If you would rather watch other people dance, there will be a Folk Dance display from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and a Filipino dance group entertains at 6:30.

Other activities include craft demonstrations and bazaar, kids games and races. For more information on the festival, watch for the posters around St. Jamestown or phone the YMCA office at 923-4402.

People who wish to register for the shuffleboard, horseshoe tournament, tall tale and senior citizen of the day contests, should also phone the same number. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in these events.

So . . . put on your high heel sneakers . . .

Palladium Topples

A portion of the west wall of the old Palladium Theatre at Gerrard and Broadview collapsed last Monday afternoon, damaging a nearby parked car, bringing down telephone wires, and blocking an alleyway. Police cordoned off the area as telephone repairmen moved in to restore downed cables. There were no injuries in the mishap.

Cabbagetown Cultural Festival

The Old Cabbagetown Businessmen's Association is planning a Cabbagetown Cultural Festival for September 15, 16, 17 and 18. Merchants are being asked to "clean up, shine up, paint up" and to think up a display to add to the fun. The festival will include a formal opening ceremony, street decoration, art shows, music, athletics, sculpture, and a street dance.

Community Worker Newsletter

The latest issue of the Community Worker Newsletter is now available. The July issue contains a number of pointed and relevant articles including "Kids on the skids", "Profit vs. Human Need" and "A Report on Housing in the Don Area". This publication also includes such features as "People Flashes", "Free and

Useful" and a history of important social agencies and numbers. Material or requests for subscriptions should be sent to Community Worker Newsletter, P.O. Box 7251, Station A, Toronto.

Skills Exchange Set Up

A new educational group, the Skills Exchange, is being set up in Toronto. It is a network of people getting together to teach courses on a wide range of topics. The courses take place in the photographer's darkroom, the potter's studio, back-stage at a theatre, etc. rather than in classrooms, and are taught by people practicing in the field. Courses are limited in duration to one month, although more advanced courses are available to those who want to continue. Courses offered include "Supermarket Survival", "Fundraising for Non-Profit Organizations", "Radio, Phone, and Hi-Fi Repair", "Silkscreen Techniques", "Life Drawing", and "Chess". Costs for courses range from \$10 to \$25. For more information call The Skills Exchange, 967-7640.

Gays Protest Anita Bryant

Toronto gays are organizing against the anti-gay rights crusade which is being spear-headed by Anita Bryant. A demonstration was held last Friday at City Hall and Queen's Park to protest legal discrimination against gays in the areas of housing, jobs, child custody and immigration. The Coalition to Stop Anita Bryant announced at the rally that "no longer will we be forced to choose between being invisible and accepted, or being ourselves and risk losing our homes, our jobs, and our children."

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CABBAGETOWN B.Y.C. SPORTS

The Cabbagetown Girl's Summer Basketball League at Earl Grey Senior School is now into its 4th week with the 3 teams playing good competitive basketball. As a result of only 3 teams, the girls are getting to know each other very well and thus are enjoying the league much more.

The Cabbagetown Summer Girls' and Guys' Volleyball League is also into its 4th week and involves over 100 people participating. The 7 girls' teams are very well balanced as are the 4 guys' teams.

Jaime McCaig, Convenor

Softball team bounces back

The Ward Seven Reynolds softball team journeyed to Campbellford and came away the Consolation Winners on July 15, 16, and 17. The prize money of \$75.00 from the Kinsmen Softball Tournament will probably buy a new supply of bats.

The homebrews lost the first game 1-0 to Peterboro Deck Transport in a pitching duel. But they

bounced back to beat Peterboro Moore's Graders 6-5 on home runs by Bruce Loucks and Tim O'Malley.

In the consolation final, Ward 7 came from behind in the seventh inning to beat Roseneath 4-3 on hits by Doug Lewis, Peter O'Connor and John Piper.

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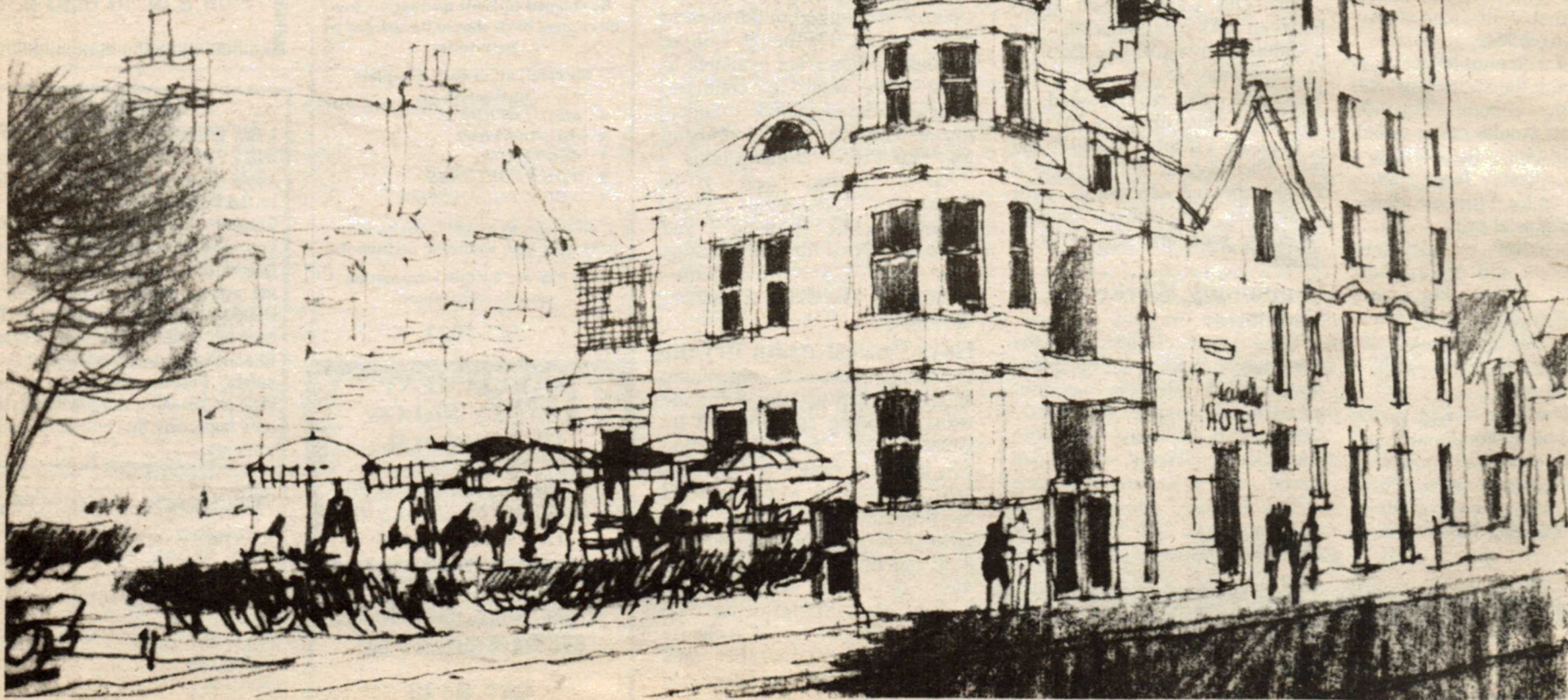
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The new owners of the Isabella, (all in their 30's), are turning this historic building (built in 1892) into a friendly neighbourhood pub. Quiet, relaxing and convenient. Just the spot for lunch, an afternoon meeting or a pleasant way to unwind after work. In the evening, choose between relaxing folk music **downstairs** or disco dancing **upstairs**.



ISABELLA HOTEL

556 SHERBOURNE AT ISABELLA 921-4167

MENU

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY: Breaded Filet of Sole
 TUESDAY: Roast Beef au Jus
 WEDNESDAY: Veal Cutlet
 THURSDAY: Lasagna Bolognese
 FRIDAY: Chicken Marengo
 SATURDAY: Breaded Shrimp

Daily specials served with potatoes, vegetables and beverage.

— \$2.50 —

LA SOUPE DU JOUR

.75¢

SANDWICHES

LOBSTER SALAD	\$2.25
KING CRABMEAT	\$2.25
SHRIMP	\$2.00
ROAST BEEF	\$1.50
CORNED BEEF	\$1.50
SMOKED HAM	\$1.50
HAM & CHEESE	\$1.75

SALADS

CHEF'S COMBINATION	\$2.00
MIXED GREENS	\$1.75
"THE PLATTER"	
(Cheese, Grapes, Olives, Carrots, Celery and Cherry Tomatoes)	\$2.50

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