

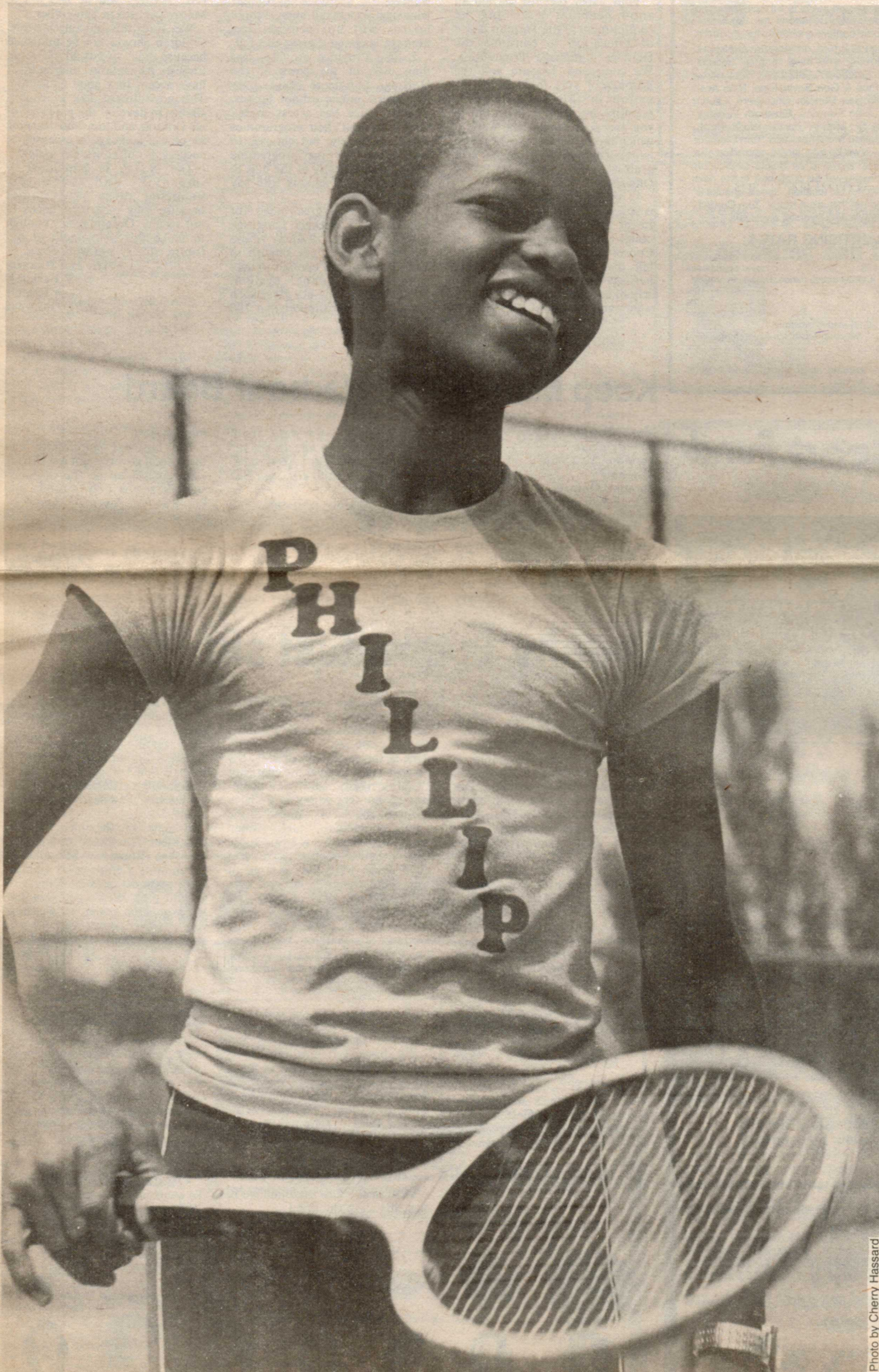


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TAKE ONE**



Craft program hits snag

By OLIVER BERTIN

A craft program for single mothers in Regent Park has been delayed more than two months because the recreational facilities lack fire insurance, according to craft teacher Edith Beck.

Special insurance, which costs about \$600, is needed before the program can start because Ms. Beck plans to use a pottery kiln as a highlight of her program, she said Friday.

Even though she has already gathered equipment necessary for the program and has been given recreational space in Regent Park, she has not been able to raise the money for the insurance.

"We've met with the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA) and the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) seven times but they both say they're not responsible for the insurance," she said.

"The RPCIA says the OHC is responsible; the OHC says it's the RPCIA. We thought they would be supportive of community projects, but they're not even helping."

In the meantime the craft equipment is lying unused and the mothers are missing the benefits of the program.

Ms. Beck said that once they have fire insurance they could start the program almost immediately because the pottery clay, glazing equipment, pottery wheels and all-important kiln are ready for use.

Since the pottery classes were the big point of the program, few mothers would turn out if another craft program was substituted for the pottery.

"We could use the space for macrame but the main interest is pottery," Beck said.

The organizers are still pressing for the pottery program after two months of fund-raising. They hope to meet with OHC and RPCIA officials this month to negotiate for the insurance and have applied to the federal Canada Works program for funds to run the program on a year-round basis.

Volunteers needed

The Black Resources and Information Centre (BRIC) is looking for volunteers to help with its fall and winter programs.

The programs will include citizenship and orientation classes for immigrants a community workshop on human rights and employment, consumer educational programs, films, leadership training, criminal justice liason programs, production of cable t.v. programs, and media workshops.

If you are interested in sharing some of your time and talents with the Black Resources and Information Centre, contact Ian Francis or Cindy White at 960-3697.

Photo by Cherry Hassard

Tee shirt of the week: PHILIP HAYDEN flashes a victory smile on the tennis courts at the Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre, 870 Queen Street East. For more T-shirts, see page 6.



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Heritage Language programs

Your paper recently carried an announcement describing the commitment of the Toronto Board of Education to continue the Heritage Language Programme. We commend Toronto and the Borough of York for their participation in this essential programme, but wish to point out to you and your readers the ways in which the Provincial Government is undermining the language programmes so important to all Ontarians.

1. heritage language instruction is still not a right in this province. Local school boards are not obliged to offer these classes. The Conservatives blocked our N.D.P. bill that would have integrated heritage languages into the regular school day and made them a right whenever 10 or more students

wanted to study a particular language. As a result, many school boards will not provide any heritage language classes this fall.

2. The Province provides less than 30% of the costs of the Heritage Language Programme for Metro public school boards. The Province has access to tax dollars to fund their programmes more adequately, but chooses to take credit for the programme while sending many of the bills to the owners and tenants who pay property taxes.

3. There is a great need for English as a Second Language classes to enable children whose mother tongue is not English to learn English well enough to succeed in our school system. However, the Province gives such limited financial support that 100

ESL teachers will be laid off in Metro Toronto in September.

We find this unconscionable. Children should not be punished because their parents do not speak English. All Ontario children must have access to a good education. The government has a responsibility to develop the potential of all Ontario children and learning an official language is essential to success in our education system.

The N.D.P. is committed to improving and adequately financing these programmes because they meet real needs in our society. Ontario is rich enough to make this investment in our future citizens and work force.

Dr. Jan Duszta
 MPP Parkdale
Tony Grande
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Keep Merrens on Harbour Board

Mayor David Crombie and Members
 Toronto City Council
 City hall
 Toronto, Ontario.

On behalf of the Executive of the Playter Area Residents' Association, I urge you to reappoint Dr. Roy Merrens to the Toronto Board of Harbour Commissioners. Dr. Merrens, a professional geographer, has energetically and effectively represented ordinary

City residents who want their waterfront to be an attractive, accessible area which offers both recreational and commercial opportunities.

Mr. Robert Doty, who appears to be the alternative to Dr. Merrens, has an obvious conflict of interest because he is employed by Canadian National Railways. Considering, in addition, that he is not a City resident, he should not be considered for the Harbour Com-

mission post.

The business community and the federal government are already well represented on the Commission. It seems only sensible and fair that Dr. Merrens should be retained as the representative of the people.

Michael Craig
 Past President
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Cruelty is greatest sin

The first challenge in the animal protection movement is "getting the word out to the public." Because millions of dollars are involved in ill treatment of animals — the fur trade, circuses, unnecessary experimentation, factory farming to name but a few — the perpetration of animal abuse have the financial backing to perform a great cover-up of their misdeeds.

As we grow, we are able to challenge them with greater force, backed by a growing membership. We have always believed that reverence for life implies reverence for ALL LIFE, that is, life belonging to species other than our own. And we believe that all

life is somehow based on a mutual interdependence, so that mankind becomes diminished by the extinction of a species.

One of the easiest ways for cruelty to succeed is to level the charge of "sentimentality" and "emotionalism" at humane workers. We have all heard the sneers implied in the words "humaniacs" and "animal nuts" but we know too that those who wished to abolish slavery and child abuse were first accused of the same things. It did not stop them in the pursuit of what they considered good and decent, and it will not stop us, for we believe that kindness is something that catches on — if a child is trained to compassion for animals, that child will

grow up to be a caring adult, caring for humanity as well as the animal kingdom.

Conversely, we believe that cruelty — either to humans or to animals — is the most cardinal sin, leading to a deterioration of the human spirit and degrading all who practice it.

In spite of the heat, Action Volunteers continues to meet in the Pine Room at 519 Church Community Centre every month. Our next meeting is on August 14 at 7:30 p.m. Won't you join us? We would be happy to welcome you. Another concerned person is another weapon in the struggle!

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Marg retires

Dear 7 News:

Marg Gauthier, a well known resident in the Pape-Gerrard area, is retiring after several years of faithful service at Pape Recreation Centre.

We, the staff at Pape Recreation Centre, wish her well in the years to come.

Staff
 Pape Recreation Centre

Quotes to Remember

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. — The Book of Common Prayer. "General Confession"

Quotes to Remember

Most of the time we think we're sick, it's all in the mind. Thomas Wolfe

Sign your name

Staff note: We enjoy getting your letters to the editor, but it is against our editorial policy to publish unsigned letters. If you want to remain anonymous, tell us so in your letter and we will be sure to publish it that way. The original letter, however, must be signed.

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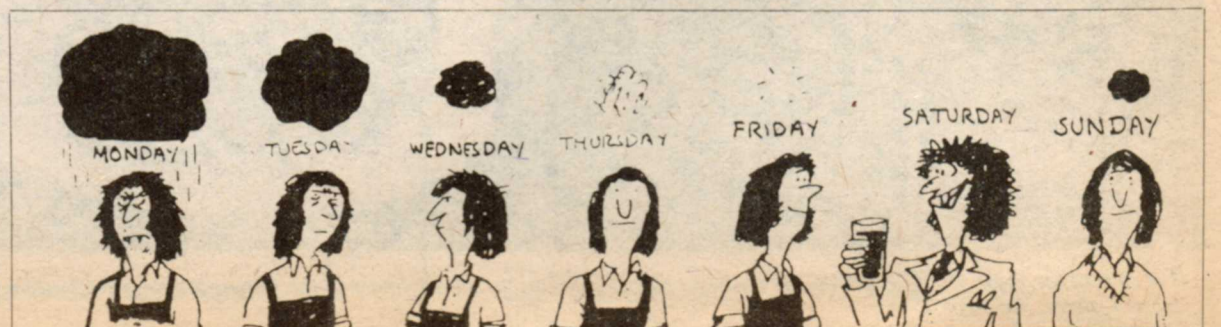
To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. — Elbert Hubbard

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A modest proposal for ending poverty

By ULLI DIEMER

MUM SAYS SOCIAL WORKERS
ARE EMPLOYED TO TELL US
THE AUTHORITIES CAN'T AFFORD
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GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE FLEA

God's original plan for the flea was clever enough; and had the Lord anticipated a mutation occurring in the human species, surely He would have seen to it that this most noble breed of parasite came equipped with a college degree qualifying it for social work

God makes mistakes! People make mistakes!

And there are social workers to prove it

It's true, not all social workers have the flat bodies, short antennae or piercing and sucking mouth parts commonly associated with the flea: but they should — just in keeping with the Lord's original scheme

It is also true that the flea, as it was conceived in heaven, is capable of performing feats that the average social worker couldn't possibly equal in skill

A flea can be trained to pull objects several hundred times its own weight, whereas a social worker would be clueless where to begin

Yet there are certain skills they both share

These include juggling and jumping through hoops

Ted Plantos

This poem originally appeared in 7 News several years ago. It is also contained in Ted Plantos' book, "The Universe Ends at Sherbourne and Queen", published by Steel Rail Press, and available in local bookstores.

You don't, you dare not, come to a people who are unemployed, who don't know where their next meal is coming from, whose children and themselves are in the gutter of despair — and offer them not food, not jobs, not security, but supervised recreation, handicraft classes and character building! Yet that is what is done! Instead of guaranteeing the right to work for a little bread and butter we come to them with handouts of bats and balls!

Saul Alinsky

There are two theories about poor people. The first theory says that poor people are poor because they have "problems". They come from a "culture of poverty." They "lack self-confidence." (And anyway they are probably lazy, so it's their own fault that they're poor.)

This theory, or some variation of it, is favoured by government officials, social workers, newspapers, and the rich. It would be fair to call it the 'official' theory.

The second theory, which you don't hear mentioned very often, is that poor people are poor because they don't have enough money.

Up to now, everything has been done according to the 'official' theory. As a result, we have dozens of secondary theories on just how to solve poor peoples' problems, and hundreds of professionals and dogooders running around trying to solve the "problem of poverty." Yet, somehow, despite all this expertise and good will, poverty is still with us as much as ever.

I think it's about time we gave the other theory a try. Not everywhere, of course, but experimentally, in one area, like Regent Park for example.

What I propose is simply this: Let's take all the money that is now being used to "deal with" "the problem of poverty" and give it to the poor people.

"Serving" Regent Park, for example, there are probably well over 100 people who get paid full-time to "help" poor people. There are social workers, welfare workers, UIC staff, psychologists, ministers, church workers, Salvation Army, Red Cross, public health, Children's Aid, Catholic Children's Aid, community guardians, Board of Education, OHC people, psychiatrists, family planners, Canada Manpower staff, Canada Works and Young Canada Works people, community workers, community centres, and politicians. As well, there are probably an equal number outside Regent who make their living at least partly from it: policemen, sociologists, judges, newspaper reporters, university students and professors, civil servants, etc., etc.

Now, I'm not denying that many of these people are very sincere persons who do the best they can under very difficult circumstances. Many of them do some good, and could do more, given the chance. But the fact is that all their efforts are getting us nowhere fast, because they are only able to deal with symptoms, not with causes.

So let's try a totally different approach. Let's take all this money for "helping the poor," these 200 salaries, plus the roughly 200 salaries of the people who get paid to supervise them and frkstrate them, make out their paycheques, etc., plus the money used to keep the programs going, pay the rents of the offices, print the studies, etc., which comes probably to the equivalent of another 200 salaries, and just hand all that money over to the people of Regent Park.

I'd say all this adds up to the equivalent of 600 salaries a year, at maybe \$15,000 a year each. (And many professionals make a lot more than that.)

600 x \$15,000: that means roughly 9 million dollars a year for Regent Park. if we were to split it equally among the 2,200 households, that would mean more than \$4,000 per household per year, enough for a lot of families to put a bit of distance between themselves and the poverty line.

Then, with all that extra money, a lot of people might be able to develop that all-important "self-confidence" and escape from their "culture of poverty."

Of course their is the unfortunate fact that this would mean throwing a few hundred social workers and other pprofessionals out of work. But this wouldn't be all negative, since it would give them a chance too test their own theories. They don't lack "self-confidence" and they don't come from a "culture of poverty," so presumably they wouldn't have to live in poverty or develop "problems," even though they wouldn't have any jobs or money.

And while they were out of work, they would have a lot of time on their hands, time they could use to think about the causes of poverty, and the solutions. It might be an educational experience.

The Poor

Years ago the poor were told they were the needy, then a little later they became the underprivileged and now they are the culturally deprived and tomorrow they will be the disadvantaged tho' they will still have no more cash and it seems if you sit on top of the mountain you can't help but get an elevated education

DID YOU KNOW?

The poor were really created to provide status for the wealthy and jobs for the incompetent who sit in judgement behind a desk at the department of welfare.

Norm Craven

The poems by Norm Craven first appeared in 7 News in 1971 and 1972.



Photo by Cherry Hassard

The Jung Mo Kung-fu Club, 14 Hagerman Street, entertained at Margaret Campbell's third annual picnic which took place July 30th in Allan Gardens. Campbell is MPP for St. George. Above, Jing Mo members perform a lion dance said to bring good luck (Yes, it's a lion not a dragon). Associated with times of celebration the dance incorporates many of the circular movements used in kung-fu.

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Food

By SHARON CAMERON

Have you ever thought about food? How the quality gets worse as the price goes up and how politicians are determined not to do anything about it?

Well, for a change here's a group of people who are interested in your opinion rather than Loblaw's. It's the Peoples Food Commission, a non-governmental organization, that is trying to find out what gripes people have about the food system and how they think the system could be changed to serve them better.

The Commission, which has a national group in Ottawa and regional groups around the country, is planning to launch a Canada-wide inquiry in September. Presentations can be made in any form. Written reports, oral presentations, poems, slide shows and skits are all welcome.

Information about the Peoples Food Commission is available from: Linda Terutis, 38 Glen Davis Road, Toronto (698-6211) and Rebecca Charles, 73 Albany Ave., Toronto (535-6393).

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Highrise foes keep fighting

By MARIO CUTAJAR

Time is running out for the residents in South St. Jamestown. Following the approval by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) of the Winchester Square Development only a cabinet decision stands between the residents in the area and Meridian's plan to extend the horrors of St. James Town southwards. According to Graham Mudge, a residents' spokesman, Meridian plans to start construction within two weeks of cabinet approval.

The OMB decision was announced on June 19. On July 10 the homeowners and residents of the area filed an appeal with the Ontario Cabinet. The appeal raises four objections to the OMB decision: • The petitioners claim that the OMB downplayed opposition to the project. The OMB decision recognized only 19 objectors whereas the City Clerk had on file 99 separate objections. As well a petition has been presented to the Board which shows that of 182 people canvassed in the area only 2 are in favour of the development. The rest oppose it.

• The professionals involved had been hired to push the project and that consequently their "professional" judgement carried no more weight than the residents' objections.

• The appeal also claims that the OMB ignored the serious overcrowding that will attend the

proposed project. Winchester Square will have a population density of 370 persons per acre. By comparison, the St. Jamestown complex, which even the City now says was a "mistake", has a density of 368 persons per acre. As well the Winchester Square project will crowd together 88 children per acre. Regent Park, with 74 children per acre, already has too many according to the City's Chief Planner.

• Finally the OMB decision comes under attack for ignoring the incongruities the new project will create between existing buildings and new ones. If Winchester Square goes through several low-rise areas will be, literally, overshadowed by apartment towers. In the case of the Elizabeth Fry Society residence a three-storey building will be surrounded by towers of 28, 18, and 15 storeys. A 28 storey apartment is planned across the street from an existing 6 storey apartment. A 12 storey building rubs shoulders with a 4 storey apartment cutting off nearly all of the light on that side.

Despite the bitter opposition of the residents there is little chance that the development will be stopped. Long before the plan was made public the City and the developer had drawn up a secret Memorandum of Understanding that more or less guaranteed city approval of the developer's plans. The Cabinet appeal is the last



resort. If that is lost even a new city council would not be able to reverse the decision.

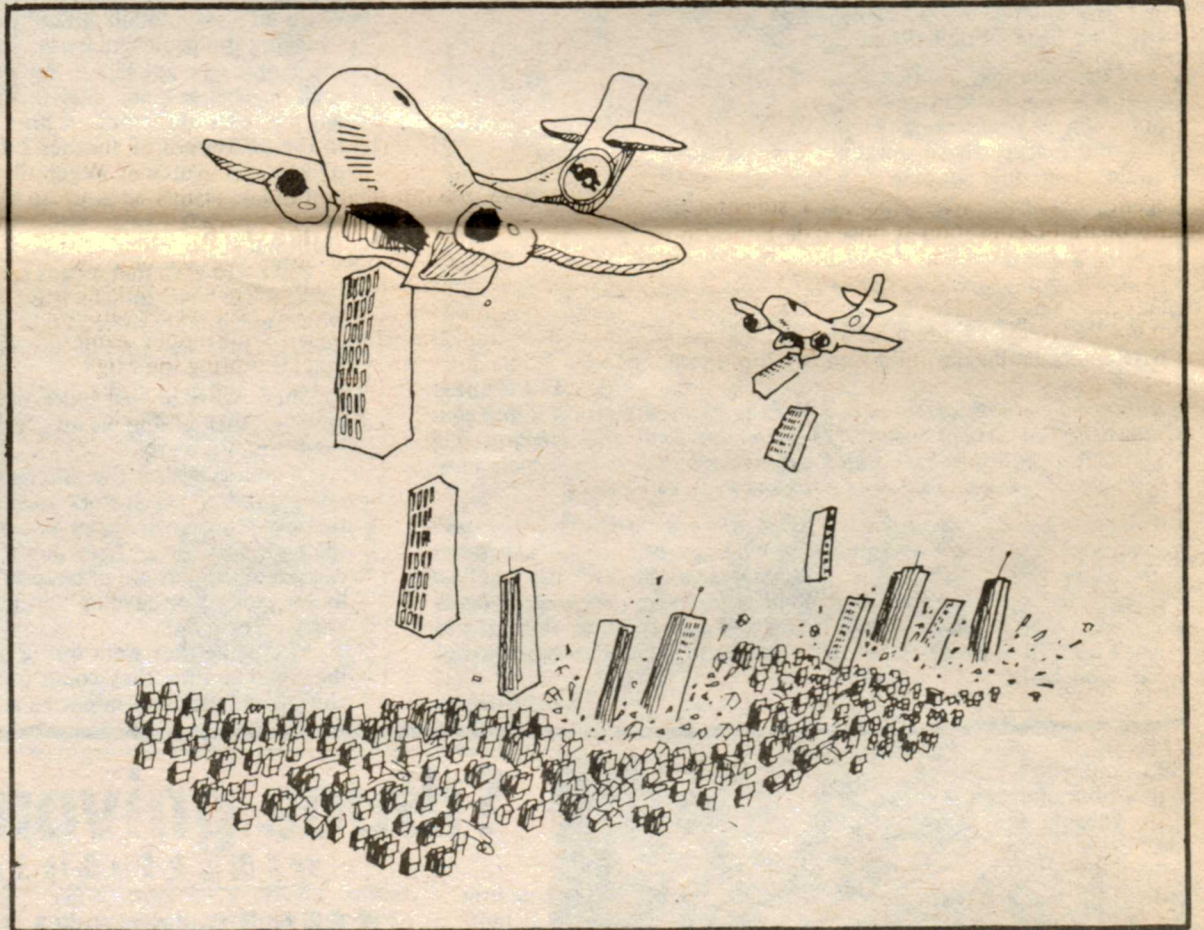
As yet the opponents of the scheme have no idea what kind of action they'll take if Cabinet gives Meridian the green light. Mudge suggested lying underneath the bulldozers. Perhaps less passive forms of resistance are possible.

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Farewell Frances (Watch what you eat)

By BONNIE SARTORI

Last week I was stricken with a most horrific disease. My medical friends called it "lumpuckeroo." Basically what happens is that everything you eat turns into waste and you die. If you don't die, you sure wish you had after a couple of days. At any rate, I was unable to eat for what seemed like a million years. The only thing that agreed with me was Maalox and other vile such potions. Believe me, I felt like a chemist after a while. I was desperate to find something that agreed with me. This dread disease is going around, and as a public service to the readers I am going to give my faithful followers a list of foods to definitely avoid when the dreaded lumpuckeroo strikes. Foods include: anything Mexican except for milk; curries of any kind; Egg McMuffins; Chicken Soo Guy; Cheerios; crunchy granola; anything newer

than 12 year old scotch; anything that is pure and organic and additive-free; anything that farmers have anything to do with; milkweed pods; crab grass which is of course very hard to find in the city, so don't worry, you can't eat it anyway. Doesn't leave you with much, eh?

At any rate, the recipe this week won't help you out with the dreaded lumpuckeroo, but your friends will sure feel sorry for you when you tell them that rather than going out to boogie with Margaret at Studio 54, you will be sitting home with a batch of this. It was named after Sir Francis Drake who got into a lot of trouble with good Queen Bess and had to to away and become a pirate or an explorer of something because he suffered from terminal lumpuckeroo and therefore was not too popular at court.

Farewell to Frances Flan (or egg custard, which is definitely to be

avoided in the event of lumpuckeroo)
2 cups milk
4 egg yolks or 2 whole eggs
1/3 cup sugar
pinch salt
1 tsp. salt
1) Heat oven to 350°. Have ready 1½ quart casserole dish in a baking pan with water 1" deep.
2) Heat milk to scalding. Beat egg yolks. Add sugar, salt and vanilla and beat to blend. Stir in hot milk a little at a time. Strain if there are lumps. Pour into casserole. Set pan of hot water in oven. Be sure that the water in the pan does not boil.
3) Bake 45/50 minutes or until a knife inserted in the edge comes out clean. Chill immediately.
4) (Optional). Serve with some coffee liqueur or some mint liqueur or a combination thereof splashed liberally on top (this part you do not tell your friends about or else they will not feel sorry for you).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday August 12

There will be a **newsletter workshop** today with Philinda Masters of the Main Street Group for Co-operative Development at 186 Main Street. Take the blues out of writing the news! Call Larry or Helen at 698-1125 for time and other information.

Sunday August 13

Saint Luke's Sunday forum meets today at 2:30 in Allan Gardens. Today's speaker is Reverend Malcolm Sinclair from Victoria Village United Church.

Monday August 14

The Boys and Girls Club of Downtown Toronto, 540 Dundas Street East at the corner of Sackville and Dundas has a number of openings in their **summer day camp** for the August 14 session. All kids aged six to twelve are invited to attend the program consisting of overnight camping, special day trips, sports, swimming, and special programs. Interested persons can fill in an application form at the club or phone Richard at 367-0648.

From today until Thursday August 24, Harbourfront is hosting an exhibition on design. The exhibition, organized by Operation Design Canada, a group of enthusiastic industrial design students, will focus on various products and explain how and why they are designed. Examples of bad design will also be shown, such as the bicycle "banana seat", whose centre of gravity is so far back that it causes bicycles to tip over. At the Harbourfront Community Gallery, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Action Volunteers, a group of people working to protect animals from cruelty, meets tonight at 7:30 in the Pine Room of the 519 Church Street Community Centre. New members are welcome.

Tuesday August 15

The YMCA in co-operation with the Metro Toronto Department of Parks and Recreation will present a free outdoor concert tonight at 7:30 for the entertainment of the residents of St. Jamestown. Tonight's program includes the Audley Williams group and the Caribbean Carnival Band. The concert will be held in the open meeting area to the west of the mall in the heart of the complex.

Thursday August 17

CLASES DE ESPANOL PARA NINOS

Regent Park Community Improvement Association (La Asociacion Comunitaria de Majoramiento de Regent Park) ha presentados una solicitud al Toronto Board of Education (Consejo de Educacion de Toronto) para auspiciar clases de Espanol para ninios.

Estas clases, parte del Heritage Language Program (Programa de Herencia Idiomatica) estan proyectadas para empezar en Regent Park en octubre, 1978. El requerimiento basico para comenzar estas clases es un minimo de 25 alumnos registrados.

Las clases son gratuitas, y los padres de familia participan en las decisiones referentes al curriculum, horario de clases y el contrato de maestros.

Con el proposito de informar sobre el programa, responder a preguntas, y dar a lost padres la oportunidad de registrar a sus hijos en las clases de Espanol, se lievara a cabo una reunion de padres de habla hispana.

El dia: JUEVES, 17 de AGOSTO, 1978, a las 7:30 p.m., en Regent Park United Church 40 Oak Street (North Regent Park)

Friday August 18

Grease is the word at Dixon Hall Teen 50's Dance! Come with a pony tail and duck tails tonight at 8 p.m. Admission is a mere fifty cents with the chance to win a door prize and absolutely free bubble gum. For more information call Fred or Gayle at 863-0499.

Fred's Free Films are on tonight at the 519 Church Street Community Centre at 8 p.m. One of the movies is the old favourite Citizen Kane. The second movie is going to be a surprise.

Tonight, and every Friday night, there is a **dance** for single people, aged 40 and up (give or take a bit) at 618 Yonge St. from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music includes polka, Latin American Bands, and big band music. For more information, call 755-9137 or 751-3658.

Saturday August 19

Ecuador '78 is here. This one day festival at York Quay, Harbourfront, features Ecuadorian plays, a large display of paintings, sculpture, ceramics and other handicrafts, plus the songs and dances of Ecuador and the first annual crowning of Ms. Ecuador. Doors open at 11 a.m. There will be volleyball games, a movie from Ecuador, a theatre presentation, dancing and much much more.

Today is the opening of an exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ontario of the work of Kaethe Kollwitz, a German artist who prints, drawings and sculptures show her compassionate concern for the plight of the poor. Kollwitz captured the era of change in which she lived in work, an era of two world wars, social unrest, depression, and fascism. The exhibition runs until September 24.

Sunday August 20

Today and every Sunday it's the Harbourfront Antique Pickers Market and Concert: Toronto's biggest flea market, and take in a free concert too - every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at York Quay. Over 75 vendors display their wares.

Saint Luke's forum meets today at 2:30 in Allan Gardens. Today's speaker is Mr. Bill Fisher from maple, Ontario. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Monday August 21

There will be a steering committee meeting for the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme at the South Riverdale Site Office, 731 Queen East, today at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday August 22

The art of breastfeeding and overcoming difficulties is the topic for tonight's 8 p.m. meeting of the La Leche League at 263 Glebeholme Blvd. Everyone is welcome to attend. More information is available by phoning 461-8359.

TERRA-FEIRA, 22 de Agosto 1978, pelas 7:30 da noite haverá uma reunio de pais Portugueses na "Regent Park United Church" 40 Oak Street (Regent Park Norte) para discutir a possibilidade de organizar classes de lingua Portuguesa na Escola de Regent Park.

A "Associacao de Melhoramentos da Comunidade de Regent Park" (Regent Park Improvement Association) requeru a Direcao Escolar de Toronto o patrocinio de Lingua Portuguesa sob o programa "Heritage Languages" e gostaria de informar os pais a cerca das classes que terao inicio em Outubro de 1978.

As classes serao apenas para criacas das escolas elementares e para poderom comecar tera que haver um minimo de 25 brianças inscritas. As classes serao gratis e aos pais apenas se pede que se interessem em questoes tais como; admissao de professores, decisoes sobre programa de ensino, horas das aulas, etc.

Caso esteja interessado que b seu filho/a participe nestas classes, verha a uma reuniao a 22 de Agosto, encontra-se com outros pais a faca as perguntas que tiver.

Friday August 25

Fred's Free Films at the 519 Church Street Community Centre presents two crowd pleasers tonight at 8 p.m. Flicks include **Oliver Twist** and **Spring Time in Holland**.

Harbourfront is showing Friday night films these days. Tonight it's two Alfred Hitchcock thrillers, "Notorious", and "The Man who knew too much." They're free, in the tent at 235 Queen's Quay W. If you'd like more information call 364-5665.

Saturday August 26

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, is planning the **street fair to end all street fairs.** There'll be arts and crafts, continuous bingo, a flea market, a beer garden on the street till midnight, a bar-b-que dinner, games for the kids, and a street dance featuring the Mighty Majestics. The fair starts at 4 p.m. and activities run until midnight. More information is available by phoning Dixon Hall at 863-1499.

The 519 Church Street Community Centre is holding a **BIG** summer carnival today in Cawthra Square Park from noon until midnight. There will be music, a clown, refreshments, activities for people of all ages. A community dance will be held in the auditorium at 8 p.m. If you'd like to help by donating a cake, serving at a booth, or whatever, call 923-2778.

General

Mid moth the Women's Press will be releasing two new books: **Good Day-Care; Getting it, Keeping it, Fighting for it** and **Last Hired, First Fired: Women and the Canadian Work Force.** For more information on how to obtain these books, call the Women's Press at 922-9447.

The co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto is looking for people who would like to become part of Woodsworth Housing Co-operative in the new St. Lawrence Neighbourhood in downtown Toronto. Woodsworth is a non-profit co-operative which means housing at cost, and community participation. Two public meetings will be held on Thursday August 24 and Tuesday August 29 at 8 p.m. at 299 Queen Street West, Suite 501. Now is the time to find out more about housing co-operatives and to get in on the ground floor of the Woodsworth Co-op. For more information, call 363-4395.

Family Day Care Services is thinking of opening a **drop-in centre for parents and young children** located at 380 Sherbourne Street (corner Sherbourne and Carlton), on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. If you are interested call Miriam Urback Mondays through Thursdays from 9 to 5 at 922-9556.

The Danforth library has daily Tuesday to Friday activities for kids, every afternoon at 2 p.m., including music, drama, films, crafts, and adventure shows. They're all part of a trip "around the world in 22 days. The week of August 15 will feature Portugal and South America; the week of August 22 will feature Canada.

The Riverdale Library has games and stories on Mondays, crafts on Tuesdays, crafts and short stories on Thursdays, and movies on Fridays, as well as special programs on Saturdays. The time is always 2 p.m.

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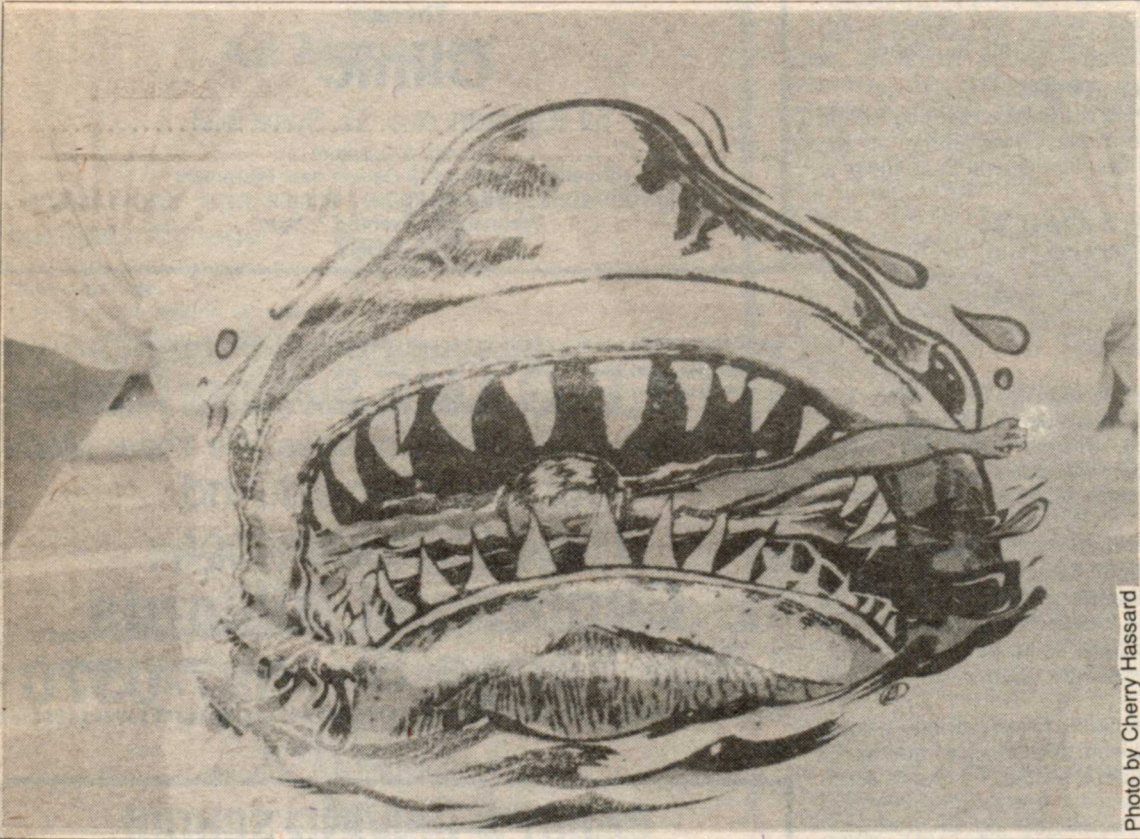


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Summertime is T-shirt time, and below we present some of the better models currently walking the streets of Ward 7. Below, Joe Heilig sports a T-shirt his daughter gave him, with a personalized message. T-shirt connoisseurs should beware of the shirt at left. It is not a genuine JAWS or even JAWS 2 T-shirt — it is merely a clever imitation. And at bottom left is this week's existential T-shirt, which was hand-embroidered in cross stitch. The wearer comments, "I liked the question."

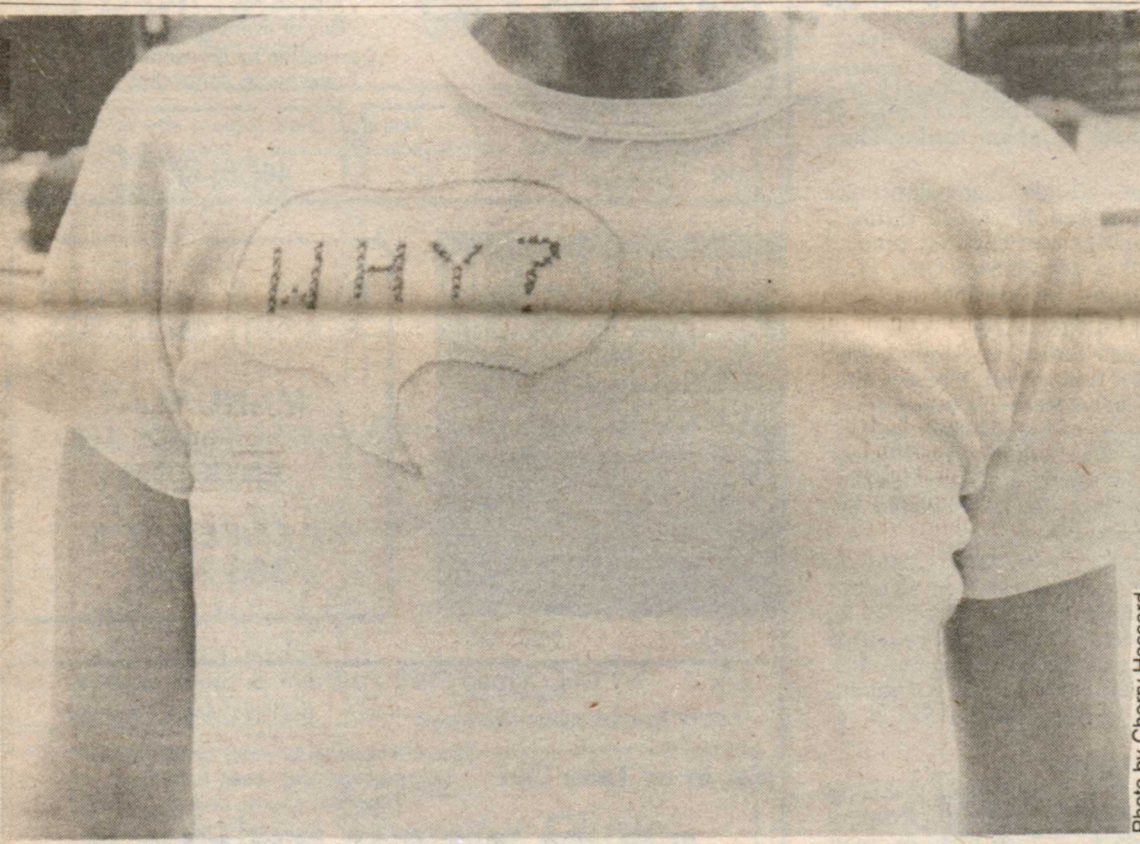


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Why are doctors moving south? Does it matter?

By GORD GUYATT

The phenomenon of Canadian doctors waving goodbye to their native land and departing for greener pastures south of the border is one that has received a fair bit of attention recently. It has been viewed with some alarm.

Naturally, the question has arisen as to how we can stop this distressing exodus. I would like to add a more basic question: is the migration worth stopping? To provide an answer, I am going to look at the differences in medical practice in the two countries from a physician's point of view.

The most obvious difference is income. Doctors in the U.S.A. make about twice as much as Canadians. The lower taxes and lower cost of living also contribute to the very significant material advantage for doctors who leave Canada.

The second set of differences, however, arise from the somewhat medical care system in this country. In Canada the national hospital insurance plans, O.H.I.P., etc., have made a high standard of medical care available to almost everyone.

This is not true in the U.S.A.

There, people are still turned away because they don't have the money to pay for adequate medical care. The physician is still in the position of a collection agency.

Make a Down Payment in Emergency

People coming to Emergency, or to many a doctor's office, are required to make a down payment before they will be seen! Families still lose significant savings, another worry added to the stress of a seriously ill family member.

Another feature of the American medical system, the last vestiges of which are now disappearing from Canada, is the distinction between public and private patients. Whereas private patients may spend their hospital stay in a private, carpeted, air-conditioned colour-television-equipped room, the public patient is on a large open ward with no conveniences and minimal privacy.

More disturbing yet is the attitude this creates in both the attending physicians and the hospital staff. An intern or resident may have to consult the attending physician about doing so much as a

chest x-ray on a private patient, whose case is carefully followed.

Inferior Care for the Poor

The time, energy and care spent on a public patient is far less, and at times there may be little interest in what happens to the public patient. If a poor person is cared for at all in the U.S.A. he or she will be almost certain to receive inferior care.

A third significant difference between the practice of medicine in the two countries is the litigation to which the American doctor has been subjected. The approach to medical care in our southern neighbour has led to a much publicized explosion in the number of malpractice suits directed at doctors.

As a result, the approach to the practice of medicine changes. There is an atmosphere of fear and mistrust between physician and patient. "Is the man I am about to see going to be the one who will sue me if he feels I've made a mistake?" is a question that may easily dominate the doctor's mind. The approach to practice changes as well, for one arrives at the answer to a difficult

problem not by the criterion of what is best for the patient, but, rather, from my point of view, and that of most other doctors, it is an unpleasant and destructive approach.

What "Bureaucratic Interference"?

Finally, an alleged difference between Canada and the United States is the greater "bureaucratic interference" in the practice of medicine in this country. I would challenge any doctor to specify how the partially socialized medical system here interferes with his own personal practice. To my mind, the individual private practitioner has only to send the appropriate cards to O.H.I.P. and keep his records in order.

I am not suggesting that the government's increasing control, particularly over hospitals, is always exercised in an ideal fashion. Certainly there is a danger of people who don't know enough about what they're doing making decisions. Worse, decisions are made on a political basis, rather than on the basis of serving people's real needs. However, the

essential overall effect of the "bureaucratic" control of medicine is indisputable: physicians are taking a more responsible view of their role in society.

Why then are doctors leaving Canada? They are deserting a more humane system in which they can treat each patient according to their need rather than their income, a system relatively free of perpetual worries of lawsuits, a system in which they are encouraged to take a broader view of their practice and think in terms of what is best for the society as a whole. They are leaving for one reason: a materially more affluent life style. more money.

How are we to react to the exodus of physicians in light of this fact? My suggestion is the following. We should continue to pursue a more equitable distribution of our society's resources, and a more benevolent approach to medical care. We will lose only those whose primary interest is in their own material welfare. Those whose goal is responsible dedication to their patients' care we will never lose with such an approach.

Gord Guyatt is a local physician.

Mental patients band together

The Ontario Mental Patients Association (OMPA) is one of the youngest self-help and non-profit groups in Ontario. Former psychiatric inmates founded OMPA on August 9, 1977 in Toronto. Over 100 people attended the first meeting in All Saints Church in Cabbagetown. Since that time an average of 20 to 25 people have come to the weekly general meetings which are held in the Crisis Centre Dropin house at 54½ Western Avenue near Broadview and Gerrard. Approximately 150 people are on the mailing list, the vast majority of them are members.

There's only one criterion for membership in OMPA - present or past psychiatric treatment. So anyone who has had psychiatric treatment inside or outside psychiatric institutions is welcome to come to all meetings and join OMPA. Membership is FREE.

OMPA has accomplished a great deal in its first ten months of existence. It has:

- held regular social and business meetings where people are free to express and get involved in whatever they wish;
- established a Steering Committee of elected members who initiate policy, set priorities and help translate basic objectives into action;
- advocated and practiced *participatory democracy*, including open voting, elections to all positions and monthly rotation of chairpersons for the general meet-

- ings;
- held two successful dances;
- organized a public film-discussion on psychiatric abuses featuring the powerful and disturbing documentary HURRY TOMORROW;
- provided emotional and social support, and financial assistance, for many members and other people still locked up in psychiatric institutions;
- established a bank account;
- rented a house at 54½ West Avenue in Toronto which will serve as OMPA headquarters, and the place for our first Crisis Centre;

-successfully organized a flea market booth where members sell used goods and material which has resulted in well over \$1200 in sales during the first 7 months of operation. Some members have achieved greater self-confidence and learned some valuable business and social skills as a result of working in the flea market booth and helping to collect material donated by the public to OMPA.

In addition, some members have appeared on radio and television programs and talked about OMPA, as well as their personal experiences as "mental patients". Also, within the past year, a number of members have participated in workshops on self-help groups and community alternatives organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association, particularly the Ontario branch-Mental Health/Ontario.

OMPA recently prepared a brief on civil rights for "mental patients" titled CIVIL RIGHTS FOR "MENTAL PATIENTS"? ARE YOU CRAZY? Two members delivered this brief, which includes a Bill of Rights, to the Ontario Council of Health at a public hearing last May and at another public hearing of the Ontario Government's Social Development Committee on June 5, 1978. (Copies available from OMPA).

Right now, OMPA's three top priorities are: (1) securing a funding grant to survive, (2) organizing and staffing our Crisis Centre/Dropin, and (3) becoming incorporated as a non-profit organization. Another priority is educating the public about the myths of "mental illness" and the abuses and injustices of institutional or involuntary psychiatry - including psychiatric "treatment" and the lack of civil rights for psychiatric inmates in Canada.

People interested in donating good, used furniture or other material for our flea market should call Don at 461-7994. He's got a pick-up truck and will pick up stuff anywhere in Toronto, day or night or on weekends.

Cheques or money orders will also be greatly appreciated. They should be made payable to: Ontario Mental Patients' Association, mailing address is: OMPA, 54½ West Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4M 2L8. The phone number is 461-7994. Let's keep in touch.

NEWS BRIEFS

OCBIA gets new chairman

Carl Orback, a Parliament Street lawyer, is the new chairman of the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area. He succeeds founder Bart Davis, who had to resign last year because of ill health. Orback has been acting chairman of the group for the past while.

Trustee to head Children's Aid

Ward 7 School Trustee Doug Barr, a former chairman of the Board of Education, has been appointed the new executive director of the Metro Children's Aid Society. Barr, who takes over on September 4, promises to look into ways of making the society more accountable to the public.

Health spending committment down

Government spending on health care in 1978 will be the lowest percentage of the Gross Provincial Product (GPP) in this decade, according to the Ontario Hospital Association. The association quotes the

government's own figures in showing that about 4.13% of the forecast GPP will be spent on health care this year. This is down from 4.26% last year, and lower than the previous low registered in 1973. According to the association, "the effects of the latest government restraints are starting to be felt in many ways. Hospitals are having to cut back on beds, regular maintenance activities and renewal of equipment. Planned improvements or new programs are not being put into effect." The association's director R. Alan Hay warns that "what we are saving now may cost us dearly in the future."

Protest against SUN editorials

The Continuing Committee on Race Relations is protesting recent "irresponsible" editorials in the Toronto Sun on racial matters. The committee deplores the attitude of the Sun, and is appealing to various individuals and organizations to register their protests. They point out that with "a circulation of about 100,000, the potential for mischief of 'The Sun' should not be underestimated.

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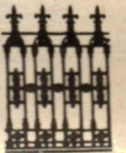
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See the colours gently fading
Can you hear the evening yawn
And lazy shadows stretching over
Each and every lawn
Over glasshouse patched with cellophane
Empty cans of beer
A chesterfield, a pick-up truck
Old tires from last year
And downtown in the distance
Like a back-drop stagelight
Changing the scenery for the final act at night
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See the squirrel like a tight rope walker
High on the telephone wire
See the wise and weathered chimneys
Faithful guards with no desires
See the tattooed walls of old brick houses
Leaning towards the houses
See the sun in the bloodshot eyes
of broken window panes
Through the web of leafless branches
Late winter trees
See the swallow in a "pas-de-deux"
With her lover the breeze
It's a performance of a pantomime artist
Silent smiling clown
Unfolding in the backyards of "Old Cabbagetown"

See the riderless rocking horse
Leading the parade
Of broken toys and broken stoves
And projects long delayed
See the rusty metal peeling from garage walls like skin
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