

Photo by Cherry Hassard

Canada Works: crumbs for the lucky few

By TOM CORBETT

As of last week, only four organizations so far received grants under the latest round of Canada Works funding in Rosedale riding. At the same time, none of the successful applicants received the number of workers they felt was required to carry out their project.

Groups receiving funds so far Ahbenoojeyug and Operation Springboard (a shared grant), the Open Door-Room Registry, and a youth employment service administered by Dixon Hall and the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA).

(The above projects accounted for the \$100,000 originally allocated to the Rosedale riding. The absolute minimum which could be allocated to any one riding.) Although the Department of Manpower and Immigration after intensive pressure has allocated another \$94,000 to the area, they have not yet decided who will receive the "extra" funds.

Ahbenoojeyug and Operation Springboard, both tenants at All Saints Church on the corner of Sherbourne and Dundas Street, must share three workers between them. Ahbenoojeyug will administer the three workers while Springboard will receive money to pay for one of the wages.

Ahbenoojeyug presently runs a native Indian children's social and cultural program which operates out of the Eastdale Collegiate School. The group requested extra funding to survey the need for native language instruction in public schools.

If a need is found to exist, the group will implement one hour language classes in consultation with the Toronto Board of Education's Heritage Language Program.

Although the group was pleased to receive the funding, after being turned down during the first phase of the Canada Works program early last year, spokesperson Pauline Ross said their planning could probably be better organized if they had more permanent funding.

This sentiment was echoed by Operation Springboard co-ordinator, Doug MacLaurin. "A terrible waste of time and energy goes into writing funding proposals and juggling salaries."

At the same time, MacLaurin said he couldn't say his group was happy or unhappy about receiving less Canada Works funding than they requested. Although Springboard received a salary for only one worker, they asked for six. MacLaurin said the group has received a lot of government money in the past.

Springboard's present program consists of a bus service for relatives of prison inmates who wish to visit them in the Kingston federal penitentiary. The group also has a family worker and a counsellor who visits Kingston prisoners.

MacLaurin said Springboard applied for extra funding "to extend our bus service to provincial prisons." He said his organization will still implement the new service, "but it will be limited."

One group which received funding just in the nick of time is the Open Door -Room Registry at All Saints Church.

Grace Morris, spokesperson for the group, said they were at the point of closing before their project was approved for funding.

The two programs, which are closely intertwined, offer a variety of services to low income people in the city. The Open Door offers a counselling service to alcoholics, administered by the Addiction Research Foundation, and sells sandwiches, meat pies, juice and coffee at a very nominal price.

The Room Registry lists and investigates the available low rental housing units in the city. Morris said that while individuals contact the service on their own, the Ontario Housing Corporation and the Toronto Non-Profit Housing

Corporation also refers people to them.

Although Morris was pleased to receive a Canada Works grant, she said it is frustrating having to always dig for funds.

The final project to receive funding under the first \$100,000 allocated to Rosedale, is a joint effort on behalf of Dixon Hall and the Regent Park Community Improvement Association.

This project, known as the Community Employ-

ment Development Centre, will run a training program for unemployed youth in the south of Bloor area. The details are now being finalized and the centre will be in full operation later this month or early February.

Reverend Harold Jackman, spokesman for the R.P.C.I.A., said the project is a welcome arrival to Regent Park. "More than 50% of the young people — 18 to 24 years old — in Regent Park and the surrounding area are unemployed," he said.

More \$ awarded

As we were going to press, 7 News heard unofficially that another \$94,000 have been allocated to Rosedale riding in Canada Works funding. Word is that four jobs will be split between the Church Street Community Centre, the Neighbourhood Information

post, and Seven News. We have no word as yet about the allocation of the rest of the money. The projects in question are to start February 6. With its portion of the grant, Seven News will be able to hire one person for 50 weeks, and one person for 25 weeks.

Ward 7 school Kids sing up a storm

By JEAN WRIGHT

It was my first attempt at show business, but it seemed like such a simple idea. People thought it would be nice to have some Christmas carolling on the streets.

As co-ordinator for the Cabbagetown Improvement Area, I was chosen to co-ordinate. It was duly arranged that the children's choir of Sprucecourt Public School would sing at the corner of Parliament Street and Gerrard Streets to give a Christmas lift to passersby.

School principal Steve Donahue, choir master Wayne Cooper and I laid plans. The children would sing at 1 p.m. each day during the week before Christmas and be rewarded with candy. The children practiced.

I sent out a press release and stapled up posters on the wooden poles of Parliament Street. All set.

On the Tuesday the children assembled in the parkette. I was there. Surprise! So was a photographer from the Toronto Star. And then another, from the Globe and Mail. Soon a CITY-TV camera car showed up. We were a hit.

Next came that entertainer without whom no Parliament St. event would be complete — the Cabbagetown character.

And what's this? Rain? No, sleet. Then snow. Soon, a blizzard. One photographer wants to leave. I hurriedly suggest that the gyrating children stand still and start singing.

They say they can't because teacher isn't here. It looks as if the show is over before it starts but in true nick-of-time tradition teacher Wayne Cooper arrives.

The children clamber onto the rim of summer-time's fountain and start to sing. The character decides to join in. I drag him from the centre of the choir and engage him in an intense discussion of God and Newfoundland.

As the photographers wipe the snow from their camera lenses and the children courageously sing "Joy to the World," thunder roars and lightning blazes. (You think I'm making this up?) I start to pay more attention to what my new friend is

saying about God.

A veritable mosaic, the children look serious and charming. Unfortunately they are rapidly disappearing in clouds of wet snow. The photographers finish, the children hurriedly leave for warmer, drier climes. My new friend and I disperse.

Another boffo hit in the annals of Toronto entertainment. There are pictures in both papers (front page of the Globe) and on two TV stations. And the children learn the first rule of showbiz. The show must go on, come rain, sleet, thunder and lightning and the Cabbagetown Character.

Women's poetry

The Women's Writing Collective is sponsoring three evenings of exploring poetry this month. The workshops, which run on consecutive Thursdays (January 12, 19, and 26), will feature reading, discussion, book displays, and reading and discussion of your works. It doesn't matter if you have never written before, or if you are a secret closet writer, or if you are a well-known poet: come. For information, call 651-0225.



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Gay paper victimized

Dear friends and supporters of The Body Politic

We wish we could begin this letter with a happy new year greeting.

But we have some bad news.

On Friday, December 30 at 5 pm, four officers of the Toronto Morality Squad and an officer from the Ontario Provincial Police entered the offices of The Body Politic armed with a search warrant. The warrant authorized the officers to search for material relevant to charges which might be laid against the paper under section 164 of the Criminal Code ("use of the mails for the purpose of transmitting or delivering anything that is obscene, indecent, immoral or scurrilous").

Ed Jackson and Tim McCaskell were two Body Politic people in the office at the time. This is how Ed described what happened:

"They went through the office with a fine-tooth comb for 3½ hours. By the time they left, they had filled twelve large shipping boxes with documents and records. They took subscription lists dating years into the past, distribution and advertising records, corporate and financial records (even our **cheque book**), classified ad records and addresses, manuscripts for publication, letters to the editor, books offered for sale by Pink Triangle's book service ... they opened mail both personal and business, went through our photo file ... a lot of material necessary for continued publication is gone ..."

Clayton Ruby, our attorney, was present during part of the search and seizure.

He offered to provide the officers with the material they claimed to be searching for. They refused the offer. Ruby feels that the warrant is illegal under Canadian law because of its vagueness. He will move to have it quashed in the Supreme Court of Ontario. If he is successful, materials will have to be returned to The Body Politic.

Ruby had this to say at a recent press conference: "... when a warrant is sworn out it must be specific in description. It is illegal if it doesn't describe particular pieces of evidence which, in this case, the police may have been authorized to take ... the real intent was to close the paper..."

Why has this happened?

The apparent cause is a series of articles which appeared in Toronto's sensational right-wing tabloid, The Sun. Clair Hoy is a columnist with that paper. He believes that gay people are sick, calls us fags and degenerates, believes we should stay in the closet, and opposes the inclusion of "sexual orientation" in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

He opposes everything The Body Politic stands for, and has attacked us many times in his column.

This time we were accused of being "child rapers." That was his response to an article in the December/January issue which approached in an honest and understanding manner the affectional and sexual relations between males over and under 21 — the legal age of consent for gay people in Canada. The article was called "Men Loving Boys Loving Men." As a result of the hysteria provoked by his misrepresentations of what the article actually said, the Attorney General of Ontario authorized the search warrant.

Charges have been laid under the obscenity statutes.

Many of us at The Body Politic feel that the actual cause for the present crackdown is a desire to impede the real advances being made by gay people. As you know, the Ontario Human Rights Commission has recommended that "sexual orientation" be added to this province's human rights code. Quebec has recently passed such legislation. According to the Gallup poll, the majority of Canadians favour such protection.

To counter such positive steps, certain elements in the press and elsewhere who oppose human rights for gay people are swinging into action:

- the sensational, often anti-gay, coverage of the tragic Jacques murder case
- the virtual non-coverage given the precedent setting Quebec gay rights legislation
- two men in Toronto are charged, arrested and convicted for putting up gay posters in Toronto
- Anita Bryant brings her anti-gay crusade to Canada starting in Toronto on January 15/78.

And now, this move to silence the only regularly published voice that gay people in Canada have.

And that's what **really** happened.

And that's dangerous.

It should not be up to one man, in this case the Attorney General, to decide what can and cannot be published in Ontario. That is the job of the courts.

June Callwood, noted Canadian broadcaster and journalist, had this to say in response to the raid:

"The defence of freedom of the press does not present any difficulties so long as the press offends no one. When it does, we have adequate laws of redress for individuals and society, but no one, including the police, can operate outside of those laws to destroy a publication in official disfavour. Such a precedent is dangerous for all of society."

What does this mean to you?

Of immediate concern — and rightly so — is the fact that the names and addresses of all our subscribers are among the material seized by the police.

TBP mailing lists have never been released to **anyone** for **any** reason. **There would be only one way to obtain them — seizure.**

And that is an act designed to intimidate every one of our subscribers.

For having done nothing more than subscribe to a magazine. Or place a classified advertisement with a magazine (that list was seized as well). Both acts have generally been seen as an individual's right in a free society.

The retrieval of our records is among our very first considerations. And our lawyers is going to the Supreme Court in an attempt to force the police to return the material to us.

But even if we get the material back, none of us will ever be sure what was done with it during the time it was in the possession of the police. Was it copied? Is it on file? We'll never know.

If that abuse of police power outrages you, if this attempt to halt completely a small Canadian press makes you question whether freedom of speech exists in this country — there is something you can do.

You can support our struggle to free our press and free these records from the police.

Our lawyer tells us the case may be long and expensive.

We are committing our energies, our talents, our time. And taking the risk of a fine or jail sentence.

We are asking you to support us, our case, **your** case — with funds.

Letters of support are already beginning to pour in from gay and straight people in the media — people who rightly see that this attack threatens all of them.

We are asking you for a donation to The Body Politic Free the Press Fund. Lynn King, of the feminist-identified law firm of Cornish, King, Sachs and Waldman, has offered her services free of charge for the administration of a defence fund totally separate from other accounts of the newspaper. Although names of donors will be kept in strict confidence, anonymous donations will be accepted.

The police, and people like Claire Hoy, are trying to ensure there never will again be a Body Politic.

Please support us. Freedom of the press. And yourself. Make your cheque payable to: Lynn King in trust for The Body Politic Free the Press Fund. Mail to: Cornish, King, Sachs and Waldman, Barristers and Solicitors, 111 Richmond St. West, Suite 320, Toronto, Ont., Canada M5H 3N6.

You have our deepest thanks.

Sincerely,
Gerald Hannon
for the collective

Assistance for pensioners

Dear Editor:

There are some senior citizens who do not get all the pension income they could. These are Old Age Security Pensioners who do not apply for the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Each quarter, when the Cost of Living increases are added to the Old Age Security pension, a new group of people become eligible for the Supplement. Some of these people look at the increase they might get and say "Oh, it isn't worthwhile, it's so small." Yes, it is small by itself, but while inflation lasts, that small bit grows and grows until it really becomes significant. There are people who belittle it; pay no attention to them — they are not interested in having your pension increased. So, keep watching those booklets from Old Age Security. See where

the cut-off comes. If it is near your income, look again the next quarter — or better still, write the Old Age Security people, 789 Don Mills Road, Toronto.

Those who do not receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement will by now have received an envelope containing a new application form with a booklet of instructions and information. To continue receiving the Supplement, you must complete this application and return it to the Old Age Security Office as soon as you can.

You might well ask why you must do this when you are already receiving the Supplement. The answer is that the rate of Supplement is determined by the pensioner's income. And the income of many seniors changes from

year to year. Some up, some down. If the income goes down, the supplement can go up. The old application form now at the Old Age Security office, is good only until the end of March. Therefore, delay in sending the new application could mean an April Old Age Security cheque without the supplement being included. The important thing is to keep the supplement coming. Therefore, be sure to complete the application form and return it. Answer any letters you receive. If help is needed, ask, phone or write to the Old Age Security Office, 789 Don Mills Road, Toronto, or phone 423-6900.

BUT DON'T WAIT — if you have trouble, let them know!

Eileen Williamson
Canadian Pensioners Concerned

7 News article disputed

Dear Editor:

As General Manager of the Housing Division of the Metropolitan Social Services Department, I feel that I have a responsibility to make sure that senior citizens in Metro have as clear an understanding of policies and procedures of the Housing Companies as possible.

I am very concerned with articles such as the one in the Ward 7 News on November 5, 1977 which talks about "developers dump land for seniors' housing". It may cause senior citizens not to apply for the housing that is available for them. I believe the past difficulties in housing City of Toronto residents must be taken into account.

The last project that was opened in the City of Toronto for senior citizens was a building over the subway at Greenwood, which was opened on November 19, 1974. The next building that will be available in the City of Toronto for seniors is one at Broadview and Danforth in the middle of 1978, and then the building at Queen and Beverley, referred to in the article, in early 1979.

During this four year time spread 50 per cent or more of the applications that have been received from senior citizens have been for City of Toronto locations. Half our waiting list at the present time is also for City of Toronto locations.

We have been unable to house senior citizens in the areas that they were born and raised in and lived all

their lives, and because their needs are desperate for housing they have

had to be housed in buildings in Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke as there were no buildings available within the City.

For example, the 131 unit building under construction at Broadview and Danforth has over 100 requests for transfer plus a waiting list for the building of 300, and therefore many City of Toronto people will be disappointed.

I would be the first to admit that the Pape Avenue site is not the best location in Toronto, but I believe it is a site that with proper site control and development can be an ideal location to house senior citizens who want to remain in the Pape / Gerrard area.

We have developed a project in Etobicoke which is a single corridor building along railway tracks, and which in the opinion of all the experts has successfully solved the environmental problems from the railway. In this regard I suggested to the city aldermen that they visit the building, not to find out if the tenants were complaining but to make a first hand assessment of this development, because in my view the environmental problems at the Royal York and Manchester location correspond very closely to the ones at Pape and Gerrard.

A noise impact study has been carried out by Valcoustics Canada Ltd. who are the experts in this field, and whose conclusions were that, and I quote:

"The project is adequately protected against disturbances due to sound generation both within and without."

The City of Toronto Planning staff also indicated in their report and I quote:

"The proposed scheme takes into account the location of the site next to a busy railway line and the measures taken in deference thereto should provide reasonable living conditions."

The site has excellent shopping facilities, both across the street and in Gerrard Square to the south of the project. It has more than adequate transportation. It will be a part of an already existing residential community and at a community meeting of ratepayers when asked to vote on the project the vote was 60 in favour and 1 vote against the project. I would therefore suggest that the project has not only shopping and transportation facilities forming part of the residential community, but also has the support of the residential community involved.

In order to correct seniors' views on our housing developments, I should also point out that they are available to persons of 60 years of age and over, and by telephoning 367-8550 we will forward an application and a booklet which identifies all the locations of Metro's senior citizen housing.

Yours truly,

George A. Coleman
General Manager
Metropolitan Toronto Housing

SCORE made holidays brighter

Dear 7 News:

This Christmas a lot of SCORE's lonely seniors received a Christmas SCORE box from Dixon Hall's SCORE program. The workers were going to make sure that their clients would not be forgotten this year. Because of the funding to the SCORE program it had not been possible before to have a Christmas gift-giving but workers Darlene Guerin and Dorothy Bushey started to think of ways to make money for this endeavour. The first thing was to sell ball point pens with the name of the buyer in gold lettering for the low sum of \$2. With that \$60 was raised. Then they had a booth at the craft sale December 5 and \$35 was raised. This money was used for gifts such as men's socks, underwear, boxes of chocolate, shampoo, bath oils, soaps, and jewellery. In

the month of October SCORE workers sent many letters to businesses explaining the reason and who would receive the "SCORE box" — an estimated one hundred people. The response was not as great as we had hoped for but the businesses that did answer our plea for donations were just great. We would like to publicly acknowledge their generosity by mentioning their names. Fineline Tea Co. donated 100 30-teabag boxes, Wonder Bread donated 5 very large Christmas cakes, Life Savers Company donated 300 rolls of Life Savers, Bell Canada donated 100 personal directories, Thomas J. Lipton donated 100 recipe books, Marg McWhirle sold us soaps, shampoos, bath oils, and lost her commission on all of it — she is an Avon representative. Loblaw's

donated a \$25 food voucher which allowed us to buy fruit, cookies, candy canes, and Christmas wrappings. Mr. Noel Guerin donated the boxes.

We would like to thank everyone for their help. If we are still in the same position next Christmas as we are now we will start earlier finding ways to help our seniors have a happier Christmas.

Volunteers are still needed for visiting, trips, van-shopping, and tele-a-teens. If you have time for any of these please call 863-0499 and ask for Dorothy or Darlene. And if you have any ideas on how to raise money for SCORE's special projects, please call 863-0499.

Darlene Guerin
Dorothy Bushey

Fairy Tale fascinates

By SETH BORTS

Last Sunday — with the help of four young experts in the field — I had a chance to see The Lost Fairy Tale by the new Young Peoples Theatre (YPT) and Laterna Magika, from Czechoslovakia. Lost Fairy Tale is the sweet, magical and impressive multi-media presentation which is the premier production of YPT — (located at 165 Front St. in Ward 7) which just incidentally is not only a major cultural event for Ward 7, but indeed for the whole of Canada. YPT is the only theatre devoted exclusively to children's productions in this country and is one of the very few of its kind in the world. Pauline McGibbon has held a party for the Laterna Magika group, and our Secretary of State officiated at their opening.

It's nice that the provincial and federal governments have taken such an interest, you say ... But will the kids really enjoy what YPT has to offer them? Well ... That's what I was wondering, so I brought four young citizens with me in order to test these prestigious theatrical wares; Anna Lisa Clifford, Shantih Lawrence, Melina Laverty and

Howard Cohen. Since the assistant reviewers were all between the ages of six and seven they seemed to have the right background for the job.

What we saw was fantastic! A narrator (either Jan Rubes or Grant Cowan) moved with floating objects, three screens worth of filmed presentation, and a fast moving action-packed story and sub-stories. Barcha (played by Alzbeta Mjartanova) is about to be told a story by her grandfather the narrator. However, his book of fairy tales gets lost as Barcha discovers his handy bottle of "life-giving waters". She schpritzes the dove inside her grandfather's cuckoo clock and it comes to life and flies away. From here on in Barcha, the narrator, a musician, a talking bird, little red riding hood and a confused wolf search for the missing dove so that the fairy tale might have a happy ending.

At times — while Barcha grew very large — on screen — Cowan would literally walk through the door of a ginger bread house on screen — even though he was a live performer! (There was a door in the

screen.) Beautiful! The movement from media to media was quick, coordinated and I liked it. Here's what the kids thought:

Anna Lisa: I liked it ... It was Okay."

Shantih: "It was great".
Melina (who had seen it before with her class): "It was fine".

Howard (who had trouble seeing in his very crowded balcony seat): "It was okay ... I liked it."

Dog dirt

Dear 7 News:

Hooray for Victor Fletcher and his remarks about John Sewell's dogs. As far as I'm concerned that goes for anyone who lets their dogs defecate on the street or parks, and does not clean up after them.

I live on the route to Riverdale Park where people take their dogs for a "walk" (why don't they say, "I'm taking my dog for a shit outside some one else's house or in the park where the children play"? and find it just as revolting.

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Congratulations to all the winners, and to everyone else in the Cabbagetown Improvement Area. The decorations have never looked better. Grateful thanks to judges Alderman Janet Howard and commercial artist Barbara Ryder. Special thanks to Sol Wayne for originating the idea. Prizes will be awarded at our January 23 Meeting at the Peasants' Larder at 7:30 p.m.

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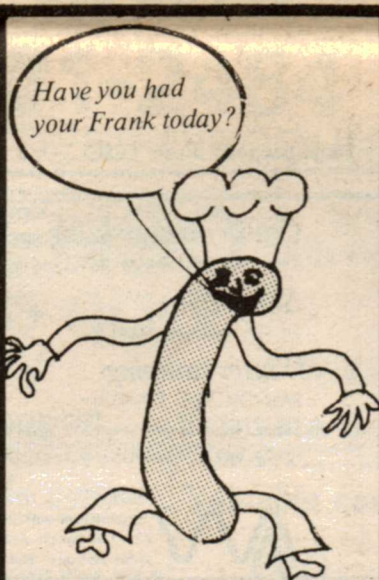
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Canada Works: it's a mess

By TOM CORBETT

Seven News has learned that the Department of Manpower and Immigration has yielded to pressure and will allocate another \$94,000 to Canada Works projects in the Rosedale riding, which includes most of Ward 7.

Rosedale had originally been slated to receive \$100,000 for projects which were supposed to have started last November. Projects were delayed as the Ministerial Advisory Board, composed of local citizens who review Canada Works applications, fought for more money.

The problem started last September when the advisory board met to study over 50 applications requesting Canada Works funding. When the group was told that Rosedale would only receive \$100,000, they protested strongly.

Sassy Waddell, chairperson of the board, said the feeling was unanimous. "We decided it was ludicrous... we couldn't apportion just \$100,000, there was just too much need."

Waddell said the total amount of money allocated to the Canada Works program across Canada is more than its predecessor, LIP, ever received. At the same time, she added, Rosedale has never acquired such a small amount. "This wasn't at all fair."

(During 1976, for example, LIP paid out \$509,965 to 30 projects in the riding.)

Another advisory board member, John Piper, said it was "ridiculous" that funding for Rosedale should be so drastically cut while unemployment is rising and the value of the dollar is dropping.

Under LIP, he said, one job was funded out of every five applied for. Under Canada Works, however, only 1 job in 20 is being funded.

Because of their displeasure at receiving only \$100,000, the board refused to rate the applications in the order of their importance, as they were requested to by Canada Works rules. The board felt there was 20 projects which deserved immediate funding but they would cost about \$300,000 altogether.

They sent a telegram to Manpower and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen during the first week of October, informing him of their decision and demanding an immediate meeting. A month later, after another telegram and a few phone calls, Cullen sent a representative to meet with the advisory board.

Chairperson Waddell said the representative, Matt Graham, "admitted it was stupid for large urban ridings like Rosedale to receive such little funding." At the

same time he said the government wouldn't do anything until more money could be "found."

At that point the board was instructed to rate the projects in order of importance or have their funding delayed even longer.

Although the board rated the projects, they continued pressing for more funds. Their efforts were partly rewarded nearly two months later with last week's decision to "find" another \$94,000 to fund more projects in the Rosedale riding.

Advisory board members were pleased at the prospect of receiving additional funds but they fear more problems lie ahead. Board member Piper said the application deadline for the next phase in the Canada Works Program has been delayed for three months, to June 24, 1978.

"No one in government has asked our advice on the matter and we're afraid this means they may be thinking of changing the whole criteria to make it even tougher to receive funds," Piper said.

Board chairperson Waddell was even more pessimistic. "I think the government is going to phase out Canada Works."

With funding for community groups getting tighter every year, it's hard to believe things could get much worse.

Crumbs for the lucky few

By TOM CORBETT

The criteria used to allocate Canada Works funds to Rosedale, and other federal ridings, is the main reason this area was originally earmarked only \$100,000.

Canada Works is geared to employ only those people registered at Canada Manpower Centres and receiving unemployment insurance, in an effort to lower the country's high unemployment statistics.

By counting the number of Rosedale residents registered at Canada Manpower, the government arrived at a figure of 4%, out of the total work force in the area. Thus Rosedale was allocated the minimum amount of \$100,000, which is given to areas for every 5%

of the workforce registered at Canada Manpower offices.

Yolande Byrnes, constituency spokesperson for M.P. Donald MacDonald, said the formula used by the Canada Works program is inadequate. "They got something incredibly unfair in relation to the real unemployment statistics."

Byrnes felt the criteria used, and as a result the funds allocated to this riding, should have taken into consideration the real unemployment rate which she said was at least 15%.

By using this 15% figure, Rosedale's allotment would have been \$300,000. (Ironically, the 20 projects the Rosedale Ministerial Advisory Board felt deserved immediate funding would have cost

about \$300,000.) This takes into consideration that \$100,000 is awarded for every 5% of the workforce that is unemployed.

Under Canada Works guidelines, however, all of these people would have to be registered at Canada Manpower and receiving unemployment insurance. Unfortunately, many of the unemployed in Rosedale are young people who have not worked long enough to receive insurance benefits or are older people receiving welfare and other social assistance payments.

Also, because of the small number of jobs available, in relation to the large force of unemployed people, many workers have given up looking for jobs and aren't even registered at Manpower.

Only five get funding so far

By TOM CORBETT

Out of a total of 50 groups who applied for Canada Works grants in Rosedale riding before last year's August 26 deadline, only five groups questioned by Seven News had received word by last Monday on whether they will be accepted for funding.

Four of the groups contacted had their projects approved for funding (see story elsewhere in paper) while one organization was informed only last Thursday that their proposal was refused.

While most groups strongly condemned the government for failing to inform them whether they have received a grant or not, most of them also refused to be quoted. The general consensus was that they didn't want to criticize the program too harshly because they feared it might compromise their position when they apply for future government funding.

The only group contacted by Seven News which has received an outright refusal is Our Place, a drop-in centre in the Gerrard and Mutual Street area.

The drop-in, which caters to over 200 ex-mental patients, had requested funding for five staff members. Presently there are only

two staff members, each receiving \$200 monthly stipends, and Canada Works funding was sought to expand the centre's operating hours and services. The drop-in is now open five days a week and offers a counselling service and small recreational program.

Our Place was established by Father Joe MacDonald who realized that many visitors to the Shoppers drop-in he operated on Yonge Street were ex-mental patients.

Using funds generated by two second-hand stores he operated to defray the costs of his Yonge Street drop-in, Father MacDonald opened Our Place early last year.

Co-ordinator of the drop-in, Marie McKenna, credits the drop-in with keeping many of its users out of the hospital. "Most of them are on total disability and have no other place to go."

Although Father MacDonald has been financially supporting Our Place since its inception, business at his two stores is slumping and the money needed to operate the centre is rapidly drying up. "Presently we don't have enough funding for staff," he said.

McKenna said the lack of funds is critical because the drop-in hasn't

as yet been able to line up any other funding. "If no other funding becomes available, we'll have to close."

When Our Place applied for funding last August they were certain their project would receive a grant. Their application was backed by the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry and the Canada Works Ministerial Advisory Board for Rosedale riding informed the centre last November that they were among the 20 projects recommended for immediate funding.

McKenna said they were told that out of the 20 groups recommended, they would probably receive funding. "We were so sure we had the money we didn't go after any other funding," she added. "I guess we shouldn't have relied on it. Okay, so now we don't get the money but we shouldn't have been kept in suspense. We should have been contacted earlier."

Although Our Place is the only group Seven News is aware of that has received word their application for funding has been turned down, most organizations should receive word later this year.

After a 4½ month wait, it's about time they heard something.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday January 14

The Ontario Art Gallery presents an exhibit of some 150 paintings, water colours and drawings by the late Canadian artist **Lawren Harris**. This is the first extensive showing of Harris' work in Toronto since the 1948 exhibition held here. The exhibit runs until February 26.

Kaleidoscope, an **arts and crafts program** for the whole family, is happening today from 1 to 5 p.m. in the North Craft Studio at Harbourfront. Activities today include modelling with clay, building paper cup people, designing a giant totem pole from cardboard boxes and construction of a life-sized 3-D image of yourself. For more information call 364-5665.

Harbourfront presents an evening of **ballroom dancing** sponsored by the Rainbow Club of Toronto tonight at 7:30. Admission is free and more information is available by calling 364-5665.

Sunday January 15

Today marks the official opening of the Kaleidoscope program at the Harbourfront. Kids can meet the Kaleidoscope clown, make clown puppets and musical instruments, experiment with real clown make-up and make their own costumes for the parade at 4 p.m. Activities run from 1 to 5 p.m. in the North Craft Studio.

There will be a **Slavic Folkdance** at Harbourfront today in the Cafe at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians and admission is free.

Jazz fans! The Vintage Jazz Band performs at Harbourfront in the Brigantine Room at 7:30 tonight. There's a one dollar cover charge, and admission for seniors is free.

Tuesday January 17

Tenants' meeting at 7:30 p.m. Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak St.

The Danforth Library, 701 Pape Avenue, presents a **film evening** tonight starting at 7:30. Tonight's show focuses on films of Ireland. Admission is free and coffee will be served. For more information call 465-1221.

Wednesday January 18

At the Harbourfront Cafe tonight at 7:30 it's **Wednesday Night At The Movies**. The night's fare includes *Juvenile Court*, a Frederick Wiseman film depicting a day in juvenile court with case studies of offenders, their families, social workers, and probation officers, and *Night in the Movies*, a chain of fantasy images accompanied by music. All films are free and are provided courtesy of the Metro Toronto Library Board and the National Film Board. As the program is subject to change, phone ahead to check: 364-5665.

Thursday January 19

Catherine Palmer, Organist and Director of Music at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will perform today from noon to 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. E. This is part of St. Paul's continuing series of free **Noon Recitals**.

Friday January 20

The Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Avenue, presents two **free films** tonight at 7 pm. The films, *Journey to The Sun* and *Lake Wilderness* are about South Africa.

Saturday January 21

You are invited to an organizing conference today at Innis College, University of Toronto, Sussex and St. George Streets. The purpose of the conference is to establish the **Toronto Full Employment Committee** on the model of committees in Ottawa, Halifax, and Brampton. Workshops are designed to generate suggestions for the Committee, and the entire conference will focus on actions that can be taken against unemployment. The conference goes on all day with registration from 10 to 10:30 a.m. For more information call 537-2870.

Arts and crafts for the whole family happens today and every Saturday at Harbourfront. Activities run from 1 to 5 p.m. in the North Craft Studio. For more information call 364-5665.

Harbourfront presents an evening of **ballroom dancing** sponsored by the Rainbow Club of Toronto tonight at 7:30. Admission is free.

Sunday January 22

The **Silverleaf Jazz Band** performs tonight at Harbourfront in the Brigantine Room at 7:30. There's a one dollar cover charge and seniors are admitted free.

A **Children's Indoor Carnival** sponsored by the Makor Chapter of the B'nai B'rith Women will be held today at Harbourfront from noon to 5 p.m. The afternoon's events will include games and prizes, a "guess the jelly beans" contest, folksingers, clowns, mime artists, magicians and lots of carnival treats. Admission is free.

Monday January 23

The **Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area** will hold a general meeting today at The Peasant's Larder, 221 Carlton Street at 7:30. Any interested members of the community who wish to attend are cordially invited. For more information call 967-0345.

Join the audience tonight in the Harbourfront Cafe for TV Ontario's **Comedy Shop**. Admission is free.

The next meeting of the old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Association will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Peasant's Larder, 221 Carlton St. Winners of the Christmas decorating contest will be awarded their prizes.

Tuesday January 24

Canada's only weekly **poetry reading** is held tonight and every Tuesday at 8:30 in the Harbourfront Cafe. Tonight Doug Beardsley is featured. Open readings follow the blues set. Admission is free.

The Danforth Library, 701 Pape Avenue, presents a film evening tonight starting at 7:30. Tonight's show focuses on **films of Italy**. Admission is free and coffee will be served. For more information call 465-1221.

Wednesday January 25

At the Harbourfront Cafe tonight at 7:30 some **free films**. The night's fare includes: *Welfare*, a Frederick Wiseman film which presents a candid view of a New York welfare office, and *Ready When You Are*, a humorous look at the trials and tribulations of film-making. Admission to these films is free.

There will be a General Meeting of the **St. George NDP Association** at 519 Church Street Centre at 7:30 tonight. For New Democrats in Ward Seven living west of Parliament Street including St. Jamestown. New members are welcome. For further information call 929-9797.

Thursday January 26

Gerald Webster, Organist and Choirmaster of St. Thomas Anglican Church, performs today from noon to 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor Street East. This is part of St. Paul's continuing series of free **Noon Recitals**.

Every Friday at 7:30 in the Harbourfront Cafe there's a real wing-ding of a **square dance**. One dollar buys you a one-year membership. Instruction is available.

There will be a forum tonight at 8 pm in the City Council chambers at City Hall on the TTC, sponsored by Reform Metro. To be discussed are TTC fare increases, and public transit policy. If you care about the fact that TTC fares keep on jumping faster than you can keep track of them, then maybe you owe it to yourself and to others in the same boat to turn out and see what can be done about it. If you want more information about the meeting, call 367-7903.

General

A Parenting Group based on Thomas Gordon's "**Parent Effectiveness Training**" is being offered free by the Riverdale Public Health Office starting Thursday February 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 for 8 weeks. It will take place at Withrow School, 25 Bain Avenue, and will provide babysitting for a minimum fee. For information and registration call 465-2496.

The **Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre** has available for all tenants and persons who live nearby activities such as card playing, cribbage, bumper pool, shuffleboard. There is a colour tv and a stereo. On Mondays there is a Ladies Arts and Crafts program and on Wednesdays a euchre game with prizes. Drop by the centre at Suite 101, 605 Whiteside Place or phone them at 364-4915 for more information about programs and facilities.

Every Thursday at 10 a.m. the Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Avenue, runs adult intermediate **crochet and knitting class**.

The **Women's Writing Collective** invites you to the next two of their evenings of exploring poetry Thursday January 19 and 26 at 8 p.m. at the Parliament Street Library. Interested persons are encouraged to come and share their ideas and work. It doesn't matter if you have never written before or if you are a secret writer or even a well-known poet — come and share your experiences. For more information about the workshops call 651-0225.

The second annual Golden Gloves tournament for Ontario and Quebec is to be held Saturday January 28 and Sunday January 29 in the ballroom of the new King Edward Hotel, 37 King St. E. The Saturday card commencing at 1 pm will be for senior boxers (17 and up), the Sunday card, for junior boxers. On Saturday a buffet will be served. Among the top boxers competing will be several representing the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre. For information about tickets, call 961-2912; 421-1856; or 690-4329.

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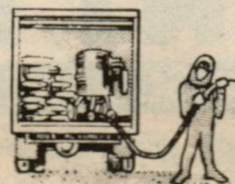
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By BONNIE SARTORI

According to one Toronto newspaper, people who make New Year's resolutions are insecure fools who partake in tawdry activities such as beating lepers and telling worm jokes that cause people to laugh themselves to death. Faugh! says I, being one of the fools to participate in this yearly event. New Year's resolutions are very good for the economy, if approached in the right manner, and my feeling is that it is the true patriots who make these resolutions. Good for the economy, you say? Yes, say I.

Think of it — the year begins with all these fine intentions to quite smoking, lose or gain about 400 lbs., and be kinder to humanity in general. Then around January 18, you can't stand all of this goodness emanating from your body — you immediately break all of the resolutions you so nobly made on January 1. (This is where the good for the economy, patriotic part comes in.) You are consumed

with guilt and immediately run to a psychiatrist — you are a true patriot, contributing to our faltering economy. You have saved the psychiatrist from having to go on public dole by your patronage. The economy has been saved. You spend the next 8 months alleviating your guilt. The psychiatrist is able to vacation and save the economy of some underdeveloped Caribbean nation for the other four months from your contribution to his income.

Then, you, indirectly through him, save our great noble country from being pestered by said nation for a long term, low interest loan. By the saints you could save the whole world if you made and broke enough resolutions! So, to prepare for the glorious 18th, here is a recipe for all of those who vowed to fast 'til they lost 900 lbs.:

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8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

- 1/4 cup sugar
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2. *Cake*
2 cups sifted flour
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 cup butter
2 eggs
4 oz. unsweetened chocolate
1 tsp vanilla
- 1) Cream butter with cheese, sugar and corn starch. Add egg, milk, and vanilla; beat till smooth.
2) Place in mixing bowl: flour, salt, sugar baking powder, soda, butter, and 1 cup milk. Blend well.
3) Add 1/2 cup milk, eggs, chocolate, and vanilla. Beat 1 1/2 minutes.
4) Grease and flour a 9" x 13" pan.
5) Spread half batter into pan, spoon cheese mixture over batter; spread remaining batter over cheese.
6) Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes.

Kids Calendar

Danforth Library

Saturday January 14, come to the library for an afternoon of films. Show starts at 2 p.m.

This month the library is running daytime programs for pre-schoolers Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays 2 p.m. Mothers and their small fry are invited to this story hour.

Thursdays in January school aged children can drop by the library at 4 p.m. for a mini craft class, painting, puppets, weaving, and — are you ready for this? crazy stones.

Saturday January 21 at 2 p.m. puppet show fans have a treat in store. The show is going to be a good one, so be on time.

Parliament Street Library

Doing anything after school this month? The library is running an after-school program on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Tuesdays it's Crazy Crafts; Wednesdays Show-Us-A-Story using library puppets; and Thursdays a Fun Film Hour.

Saturdays January 14 and 21 drop by the library at 2 p.m. and paint a story to music.

Riverdale Library

Pre-school at the Riverdale Library has begun its New Year's program. Any child from 3 to 5 years is welcome to join. Programs take place every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary.

Saturday January 14 drop by the library for an afternoon of music and painting. The fun starts at 2 p.m.

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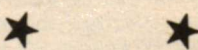
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Common Cold

By ERIC BLAIR, M.D.

The name of this disease is certainly an understatement. Probably the most common infectious disease in Canada it afflicts adults on the average of one to six times per year. Children, as any parent knows, seem to always have runny noses and kids under the age of five seem to be particularly susceptible and have a higher rate of infection.

The cold is an infection of the lining membranes of the nose, sinuses, throat (collectively called the 'upper respiratory tract') by any one of perhaps 50 to 100 different known viruses. Unfortunately, unlike many other viruses, eg. measles, getting a cold doesn't leave you immune to getting infected with the same virus again (and besides there are so many that it would take you years to go through the whole list anyway before you ran out of infecting viruses.)

The viruses cause the linings I mentioned to swell and secrete more of the mucus it normally produces. Thus we end up with the usual congestion, stuffiness, runny nose, etc. As well viruses are very good at making people feel just generally unwell and miserable. This usually lasts five days to two weeks. Low grade fever can occur in children but is unusual in adults. If you have a significant fever, perhaps more than 38.5 degrees C (approx. 100-101 degrees F) you should go to see your doctor. By the way, your doctor will call these symptoms cryza (meaning 'runny nose') in an effort to seem like s/he knows more about it than s/he does.

Headache may accompany a cold. This is usually due to swelling of the lining of the sinuses, blocking the holes which normally drain the sinuses, causing a build-up of secretion. Therefore pressure in the sinuses - thus pain. The same can happen causing earache. The viruses themselves are fairly harmless and only rarely does a complication occur. The complication of most importance is what is called 'secondary bacterial invasion'. All this means is that the normal defense mechanisms of the upper respiratory tract are impaired by the otherwise harmless virus and then bacteria seize the chance and cause infection which can be serious if untreated. The usual sites are sinuses or ears but children may develop a pneumonia although this is uncommon. Fortunately the treatment is usually fairly simple and straightforward - prescription of an appropriate antidote - usually a penicillin or erythromycin).

Unfortunately, many doctors treat the original viral infection with antibiotics. This is wrong for several reasons: 1. Viruses are not affected by antibiotics 2. Antibiotics are a needless expense 3. They may be dangerous in that if a bacteria does invade after the virus (and studies have shown that antibiotics can not prevent this from happening) antibiotics may select a more dangerous bacteria which is resistant to the antibiotic used. 4. Every drug has side effects.

One last point: if the problem is a bad sore throat, you should go to your doctor and have him/her do a throat swab to see what is causing the infection. If it is a certain bacteria (streptococcus) it may cause serious side effects (rheumatic fever or kidney damage) and should be treated with penicillin.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dance Theatre Approved

The City of Toronto has approved the Toronto Dance Theatre's application to use the former St. Enoch's Church at 80 Winchester St. as its headquarters. The building will be used as a teaching and practice facility, and for offices, but will not be used for performances except for small workshop performances.

Continuing Education Directory

The Metropolitan Toronto Library has published the winter edition of its Continuing Education Directory. The Directory lists over 4,325 formal and informal courses and activities available in the Metropolitan Toronto area. The directory can be consulted at any public library.

Viaduct beams cracked

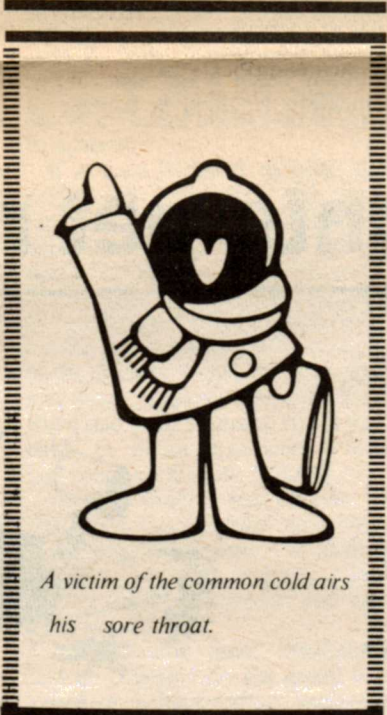
Four of the concrete beams supporting the Bloor Street viaduct are cracked and will have to be replaced. The beams are to be replaced Sunday February 5; in the meantime, subway trains crossing the Don Valley have been instructed to slow down to 10-15 mph. TTC operations manager J.T. Harvey says that there is no danger, however.

Injured Worker Benefits Not Raised

The Ontario Minister of Labour, Bette Stephenson, has refused to increase the level of benefits to injured workers, despite pressure to do so. There has been no increase in compensation rates since July 1, 1975, two-and-a-half years ago. In that time, the consumer price index has gone up by 20%.

Barr Welfare Council Chairman

Ward 7 school trustee Doug Barr has been made chairman of the National Council of Welfare. The appointment is for three years, and was made by the federal government's Privy Council. Barr is past chairman of the Toronto Board of Education, and program director of the Social Planning Council.



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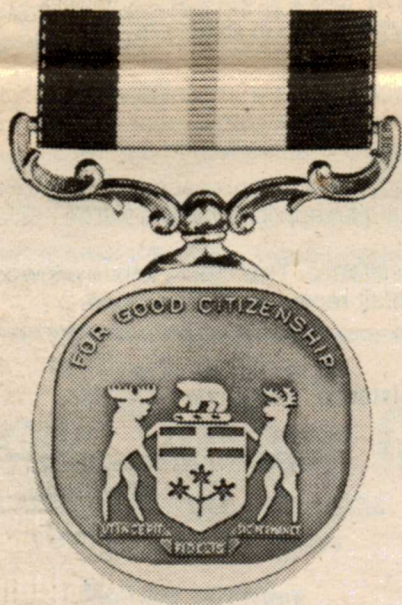
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Sneaking up on the Don

By HOWARD HUGGETT

If you want to get right down to the banks of the Don River the first thing to do is to leave Ward Seven. There is a roadway that runs alongside the river for quite a stretch, and it is considerably north of the Bloor Street Viaduct. There are fleeting glimpses of it as you speed along the Don Valley Parkway, but reaching it is another matter.

It can only be done by going north on Broadview Avenue from the subway station to Pottery Road. It is a fair walk, but there are three bus lines from Broadview Station that will take you there. A steep hill leads down to the valley past Fantasy Farm and on to the bridge over the river, but just before the bridge a road leads off to the right. There is a cable stretched across and a sign that says: Do Not Enter. That command refers to motor vehicles, no doubt, so press on.

The stream flows along fairly quickly here, but you have to listen hard to hear its gentle voice over the swish of traffic on the Parkway, which is off to the right and, fortunately, well above the river. Up ahead is a weir and here the water falls about seven or eight feet and sparkles in the sunlight. For awhile the Parkway noise is drowned out, and the lovely sounds of falling water take over. Pause here for a while and forget the world while the stream performs its continuous miracle — it keeps going by but remains right there.

Further upstream the river curves off to the left, away from the Parkway. That's a good idea, so let's follow it. It goes under the CNR railroad track, and so can you if you crouch down, but it is easier to walk over the rails beside the bridge. From here the Don makes quite a wide sweep to the north and gradually curves back to the south to enclose a very large area between it and the railroad. This expanse, which is quite flat, is apparently used for dumping snow in the winter time.

From the north bank of the river the land rises steeply to the

very top of the valley, and it is covered with grass that was bright green at the end of October. Its manicured appearance is in sharp contrast to the drab surface down below. When you look up at that huge expanse of the hill you naturally think of a foot-ball stadium. Sixty thousand people could be seated there, but there is no one to be seen.

A dirt track wanders down the slope, and you might think that is how the trucks get here. Not any more — the rusty old bridge spans the river at the end of that track has been closed off because it is obviously no longer safe. There is a dirt road that runs to the south over the railroad track by a level crossing and joins the roadway, the one that would rather stay close to the Parkway than follow the river.

If you walk along that road you will reach the river again, because on its swing south it crosses under the railroad once more at another bridge.

However, that won't do you much good, because the south bank is covered with a row of factories. The north side, although free of buildings, is posted as private property. That's a puzzler, how can a piece of land in this location be in private hands?

If you want to continue up the valley there is only the railroad track, and the use of that is, of course, illegal. However, that is where I encountered the only two humans I met during that walk. The CNR didn't seem to have any use for the tracks that day. The roadway, now paved for the benefit of the factories, continues on past them and then turns sharply and dives under the Parkway and heads uphill towards, I am told, O'Connor Drive.

Here again we have a considerable stretch of the Don River that could be made more attractive and accessible to the public. It seems a shame that this stream is not put to better use.

Laundry quandry

By SHARON CAMERON

Tenants at the Ontario Housing Project in Regent Park have been complaining for some time about the laundry facilities available. The machines are often broken down because of over use and abuse.

The lack of service is a constant daily problem for the tenants, who sometimes have to travel from one building to another in order to get a machine that is in working condition.

The machines are not owned by the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC). Therefore, when they are broken down the company which has the contract has to be notified. The company's response to the letters of complaint is slow. A contributing factor is the high rate of vandalism resulting in damage to

the machines.

The Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA) is charging that the company is not living up to the terms of its contract.

Possible solutions to the problem have been suggested at committee, but none has as yet been adopted. One suggestion is that the price of laundry be raised to 25 cents, or having the machines owned by OHC, which in turn would charge families rent for their use. The OHC has said that it would cost \$60,000 to purchase the machines, and an additional \$70,000 to hire enough laundry room attendants to cover all the rooms. OHC at present already pays \$150,000 for laundry room attendants.

OHC tenants get mad

Fed up with the attitudes and policies of Ontario Housing, some Regent park tenants have been meeting since late last fall to try to find ways to pressure OHC to recognize tenants' rights.

The group's most visible action to date came on December 15, when a dozen tenants crowded into the office of Kevin Gaul, the area supervisor for North Regent Park, to protest an eviction notice delivered to a tenant.

The tenant, Joy Wade, had moved into Ontario Housing some time ago with her two young children. Her three other children were living with her mother. However, in late 1976, Ms. Wade's mother died and her other three children came to live with her. Ms. Wade immediately approached OHC to tell them of the situation, and was told to apply for a transfer to a larger unit. She went through all the paperwork, waited for months, and then got an eviction notice for "overcrowding" her two-bedroom apartment. However, OHC told her, as soon as she left OHC, she should re-apply to get in and she would have a good chance of getting in!

This was followed by a long round of going to every level of



OHC to appeal. OHC head office on Bloor Street told her to go to her area supervisor in Regent Park; her area supervisor told her to go to Bloor Street.

It was this run-around that brought the tenants' group into the OHC office at 415 Gerrard last month. But many tenants in the group, which is now meeting weekly, have various causes of complaint against OHC, many of

them with transfers.

Most are highly dissatisfied with the way OHC has been treating them and have been finding that they are getting nowhere through the "proper channels". They are now looking for other channels to get their message across. If you are interested, call Mary or Albert at 961-2673 or check the community calendar in 7 News for the time and place of the next meeting.

