

# Once again — it's up to You

By ULLI DIEMER

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best of our ability, even as we try to keep you informed about community events and neighbourhood happenings.

Seven News, like many other people and organizations, is feeling the effects of our chaotic economy and of heavy-handed government policies. We don't much like asking you for money in times like these, because we know that for many these are difficult enough times. But unfortunately it is just at this time, when so many of us in the community are under the gun from many different directions, that we most need an effective voice that belongs to us, not to outside interests. It is a time when we all have to pitch in and work together if we want a better community and a better life for us all.

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## More non-profit co-op housing needed in city

By GORDON CRESSY

Housing is something we all need. You can't get much more basic than that. These days in Toronto though we're facing tough problems in finding adequate, affordable homes, both in the sale and rental markets. These problems will face us all at one point, young or old, single or married. We must start looking for good creative answers, but first let's look at the facts.

In the City of Toronto and in Ward 7 too, about half of all residents are tenants. With a vacancy rate at a record low of .7% (that is, less than one percent of all rental units are available, today, to be rented out to new tenants), there is growing pressure for someone to meet the demand.

The soaring cost of owning a home is another factor working to increase the demand for rental housing. High interest rates have had a double-barreled effect on the home-sale market. Not only do high

mortgage rates discourage potential home-buyers, they also prevent private producers from investing in homes that may not be sold.

Home sales in the central area were down last year. At the same time the average price of a home rose 11% in 1978 alone, bringing it to \$64,855. Price tags like this take ownership out of the picture for many.

Which brings us back to renting. As a rule of thumb, rent costs should account for no more than 25-30% of your income. For example, if you make \$10,000 a year, you should not be paying more than \$250 a month in rent.

For those on fixed incomes (eg. pensioners) this percentage is growing, with money-in just not keeping pace with money-out.

Rents themselves are still subject to review under Rent Control, but the 8% ceiling on increases applies only to those units built before 1976 and the ceiling itself is not absolute.

Rents in new 1978 units were up 48% over 1977, on the average. Luxury priced homes for singles and couples accounted for much of this new housing. Only 27 more family sized homes were produced for rental in 1978 than in 1977, just a 9% increase.

But what about demand?

In 1978, OHC housed 3,334 applicants in the City, but had a growing waiting list of over four thousand as of December 31. The biggest need was for family sized homes in the City.

OHC also tries to house seniors where there is suitable space available. Between October and December they housed 143 people and had a waiting list at year's end of nearly 900.

Metro, which supplies housing for senior citizens, has 266 units in Ward 7, with another 467 in various stages of building on three different sites.

## Rose Avenue Home Unfit for humans

By SUSAN URSEL

The Rose Rest Home is a flop-house.

Its owners, Clayton Wilkinson and Jeanette McPhail, have been in and out of court four times in the past two years, with successful prosecutions against them under the Public Health Act each time.

Visting nurses and other inspectors have described the Rose Ave. premises as dirty and uncared for with female help refusing to clean many of the rooms, especially those occupied by drinking men. Toilets have been plugged and not repaired until the stench was unbearable. Tenants' clothing is not washed, clean bedsheets and blankets seem scarce and towels not available at all unless specifically asked for by a nurse. These services are all said to be included in the \$175 a month rent.

Other reports tell of vomit encrusted clothes and serving trays (meals are also included in the rent). A recent visit to the home showed that it had been cleaned up, though in many rooms there was an overpowering smell of urine, feces and vomit. Wine bottles and half-empty glasses lay around the floors of many rooms.

A nurse familiar with the rest home for many years says that this is 75% cleaner than she has ever seen the place.

The Medical Officer of Health (the head of the Public Health Department) described the owners as "unable or unwilling or both to maintain acceptable sanitary standards on a long-term basis". Rose Rest Home has been under inspection since 1970 with many and repeated instructions to clean the place up.

In February the situation came up one more time. At a meeting of the Local Board of Health on March 9, Rose Rest Home was discussed. Most of the reports stressed the continuing problems and the need for a permanent solution.

Mr. Wilkinson was there too. He said his problems all stem from the kind of tenants the hospitals are sending him — alcoholics. He said he couldn't control them or the conditions they created.

There was an unwillingness all around to take decisive action on the situation on Rose Ave., except on the part of Belinda Morin, of

Metro Social Services. She said her department was ready to find new places for all the tenants at Rose Ave.

It then came out that the tenants did not want to leave. They could drink at Rose Rest Home and not at any of Ms. Morin's alternatives.

There were further suggestions that the rest home be closed, but Dr. Moss (the MOH) denied that there was any reason to do so although this appeared to be at variance with reports that he had been receiving from his people in the field and his own earlier statement.

The situation is a difficult one, and made doubly so since there are no rules requiring lodging houses whose owners reside on the premises to be licensed, thereby making it difficult to enforce even minimum sanitary conditions. Rose Rest Home is such a lodging house.

Under The Public Health Act, the home could be shut down until it's cleaned up. This is only a temporary solution though, and one the MOH seems unwilling to use.

Decent housing for those on Skid Row, especially the elderly and poor, is not going to be found by closing down one rest home. It is a recurring problem and one that needs an answer.

The Christian Resource Centre, running as usual on a shoestring, operates five houses for alcoholics, in Ward 7. These are cooperative houses and depend on the concern and commitment of their residents to run smoothly. Given this, they are successful and suggest one model the City and Metro could be looking into. The CRC also provides the only facility for women alcoholics in Ward 7.

The other question raised was the referral of patients by their hospitals, to places like Rose Rest Home. Alderman Cressy brought this point up in connection with the recent reduction of chronic care beds in Ontario. Tying this into the problem of adequate psychiatric out-patient housing and care, he stressed that we have to know what our alternatives are before we cut back on services.

To look into this, a task force has been set up by Metro Social Services.

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**Who's for no profit homes?**

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Downtown Interaction Group (formerly, The Don District Community Services Group) to express our concern with the attitude of the Ward 7 Business and Professional Association toward subsidized housing in Ward Seven.

If the Ward 7 Business and Professional Association wants community support for its stance against subsidized housing, it should clarify its objections for the community. To the best of our knowledge, it has not done so formally. Indeed, their letter in 7 News (Feb. 10, 1979) leads us to believe that it is not an argument of subsidized housing versus non-subsidized housing. Rather, it seems to be one of housing versus increased commercialization.

In our trying to understand what their objections might be we can only assume that they are either based on the vested business inter-

ests of the members or on personal values and biases.

If their objections are professionally based, we fail to understand them. Increased commercialization of our area will lead to more competition for the existing businesses and, presumably to decreased profits for them. Are these objections, then, being raised by those who are involved in real estate transactions? They would seem to be the people most likely to gain. It is not clear that what may be the best for one segment of the business community is best for all of it, much less for the community as a whole.

If, on the other hand, they are based on the personal biases of the members, their position seems even less tenable. Those biases could only be based on assumptions about people who live in subsidized housing. Within our experience, we have found such generalizations to

be both mistakes and insulting.

We are an organization of representatives from 36 agencies and groups who work in this area. Some of us live here as well. As such, we are not troubled by the level of subsidized housing here. Given the current economic and employment situation, it is likely that many more people will be choosing to look at alternate forms of housing. These might include subsidized, partially subsidized, and mixed subsidized/non-subsidized housing as well as co-ops and other shared arrangements. We feel that, if anything, these alternatives would be encouraged in Ward 7 to help maintain the diversity that makes our area an attractive and exciting place to live and work.

Our experience with the business people in our community is that they are generally neither opportunistic nor bigoted people. We fail to understand then, why they are taking a stance which will polarize them from many other members of the community on whom they depend for their economic survival. Perhaps they will clarify this for all of us.

Cindy Wilkey  
 Downtown Interaction Group

**Parents support tenure**

The Toronto East Community Council, an organization of parents and teachers representing many schools in Wards 7, 8 and 9 has discussed the issue of tenure in the 1978-79 contract for Secondary School teachers, and supports the policy, and the trustees who voted for it, for the following reasons.

1. Tenure, as defined in this and previous contracts for the past six years, is not a life-time guarantee of employment, but only a guarantee of employment for the period of the contract. It means that teachers with the lowest seniority, who may be laid off because of a drop in enrolment during the academic year, are guaranteed a job. It further means that programs now in existence are less likely to be eliminated. Tenure can be dropped at each new contract taking into consideration the costs involved.

2. The teacher's Federation, rather than seeking a raise commensurate with the rise in the cost of living (8.4%), or the general level of wage settlements (around 8%), or the settlement of the Hamilton Board (6.8%) chose to maintain programs and hence job security for those with the lowest

seniority. They accepted a raise of 5.7%.

3. Had they sought the same increase as the teachers in Hamilton, it would have cost the board and the citizens of Toronto an extra \$680,000.00. To keep for the rest of this contract the 13 teachers who face being laid off will cost \$104,000.00. The Federation request will save us around \$564,000.00. Moreover, this is not a one-time cost. Every subsequent raise will be based on the settlement.

4. The true problem, however, lies not with tenure, or the teachers' demand, but the clear decision of the Government of Ontario and the Minister of Education to shift the cost of education from the provincial and universal base of taxation, to the much less universal base of the property owners. We would suggest that all property owners make clear to the Government their opposition to this practice.

Merylie Houston  
 Vince Goring,  
 CO CHAIRMEN,  
 TORONTO EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

**Reader questions**  
**Crombie's action**

Well, the general election must be getting closer. How can you tell? Our new MP, Crombie, has sent letters around Regent Park announcing three meetings, and the opening of a constituency office. (He was put in office on October 16, 1978, nearly five months ago.)

In my opinion, the letter I received via the mails, and the hand-delivered flyer are a face, meant to win votes, especially from the people living in the southern part of the riding. It's hard to believe that he needed five months just to set up an office, or arrange a constituency meeting.

Like a true Tory, Crombie worries about the vote, and not the voter.

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# CITY HALL NEWS



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Paul Kane house

By ROB HUTCHISON

The "Toronto in a Nutshell" organization is trying to save artist Paul Kane's house in the Church and Wellsley area.

When the matter came up at City Executive, Mayor Sewell was clearly concerned that the group was incapable of raising the needed money and the house would be lost. Sewell argued in his usual logical fashion but from some wrong assumptions. Alderman Sparrow pointed out that contrary to Sewell's statement the group had not had responsibility for the house for a year. Sparrow agreed however that the group be given "three months and that's it" to prove they could raise the money.

The problem for the group has been that they cannot raise money without a commitment from the City to co-operate in the saving of the house.

Alderman Johnston, Rowlands, and Eggleton felt the group should be given a commitment and more time. Sewell stuck to his guns but was outvoted 4 to 1. Renovations to the Kane house are estimated to cost \$190,000.

Paul Kane (1810-1871) lived at 56 Wellesley St. East from 1818 to 1830 and went to school in the area. Later in life he became famous for his realistic paintings of the native Canadian Indian's way of life. (March 14, 1979)

## Unequal status

By ROB HUTCHISON

Female workers at City Hall remain largely confined to lower-paid, lower-status jobs.

In 1975, a Mayor's Task Force on the Status of Women recommended that an affirmative action programme be introduced in the civic service to improve the status of women.

Executive alderman Anne Johnston said there is "still a degree of tokenism" in the hiring practices of City Hall bureaucracies and that the hirers did "not seem to understand that affirmative action is a top-down affair — a matter of management initiative."

Affirmative action programmes deliberately set out to fill vacant jobs with female candidates on the grounds that the ongoing inequalities of history cannot be reversed under equal opportunity approaches. Equal opportunity programmes simply purport to allow women an equal chance to apply for tradition-

ally male jobs. As there is no positive action to place women in these jobs, there is a definite tendency for the simple weight of numbers of males in these fields to exclude women and block them into their traditional job ghettoes.

Alderman Patrick Sheppard's report to the Executive shows clearly that any affirmative action programme at City Hall over the past



three years has been a sham. In the departments of Public Works and Purchasing and Supply, for instance, the number of women in managerial positions is zero. Even in the clerical and administrative area, where women often dominate the number of jobs, men widely outnumber women in the better paid positions. Ironically, the departmental representatives on equal opportunity are 15 men and 5 women, most of whom are managers.

Sheppard wants an affirmative action programme with job training for women phased in over the next three years, and a five-year programme to employ a percentage of women at City Hall that is consistent with the percentage of women in the national work force (now 40 per cent). Only 24.3 per cent of employees at City Hall are women.

No action has yet been taken on Sheppard's motion. (March 7, 1979.)

## Job plan altered

By ROB HUTCHISON

Alderman Allan Sparrow's job plan for the City of Toronto has been left somewhat mauled by the Executive Committee. Sparrow's plan involved setting up a City Hall office to encourage private business and community economic development (non-profit housing, artisans etc.) to develop in the city.

Testimony by youth workers suggested that youth unemployment is at critical levels, especially in the Regent Park and Parkdale areas. Richard Nellis of the metro-funded Youth Centre said that the centre simply cannot find work for the 800

youths they see looking for jobs each month. Partly, he said, because a number of them cannot properly read or write. Nellis and other officials clearly felt a special job creation initiative for youth was necessary.

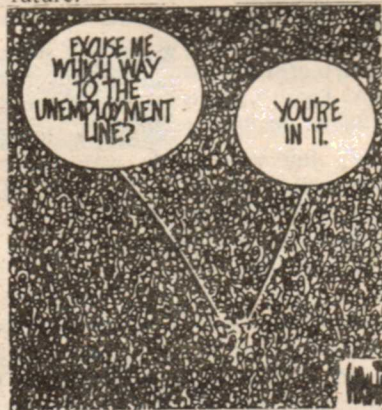
Nevertheless, executive voted to accept the Development Department's watered-down approach to city unemployment. Both Mayor Sewell and Alderman Eggleton argued that the City was economically incapable of putting a real dent in unemployment. Sewell said that although it was useful to look at C.E.D. strategies, the city's efforts in retaining industrial jobs had been good and Sparrow's approach was unnecessary.

Alderman Gordon Cressy wanted a middle-road approach with \$50,000 to spend on a co-ordinator to "hustle money out there" and to come back with data in a year's time. Both Sparrow and Sewell rejected this idea, Sparrow because the project would not get the \$250,000 he felt it needed, and Sewell because he felt the \$50,000 would be better spent on job creation than on an unnecessary co-ordinator.

Two observing aldermen, Barbara Adams and Janet Howard, commented that an employment strategy was needed. However, Howard went on, "while I think everyone wants to cut unemployment, they're not interested in creating more bureaucracies." On this later point the Left and Right at Council seem to agree, leaving Sparrow and his penchant for "systems" out in the cold on this issue.

Sparrow was visibly angry at the rejection of his plan. He made the justified point that executive's self-applause in retaining jobs was not the issue. He agreed the city had done well. The issue, he emphasized, was the creation of jobs.

The motion which the executive passed will allow Sparrow input into a Development Department examination of possible C.E.D. schemes. The question of a City Hall strategy to create jobs, however, remains unresolved, with an unclear and apparently distant future.



# Time squandered

By PAUL BOWMAN

There are a hell of a lot of people who absolutely hate having to go to work every day. But, then, there are also a hell of a lot of people who don't have a job; and some of them hate having to stay at home every day just as much.

Which simply goes to prove - once again - that in practically every situation, we poor foolish mortals are damned if we do, and perhaps even more damned if we don't.

For workers, a good deal has already been accomplished towards reducing the number of days in a working week, and the number of hours in a working day; as well as increasing pensions and reducing the standard retirement age.

It remains to be seen, however, if the people who now hate their jobs will learn to love them more - if and when they start getting paid more money for doing less work - or if they will simply learn how to hate two things at the same time with an equal passion.

Most of the people on DVA and old age pensions or mothers allowance, along with most of the people who regularly find themselves - through chronic illnesses or frequent lay-offs - on long term UIC or welfare benefits, have already learned how to hate too much idle time and too little money with a real vengeance. And, of course, they don't have anyone to negotiate a better deal with - even if there was something - like a new career - to negotiate.

Which means that for the time being, the responsibility for learning how to handle an excess of idle time falls squarely on the shoulders of the individual who is forced to stay at home... regardless of whether or not he or she is responsible for being idle in the first place.

Actually there are quite a few ways of trying to kill too much idle time with just a little bit of money. Unfortunately, however, as the old saying goes, most of them are illegal, immoral or fattening, or else they're just plain boring; and some of them are seriously negative and destructive. But all of them - no matter what else they are - are too bloody expensive for people on fixed low incomes.

There are uppers and downers, for instance, to either hurry-up or slow down the day. And there's pot or hash that will help a light head lose track of the dragging time; and big fat beer bellies - along with some dandy hang-overs - can be acquired sitting in a hotel every day, where time always seems to pass fairly quickly.

Which means that - all things considered nobody can really kill time effectively, without simultaneously committing suicide on the instalment plan. Unless, of course, a person is satisfied to just sit and play cards all the time, or to vegetate in front of a TV, and wonder why Ryan Hopes, and how The World Turns on a set of Hollywood Squares.

The biggest trouble with the whole situation is that quite a few

of the people on fixed low incomes simply don't fit into the usual standard categories. Which is really just another way of saying that not everybody is either a square peg or a round hole looking for a matching slot or stick. In fact the whole world - of which the people on fixed low incomes are just a representative part - is full of very special and completely unique individuals who should be encouraged to develop their equally special and unique talents - rather than just being totally ignored if they either cannot or will not fit into the established patterns.

On the strength of all the critical comments and all of the cynical observations up to this point, it would almost seem logical for the apparent victims of these circumstances to just give up in disgust and despair. Which is precisely what far too many of them eventually wind up doing - even though it amounts to a completely unnecessary admission of defeat.

The main reason it's so unnecessary is that there are ways to handle idle time creatively, constructively and most of all enjoyably. The real difficulty is not in trying to find something to do, but in trying to find something to do that will be both exciting and satisfying. And that's where "The Millionaires Game" comes into the picture.

The Millionaires Game is really nothing more than an adult version of a game virtually everyone played as a child. Although in the child's version it was pure fantasy, and in the adult version it's modified by some realistic limitations and expectations.

One good thing about it is that an individual can play it in the privacy of his or her own mind. But the best part about it is that it's absolutely free. All that's really necessary is a reasonably active imagination along with a little bit of initiative, intelligence and ambition.

There really isn't anything particularly difficult or complicated about any of it... but it would be almost impossible to go into a detailed explanation of it in the limited amount of space that's available here. On the other hand, The Word Wagon - which is a Canada Works project - will be holding an open forum on the subject in the lower meeting room of Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak St., on April 2, 1979, between 2 and 4 p.m. Free tea and coffee will be served, and there will be no admission charge or collection. So everybody who is interested in finding out more about the concept can certainly afford to attend - and we certainly hope you will.

One other thing that The Word Wagon is going to be doing - in conjunction with Seven News - is interviewing people to see what they are now doing with their time and what they would like to be doing with it... regardless of whether they are working or staying at home. So smile nicely because even if you're not on candid camera, you could be in one of the future editions of Seven News.

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*Music*



**Tonio K under-played**

The best method to ensure instant oblivion for any musical group is to insist on meaningful lyrics. Thus-despite a smooth instrumental blend of country and western, rock'n roll and blues-Tonio K's debut album is destined for the remainder bins.

Very few record companies or radio DJ's will promote a band that spends a large part of their album criticizing corrupt political, social and economic institutions. Never mind that the band uses heavy doses of satire to get their message across.

You don't come out with words such as "cut the wires and slash the tires and burn the buildings down...sell the farm and take up arms and run the bastards out" and expect to be number 1 with the star makers. After all, it's a system they perpetuate which Tonio K is singing against.

On the other hand, if this new group had rounded out their tight instrumental output with equally tight mindless lyrics, they would certainly head the FM charts.

Tonio K's debut album - Life in the Foodchain - starts off with a title song that sets the tone for the record's first side.

'cause it's dog eat dog and it's cat and mouse it's watch your step and cross yourself and get back in the house and it's do or die it's push and shove because everybody's hungry and there isn't quite enough

Although Tonio K spends most of the first side dealing with society's ills, they are short on answers. Perhaps this is why the second side deals mainly with love; love lost, found and squandered. Answers to this problem are less elusive than how to remove politicians and corporate heads whose decisions affect out well-being much more than a sour love affair.

As Tonio K points out in the song Willie & The Pigman:

don't you ever tangle with the ruling class unless you're prepared to take it because they can dish it out from now until 1999...



**Costello over-rated**

Anyone who reads reviews of movies, books, records or whatever, soon begins to realize that what in fact they are usually digesting are reviews of other reviews. Although the wording may be changed, to avoid charges of plagiarism, it appears many reviewers are content to rely on their peers or handouts from publishing houses, film corporations and record companies to hide their own lack of originality.

**CASE IN POINT;** The latest album - Armed Forces - from the English "sensation", Elvis Costello. After reading reviews of this album, it's interesting to speculate how many of these media deadbeats actually listened to the album instead of relying on someone else's opinions.

Phrases such as "new wave's most skilled vocalism", "clever social commentator" crowd out any real understanding of Costello's music. Unfortunately, there is little to understand.

Granted, there are a few words or phrases which do offer a few insights into the problems facing today's complex world. (I guess it's my own fault for looking at music as a medium to document the need for social change.) At the same time, you could listen (heaven forbid) to the garble attributed to rocks' best known bubblegum group - the Bee Gees - and also find a few pearls of wisdom.

Probably the most meaningful words on Costello's latest album - his third-are the song titles; Busy Bodies, Two Little Hitlers, What's so Funny 'Bout Peace, Love and Understanding. However, the songs themselves don't live up to the titles.

Despite Costello's wasted lyrics, instrumentally the album is top notch. Besides giving the album a reason for ever being produced, the instruments help drown out what many record reviewers consider to be Costello's main attribute. An ability to sing through his nose and still be understood.

Of course I shouldn't complain. I got the album for nothing. Which in my estimation is about what it's worth.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Sunday March 25

**COME TO THE MOVIES!** 7 News presents two old favourite movies: **Some Like It Hot**, starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon and Alfred Hitchcock's **North by Northwest**, starring Cary Grant, plus a cartoon, a newsreel, and home baked goodies. All for only \$2.75, at the **Cinematheque, 290 College St.**, at 2:00 p.m. All the proceeds go to the 7 News Fundraising Campaign. So, come with the family and have a good time with old-fashioned value for your dollar.

The speaker at today's St. Luke's United Church Forum is Mr. Hoon Kim. That's at St. Luke's, Carlton and Sherbourne, at 2:30 p.m.

There will be a parade down Danforth Avenue today starting at 11 a.m. to celebrate Greek National Independence Day.

Running at the Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley St., until April 7, is a play, **The Increased Difficulty of Concentration**, by Vaclav Havel, directed by Pam Terry. Call 364-4170 for more information.

Running at the New Theatre in the Adelaide Court, 57 Adelaide St. East, is **"The Pits 1979"**, a new play by John Palmer. It's a comedy about a day in the life of six rooming house dwellers, and it runs until April 1st. Call 363-6401 for ticket information.

## Monday March 26

Regent Park Daycare Committee invites all Regent Park residents to a meeting with Alderman Gordon Cressy to discuss the problems of daycare in Regent Park and the City's role in providing these services at 7:30 p.m. at Regent Park United Church. All parents who are having problems finding daycare for their children or who want more information about the daycare situation are urged to attend this meeting. For more information phone 363-4234.

Tonight is opening night for **Getting Even**, a domestic comedy written and directed by Jim Garrard (who just happens to be a former 7 News advertising manager). It plays every night, except Tuesday, at 9:00 p.m. Admission for previews (until April 1) is \$2.00; after that, it's \$3.00. For reservations and information, call the Theatre Second Floor, 86 Parliament St., 364-4025.

Reform Metro has called a meeting at City Hall at 8 p.m. today to discuss anti-gay and racially biased remarks published in the police magazine News and View, and to see if anything can be done about them.

## Tuesday March 27

"Goin' Down the Road" is playing at the free Tuesday night movies at the Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. East, at 7 p.m. The film is about two men who leave

Nova Scotia for Toronto.

The annual meeting of Dixon Hall will be held today at Dixon Hall. There will be wine and cheese at 7 p.m., and business at 8 p.m.

Also at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., today at 11 a.m. is a program on **"Stretching Your Food Dollar"**. This is the first in a four-week series. Guest speakers will explain how to get the most out of your food dollar while at the same time preparing delicious and nutritious meals. It will also deal with planning meals for people who live alone. Everyone is welcome. If finding a babysitter is a problem, please call Janice or Ross at Dixon Hall 863-0499.

Today is the first day of the Harbourfront Computer Culture Exposition, which runs until April 4. A wide variety of speakers, films, displays, and discussions will form the exposition. For a complete program or additional information call 367-0392.

## Wednesday March 28

The parents and teachers of Withrow Public School have organized a parent teacher group which is interested in various school and community projects. At present we are attempting to set up a Block Parents Organization in the Withrow Community. In order that we may properly introduce this programme there will be a meeting in the Withrow School library at 7:30 p.m. today. All area residents are invited to attend. Guest speakers will provide background information and answer any questions relating to Block Parents. Remember you don't have to be a parent to be a block parent.

## Thursday March 29

Tonight, and Friday and Saturday night, Theatre Nextdoor presents **I Am a Camera**, in the sub-basement auditorium of the 240 Wellesley St. East building, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 (senior citizens \$2). Group rates are available. The story is based on Christopher Isherwood's impressions of the decadent 1930's in Berlin. Call 483-3995 for more information.

Parachute, the community employment project, is having a get-together, drop-in, and reception today at 6:30 at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. There will be an open house, discussion about the project, and people involved in it will be there.

Tonight is party time for Emma's. The Fantasy Committee presents **The Definitive Benefit: A Taste of Emma's**, with Whilom Stringband, "IT", Rita McNeil & Mich Hill, Poets' Co-op, Jean-Marc Amyot, Dorothy Poste & Peter Donato, Anne-Marie de Varennes-Sparks, Theatre Max, The Nylons, and many other friends of Emma's. It all happens at 8:30 at the 519 Church

Community Centre. Tickets are \$5; reserve now by phoning 363-4404.

York East NDP holds a discussion on An Industrial Plan for Canada. Speakers are Bob Rae, M.P. Broadview, and Bob MacKenzie, M.P.P. for Hamilton East. At R.H. McGregor School (Coxwell and Mortimer) at 8 p.m.

Free film at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. East: It's a Wonderful Life, with Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, at 2:30 p.m.

A public information meeting will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in suite 401, The Gooderham Building, 49 Wellington St. East, for anyone interested in living in **Cathedral Court Co-operative Homes** in the new St. Lawrence neighbourhood. For more information call 869-1249. If you can't make this meeting, there will be another one, same time, same place, on Tuesday April 3.

## Friday March 30

Free film time again at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. East. Today at 2 p.m. it's "Silver on the Sage".

## Saturday March 31

There will be an **opportunity sale**, snack tea, baked goods, books, jewellery and accessories at St. Luke's United Church, corner of Sherbourne and Carlton Streets, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

There will be a **rummage sale** of good used clothing and some new or nearly new coats, dresses, shirts, sweaters, children's clothing, shoes, etc., at St. Cyril & Method Hall, corner of Dundas and Sackville Streets, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All proceeds in aid of the new Canadian Macedonian Senior Citizens' Home being built at O'Connor Drive and St. Clair Ave.

Today, and Monday, there will be a spring clothing sale at the Christian Community Centre, 270 Gerrard St. E., from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Prices will be 10¢ to \$1.00.

Ward 8 News is having a spring Come-Alive, (or something like that). There will be poetry, songs, theatre, clowns, balloons, self-defense demonstration, bake sale, politics, books, and all sorts of other good stuff. It's at the Ward 8 News, 947 Queen St. East, (at Carlaw, in the church) today from noon to 6 p.m.

Today is the founding **Community Convention of Parents**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Technical School, 725 Bathurst (at Harbord). The convention will provide parents with a forum to discuss such concerns as parents' rights and responsibilities, homework policy, declining enrolment, curriculum development, assessment and placement, and many other issues. Day care will be provided. Translation services will be available in any language requested. Sponsored by the Toronto Board of Education and a number of school-community organizations. Fee of \$10 includes all meals, refreshments, daycare, etc. For further information or to register, call your local public school, or 598-4931 ext. 346.

## Sunday April 1

There will be an evening reception with entertainment, buffet dinner, and cash bar at Bobbins, 547 Parliament St., today from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Terry Jones Band will be playing and George Rust-D'Eye will provide slides and commentary on "Lost Toronto". The cost is \$12.50; the purpose is to reduce Janet Howard's campaign debt. For reservations call 367-7916 days or 923-9368 or 921-5318 evenings.

Today's **St. Luke's forum** features Margaret Hardy speaking on Health in the Work Force. At St. Luke's, Carlton and Sherbourne, at 2:30 p.m.

At Harbourfront today there will be an

"Old Paper Show", with old postcards, magazines, posters, and photographs, in the Ice House at York Quay Centre, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1. Call 783-4344 for details

## Monday April 2

What is "The Millionaires Game"? Nope, we don't know either, but if you go to the Word Wagon meeting at Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak St., from 2 to 4 p.m., you'll find out. It's free. (See the article on page 3.)

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto is looking for people who would like to become a part of Woodsworth Housing Co-operative in the new St. Lawrence neighbourhood. Two public meetings are being held, today and tomorrow, each at 299 Queen St. West, Suite 501, at 8 p.m. Call 598-1641 for more information.

## Tuesday April 3

There will be another programme on **Stretching Your Food Dollar** today. See March 27 for details.

Free film time at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E., at 7 p.m. Tonight, it's **The Hound of the Baskervilles**, starring Basic Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes.

## Thursday April 5

**Bingo** tonight at Regent Park School at 7 p.m. The winner of the 50-50 draw will be picked. If you want draw tickets, call Ruth Hudon at 861-1676.

## Friday April 6

The Broadview-Greenwood NDP is having a gala fundraising dinner for Bob Rae tonight starting at 6:30, with special guest Tommy Douglas. Call 463-3807 for details.

Today is the start of the three-day Toronto **Super 8 Film Festival**. The festival offers a selection of the work done in the international field of Super 8 filmmaking. Registration fee is \$10 for three days, or \$5 per day. At Harbourfront, York Quay. Call 367-0590 for information.

There will be a **bazaar and auction** at the Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. East, today from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The auction starts at 1:15. There will be good used clothing for adults and children, a white elephant table, bake sale, crafts, tea garden, plants, and raffles. Everyone welcome.

The School of the Toronto Dance Theatre will present the first of two **student choreographic workshops** today and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the new studios at 80 Winchester St. This informal presentation will consist of pieces choreographed and performed by students of the school. Admission \$2.00.

## GENERAL

**April is Cancer Month.** Volunteers are required to canvass door-to-door and sell daffodils for the Canadian Cancer Society. If you can help call 925-5522 and volunteer.

Mothers with children requiring information on **child tax credits** for 1978, please phone or come into the Regent Park Community Improvement Association office, 44 Blevins Place, 364-2909. Office hours 9:30 to 3:00.

Come to the **41 Oak St. Bingo** every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Come on over and enjoy an afternoon of bingo. Admission is 50¢, which includes 2 cards. Extra cards are 3 for 25¢. In the main floor lounge at 41 Oak St.

The South Riverdale **Child-Parent Drop In Centre** is an informal place for parents to come with their infants and preschoolers, for coffee, conversation and play. It is located in the Old Post Office at 765 Queen Street East, 2 blocks east of Broadview, and is open Monday to Thursday, from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. Once a week there is a speaker and discussion on various topics. For further information, call 469-3776.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### St. Patrick's Party

A grand St. Patrick's Day Party was held on March 16 at 41 Oak St. in the main floor lounge with a very large turnout of tenants. Many thanks to all who made it a great success, including Edith Harrington, Madge Elston, Lawrence Crarey, to the O.H.C., who made it possible, and also to Mrs. M. Fisher and Mrs. M. Burns for the dancing troupe. The stars of the evening were the Ulster Accordion Band, presented by Fred Hawthorne and led by John Rea. The evening was organized by John Sanlon.

The winners of the St. Patrick's Day Draw were: 1. Mrs. K. Mese (No.155); 2. Mrs. M. Burns (No.442); 3. Mrs. H. Harker (No.340); 4. Mrs. A. Scullion (No.277); 5. Mrs. G. Harris (No.554); 6. Mrs. L. Brown (No.321); 7. James Walk (No.269); 8. Tony Carmier (No.273).

### Jarvis at Carnaval

Fifty-seven Jarvis Collegiate students and their French teachers travelled to Quebec City for the winter Carnaval recently. Their programme included visits to the Musee du Fort for a sound and light pageant of Quebec's history, to the Assemblée Nationale where workers were preparing for the celebrated visit of France's premier, and to the massive Citadelle, home of the famous "Vingt-deux" regiment. There was also a bus trip to Sainte-Anne de Beaupre, passing Ile d'Orleans and Montmorency Falls, and a stop to view local bakers and craftsmen at work. Also on the itinerary was a walking tour of the historic walled town, including Place Royale where Champlain built his "Habitation" in 1608.

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# Legal Clinic on the move

Riverdale Socio-Legal Services is moving from its present address at 835 Queen Street East (in the Wood Green Community Centre). The clinic is going a couple of blocks east to **932A QUEEN STREET EAST** (above the Queen Street Eatery restaurant). The office will be closed on March 28, 29 and 30 and will re-open at its new address on Monday, April 2. The telephone number will remain the same, **461-8102. OFFICE HOURS** will also stay the same: Monday and Wednesday — 10 am to 6 pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday — 10 am to 5 pm.

RSLs has on staff a lawyer — Richard Firth, two community legal workers — Shelley Appleby and Jegan Mohan, a social worker — Valerie Lavergne and two secretaries — Sara De Filippis and Jackie Kemp.

Ever since RSLs was formed, there has been an emphasis on making the clinic responsive to the needs of Riverdale residents. RSLs is therefore managed by a **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** made up of people who live or work in Riverdale. They are planning to

hold their **annual meeting in June**. At that time, people who are interested will be able to be nominated for election to the Board. More information about the annual meeting will be appearing soon in this newspaper.

Riverdale Socio-Legal Services is an expansion from the Wood Green Centre evening legal clinic which operated for about 18 years. Since RSLs was opened in 1977, the staff has grown from 3 persons to 5 full-time and 1 part-time staff today. The range of legal services has also grown considerably from what was available at the evening clinic.

RSLs provides assistance in the following legal and social service areas: landlord-tenant, family law, criminal (less serious offences), Welfare and Family Benefits, Small Claims Court, consumer, immigration and wills. Besides giving **ADVICE, ASSISTANCE IN FILLING OUT FORMS AND DOCUMENTS** and **COURT REPRESENTATION**, the clinic also provides **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** to Riverdale residents. The clinic also **WORKS WITH GROUPS** of residents to

deal with their common problems and concerns.

RSLs has provided educational programs on various topics: youth and the law, landlord-tenant problems, women and the law, family law, Welfare and Family Benefits, immigration, consumer problems, wills and racial difficulties. Several of these programs have been organized for the public. The clinic has also been asked by various groups to speak on topics of interest to them. Some of the groups that the clinic has worked with include: Eastdale Collegiate students, Eastview Community Centre, a women's group which meets at the Jones Avenue public library, Wood Green Centre, a Catholic Children's Aid women's group, Riverdale parent-child drop-in centre, and a women's group which meets at Withrow Avenue school.

The clinic has worked with a group of residents concerned about a housing development planned for the neighbourhood. RSLs is involved with the Riverdale Action Group in examining issues

and problems of concern to Riverdale. It is also working with a group concerned about problems related to Welfare and Family Benefits.

Since last summer, RSLs has had a person available at Eastview Community Centre on Thursday afternoons.

The clinic is funded by the Ontario Legal Aid Plan; there is no charge for the services it provides. The Board of Directors of RSLs

has set financial guidelines to indicate who is eligible for the clinic's help. The clinic provides assistance to those people who cannot afford to pay for a lawyer's services and who cannot get help through Legal Aid. Those people who are not eligible for the clinic's assistance are told about other places that can help them.

The clinic assists people who live in the area bounded by the Don River to Coxwell Avenue, Lake Ontario to the city limits, in other words, Ward 8 and Ward 7 east of the Don River.

## Cabbagetown boxers win Six out of six

By **KEN HAMILTON**

Junior boxers from the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre continued their usual winning ways on the weekend of March 10 and 11, taking six out of six in action at Stouffville and Oshawa.

Asif Dar, "The Pakistani Panther", age 13, 112 lbs., a Golden Gloves junior champ, defeated Mike McDonald, age 17, Toronto Vet's Club. McDonald was obliged to take two standing 8-counts from the referee.

Emmerth Lee, Age 14, 112 lbs., defeated P. Duncalfe of Stouffville. It was Lee's first bout. Duncalfe took three standing 8-counts.

Conrad Gray, age 9, 55 lbs. (soaking wet) defeated Bobby Duval, 65 lbs., of Rexdale in the first round. Conrad is related to Clyde Gray, Canadian Welterweight Champion. This may

explain why Conrad has won five out of five bouts — four of them in the first round.

Warren McKeowen, age 12, 85 lbs., had no trouble in decisioning Mike Cassells of Rexdale. Warren is the 12-year-old junior Golden Gloves Champ, while Mike is the 13-year junior Golden Gloves Champ.

Emmerth Lee scored a second time, easily defeating T. Ferrario of Oshawa.

The surprise of the weekend was Anthony Aransibia, age 14, 120 lbs., who gave away ten pounds to Andy Brown of Rexdale and won by a knockout in the first round. Brown was counted out while standing on his feet, but he was too dazed to continue.

So far this year, the Cabbagetown juniors have won 25 bouts while losing 8.



## Do you know what turns people off?


You probably think you do. They're mostly the things that turn you off, right? Well, see how right you are. Check the habits below you think will turn people off.

- 1. Filling up a hot tub instead of taking a shower.
- 2. Turning on the floodlights to light up the house all night.
- 3. Turning up the thermostat, then opening a window.
- 4. Leaving the TV on in one room while you eat dinner in another.
- 5. Cooking on an element too big for the pot.
- 6. Brightening up the house at dusk by turning on all the lights.
- 7. Turning the washing machine on to launder just a couple of things.
- 8. Filling the kettle up to make a single cup.

If you checked them all, 1 to 8, you're right. Because waste of electricity, like anything everybody really needs, is a bad habit.

That makes all the habits above turn-offs. Which is a good reason for all of us to avoid them.

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If you've wondered why there are so few boxing shows held at the local gym of the Cabbagetown Boxing Club, here is your answer. Steven Ablitt is wondering how he'll be able to train with all those buckets on the floor. CBYC staff can only pray for a drought, or a new roof.

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# More housing needed

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Metro's waiting list stands at 1500. The City is the most popular place to live, according to senior citizens, and has the biggest waiting list.

There is a lot of concern in the community that the new buildings in Ward 7 have facilities for their residents' ease and safety, for instance, a 24 hour security and emergency service. We need community involvement in the planning of all housing.

As of March this year, City Non-Profit Housing had 4700 applicants. The highest demand was for 2-bedroom homes for small families, and single bedroom homes, for people like pensioners.

More than three-quarters of all these applicants need subsidized housing. Many want to transfer from other developments because the ones they're in can't supply housing to meet their changing needs.

The huge waiting lists for all kinds of subsidized housing reflect two things. People simply cannot afford the rents for the kinds of housing they want and need. One quarter of all tenant households in the City are having serious troubles meeting the costs of renting.

The second fact is that, by and large, the new housing being produced by private developers is geared to middle and upper income owners and renters. This is not meeting the needs of many people in Toronto.

Developers large and small can play an important role in meeting these needs. The City has a responsibility in meeting these needs. The City has a responsibility to make its rules and regulations regarding housing crystal clear. The Central Area Plan has helped to do just that. Now it's up to the development industry to play its part.

A number of developers are now working with City Planners and neighbourhood residents to produce quality housing for people of all incomes, including assisted housing. Not only that, they are making a good return on their investment.

Affordability and diversity in kinds of housing are essential. Diversity is important to meet the demand for a variety of housing at all income levels, as well as to supply housing that will preserve the unique neighbourhoods of our community.

The City's policy is to retain and substantially expand the residential parts of the Central Area (most of Ward 6 and part of Wards 5 and 7) through various programs. These include non-profit housing construction and renovation of

existing stock.

Long-term goals for 1985 are the repair of 4,000 existing homes and building 30,000 new homes (about half are to be for low to moderate income families). These are the goals for the Central Area alone.

This year's City-wide targets are more modest: building two thousand new, assisted homes, buying 200 homes for renovation by the City and housing cooperatives, and buying 200 existing homes for assisted renting.

Housing for the handicapped has a target of only 50 units and is an area the City must aggressively pursue.

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood figures largely in these targets. Located opposite the St. Lawrence Market, it's the biggest City project yet, scheduled to be finished in 1982, for a total of 3,442 homes for families, couples and singles of all incomes and ages. The City and various housing cooperatives are involved in developing this site.

This project is an excellent example of the diverse and quality housing that can be provided through cooperation between concerned groups. The large involvement of housing cooperatives is a growing trend in Toronto and an important alternative to traditional home production.

Through support of efforts by housing cooperatives, rehabilitation programs, landbanking and new construction, the City can not only provide homes but employment too. Working with other levels of government is important. Joint projects increase resources available and encourage design to serve the needs of many different people.

Until there is an affordable supply of decent housing though, rent controls must be maintained. The present review system should be simplified and strengthened through the use of a rent registry and more stringent guidelines. The City should forcefully present the case to the Province for the maintenance of rent review and controls.

Housing is a right. The City has rightfully moved into this arena because no one else was willing or able to take the lead. Even so, these projects account for a very small percentage of housing. The City's programs are limited by resources available but wherever possible it must play an expanding role in providing good, reasonably priced housing. While it cannot supply all Toronto's housing needs, the City is in a position and has a responsibility to offer serious alternatives to present housing choices.



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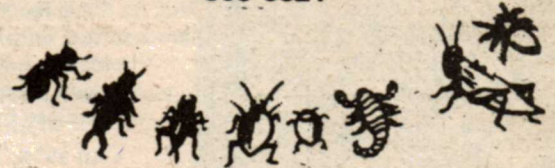
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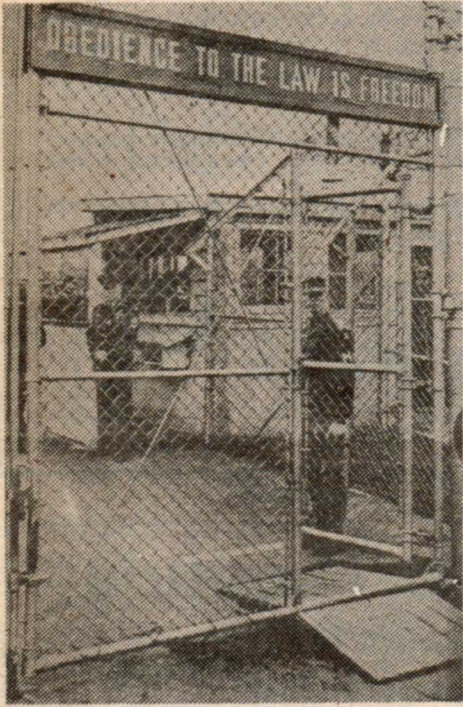
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## Legal decisions threaten press freedom



By ULLI DIEMER

The calendar of our times suffers from no shortage of black marks commemorating particularly depressing events. Significantly, however, the most ominous and widely known date in our political history lies not in our past but in our future. Symbolic of modern societies' drift to increasing barbarity, brutality, and totalitarianism, that date, 1984, is now a mere five years in the future.

With the countdown to 1984 now at minus five, we might do well to ask ourselves what chance there is that the world in 1984 will actually resemble the nightmare society of George Orwell's bleak novel. If we do so, we will find that to a great extent the world of Big Brother is already in existence in one form or another across most of the globe. A majority of the world's people live, right now, under dictatorships marked by one-party rule, tight government control over the media and education, and arbitrary police power. Only a relative handful of countries, Canada among them, still maintain some semblance of a pluralistic society.

But even in Canada the situation is not nearly as rosy as many of us would like to believe, and, more importantly, things are getting steadily worse. Press freedom is under attack, computer systems and police files are undermining our privacy, books are being banned, trials are being held in secret, police powers are being greatly expanded, governments are competing with each other in passing repressive legislation.

This trend is deeply disturbing, but even more disturbing is the lack of outcry with which it has been met. In a society where most of us have so little freedom to do what we wish with our lives, one would suppose that people would be looking for ways to extend the sphere of rights and freedom, rather than standing passively by while it is being constantly reduced.

### "Freedom of the press"

Yet how many people are even aware, for example, of recent decisions constricting freedom of the press in Canada? (A comment on the term, "freedom of the press", is in order: Freedom of the press is unfortunately not a freedom that belongs to everyone equally, or to most people at all. It is inseparable from the power to publish: in the words of the well-known phrase, "Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one." And they have it in proportion to their economic clout: the publishers of the Toronto Star have a thousand times as much "freedom of the press" as the people who write for 7 News. Nevertheless, it is something. In however a stunted and unsatisfactory form, "freedom of the press" exists, and can potentially be expanded. An attack on it is therefore an attack that should concern us all: "Whenever a particular freedom is put in question, freedom in general is put in question.")

### Negative legal decisions

• At one time, the legal rights of a Canadian newspaper in commenting on events were much stronger than they have been in recent years. These rights, however, were severely narrowed by a pair of Supreme Court decisions in 1960 and 1961, and since then the media have relied almost exclusively on the defence of "fair comment" in fending off libel suits by people in the news who feel themselves wronged. However, "fair comment" has itself now been significantly undermined by a series of recent decisions:

• In 1974, The CBC produced a program called "Dying of Lead", which dealt with lead pollution. The program brought on a libel suit from a Dr. Donald Barltrop, a paid consultant to Riverdale's Canada Metals Co. He sued because another doctor interviewed on the program said that "Dr. Barltrop is a paid consultant to the lead industry. He is paid to say what he has just said." In 1977, a Court of Appeal convicted the CBC of libel because it said that the statement quoted contained an implication that Barltrop was professionally dishonest. This represented a significant departure from earlier precedents, which had held that libels must at least be explicit, not merely interpreted as being implied. Formerly, similar comments had been held to be "fair comment". The Supreme Court has refused to allow the decision to be appealed.

• Also in 1977, the Vancouver Sun was sued for libel after it criticized Liberal MP Simma Holt for interviewing followers of Charles Manson while touring American prisons for the House of Commons committee on prisons. The Sun editorially commented that this was not what Holt was "paid to be doing" and that she ought to "keep her mind on the task at hand". The Sun was convicted of libel.

### Even letters and cartoons

• Earlier this year, the Supreme Court found the publisher of the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix guilty of libel because the paper printed a letter to the editor referring to Saskatoon alderman and lawyer Morris Cherneskey. According to Bi-Monthly Reports, which published an analysis of the case, "the crux of the court's decision was the newspaper, in publishing such a letter, must actually agree with the contents of the letter — as well as proving that it is the letter-writer's honest opinion — in order to plead fair comment as a successful defence to a libel action. What the decision means is that any publisher of a 'fair comment' must actually agree with the comment. . . ." A key point in the trial was that the writers of the letter had left Saskatchewan and that therefore it could not be proved that they actually agreed with the letter as it had been published. The publisher was held liable, even though he did not agree with the contents of the letter.

• Also earlier this year, the Victoria Times and cartoonist Bob Bierman were found to have libelled then-Human Resources Minister William Vander Zalm after publishing a cartoon showing Vander Zalm pulling the wings off flies. A defence that cartoons normally deal in exaggeration and symbolic actions which are not to be construed literally was to no avail.

• In a different kind of decision, the CTV Television Network was issued an injunction earlier this month forbidding it to air an interview with Margaret Trudeau. The court took upon itself the right to pre-censor CTV's program because it might hurt sales of Mrs. Trudeau's upcoming book.

• Another case, in which the Toronto Sun has been charged with violating the Official Secrets Act, is still awaiting a verdict. Prosecutors pressed charges although of the 16 items used in the column in question, 11 had been used in a television program a month earlier, while three others had been discussed in Parliament by MP Tom Cossitt.

• One bright note among all these unfavourable decisions has been the recent acquittal of the Body Politic on a charge of transmitting indecent, immoral or scurrilous

material through the mails. The Body Politic had published an article which discussed sexual relations between adults and children.

### Body Politic victory

The court's decision was that it is not illegal to write about things that are immoral or even illegal (this can hardly be news to fans of murder mysteries). At the same time, however, the Body Politic trial demonstrates very clearly how even unsuccessful prosecutions or libel suits can have a serious deterrent effect on the press by making it extremely cautious in avoiding anything too controversial lest legal action result. For even an unsuccessful action can destroy a newspaper: the Body Politic had to spend over \$30,000 in proving itself innocent, and now

has been told that the Crown intends to appeal the verdict. The paper was also the victim of police actions which came close to destroying it: in their raid on the paper, the police carted away 12 packing boxes of essential files from the Body Politic's office, including subscription and advertiser lists and manuscripts. These will now be presumably returned, and all subscribers on the list will have to presume that photocopies of the Body Politic's files are now permanently in police possession.

In the face of the onslaught it is facing, it is hardly surprising that the Canadian press is becoming even more conservative and timid than it already is. The situation will likely get worse before it gets better.

## Withrow forms parents' group

The parents and teachers of Withrow Public School have organized a 'parent teacher group' which is interested in various school and community projects. At present we are attempting to set up a Block Parents Organization in the Withrow Community. In order that we may properly introduce this programme there will be a meeting in the Withrow School Library at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 28, 1979, all residents in the area are invited to attend. Guest speakers will provide background information and answer any questions relating to Block Parents.

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### A PARENT TO BE A BLOCK PARENT"

Rene Souery, in conjunction with the parent teacher group, is putting together a Withrow Community Resource Directory. It is hoped this directory will be distributed to all households in the area. Area residents offering any type of service, and who wish to be listed, should send all pertinent information to Rene Souery c/o 7 News. We feel we should use local people when ever possible be it for T.V. repair, home improvements, babysitting, or even an oboe player. There may be a nominal charge of 75¢ to list in the directory which will help with the costs of production.

### Broadview Manor Opens

Broadview Manor, a senior citizen apartment Broadview and Danforth built by the Metro Toronto Housing Company, will officially open on March 30. Broadview Manor is a five-storey building containing 95 bachelor apartments, 32 one-bedroom apartments, and four one-bedroom apartments designed to accommodate handicapped people in wheelchairs. Bachelor apartments are about 410 square feet, the one-bedrooms are 475 square feet, and the handicapped units are about 480 square feet. The total cost of the building is \$3,435,000, 90 per cent of it coming from CMHC and 10 per cent coming from Metro. Rents are geared to income and the annual operating losses are shared by the three levels of government. A single tenant whose only income is the Old Age Pension and supplement would pay \$74 per month. The building has a recreation assembly room an indoor shuffleboard court, and a crafts room.

### Women's Day

Saturday March 10 saw a demonstration organized by the International Women's Day Coalition. The demonstration was preceded by a rally at Convocation Hall with the theme of Jobs and Rights for Women, which included speeches by five women representing different areas of women's oppression. A Chilean immigrant described her efforts to find work through Times Change, a women's employment service facing funding cuts; a lesbian mother concealed under a hood for anonymity talked about the discrimination she has faced as an open lesbian working with children; a FLECK striker talked about the strike; a woman with abortion experience talked about the difficulties of obtaining safe, accessible abortion; and finally, the daycare issue was represented by discussion of cutbacks and the need for government subsidization. The rally raised spirits with songs about the working woman including a number called Rosie the Riveter

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