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Advertising space sold in the paper makes up a large part of our income, but not all of it by any means. Probably

this is just as well, because it forces us to go to the community for support, and consequently to earn your support.

In the past Seven News' readers have come through generously. Each spring several hundred of you make contributions which when added together help us make it through another year. This is a fact we are proud of, for small publications fail and disap-

pear regularly because of lack of funds or lack of interest.

Seven News is also different because it is actually community-owned and controlled. Everyone who lives or works within the geographical boundaries is a member of the Seven News corporation, according to our constitution, entitled to attend and vote at our

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Drop-In's services needed and used more than ever

By KEITH D. ELLIS

As one enters the bright orange doors of All Saints' Church-Community Centre, the absence of pews in the back half reinforces that this is no ordinary church. Instead, a collection of tables and chairs and couches are filled, where recently, long rows of dark, sparsely-occupied pews praised things Victorian. Here, where people such as Macdonald and Tupper and Gooderham may have prayed, is the Open Door Centre.

The Open Door at All Saints' began tenuously as a drop-in for women in February, 1972, under a L.I.P. grant, which ran for eighteen months before being phased out. Another six month L.I.P. grant ended due to the federal government's policy of allocating these grants to new groups. Subsequent funding came from municipal and provincial governments and the United Way after being incorporated and registered as a charitable organization. The City and the Metro Social Services Committee currently fund it.

Grace Morris, Director of the Open Door, defines its role as "a multi-service drop-in centre in the city core where lonely, mentally or physically handicapped people can find various services to assist them and find housing within their means." Such services include keeping money for clients, handling Family Benefits Allowances, preparing income tax forms and counselling.

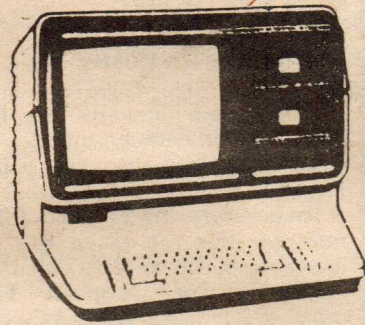
As well, Morris operates a Room Registry Service. The present lack of affordable housing adds more importance to this assistance. Yet, current housing shortages also diminish its role because a large number of those seeking rooms must be turned away.

Morris says: "It's a desperate situation and it has certainly squeezed out the very people who need more than anything else at least a roof over their head." She claims other room registry services would not be allowed to give up on an applicant; however, the Open Door must because of insufficient funding for her Room Registry.

In addition, a food service is provided, where coffee, soup, sandwiches, etc. may be bought cheaply.

As many as 150-200 people daily will use the various Open Door services. A wide age range is represented, from 15-16 year olds to an 87 year old man. However, the 40-60 age group, many of whom are on D.V.A. pensions and are medically assisted, and live in subsidized housing, form the regulars. As well, there is a large number of young transients who use the self-supervised day drop-in. Basically, it is men who use the services most.

The Open Door drop-in is open weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Room Registry opens at 9 and closes at 4.



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Community improvement is password for local business

Community improvement is the password this spring as two local groups disclose their remodelling plans. The Business and Professional Association of Ward 7 and the Danforth Village Business Improvement Area have both announced plans to beautify their neighborhoods.

The BPA of Ward 7 has planned an 'awning campaign.' The purpose of the campaign is to brighten up the storefronts and soften the stark appearance of some of the buildings. This summer the City will begin planting, 80, 20 foot tall linden trees on Parliament between Gerrard and Wellesley. The trees are expected to improve the look of the street quite a bit. The Association thanks Jim Renieris for donating the space on the south side of Home Hardware on Parlia-

ment for a "Welcome to Cabbagetown" sign.

Not to be outdone by Parliament Street, the Danforth is planning a make-over too. The BIA chose their group logo in February, the winning design being submitted by Helen Panapoulos, a Danforth Technical School student.

The design is a Grecian column wrapped with two olive branches. It will become the symbol of the exciting and new things happening on the Danforth. Other plans the BIA has made include planting trees, installing garbage receptacles and benches and re-paving some areas of the street and sidewalk.

Local performers in benefit showcase

The Fourteen Spruce Street Cabbagetown Community Band proudly presents its spring benefit showcase on Sunday, March 7 from 3 to 11 p.m. at Bobbins Restaurant, 547 Parliament St.

Tickets, which are available in advance for \$3, can also be obtained at the door for \$4. For tickets call 920-3650 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Special guest artists Paul Christopher and others will be on stage to help the group raise funds for its music and arts program, which operates out of the basement of 14 Spruce Street.

Any assistance that can be given in getting the news out about the benefit show is greatly appreciated. For further information or interviews, call David Blackmore at 920-3650 or 923-9999.

The talented group members, including Tom Oki, Kimio Oki, David Blackmore, John T. Davis, Gary Krantz, Wayne St. John, Dimitri Brown, Jim Heineman, Glen Sorzano and Harris Todman have been teaching local Cabbagetown children the virtues of creativity through free workshops in music, the arts and dance. The program is officially unfunded. The teachers donate their time and talent free of charge.

A play that relates to today's world

The director of this year's ambitious performance of *Mother Courage & Her Children*, by the Regent Park Teen Association, is Debbie Carter — a modern day Mother Courage.

A 23 year old single mother on Family Benefits, Debbie is tough and strong, just like the heroine of Bertolt Brecht's play, and just like the rest of her cast.

Countless hours have gone into the play, and the music, composed entirely by the seven-member band. The teens are betting on a show that will keep you awake long into the night. A show they hope will generate desperately needed

funds for the Teen Association they are so proud of. Debbie says it all below:

"The play is about a woman named Mother Courage who



The cast of "Mother Courage & Her Children".

follows the armies with her travelling canteen during the war in 1600. She loses both her sons, and her daughter in the war. She lives off the war and uses things and people, even her children, to survive. She's called Mother Courage because she's afraid to be ruined.

But she's kind in one way. She's contradictory. There are times when you've got to be honest, kind and brave and times when you shouldn't be — that's what she tried to teach her children.

We chose this play because it relates to what's happening in the world today. We're almost in a depression and close to a war, what with Regan and the nuclear

bomb, and prices going sky-high.

The play relates to how we are living now. How people are trying to survive. We're called parasites here in Regent Park because we live off the government. We have to kick ass and use things just like Mother Courage in order to make a life for ourselves and our kids. She had to be strong and so do we.

I find myself to be Mother Courage. Just like her, I use everything around me to survive and look after my son. Look at what the government is doing now to Family Benefits. We just can't survive on what we're getting and there are no jobs. There are no
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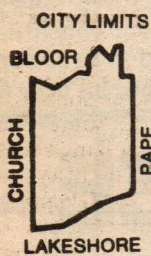
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Time to re-apply for supplement

Health and Welfare Canada is urging Old Age Pensioners in Ontario who are receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement to re-apply immediately to avoid the risk of having their payments discontinued.

The GIS program requires annual re-application because of possible changes in income. Many pensioners have not sent their applications in due to delays in getting their T4 slips. "We urge all people who receive the applications to re-apply as quickly as possible so that they will continue to receive the payments to which they are entitled without interruption," W. A. Wright, Assistance Director General of the program said.

GIS is an assistance program supplementary to Old Age Security, pensioners can qualify for as much as \$228 over and above Social Security.

Benefits going up

The Family Benefits rate for single women between the ages of sixty and sixty four are being increased.

Under the new program FBA rates for this age group will be increased by up to forty dollars a month for each recipient. The program is aimed at relieving some of the tremendous economic hardship faced by women in this age group.

The cost of this new initiative is estimated at \$1.1 million in the 1982/83 fiscal year and at \$1.7 million for 1983/84. Under the Canada Assistance Plan the federal government will share half the cost of the program.

The new rates will be reflected in the March FBA cheques.

Replace IUD's regularly

The Department of Health and Welfare advises women who are using intra-uterine contraceptive

devices (IUDs) should have the devices replaced regularly to ensure their safety and efficacy.

Evidence compiled in recent studies which shows that many women are using IUDs implanted years ago. Health and Welfare studies showed an increased risk of injury from infection or deterioration of the IUD in women who use the same device for more than five years.

It is recommended that a plastic IUD be replaced after four years. Hormone releasing devices should be replaced annually and IUDs containing copper, every two years. Women should consult with their physicians for advice about replacement or removal of a device.

Arbitration for Disputes

The Arbitrator's Institute of Canada was founded in 1974 to provide the public with a means of resolving disputes of all kinds through arbitration and to act as a national centre for information on the subject of arbitration.

Arbitration is the settlement of disputes with the aid of a third party, an arbitrator, not a judge in a regular court. The disputes are resolved at the mutual consent and agreement of the parties involved. Arbitration has long been an accepted means of settling disputes in both Britain and the United States, but is relatively new to Canada.

Arbitration is not intended to replace the courts, but to speed up the settlement of legal disputes. It is faster, less expensive and more efficient than the courts in many cases. Arbitration is not suitable for every case, criminal cases, for example, must be tried in a court. But if you've got problems with your landlord, tenant, housing contractor or a consumer problem, arbitration might be the answer.

If you would like more information please call the Institute at: 363-1642.

First Visit to Dentist

A child's first visit to the dentist is an important one for it can help establish good dental care habits and a pattern that will last a lifetime. The Ontario Dental Association advises that the child's first visit take place when most of the primary teeth have appeared, usually about three years of age. Many of the dental problem children encounter can be easily corrected if detected early.

To make your child's visit as anxiety-free as possible the Association recommends talking about what the dentist will do beforehand. Explain that he will look in the child's mouth and that he may take x-rays. Talk about the visit with a positive attitude. Make sure the youngster understands that the dentist is his friend. A good attitude on the part of the parent will make the child feel more at ease.

Lloyd Axworthy creates work

Canada's Minister of Employment and Immigration Lloyd Axworthy has been doing his part to create work — for under-employed photographers, at any rate.

Axworthy recently distributed 8 x 10 photographs of himself to all Canada Employment and Immigration Centres in the country, to be hung suitably framed on the walls, looking down benignly on the hordes of the unemployed.

Connoisseurs of photographic art may write letters of appreciation to Lloyd Axworthy c/o The House of Commons, Ottawa, postage free.

Minister back soon

Rev. Norman Ellis, the Minister of All Saints Church at Dundas and Sherbourne, is resting at home after his recent operation. Norman's friends and admirers will be happy to know that he expects to be back at work soon, overseeing the busy hive of community activity that All Saints has become.

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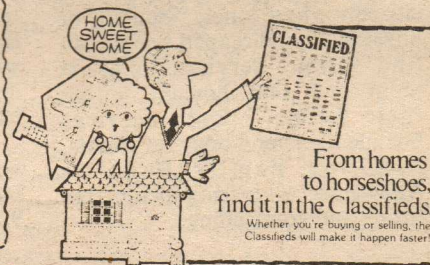
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Gleanings: It's a kaleidoscope of colour

By JOHN CLEMENT

Ruth Cropley may have noticed the startled expression on my face when I walked into **Gleanings** on Parliament Street. I was momentarily surprised by the store's size. The main floor is an impressive rectangular room of 2,000 square feet, stocked with some of the most colourful merchandise I've encountered under one roof. It was so dazzlingly beautiful that I could almost imagine I was looking through the eye of a kaleidoscope.

Ruth's mother, an ordained minister, operates a well known establishment in Woodbridge,

and she regularly displays her goods at both The Home Show and The Royal Winter Fair. Ruth Cropley's **Gleanings** is associated with this enterprise and has opened its doors backed by personal knowledge and by Ruth's determination to repeat her mother's success.

Discover smaller stores

Ruth shares the same feelings as I do when she says, "I'd like to see Ward 7 become self-contained." Ultimately, she hopes the day will come when the heavy traffic of shoppers on Yonge

Street will discover the more intimate appeal of the smaller stores in our community.

Perhaps the most interesting objects for sale in **Gleanings** are the artistic, hand sewn quilts which Ruth's mother obtains from the Mennonites near Kitchener. Most are brightly coloured with unique patterns expertly placed together. They hang on the walls like unframed paintings, and range in price from \$350 to \$550. Definitely not expensive considering the time and effort which has previously gone into their creation.

Quilted vests and jackets, made in **Gleanings** own basement studio, are offered, as well as all the necessary fabrics and supplies for quilted products. Ruth actively encourages her customers to take the initiative to produce functional, long lasting treasures for their own enjoyment.

She hesitates to attach a label to her store because, due to the wide range of products and services, it is practically impossible. However, she does distribute cards identifying it as an antique, gift and china shop. **Gleanings** includes much more and really is difficult

to accurately describe. After all, to glean is to gather piece by piece.

The more unusual items for sale consist of: antiques (brass, pottery, and some furniture), dolls and miniatures for collectors, reproductions of "Dollhouse Dolls" and their furniture, historical and character dolls from England and France, some table linens, and rugs from Bangladesh.

Several people may be interested to know that **Gleanings** offers a limited quantity of out-of-stock English Franciscan dinner sets. And always available are handpainted china, collector plates, Canadian porcelain giftware, and locally hand-thrown pots.

And for those on a limited budget, Ruth provides a convenient layaway plan for as little as \$5 down.

In the near future Ruth will be holding various classes for anyone wishing to explore their latent creative talents. Her aim is to teach quilt making, ceramics, china painting, and needlework in **Gleanings** private studio. The fees have not been determined, and Ruth says anyone who is interested should contact her by telephone.

I'm certain Ruth Cropley's **Gleanings**, which is like several speciality shops in one, will prosper because of our community's support which it definitely deserves.

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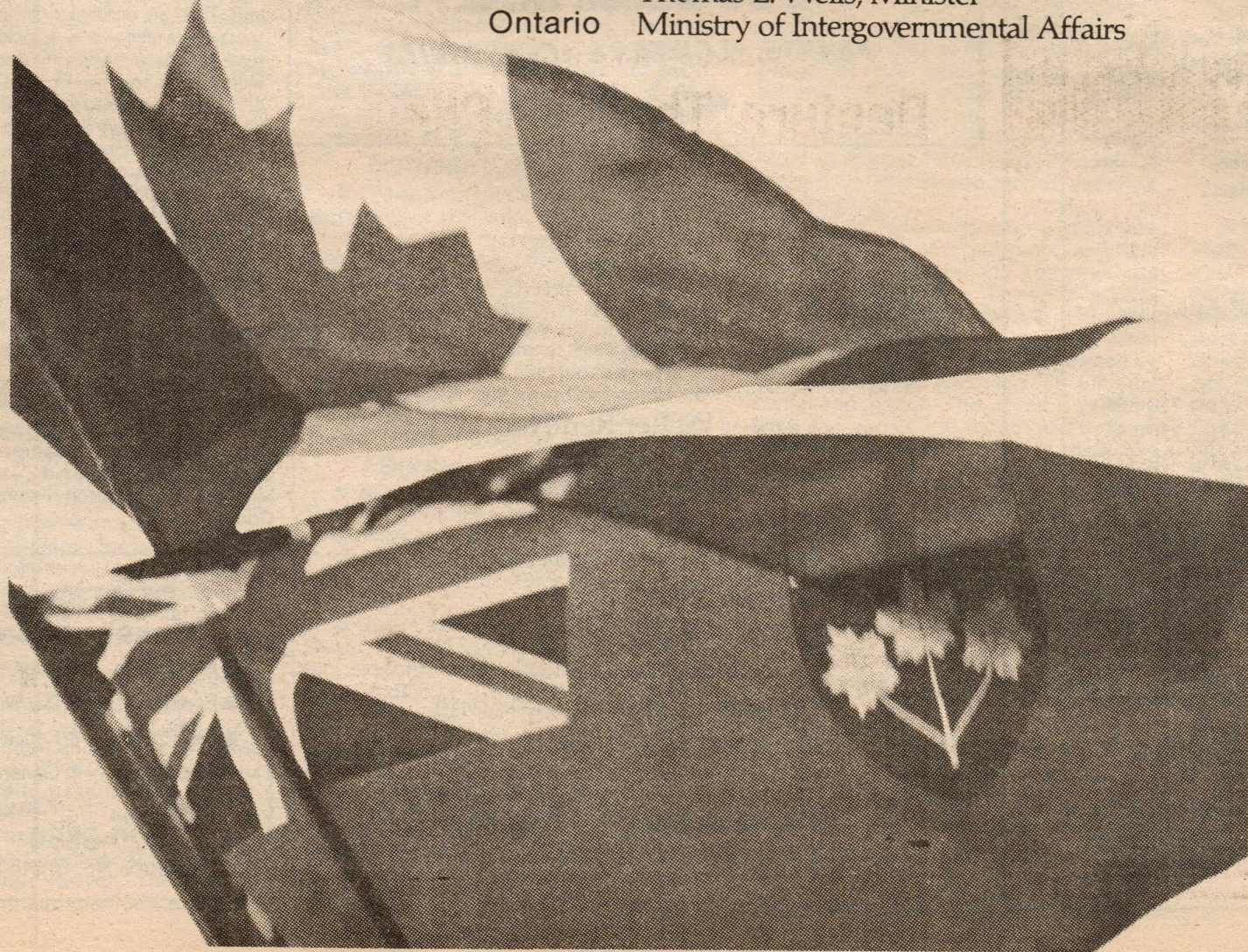
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school boards to solely that of Metro Toronto.

We long-time residents of the City proper are already too well aware that many of its satellite communities are fond of disregarding the interests of the City's populace. The Province has — for instance — acted in concert with Metro politicians to require us who have to depend on the T. T. C. to subsidize suburban feeder lines which cannot and possibly never will show profit —

contrary to the charter of the T. T. C.

I believe I speak for many City residents in writing that we feel abused that the Province and non-city politicians should once again join in a de facto conspiracy to rob us of yet another right and responsibility. We like, want and need local school boards because we feel it makes for tighter control and helps maintain community. We are quite familiar with the propensity for Metro Council to do us one, every chance it gets. Doing the City in the eye might be allowable if it were an institution run by machines; it isn't; it is populated by human beings whom the Province and Metro have already misused, and now seek to further demean and confine.

Inhumanity has no place in a representative democracy. (Whatever happened to the Tory Party's old standard defense of local autonomy?)

It would be most wise if the Blues dropped the proposal.

Norman McKinney

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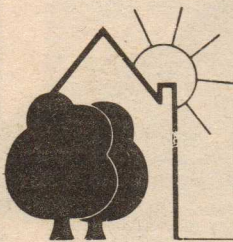
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An open letter to Roy McMurtry

To the Right Honourable Roy McMurtry,
Solicitor General
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We are writing to you as residents of the Bain Avenue Housing Co-operative, a community of over 700 women, men and children, many of whom live on fixed incomes as welfare recipients or pensioners.

Fifty percent of the rental units at the Bain Cooperative carry rent subsidies, and many of our members are single parents, mostly women. We are pleased to be able to offer some degree of security in housing to sole-support mothers. We consider our efforts in this area crucial at a time when basic needs like shelter, food and clothing are becoming more and more difficult for sole-support mothers to obtain. This is particularly true of women with children who must depend on a monthly welfare check to pay the rent, buy the food and keep the Bell at bay.

We must express our outrage at the recent arrests and detention of several sole-support mothers — all residents of Ontario — all dependent on monthly government assistance — all accused and convicted of defrauding welfare. A 50-year-old mother of 7 was convicted of defrauding welfare in the

amount of \$19,373.00 over a four year period. She was sentenced to three months in jail. A Cornwall mother of 6 was sentenced to 3 months for defrauding welfare of \$6,614.00. A Hamilton mother of 8 was sentenced to three months for defrauding welfare of \$6,614.00. A Hamilton mother was sentenced to one year for defrauding welfare of \$58,620.00 over ten years. The fact is that these women committed the 'crime' of permitting a man to share their living space during the time they were receiving government assistance. There was no evidence that any of these men contributed any substantial income to the homes in which they lived. In fact, in one case, it was clear that the man took full advantage of the woman's welfare check each month. When the defense lawyer suggested that perhaps he should be charged with welfare fraud, Judge Peter Mitchell of the Hamilton Provincial Court said, "...the courts must punish women who are prepared to allow themselves to be used in this fashion."

You should not have to be told that a monthly check is pitifully inadequate to meet the needs of sole-support mothers. In fact, welfare payments have 22% less purchasing power than they had previously. The welfare system does not provide sole-support mothers with the income they need to support themselves and therefore encourages them to seek supplementary support from men. And, in a contemptible "blame-the-victim" maneuver, the government arrests and imprisons women who have the audacity to cohabit with a possible help-mate. The fact is that the vast majority of sole-support mothers on welfare do not break this inhumane law. They make do with the inadequate welfare check.

We deplore the incarceration of these women. In a country where ordinary working women and men are facing layoffs, months of unemployment, inadequate housing, poor diets, skyrocketing prices and further cutbacks in needed social services, it is shocking to read in our newspapers that poor women are thrown in jail for the crime of defrauding welfare because they have lived with a man from time to time.

We are asking for your immediate investigation into these so-called welfare frauds and the immediate release of these women. We intend to pursue this matter until action is taken.

Marilyn Churley
President

Bain Ave. Housing Co-op

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● The second annual **Crafts Festival** begins tonight at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road. Crafts Festival has in store a program designed to totally involve and entertain anyone with an interest in, or simply an appreciation of, arts and crafts. The show continues March 13 and 14. Hours are Friday 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 12 noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 6 p.m. Admission is adults \$3, students and seniors \$1.50 and children under 12 free.

● A **St. Patrick's Day Dance** will be held for seniors today at Woodgreen Community Centre. The dance begins at 1 p.m. until 3.

Saturday, March 13

● Harbourfront presents a family matinee today at 2:30 p.m. The Etobicoke Children's Theatre production **Which Witch is Which?** takes a look at "fitting in". Adults \$3, children and seniors \$2. York Quay Centre.

● The Queen-Saulter Library at 765 Queen St. E. presents a puppet show **Winnie the Pooh** for children today at 2:30 p.m.

● The Main Street Public Library presents a special live performance by **Paul Duggan and his Clam Band** today at 2 p.m. Lots of music, fun and laughs for Mom, Dad and all the kids. Everyone is welcome.

● The Riverdale Library at 370 Broadview Ave. will be showing **movies to children** at 2 p.m.

● Children from all over the city are invited to take part in a **Wild West Day** at Earls Court Recreation Centre, 1369 St. Clair Avenue West from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children will be divided into groups of Drifters, Mavericks and Prairie Dogs according to their age to take part in rodeo, golden nugget and western games. Stuntmen will perform a wild west act and there'll be musical entertainment and surprise celebrities.

Sunday, March 14

● Bloor Cinema's **Reel to Real Film Festival** presents **The Uprising** today at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3.50. For further information call 964-6901.

● Harbourfront presents **Dance Canada Dance: The Edouard Lock/Lock Danseurs** wrap up a four-day run of Oranges at 8 p.m. Adults \$6, students and seniors \$5 at the York Quay Centre.

● Nancy Pocock of the Inter-Church Committee on Refugees will be the speaker at **St. Luke's Forum** today. The meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Church at Sherbourne and Carlton.

Tuesday, March 16

● A forum on bent backs and broken bones will be presented at the **St. Lawrence Centre** tonight at 8. Admission is free. Panelists will include Isobel Petrie, Gerontological Nursing Supervisor, Dept. of Health in Scarborough, and Lindy Fraser, founder of patient self-help group in Ottawa. The moderator will be Valerie Pringle, broadcaster, journalist for CFRB-Radio.

Wednesday, March 17

● Tonight at 9:30, "**Racism Hurts Everyone**" a one-hour People Patterns special airing on TV Ontario looks at some of the improvements in race relations made in Metro Toronto. Several concerned individuals tell producer-host Joan Reed-Olsen about projects implemented by their organizations to alleviate racial discrimination and unrest.

● Main Street Library is offering a free course from Community Legal Education Ontario on **Buying and Selling a Home** tonight and tomorrow nights between 7:30 and 9:30. The formalities of a real estate transaction will be explained including the agreement of purchase and sale, taxes, financing and mortgages, and duties and responsibilities of your lawyer. The second evening is a continuation of the course,

not a repeat, so please plan to attend both nights. All are welcome. Free.

● The Queen-Saulter Library presents **Travel Films for Seniors** this afternoon at 2. Today's film will be Mexico.

Thursday, March 18

● Seniors, a relaxing way to exercise — **Tai Chi Class** starts today at 10:30 a.m. to 10 weeks. Classes will be held in Little Trinity Church's basement at King and Parliament. Dixon Hall senior members \$5 and \$10 for other seniors. Phone Helen at 863-0499.

● Harbourfront's Opera Showcase presents The Canadian Opera Company Ensemble today at 8 p.m. Ensemble will discuss and perform excerpts from Verdi's *La Traviata*. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$4. York Quay Centre.

● **David Crombie, Conservative MP Rosedale**, will hold a meeting tonight at 8 for the public at 275 Shuter St. at the Moss Park Apartments in Cabbagetown.

Saturday March 20

● South Riverdale **Child Parent Drop-in Centre** invite you to join them for their fundraising **Pub Night** from 8:30 p.m. to 12 p.m. at the Ralph Thornton Community Centre at 765 Queen St. E. Live music, dancing, raffle, auction, food, wine and beer. Admission \$1 at the door.

● Changing Places Theatre presents **In Pyjamas from Tahiti**, a balmy new children's play by Debora Bojman and directed by Don Bouzek. Sparkling comedy and rollicking adventure are knitted together to create a surreal theatrical experience with an importance social message. Show-times are today and March 27 at 3:30 p.m. and March 22 to 26 at 2 p.m. in the St. Barnabas Church, 175 Hampton Ave. Adults \$5, children \$2.

● The U.C.W. present a **Rummage and Bake Sale** today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen St. E. (at Logan). For further information call 463-9663.

● The Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Ave., presents a **Puppet Show** for children today at 2 p.m.

● The Main Street Library, 137 Main St., will present **Musical Movies** today at 2 p.m. Sorcerer's apprentice, piano movers, Mole and music, Hoffnung Symphony Orchestra and Dorothy and the singer. For children 5 and up. Come and make your own musical instruments.

● Experimental filmmakers Robert Gutteridge has, for some years, been developing a collection of historical cinematic artifacts and has become familiar with their history. Gutteridge will be present at the **Funnel Experimental Film Theatre**, 507 King St. E., to give a talk on the development of cinematic apparatus. At 8 p.m., Admission \$3.

Saturday, March 20

● Teens interested in summer employment will want to participate in the YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto's one day **Summer Job Workshop**. Learn about resume design, interviewing tips and the do's and don'ts of job hunting. The workshop will take place between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the YWCA, 80 Woodlawn Ave. East, two blocks north of the Summerhill subway. Cost is \$1.50 for refreshments, payable at the door. Register early by calling 961-8100.

Sunday, March 21

● Bloor cinema's **Reel to Real Film Festival** continues today with the premier of *Witches and Faggots*, Dykes and Poofters. The movie begins at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3.50. For information call 964-6901.

● The **Committee for the International Day for the Elimination of Racism** presents both speakers and performers today at Trinity United Church, 427 Bloor St. W. The presentation begins at 5 p.m. with food, displays and daycare available.

Tuesday March 23

● The Riverdale Library is sponsoring a **financial planning seminar** (RRSPs, investment, pensions), tonight at 7 p.m. at 370 Broadview (corner Gerard). Free.

Wednesday March 24

● The Queen-Saulter Library at 765 Queen St. E. is presenting **Travel Films for Seniors** today at 2 p.m. Today's movie is India.

Thursday, March 25

● The third program at **The Funnel Experimental Film Theatre**, in the ongoing series of Norman McLaren's films, presented in co-operation with Harbourfront and the National Film Board, will be presented at 8 p.m. at 507 King St. E. This program is entitled **Abstract Films** and includes works such as *Lines Horizontal* and *Mosaic*, as well as some 3-D films. Admission is free.

Ongoing

● Torontonians who think of City Hall as just a place to pay taxes, are in for a pleasant surprise. The sixteenth annual **Spring Flower Show** transforms the main foyer into a formal garden the week of March 21 to March 28. The year's show coincides with the Toronto Board of Education spring break, so the whole family can enjoy it, and for the amateur gardener, the plant groupings are labelled for easy identification. City Hall, at Bay and Queen St. is easily accessible by public transit. The building will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Photographers are welcome.

● Beginning March 24, **The Out to Lunch Bunch** present a premiere of Warren Graves' one act comedy, *Who's Looking After the Atlantic?* Wednesday through Friday at 12:10 p.m. until April 9 at Adelaide Court, 57 Adelaide St. Gallery Space. Phone 363-6401.

● The Main Street Library is offering an **Income Tax Clinic** continuing until April 28. Clinic days and hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clinics are by appointment only. Call 694-6054.

● **Art Room**, a studio art school for children and adults, offers art classes for children daily during the March Break. Drawing classes for ages 6 to 10 will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and for ages 11 to 16 from 11:15 to 1:15. Afternoon classes in painting for ages 9 to 16 will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and for cartooning from ages 9 to 16 will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. There is a fee of \$50 for each course which includes materials. Classes are held in a professionally equipped studio located at 107 King St. E. For information call 366-3159.

● The Queen-Saulter Library at 765 Queen St. E. has a **local history club** which meets monthly and which is interested in finding old photos and clippings of the area (these will be returned). If you would like more information call 465-2156.

● **Bingo** is played every Thursday night at Regent Park Public School, 20 Regent St. Prizes and money specials. \$20 jackpot.

● **Weird Trees and their Inhabitants** are the subject of a one-man exhibition of nearly thirty paintings and drawings by Steven McNorton. The Wildlife Gallery. The exhibition is the result of close to three years' work by a young artist and keen naturalist who is fascinated by the shapes and textures of unusual trees and rocks. The show continues until the end of the month at 18 Birch Ave., west across Yonge St. from the Summerhill subway station. For further

information call Neil Sneyd at 922-5153.

● The **Neighbourhood Information Post's lottery** is almost over. A weekend stay for 2, donated by the King Edward Hotel is the grand prize — plus you'll also receive \$100 to make your stay even grander. Tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be purchased at NIP, located in Library House near Parliament and Gerrard St. The draw, licence no. 347149, will be at 5:30 p.m., March 19. For information call 924-2543.

● Until March 14, the Theatre du P'tit Bonheur will present **C'Etait Avant La Guerre a L'Anse-A-Gilles**, by Marie Laberge. Admission is \$5. For reservations call 363-6401.

● Torontonians wanted to experience the sights and smells of spring can welcome an early season as the **Spring Flower Show** comes to Allan Gardens from March 1 to May 1. Hundreds of colourful domestic and exotic flowers and plants will be on display daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Allan Gardens, bounded by Jarvis, Carlton, Sherbourne and Gerrard Sts., is easily accessible by public transit. Free guided tours are available by calling 367-7291. Photography is permitted.

● The Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre's Master Swim Programme will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. for adults 20 years of age and over.

● **Earls Court Child and Family Centre** announces the operation of a special summer day camp for children with social and behavioural problems. The camp will operate out of Montcrest School which overlooks Riverdale Park in the Broadview-Danforth area. Camp sessions run from July 5th to July 30th and from August 2nd to August 27th. Children can attend for either session or both sessions. The camp fee is \$200 per session. The Wimodausis Club will provide bursaries up to \$175 so no child otherwise qualified will be denied the program. For more information or an application form regarding the camp, parents can call Miss Thorst at 654-8989. Campers will be selected on a first come first served basis.

● Toronto Workshop Productions will present the Canadian Premiere Production of Irish playwright Brendan Behan's **Richard's Cork Leg** for a limited engagement until March 28th. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 weekdays and \$12 weekends, matinee \$5. For reservations call 925-8640. 12 Alexander St.

● Do you have a **room or apartment for rent** at reasonable rates? Maybe we can find the perfect tenant for you. Contact Vincenza DeBonis, Woodgreen Community Centre at 461-1168.

● Looking for an inexpensive and fun night out? About 15 men and women are joining Don in the **Central Neighbourhood House** kitchen on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. Club members cook the meal together and then sit down to enjoy the product. Cost is \$1 per person per night — not bad for a good meal and even better company. Child care is provided free of charge. For more information call Pat O'Connor at 925-4363.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have a notice which you would like placed in the next March 26 issue of 7 News (all events between March 26 and April 10 should go in this issue) please fill out the coupon below and mail or bring your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2 or call us at 363-9650.

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Toronto Sun columnist says sterilize the poor

By MORRIS SALDOV

All public housing tenants who are on social assistance, who don't do their dishes right away, whose housekeeping standards are not very high, whose children sometimes get into trouble, and who drink beer and sometimes take taxis should be sterilized. So says McKenzie Porter, a columnist for the Toronto Sun. Porter has been an advocate of sterilization of the poor for at least the last couple of years. In his January 25th column he called subsidized tenants who are not up to his standards, "pitiable citizens, congenital invalids, idlers, gluttons, drunkards, and beggars," and calls for their "compulsory sterilization"

The only way to end this kind of garbage journalism is to stop buying the Toronto Sun. There are two other worthwhile papers in Toronto who don't print such trash in their columns.

You are urged to write to Peter Worthington, Editor-in-Chief of the Sun telling him you will no longer buy the Sun because of this article. Also point out that you will no longer use their paper for advertising. Send a copy of your letter to the new owners of the Sun, Maclean and Hunter, Board of Directors, 481 University Ave., in Toronto. For those who are especially offended and want to get involved in the boycott campaign, i.e., petitioning, etc., contact the Metro Tenants Council at 654-0345.

The N.D.P. and organized labour have had an official boycott of the Sun for quite some time now because of the paper's views. Now is the time, once and for all for the Sun to get the message that the poor's rights in this society cannot be trampled on by a writer whose typewriter should have been sterilized long ago.

7 News is counting on you

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our meetings. And a new Board of Directors is elected from the community each year. Because we are not owned by a business or advertiser or politician, we are free to be independent and outspoken.

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Through the years with 7 News



Runs in St. David
Gord Cressy wins NDP nomination



Council changes the rules...

Realtor says successful developers must be fast and sneaky



Education muddle still continuing at Cornwall-Oak



In the news ten years ago tenants of the St. James Town apartment complex were asked to separate their garbage into different piles for recycling. Myra Cohen dreamt up the scheme and was put in charge of administering it. Plans for a community controlled free health clinic in the Don District were rapidly nearing completion and the Regent Park Community Improvement Association was holding its annual elections. Seven News ran its first health column, entitled, "Survival." The topic of the column was the health problems faced by Ward Seven, mainly alcoholism and undernourishment. John Sewell, then Ward alderman, was reporting from City Hall on a downtown development project - the Eaton Centre. Sewell predicted that the centre would clog streets and provide no enjoyment for the citizens of Toronto, and would only be a place to buy, buy, buy.

Five years ago Gordon Cressy had won the NDP nomination for St. David and was preparing to run

in the provincial election. The rent freeze at the Bain Co-op had melted in the face of eviction notices served on those who had not paid their full rent. ALPHA School was looking for a new building and the Don Area Community Secretariat was looking for government funding. John Sewell was writing about the need for new guidelines for Metro planning, remember that was five years ago. The more things change the more they stay the same?

Don't miss "Mother Courage"

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soldiers out there like in the days of Mother Courage, but I look at this world as one big war. You have to be savage and fight, even though there are times when you've got to be kind and look after people.

It's a hard and confusing play. We don't want the audience to cry and feel sentimental. We're hoping the community will leave asking questions, like why did Mother Courage take off with the Catholic troops after they'd killed her daughter?

About 20 of us have been rehearsing twice a week for 4 months now. We're all active in the Teen Association. But it could be our last performance. Government cut-backs mean we may not

get enough money to keep the Association open. That's why this play is so important to us. We raised over \$1,000 last year through our Rocky Horror Show.

Teens don't have a snow-white name around here. But we're not all drug addicts, thieves and trouble-makers you know! The Association is really important to teens in this park because it gives us a voice, a chance to be recognized as adults, not as juvenile delinquents.

We started with only 8 of us and now we've got more than 30 involved. We've gone on trips, outings, sat on hiring committees, the Regent Park community centre committee, organized blockaramas every year to recruit

new teens, and produced a major play for two years running.

We're like one big family. We respect each others' opinions. After each rehearsal we go back to my place and have rap sessions. We tell each other if something is bothering us. We can take criticism, as well as dish it out.

We were skeptical 3 years ago when the idea of an Association was first put out. But it's worked because we are the boss. No one has thrown programmes at us. Dixon Hall staff are simply resource people and don't tell us what to do. It was the first time people came and asked us what we wanted.

As teens, we have rights too. We're treated with a lot of respect now in the community and once you get this respect, you learn to give it right back. The whole experience has opened my eyes to the world I'm living in. I used to think I had no rights. But once I joined the Teen Association, I learnt that no one can shit on me. I have a right to stand up for what I need. We are going to fight our damndest not to lose it."

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The technical revolution in the workplace

Workers are caught between computer's forces

By DAVE DICKEY

We are hearing more and more about computers and related technologies. Silicon chips which can hold 64,000 bits of information, micro-processors, video-display terminals, word processors, robotics, are all becoming widespread and well-known.

We are in the beginning of stages of what many people refer to as the second industrial revolution. Yet how many of us understand the nature of the first industrial revolution, let alone the one which is unfolding now?

Changed working world

The industrial revolution,

which began about two hundred years ago, changed the working world immensely. Machines were introduced that greatly increased the speed of production and allowed industrialists to accumulate capital more quickly. Where an item might previously be made entirely by one or more skilled persons working together, using special tools, a machine would now do a part or all of the manufacturing. Machines reduced the demand for highly skilled workers. Owners gained more control in the process, by not only owning the machine but also by being able to hire less skilled people who were in greater supply and would work for less money.

It was the beginning of a development which eventually divided labour into two more easily managed groups — those who worked with their hands and those who worked with their minds. The whole person was split as work came to be divided into smaller and smaller components allowing for ever greater applications of machines. Workers, instead of seeing goods produced by their own creativity and skills, perhaps with the help of machines, saw themselves as mere servants to a machine they did not control. With rare exceptions machines came to be viewed as something alien and this relationship more or less remains with us to this day. On the other side of the same coin, in the relationship of person to person, the mental worker was set in opposition to

the manual worker, the blue collar versus the white collar.

What was, and is, happening, is called 'rationalization' — the process by which a person is replaced by a machine. Whether this process is seen as good or bad depends very much upon perspective; an owner or manager seeking greater profits views a machine which costs less than a worker, yet produces more, as a sensible choice; the worker whose human skills become less needed in the process views it more bleakly.

Severe unemployment

Rationalization led to huge dislocations and severe unemployment. There was of course some resistance. Individual action might be sabotage, collective action took the form of strikes. The Luddites were a group in the early part of

the last century who systematically and selectively destroyed only those machines which they believed to be not in the best interests of workers.

But these defensive measures did nothing to change the character of what was happening.

Machines were just one part of the industrial revolution. In conjunction with them was a trend toward also breaking down the movements of workers into their various components. If an arm movement here, a step there, can be eliminated then production can be increased. This part of 'scientific management' came to be called Taylorism, after Frederick Winslow Taylor, who was a leading exponent. His ideas were slow to take hold, but we will see that business today accepts them with uncritical reverence.

There is no question that these developments benefited society in some ways. Expanding populations required expanding production, and still do. The question is, what is to be produced, for whom, and at what cost to whom? When we talk about a machine's ability to increase production we must also talk about how it changes or reduces skills, alienates the worker and, doesn't go out and spend money. Caught between the forces which introduce the machine and the methods of employing them is the worker, represented at best as a statistical number. There's the business side and the human side and in two hundred years we have failed to bring them together. Machines still replace people purely for cost efficiency, and people still feel slaves to machines, having no real control over them or their own lives.

Part one of a series on the technical revolution in the workplace. Next: the development of computers.

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My ad should read as follows _____

Inner-city volunteers help the marginal

In September 1981 a new charitable office opened at 348 Broadview Ave. to work with volunteers in order to deal with the problems of the inner city.

In the downtown parishes, social service offices, and on the street, there is a continuous flow of individuals seeking accommodations or supportive services. They are dependent individuals who usually do not receive welfare benefits or have access to low income accommodation.

The single displaced person is marginal to our major institutions, especially the family, as well as being at the bottom of the social ladder, affected by lack of cheap housing, inflation, formal education and low income. In addition, the personal histories of this population include family rejection, addiction, poor social skills, lack of training and skills, mental problems and dependency. As a result, the single displaced person has many immediate -- even critical -- needs to be met. The service commitment needed to serve the individuals described is tremendous. Persistent long-term effort results in supportive service for single displaced persons.

This new office in Ward 7 will be utilizing Church resources which include Parishes and Roman Catholic schools in the inner city.

A great risk

In spite of well meaning declarations of principles and of much good work that is being done, there is a great risk that our society continues to marginalize the weak: to marginalize those whose insertion into society requires greater imagination, and a more selfless love and hope. But let us be in no doubt that such insertion is the most authentic sign of a truly human family and of a truly civilized society. Even more is it the sign of a truly Christian Church. These handicapped people, let us not forget, have their hands outstretched to us but they also have a message for us." ("Faith and Light," Osservatore Romano, Nov. 6, 1975, page 6).

Who are represented in the broad category of single displaced

persons? In general, a single displaced person is anyone who is marginal -- one who does not have the means or personal capacity or stable relationships to live a full human life. Their characteristics are:

- Dissolution of major relationships, including family and friends.
- Little or no relationship to the **wage economy**, including salary and benefits such as workmen's compensation or welfare assistance.
- Lack of training and experience with urban technological society such as those coming from seasonal jobs in agriculture or the functionally illiterate.
- Personal disorganization and weaknesses including health and physical disabilities (often related to age), addiction, marginal

intelligence and mental illness.

These characteristics add up to a wide variety of people who need assistance; e.g.

- Alcoholic 'panhandlers' who solicit on the streets or in the local parishes and use flop houses for accommodation.
- Shut-ins, especially seniors, who are isolated and no stable relationships.
- Men and women who are in crisis and need basic care and the necessities.
- People who are discharged from psychiatric institutions who have dependency needs, no relationships and unsuitable accommodation.
- Dependent individuals who need support, guidance and/or direction to maintain or change their lives.
- There are a number of vagrants (men and women) who

wander the streets with little contact with others.

There are many difficulties serving the population described. The human effort and outreach required to achieve even the smallest gains is immense. Single displaced persons need emergency assistance, continual supportive relationships and knowledge of various institutions (welfare, housing, etc.) For volunteers the work demands are tremendous.

Effective service

Those in parish ministry to the marginal are key to an effective service. Some attention has to be given to what they need to continue their work and what they contribute to those they serve. We identify the need for recognition and affirmation of their work. Further, they need support, encouragement, reflections, knowledge regarding the social

institutions, and feedback regarding their work.

In turn, those who minister gain and share their experience. First of all, they have immediate front line contact with the poor. They give themselves on a personal basis gaining experience, insight and knowledge re the people they serve. Consequently, how they help, the opinions they give and collective descriptions of a high calibre of human service and the Christian way of life.

The new office welcomes Resource persons, Volunteers and those who need help. Further information can be obtained by writing the Co-ordinator at 348 Broadview Ave., Toronto.

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Open letter to George Ashe

"Tax reassessment is inequitable"

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Dear Mr. Minister:

We are the solicitors for a group of persons who have styled themselves as Tax Reform Action for People of Metropolitan Toronto ("TRAP" for short). They have instructed us to incorporate them as an entity without share capital and that exercise is in progress.

As you are undoubtedly very much aware, the impetus of this organization was the direct and immediate result of the manner in which the assessment roll was prepared in 1981 for real property taxation in 1982.

The members of the organization are all mindful that real property tax is a major source of revenue in supporting municipal

services and education and, accordingly, do not for a moment have any quarrel with the payment of those taxes. They are willing to pay their fair share. However, we are certain that you will be the first to agree that the assessment base of any municipality should be equitably distributed amongst owners.

It is the view of TRAP that the introduction of any new ingredient in assessing properties within a municipality can be fair and equitable only if that ingredient is introduced for all and at the same time for all. From what TRAP has been able thus far to determine, somehow only certain areas or neighbourhoods were, in 1981, selected for assessment review. Others were left untouched. Moreover, even within those areas or neighborhoods selected for special treatment, there is evidence that properties were not dealt with in an even fashion. These practices in our opinion, represent the application of an uneven hand and have created the inequities of which we complain.

In addition, there exist many examples where we are not satisfied that the assessors respected the provisions of the Assessment Act.

Many persons whose assessments have been revised upwards have lodged complaints to the Assessment Review Court. Others, unfortunately, have not done so within the deadline. With respect to those who were unable to meet the deadline, it may be that a day can be found to get their cases before the Assessment Review Court. The municipality could serve as complainant or your Government could bring in legislation extending the time for appeal. The problem, however, runs much deeper.

In an "ordinary" year, the Assessment Review Court procedure would be sufficient to provide the necessary relief. But this is not an ordinary year, since the assessment for 1982 has been based on built-in preferences. Certain economic vicinities have been reassessed while others have been neglected. The resulting disparity renders the review process inoperable. It will not be possible to obtain equal justice for the unequal. Special measures to bring equity to the picture are indicated and necessary.

The media reports the observation of some that the assessment practices complained of are an attempt by the Province to achieve a market value assessment scheme through the back door. This may be a valid observation. How else can your Ministry justify assessment increases which show doubling, trebling and quadrupling? Surely this type of result can come only from using a formula which, in some sense, utilizes market value as an ingredient. Is it suggested that certain residences have

been renovated or restructured so that their value is twice, three times or four times greater, still using the same base?

Placing the matter in the wider economic context, the impact of these revised assessments could not have come at a worse time. Many homeowners are currently living a marginal existence, fighting desperately to retain their homes despite general inflation and crippling mortgage rates. Assessment practices last year have produced a shock wave which some will not survive. This should not happen in a fair assessment process. We think homeowners should be able to anticipate their tax liability with some degree of certainty. This measure of predictability simply was not present in the recent assessments and, as a result, many people who had carefully budgeted their finances were particularly hard hit. The public, in our opinion, is quite prepared to see the mill rate rise with inflation as the costs of municipal services and education increase together with everything else.

Tax reform, founded upon the application to all of the same rules for all, is a goal with which no one can argue. All the while, tax reform for some, but not for all, is not reform at all. It is a retrograde step which serves only to penalize some and prefer others.

I can assure you, Mr. Minister, that this letter is written in a spirit of cooperation in the hopes that some way will be found to furnish relief to those who have been, through no fault of their own, adversely affected. The organizers of TRAP and I are willing, indeed anxious, to work with you and officials of your Ministry, and other interested parties, to search for a solution satisfactory to all.

Barry B. Swadron, Q. C.



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