

Sewell goes for mayor's job



Photo by Cherry Hassard

A mirrored customer ponders the selection of wares at Harbourfront's Antique Pickers' Market. Located at York Quay, the Market is open every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By ULLI DIEMER

John Sewell is running for mayor.

The Ward 7 alderman who burst onto the civic scene in the 1969 municipal election as a spokesman for a community that was embroiled in bitter fights with developers and City Hall is making his bid for the top job in Toronto's City Hall.

It's a big move for Sewell, who is putting his civic career on the line. If he loses, he'll be out of city politics. If he wins, many people think that city politics will never be the same.

But would Sewell be an effective mayor, or would he be a figurehead in a City Council controlled by "Old Guard", pro-development forces? Why is Sewell running for the job once held by his old foe, ex-mayor Dennison, whom Sewell used to hold up as the classic example of a radical politician who changed his colours because he got caught up in the City Hall power game, and cut off from his constituency?

Sewell thinks he can carry it off successfully. In an interview earlier this spring, he told 7 News that he expects that the 1978 campaign will elect more progressive candidates to City Hall. This would give him a political coalition with which he could work to guide his policies through council.

And even if the aldermanic elections turn out less well than he hopes, says Sewell, he thinks he "could probably make it work with the present council", even though in the last two years Sewell has found himself in the minority on many of the key issues.

He explains his decision to go for the mayoralty by saying that "the mayor has more power than I thought." The mayoralty is what gets people excited," says Sewell, and he sees that as being very important in gathering the necessary support for alternative policies.

But will he escape the fate of a Bill Dennison, will his career be different from that of the present mayor, David Crombie, who was elected as the "reform" candidate in the 1972 election, but who quickly aligned himself with the "Old Guard" against his former allies on the reform side?

Sewell thinks the key is to have a group of people with whom he regularly discusses policy, to whom he is answerable in some way. He also emphasizes his strong stand on issues. He will be elected on the basis of certain policies, he says, and the voters will be able to hold him accountable to those policies. He stresses

issues such as public transit, municipal financing, and high-density development.

Sewell is establishing a campaign headquarters for the November election at Queen and Victoria Streets.

It seems likely that Sewell will have at least two major competitors for the mayoralty: executive alderman David Smith, and alderman Tony O'Donohue, who lost to Crombie in 1972. Crombie himself is resigning in August to run federally for the Conservatives in Rosedale riding. Council will select an interim mayor to replace him until the election.



Cressy running for alderman

By THOM CORBETT

Former chairman of the Toronto Board of Education, Gordon Cressy, will run for election as a Ward 7 alderman in this November's municipal election.

Although Cressy will not publicly announce his decision until this Sunday, he told 7 News that after consultation with the area's residents and present aldermen it was felt that he should fill Alderman Sewell's shoes on city council. (See above story).

Cressy, who was narrowly defeated by Margaret Schrivener in last year's provincial election, said he decided to take a crack at the local level of politics "because municipal issues have concerned me for a number of years."

The long-time politician, who was a Ward 7 school trustee for seven years, was quick to show where his concerns will lie if he is elected to City Hall. Commenting on the plans of Ottawa and Queen's Park to increase the rents of low income earners in government housing by up to 50 per cent, Cressy retorted, "I think that's just crazy."

Cressy said because both the federal and provincial government are embarking on this and other plans which adversely affect city residents, it is up to city hall to take a stronger stand against the higher levels of government. Citing the inability of Ottawa and Queen's Park to deal with rising unemployment, Cressy said this is one of the major concerns which the city will have to become more involved in.

Cressy feels his long experience in the field of education will enable him to provide an important insight into the relationship bet-

ween high unemployment and the failure of our educational system. "The two issues have been divided for too long," he said.

The aldermanic hopeful added that young people must receive training for available jobs while at the same time more jobs have to be created. Once unemployment is solved, Cressy said other problems, such as racism, will also be resolved. "Racism emerges when people have nothing to do."

Although Cressy ran under the New Democratic Party banner in the provincial election, he will not follow suit this time around even though the party is entering the municipal arena. He added however, "I think my politics of the last 10 years are pretty clear."

Cressy feels that political parties don't have a place in municipal elections at the present time but hopes that the NDP will still endorse him as an acceptable can-

didate.

In the meantime, the education specialist is hard at work preparing for his latest foray into politics, "I'm doing my homework on the issues."



Regent Park youth 70% unemployed

By ULLI DIEMER

Between 60 per cent and 70 per cent of the young people (aged 16 - 24) in Regent Park are unemployed, according to a recent survey.

The survey confirms what a lot of people have known or suspected for a long time: that youth unemployment in this area is far higher than government figures indicate. That youth unemployment is an extremely serious, and worsening, problem is no surprise — even official government statistics for all of Canada admit that it is 14 per cent — but the extent of the problem in a particularly hard-hit area like Regent Park had not been shown in hard figures before.

The study also proves that myths about young people not wanting to work are just that — myths. Most of the young people in Regent Park are both anxious and willing to work, but can't find any jobs. Most of them are willing to work for quite low pay.

Another thing the surveyors found is that race is an important factor in finding work. Even among white youth, the unemployment rate was an appalling 57 per cent, but among blacks it is an incredible 87 per cent. This is not attributable to either education or age, since neither of these was found to be related to race.

The study, entitled "Buddy Can You Spare a Job", and obtainable at Dixon Hall, makes a number of recommendations, but none of

them seem to offer any realistic chances for dealing with the problem. Suggestions include business-oriented training and job creation programs, but the reality is that both provincial and federal governments have been cutting back even on the small programs they have at present. The report praises the Community Employment Development Centre set up by Dixon Hall and the Regent Park Community Improvement Association and funded by Canada Works at a cost of \$69,000, but the centre's funding has enabled it to find jobs for only seven youngsters since February, each job lasting only six months. It may be a help for those youngsters, but as far as the overall unemployment problem in Regent Park goes, it's not even a drop in the bucket.

Other suggestions coming from the study include the standard calls for "specialized counselling", "referral services", "specialized support services", and a "locally based job information centre". But given the fact that the jobs simply aren't there, it's hard to see how all the referring and information in the world is going to help solve the unemployment problems of anyone except the social workers who'll be doing the referring and informing.

When it comes right down to it, it seems that the economic system just doesn't have any use for the youth of Regent Park.

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Colby disputes story

Dear Sir:

In reference to your recent article "A Hot Night in Riverdale" published in Ward 7 News, June 13, 1978, I wish to make following statements:

I had only appeared at the Riverdale Collegiate Meeting on Tuesday, May 30, but was introduced by the principal of the school, who indicated to the audience that I would have to leave early to attend a School Board Meeting that same evening. Therefore, the statement that "I didn't dare to put in an appearance" was incorrect.

Also, in reference to the statement in your news article regarding "the rights of Riverdale students to expect a good education," and "That they shouldn't aspire to anything greater than the delivery of telephone books," you misquoted me. The point I was

making in my statement was that the students should seriously consider their careers so that in future we will not be faced with the problem of too many people in any one occupation. Any mention of telephone book delivery was purely in reference to a point that people should be willing to do any type of work rather than be unemployed.

I would hope that in future Ward 7 News, as a Community newspaper could be more accurate.

Yours truly,
Dennis J. Colby
Trustee, Ward 8
Toronto Board of Education

Editor's Note: 7 News regrets having left the impression that Mr. Colby was not present at all. As he points out, he was in fact physically present

in the school auditorium during the first few minutes, while introductions were being made and while the meeting was being gotten underway. The article should have made it clearer that what was being referred to was that portion of the meeting during which discussion took place and during which questions could be asked — the last three hours or so of the 3 1/4 hour meeting. It would be interesting to see how many students, parents and teachers, on the one hand, and fellow trustees, on the other, would agree with Mr. Colby's assessment that his presence at a school board meeting is so vital that it made it necessary for him to miss the largest meeting on a school issue held in Ward 8, the ward he represents, in years. 7 News stands by reporting of Mr. Colby's remarks.

Care for your dogs

Dear Editor,

As a frustrated resident of Ward 7, I felt I had to respond to your front page article re dog owners.

I too am sick of stepping in dog dirt, seeing packs of dogs (yes, packs — I've counted up to 6) running down our streets, and of having to fend off these "pets" when I come a little too close to their unfenced "territories".

Here's the other side of the story — my husband and I live in Ward 7 and we own 2 large dogs — Golden Retrievers. They are never permitted to run loose. (How a so-called dog lover can expose his or her supposedly beloved pet to the

dangers of the city is beyond me!)

We do not have a big back yard — our dogs have been trained to use a 4x6 foot area which is cleaned and disinfected daily. Although both of our dogs are obedience trained and never stray from us when we have them off their leads, we find we cannot use Toronto parks (or most streets) for exercise. We refuse to expose our dogs to the dangers of being attacked by unsupervised dogs or by becoming infected (primarily by worms) through dog feces.

At least once a weekend and 3 or 4 times during the week, we drive as far away from the city as time

allows to let our dogs have the simple joy of a good run.

Expensive? Time-consuming? Yes, but the joys of living with 2 happy, beautiful, mentally and physically healthy dogs is worth every minute and every cent.

As a dog lover, I deplore those dog owners who continue to bring the public's wrath down on the heads of the responsible, caring dog owners of this city.

I deplore even more those people who abuse their pets through neglect.

Sincerely yours,
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Co-ops getting shafted

Open letter to the Hon. Andre Ouellette, Minister of State for Urban Affairs

Dear Sir:

I feel I must protest, in the strongest possible terms, against the changes in regulations regarding housing co-ops which have been proposed by senior civil servants in CMHC.

The net effect of the proposals will be to completely ruin all present or proposed housing co-ops.

For example, the regulation change that is adumbrated, to fix co-op rents at 'market value', artificially (and arbitrarily) removes from all housing co-ops the main economic benefit from co-operative association: ie., by doing it oneself, one saves rent which otherwise would have had to go out in payments to contractors.

Thus, this proposal alone guarantees that the government proposes to take away all the point in having a co-op. The benefit so lost would accrue to the private

housing industry, which is already demonstrably failing its task.

This sort of doing-of-favours for private developers is, of course, not new to CMHC. It has, over the years, altered itself from an agency designed to assist the individual citizen to get decent housing for himself through government-guaranteed loans, to an agency dedicated to giving all help possible to large-scale land and building speculators, at the same time denying as far as possible any and all assistance to the individual would-be homeowner.

I am suspicious of CMHC's intentions, therefore, I will go farther, and openly say that I suspect CMHC and the government are committing a conspiracy against housing co-ops, in the interest of the private speculators, possibly with an eye to large campaign contributions towards the next election, not to mention 'spinoffs' such as the profit made by William Teron on the old Warehouse Terminal in the Har-

bourfront Park deal. (With my money, too!)

In short, paranoia about a successful citizens' movement and the usual openly arrogant greediness exhibited more and more baldly as time goes by in almost all political parties and circles (including the mardarins') have combined to set up a cruel, malicious and destructive conspiracy against private citizens by politicians and civil servants sworn to serve those same taxpaying Joes.

I suppose the Mounties will be at my door next Monday.

Yours for some truth
Norman McKinney
Bain Ave.

The results are almost all in on the 7 News supporting membership campaign, and they show that it has been the most successful fundraising done by 7 News in years. To date, about \$2700 has been contributed by people renewing their supporting memberships or taking out new ones. With contributions that are still expected to come in, the final total will likely be \$2800 or more. We're very grateful to all the people who chipped in. The money will help to keep us going in these tough times. And we're also extremely gratified to see the amount of support that we're getting from the community in our work. It makes our work seem worthwhile. Thank you.

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I'm quite sure that if large outlets such as Knob Hill can sell the items at a lesser cost, then Dominion and Loblaws could do the same. After all they are only making us pay for the Saran Wrap they put around these items to make them look good. Who needs it?

I sincerely hope that younger Canadians will wake up and help us organize a boycott.

Wm James
Wellesley St. E.



Minister of Correctional Services Frank Drea attended a volunteer recognition picnic at the Families & Friends Centre, 558 Gerrard Street East. Community Service Awards were presented to Ms. Marian Kay Richards of Cambridge Avenue and to Ms. Shirley Keating. They have completed three years as Families & Friends Volunteers. Ms. Richards began her volunteer career at the Centre after reading about it in Seven News. The Centre is an information and supportive agency serving the families of inmates at the Toronto Jail.

Chinese language

The Chinese Heritage Language Program came to an end on May 18, 1978. There was a Prize-giving Ceremony held at Dundas Street Public School on Wednesday evening, May 24, 1978. Close to three hundred pupils, parents, staff and members of Woodgreen Chinese Canadian Association attended the event.

On that evening, there was a display of children's work which they learned from the Program. The Ceremony started with a welcome speech by Mrs. Edith To, the level six instructor of the Program. Following that was a slide presentation introducing the student involvement taken place during the Program. There were also student performances of Chinese songs, poetry recitation and dances. Finally, the principal, Mr. George Baker presented prizes to students for best achievements and announced winners of the Chinese Penmanship Association. Refreshments were served after the Ceremony. The instructors mingled with the parents to explain the reports and to answer questions.

The Woodgreen Chinese Canadian Association has already applied for a Young Canada's Work Project, which has been approved, to be operated out of Dundas Street Public School this summer to sponsor programs for elementary school children. Parents who would like their children to participate in the program should get them registered at the school soon.

登打公校 散學典禮

登打街公立小學之中文班，於五月廿四日星期三晚舉行散學禮。參加者近三百之眾包括學生、家長、教職員及活賢華僑協會會員。當晚有學生成績展覽及簡單而隆重之儀式。首由六年級導師杜老師致歡迎詞，繼有幻燈影片介紹學生上中文課之情形，並有學生表演中國歌曲、詩篇朗誦及中國舞蹈。最後由該校校長庇加先生頒發優異獎及書法比賽優異獎。並由導師分派成績表及紀念品。全部均由活賢華僑協會贈出。禮成後在輕鬆氣氛及茶點招待下，中文教師向家長作口頭之成績報告及解答問題。至九時後始散。

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Chinese Caccitore

By BONNIE SARTORI

Well, Henry didn't come through with his recipe for this food column. In fact, he isn't even talking to me and avoids me whenever possible. I don't understand this and I am very upset about it all. Fortunately, I am an expert Chinese cook, and so is my mother Carmella. Her specialty is Chinese Soo Caccitore. She is quite famous among the Weight Watchers gang in Windsor for this one.

Basically what you do is make your Soo Caccitore the normal way and then you eat it with chopsticks (this is the way Weight Watchers do it anyway!) The trick here is, if you are in any way unfamiliar with these eating implements you will manage to consume only minimal amounts of food... that's how the excess poundage slips off. Pretty clever, eh? My mom's a pretty clever girl.

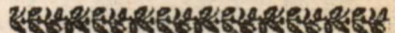
My landlady is also very well versed in Chinese cuisine. I guess the fact that she is Chinese has a great deal to do with it. One day last July when she had personally come to collect the rent for the previous January, she magnanimously helped me out with some honey garlic spareribs that I was struggling over.

Anyway, for better or worse, here is my landlady's secret honey garlic sauce for ribs, or if you are a vegetarian, for chicken:

SECRET SAUCE (not to be confused with a leading hamburger chain's secret sauce)

1 cup honey
lots of fresh garlic, crushed (5 or 6 cloves)
3 TBS soy sauce
1/2 cup water with 2 tsp cornstarch mixed in
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1) ribs at 350 degrees for 1 hour or
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Cercle Franco-Egyptian hosts a **Franco-Egyptian dance** in the Brigantine Room at Harbourfront, featuring the Starlites, an Egyptian group, an oriental dancer, a bar and an Egyptian buffet from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is \$3.00.

Sunday June 18

The Swiss Club of Toronto's **Swiss Pavilion Caravan** features exhibits of Zermatt and area, watch making, crafts, a cafe, films, food, Swiss yodelers, the Carnival group Canadysli and the Swiss Folklore Band. The Pavilion is open from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sunday. Admission is by Caravan passport.

The Roxy's Dollar Matinee continues today at 2 p.m. in the cinema at Greenwood and Danforth with lots of fabulous **footage on Janis Joplin**.

Now that summer has come, the forum of St. Luke's United Church will meet in Allan Gardens at 2:30 p.m. every Sunday. Today **Mr. Neil Anderson will speak**. All welcome.

Former Ward 7 school trustees and school board chairman Gord Cressy is running for alderman in Ward 7 this fall. There will be a meeting today at 363 Wellesley St. E., to which Ward 7 residents and workers are invited, to hear what Cressy has to say and discuss issues and concerns. Phone John Piper at 921-7798 for more information.

Tuesday June 20

Dundas St. Public School, 935 Dundas East, will have the **final Kindergarten pre-school registration** today from 9 a.m. to noon. Children at the ages of 4 and 5 may register for junior and senior Kindergarten, respectively. Please bring any age identification, i.e. birth certificate, or passport, and also bring along the children's immunization records. For more information, call the school at 461-0947.

Wednesday June 21

A series of **films on the Black liberation movement** continues tonight at 7:30 in the Cafe at Harbourfront. Films include: *Non-Violence - Mahatma Gandhi* and *Martin Luther King*; *The Teacher and the Pupil*; *Angela Davis: Portrait of a Revolutionary*; *The Panthers*; *Tribute to Malcolm X*. Admission is free.

You are invited to a screening of a **new film "Exploding the Myth"** tonight at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto. This film explores some of the popular myths about mentally retarded people. Come and learn. Admission is free. For more information call 361-0773, extension 39.

Thursday June 22

You are invited to hear **La Belle Brass** at the Metropolitan United Church Narthex, Queen and Church Street, at 12:30 p.m.

Friday June 23

Fred's Free Films continue at the 519 Church Street Community Centre tonight at 8 p.m. with a

screening of *Stranger and Raino: The Lost World*. Fred certainly has eclectic taste, eh?

Tonight at 8:30 in Ulster Hall, 1047 Gerrard Street East at Jones you are invited to a **Riverdale-Beaches party**. Admission is \$3.50 and there'll be dancing, a cash bar, and snacks. Best news: the Hall is air conditioned. For advance tickets call Valerie Lawson at 469-1883.

Saturday June 24

Miriam Waddington is the guest at the Metropolitan United Church Summer-In-The-Park series today at 12:30 p.m. in the church at Queen and Church Streets. All welcome.

St. George Provincial NDP Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at 519 Church Street Community Centre. Guest speaker: **Jack Murray**, Ontario NDP president. For more information call: 929-9797.

Members of DACHI, Don Area Co-op Housing Inc, will be getting together today for their first annual **lawn sale and festival**. The lawn sale begins at 10 a.m. and will last until 3 p.m. Books, furniture, crafts, toys, food, and all sorts of other items will be for sale at the west end of DACHI at Carlton and Parliament.

Thursday June 29

Pierann Moon, soprano, and **John Govedas**, pianist perform at the **noon concert** at the Metropolitan United Church, Queen and Church Streets today at 12:30. All concerts are in the church Narthex.

Friday June 30

The Riverdale Library is holding a **demonstration of European and West Indian cooking** tonight at 7 p.m. Phone the library at 466-0776 for information.

General

It's Day Camp time again. Downtown Boys and Girls Club is holding a **day camp** starting July 4 and ending August 25. Camp runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and costs \$2.00 per day per two week session or \$5.00 per family. Camp is open to boys and girls 6 to 12 years old. Phone Richard at 367-0648.

Co-op Housing Federation of Toronto is looking for people who would like to become part of **Woodsworth Co-op** a housing community of 194 householders in the new St. Lawrence neighbourhood. Two public information meetings will be held Saturday June 17, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, June 20 at 8 p.m. in the St. Lawrence Centre Theatre Lobby. For more information call 363-4395.

The annual **festival of St. Peter** will be celebrated by St. Peter's Anglican Church, 190 Carlton St. beginning June 24. A **flea market and lawn sale** will kick off celebrations at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the front lawn of the church. On Sunday, a special **Homecoming Service** will be held 11 a.m. Letters have been sent to all former parishoners inviting them back. Friends and neighbours from years past will be able to renew acquaintances. St. Peter's Day, June 29, will be celebrated with a special choral communion beginning at 6 p.m. Following the service, a **buffet supper** will be served. For more information or to reserve tickets for the supper, call 962-4518.

A **summer program for children** three to seven will be offered by St. Peter's (Cabbagetown) Co-op Nursery School beginning July 4. This will be a half-day program run in two-week segments. Call 366-0515 for information.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Tax changes dumped

The Ontario government has dropped its proposed property tax reform in the face of strong opposition from homeowners in Metro and elsewhere. The new system was to be based on "Market value assessment" and would have meant significantly higher taxes for many Ward 7 and Toronto residents, and lower taxes for owners of apartment buildings which they would not have had to pass on through reductions in rent. Local politicians and residents' groups had fought the plan all the way, and last week Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough announced that he was dropping the proposals "indefinitely."

MacDonald under fire

Former Rosedale MP and Finance Minister Donald MacDonald has come under fire for joining the board of directors of McDonnell-Douglas at a time when that corporation is seeking a \$2.3 billion contract from the federal government, of which MacDonald was a senior member until last September. Prime Minister Trudeau has defended MacDonald, saying he has "adhered to the (conflict of interest) guidelines in their strictest sense." Critics, however, have been saying that MacDonald's inside contacts in the government cannot help but give his company an edge, and that he was taken on for that reason.

Files in the street

Thousands of confidential files from the Wellesley Hospital were blowing around Ward 7 in the King and Sherbourne area last Monday after they fell off a garbage truck. The files, including names, addresses, OHIP number, birthdates and case histories had been dumped with other hospital garbage. The incident will be looked at by the Royal Commission on the Confidentiality of health records.

Halfway House Opens

St. Michael's Hospital has opened the Matt Talbot Halfway House on Carlton St. just west of Parliament St. The house is a detoxification centre for alcoholics.

Hospital founder dies

Dr. John Rekai, the co-founder and chief of staff of Central Hospital on Sherbourne St., died last week after an illness of several weeks' duration. Dr. Rekai, together with his brother Dr. Paul Rekai, the administrator of Central Hospital, founded Central Hospital in 1957 to cater specifically to newcomers to Canada who were unable to speak English. Staff members at the 175-bed hospital collectively speak more than 25 languages.

Fire on Ontario St.

Arson is suspected in a fire that completely destroyed an Ontario Street triplex and damaged buildings on both sides of it last week. No one was hurt in the early-morning blaze, but damage was estimated at \$140,000. The triplex, at 415-419 Ontario St., was vacant and had been stripped to the bare walls for renovations. It took 14 fire trucks and 60 men to put out the fire.

Constituency Office Closes

The John Gilbert NDP Constituency Office at Gerrard and Logan is closing later this week. Gilbert resigned as MP for the area on April 27 to accept a post as a judge, and no election has yet been held to elect a successor. Some Broadview residents have written to House of Commons Speaker James Jerome saying that constituency office services to residents of Broadview riding should continue despite the resignation of their MP, but the ruling is that the office must close.

Unemployment: just part of a bigger mess

By ROGER ROLFE

In the midst of the worst economic recession since the depression, as we now are in Canada, it is tempting to look forward to the eventual upswing in the economy for the solution to our current woes.

That would be a serious mistake. First of all, this recession is not such a short-term fluctuation. It started about four years ago and we won't come out of it probably for another four. Eight years is a long time for a temporary setback.

Secondly, when the economists give us a clean bill of health and tell us the difficult times are over, they won't really be talking to most of us. They will be measuring growth rates, new investment, housing starts, exports, and a hundred other things that don't tell us anything about whether we can get a job or not.

When the economy picks back up — say in 1982, if we're lucky there will be less unemployment. Instead of the current 8½ per cent, it might be down to about 6 per cent. Instead of having 20 people out looking for each available job, we will be in the fortunate position of having 14 people competing with each other, for the same position. That may be a consolation to those who play with the figures, but for working people and the unemployed the economic upswing will have little real meaning.

A permanent Problem

What this means is that unemployment is no short-term misfortune in Canada. It is a permanent problem and one that is getting worse. Already there have been suggestions that the 4% unemployment figure considered by economists to be the employment target we can reach **under the best circumstances**, be revised to 5% or 6% "to reflect current economic realities."

Permanent unemployment is a problem faced by all western capitalist countries but among these nations, Canada has been slipping quickly into the position of the one with the worst problem. Between 1962 and 1975, we had more unemployment on average in this country than the U.S., West Germany, France, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Italy.

This trend has been matched by other surprising changes in Canada's economic position relative to other nations. In the mid-fifties, Canada was second only to the U.S. in the amount of manufacturing per capita. By the mid-seventies, we have fallen behind Sweden, France, Finland, Japan, Australia, and West Germany. We also employ fewer people (comparatively) in manufacturing now than every western capitalist country except Turkey and Greece. Even Israel, long known as one of the poorest coun-

tries in Europe, produces more manufactured goods per capita.

Canada's manufacturing pathetic

So why is our unemployment problem so bad? Why are we slipping? The information on our manufacturing performance gives us an important clue. To put it bluntly, the industrial sector of Canada's economy is pathetic. It is inefficient, sluggish and made up of mostly foreign-owned branch-plants catering only to domestic markets. The formidable economic growth that established Canada as one of the wealthiest countries by the 1950s has always been based on natural resource extraction. Wheat, timber, fish, minerals, and oil and gas have been the staples sustaining the Canadian economy. It was like that when the first French and Portuguese fishing ships landed off the coast of Newfoundland in the sixteenth century and it is true today as huge consortia of oil and gas corporations launch their assault on the North.

The same pap reheated

As Canadians, we have been raised on this ideology of resource extraction, from the time we were in school with readers that heralded the virtues of the strong lumberjack, the hardy farmer, and

the stoical miner. Today we get the same pap reheated in the TV commercials from *Canadian Pacific* and *Imperial Oil* telling us that they affect our lives in more ways than we will ever know.

This sort of schlock is good for legends (and for profits) but terrible for jobs. In the resource sector, about \$250,000 of capital investment is needed to create one permanent job. By comparison, in manufacturing, 10 permanent jobs can be created for that price. That is something to think about the next time a CP commercial comes on the screen showing all that fancy machinery pulling down trees or gouging out mineral ore. By the way, the much-vaunted northern pipeline that we are told is so crucial for job creation, will create about 300 permanent jobs for a lay-out of \$10 billion. That's about \$30 million per job!

The lesson of this is simple. A healthy industrial economy (and I mean one healthy for the people, not for corporate profits) must be based on a strong manufacturing sector. Canada has tried to replace this with a wholesale exploitation of its natural resources. Now we are realizing the shortsightedness of this strategy, and we are suffering the consequences. This long-term weakness requires a long-term industrial strategy, one that will stop us from exporting our

raw materials only to buy them back again in the form of manufactures from elsewhere. Such a strategy would be the basis for a real full employment policy, not one that is 4% or 6% unemployment.

One small problem

There is one small problem, of course. Between the proposal of an integrated industrial strategy and its realisation, there is a yawning gap. In the gap are a few technical obstacles which could be easily solved. But there is also a substantial political problem, since an economic change of this magnitude would most certainly challenge the vested interests that now hold power in this country. It would mean directing investment into the manufacturing sector away from the resource sector, and that would make a lot of powerful people unhappy.

But there does come a time when the masses of people who do not benefit from the way our economy is presently arranged have to exercise their prerogative and their right to a decent standard of living. Once we have cast away false hopes about "economic upswings" and big pipelines and hydro dams, we should start working on this longer and larger struggle.

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Local film a success

By FRANCES WATMAN

Rose's House, a new film by Cabbagetown film maker Clay Borris, premiered last week at the Parliament Cinema at Parliament and Dundas.

It was an appropriate location for the free public screening, this slightly run-down cinema in Cabbagetown's mid-section — the film is an hour long documentary about a woman who runs a boardinghouse in Cabbagetown.

Director Clay Borris, the 28 year old whiz-kid with many short films to his credit, grew up in the Cabbagetown of working class families before the onslaught of white painters, stained glass, and quaintly paved front yards guarded by statuary. The film is autobiographical, and a Borris family affair: Rose is played by Borris' mother Rose Maltais-Borris; her husband by real-life spouse Albert Borris; Albert (the bootlegging boarder) by son Gary Borris; and Clay Borris, aside from directing, co-producing (with John Phillips), editing, and doing camera work, appears briefly and unmemorably on screen.

Such "incestuous" movie making could have easily produced an hour-long home movie of vast interest to only friends and relatives of the Borris clan. Rose's House does have its failings — the acting is sometimes shaky and the direction often pedestrian — but, in spite of this, Rose's House is a success.

Much of the praise goes to Rose Maltais-Borris. A sharp-tongued, well-meaning powerhouse with a pea soup thick Acadian accent, it is Rose, with her feisty personality and her will to survive in her difficult environment while keeping her family fed and her tenants paid up, who takes this film under the direction of Clay Borris beyond home-made cinema to art.

Rose is no Jane Fonda heroine. She is not immediately likeable — Rose is the kind of landlady who keeps the downstairs living room door perpetually open the better to keep tabs on her ill-fated roomers — and her screaming abrasiveness with her kids and her slyness in



Rose and hubby cuddle in a scene from Rose's house.

dealing with her boarders are often disturbing. But ultimately she wins us over and we respect her. We can accept that Rose's domineering and not-so-very introspective attitude toward her family and her life are not so much choices as they are necessary characteristics for survival in her world.

And Rose does survive. One scene towards the end of the film illustrates this. Rose's young son has been arrested for stealing a bike. Rose goes for an interview with the Social Worker played with just the right mixture of WASP superiority, boyish charm, and professional malice by George Martell. In the waiting room Rose is a piece of furniture, silent, waiting, tense in her too-short black winter coat while the secretary and Social Worker play out (oblivious to Rose) a sleazy seduction scene over the reception desk. Once in the Social Worker's office, Rose is taciturn and cowed. She doesn't understand the legal ramifications of her son's theft as explained with punctilious condescension by the Social Worker: why should the court fine her and not her under-

age son? After all, he stole the bike! The Social Worker, warming to his role as public defender and guardian of middle class morality, begins to righteously berate Rose for lack of understanding of her "very disturbed" son, and for her failure to accept the help of professional social workers who must step in, he implies, when incompetents like Rose botch up their children's lives and threaten society.

If Rose has a "finest hour" it is in her flaming and articulate response to this tousle-haired professional moralist. The transition between the Rose who sat silently in the waiting room and the Rose who marches out of the Social Workers' office is a joy to witness. Her battles may not be olympian, but her victories are hard won, and, for this reason, all the more satisfying.

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Chop texts: committee

By FRANCES WATMAN
Fourteen textbooks currently approved for use in Ontario schools contain offensive materials on India and Indians, and should be immediately withdrawn from Circular 14, according to the South Asian Origins Liaison Committee and the Indian Students' Association at the University of Toronto.

Circular 14 is a list of texts approved by the Ministry of Education for use in elementary and secondary schools in Ontario. A study by the committee of 25 texts listed in the circular found 14 of them to contain material presenting a "negatively prejudicial and unrealistic image of India and Indians."

Alok Mukherjee, editor of a new resource book "East Indians: Myths and Reality" which contains the content analysis of the 14 texts, explained that one major complaint against the books is that they make no serious attempt to present a balanced view of life in contemporary India.

According to Suwanda Sugunasiri, a researcher at the

Ontario Institute For Studies in Education and principal author of "Smarten Up, Indians, Go Western", as the content analysis is titled, these racially biased texts use words such as "archaic", "backward", "illiterate", "primitive", and "ungrateful" to describe India and Indians, while using such terms as "advanced", "far-sighted", "brilliant", "civilized", and "humane" to describe the West and its people.

Mrs. Rill Shah, president of the South Asian Origins Liaison Committee, told Seven News that the picture emerging from the texts was a biased one mirroring either the ignorance or racial prejudice of the authors. She charged, for example, that Indians are presented as being poor, and "never are rich or middle class Indians portrayed."

As well as immediate withdrawal of the 14 texts cited, the South Asian Origins Liaison Committee and the Indian Students' Association want a review of all texts in Circular 14 to determine whether minority groups are being fairly portrayed; a withdrawal of texts found to be offen-

sive; the use of "East Indians: Myths and Reality" as a resource book; and introduction of "more objective, balance, and unbiased textbooks" into the school curriculum as soon as such material becomes available.

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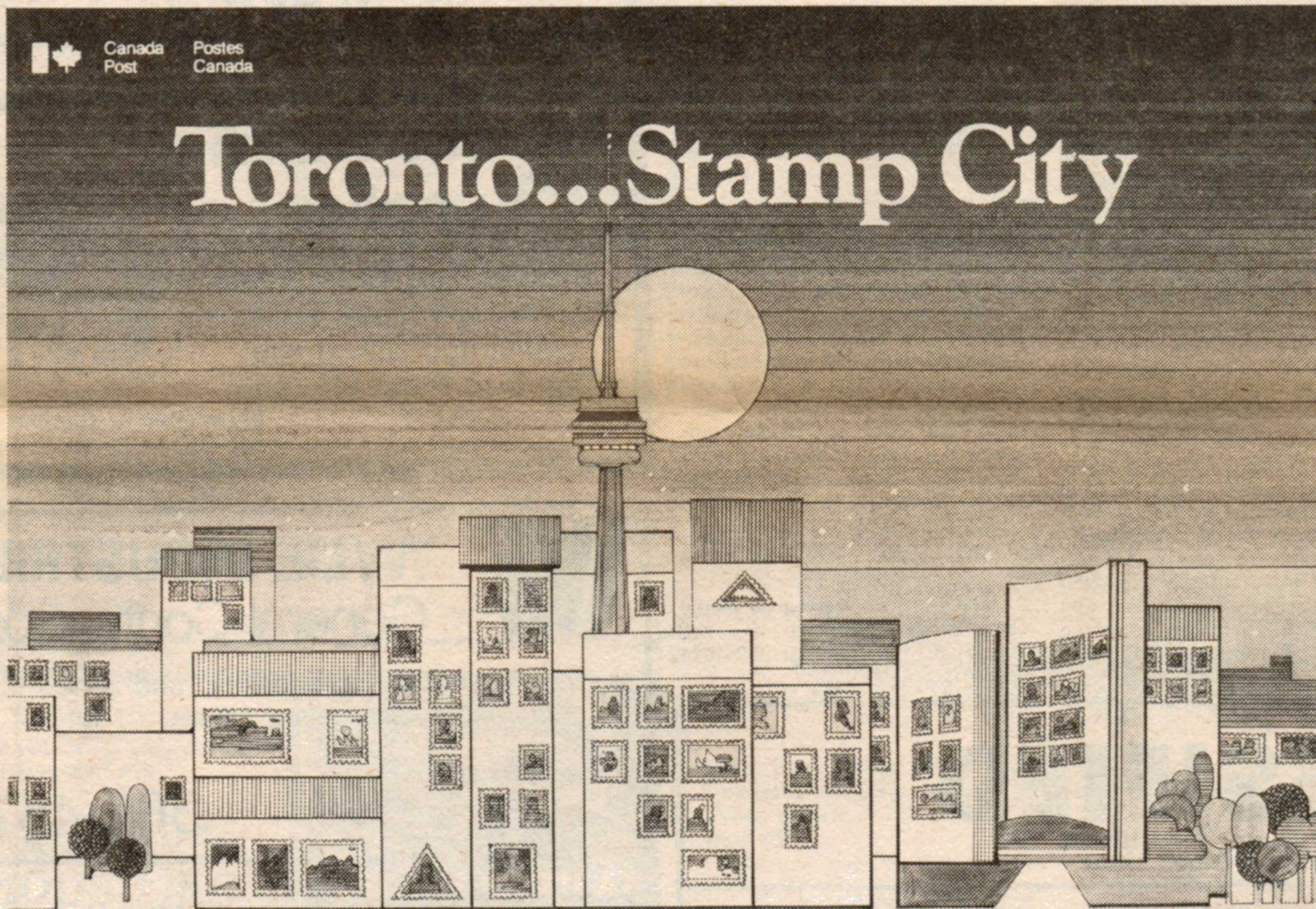
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