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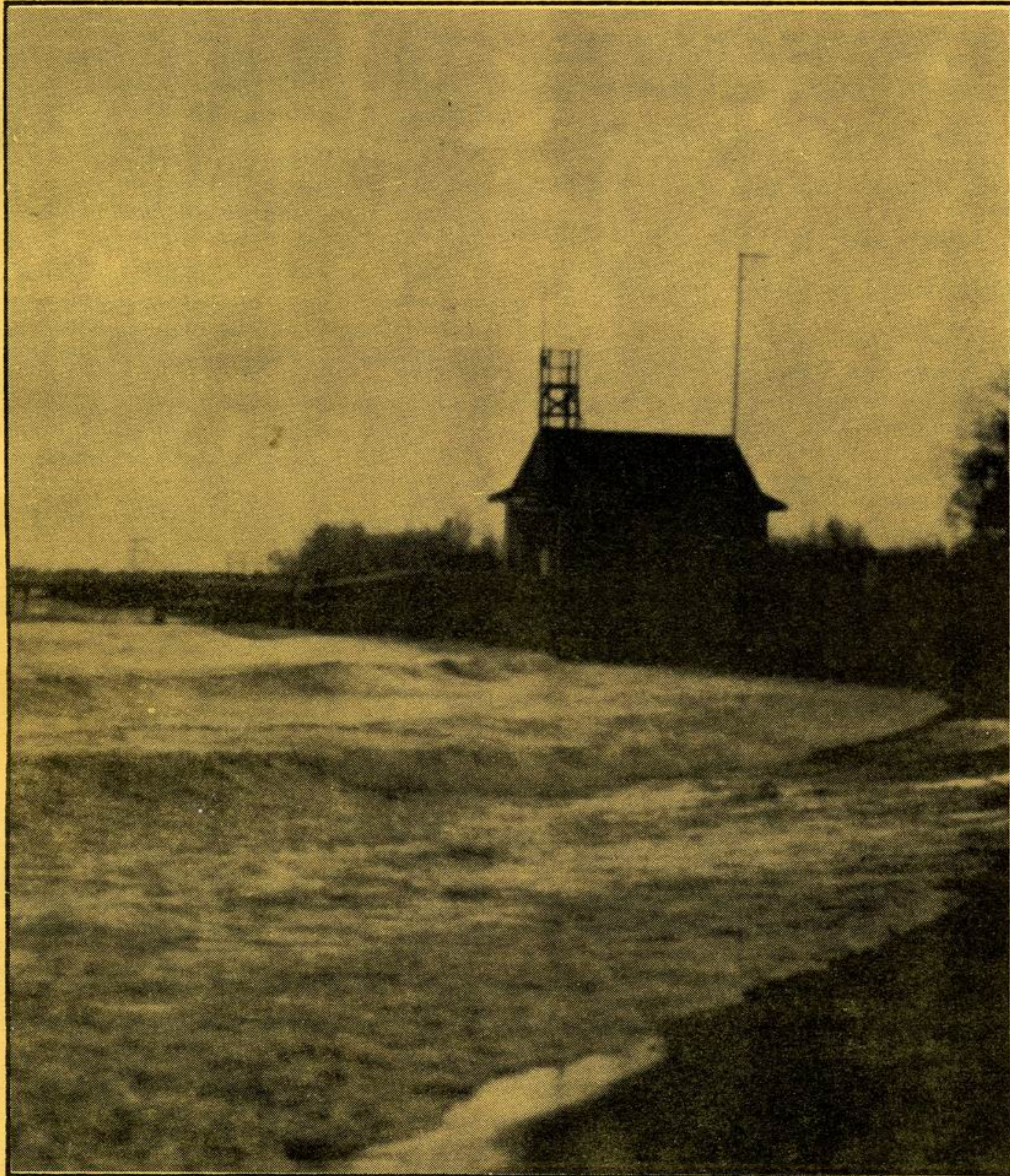
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## What is Connexions?

The publication you are holding in your hand is The Connexions Digest. Its purpose is summed up in its subtitle: **A Social Change Sourcebook**. The Connexions Digest compiles and summarizes information about publications, projects, groups, events, and discussions dealing with social change.

## Connexions' Purpose

- To make it easier for people concerned with social issues and change to keep up with what is being written, said, and done.
- To foster understanding, networking, information-sharing and other forms of co-operation between people who are dealing with a wide variety of social and environmental issues, across Canada and internationally.
- To make it easier for activists to share ideas, experiences, strategies and information with each other, and with everyone who is concerned about our common future.
- To make the ideas, goals, organizations, and publications of the movement for social alternatives better known and more widely accessible to the general public.

## What does the Digest include?

Materials are selected for the Digest according to these criteria:

- They are based on a grassroots social change perspective, or they contain information of direct value to people working for social change.
- They relate to Canada, or to international issues of concern to Canadians. Most materials in The Connexions Digest originate in Canada; however, materials published abroad may be included if they are of direct relevance, especially if no comparable Canadian publications exist.
- We don't cover fiction or poetry.

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The Connexions Digest contains several sections:

- The **Ways and Means** section is about the process of working for change. It contains a selection of articles from the alternative press dealing with experiences and issues of activism, and with the 'nuts-and-bolts' aspects of organizing.
- The **Network News** section contains news and information about events, groups, activities, and projects from across the country.
- The **New Resources** section presents information, in summary form, about publications and other resources dealing with social justice issues. Summaries are intended to inform readers about the materials' contents and approach rather than to present either an endorsement or a critical analysis of them. We try to present information in a way which enables readers can make their own evaluations. Materials in the New Resources section are organized under 13 broad headings, such as Development/International, Peace, and Women.

- The **Activist's Bookshelf** presents resource materials of value to social activists, on topics such as fundraising, computers, media, research, or organizing.
- The **Just Arrived** section lists materials which we have just received but for which a longer description has not yet been prepared.
- There are two indices: the **Contributors Index**, and the **Keyword (Subject) Index**. Items in the New Resources, Activist's Bookshelf, and Just Arrived sections are numbered. (e.g. CX 3432, CX 3433, etc.) The indices refer to these item numbers, rather than to page numbers. Authors, titles, and organizations are indexed in the Contributors Index. The Keyword Index indexes materials according to subject keywords.

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# Ways and Means

In the *Ways and Means* section, we present a selection of articles dealing with experiences and issues of working for social change. Our aim is to provide information and also to stimulate thought and discussion by presenting a variety of approaches and experiences. We have selected

articles which we think have something of value to say, but we are not 'endorsing' any specific approach. We would appreciate your help in suggesting other articles which might be included in this section. We also welcome original articles and letters.

## A Fundraising Success

### CUSO Forum

One CUSO group has found a popular way to fundraise, increase the enthusiasm and participation of volunteers, and raise public awareness about the Third World.

The Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Fundraising sub-committee has built a fundraising and development education campaign around the sale of Chilean craft items from women's cooperatives. This year they expect to raise more than \$5,000 for CUSO women's projects around the world, and in the process are taking the development message into their communities through displays and home parties.

Displays have been staged several times a month at various locations including CUSO's own Open House in Winnipeg, at the annual meetings of other development organizations, churches, union meetings, the YWCA, the Fort Garry Resource Centre, the University of Winnipeg, Flin Flon Career Days, and conferences. Every time, there has been a great deal of interest not only in the craft items but also in CUSO's work with the co-ops. And often there is an opportunity to make a presentation on the situation of women in the Third World.

Home parties are based on the Tupperware party idea, though the host or hostess does not receive any recompense. The parties allow information about CUSO, the women's co-ops and Third World countries to be given in an informal setting. "Some of the people at parties may never have thought about development before," says CUSO's regional coordinator, Olga Flandez. "By encouraging people at the parties to hold their own parties, we expand our network and are able to reach more and more people. And the parties don't cost CUSO anything as the people volunteer their time..."

In addition, the crafts are sold through the Winnipeg CUSO office and by other CUSO offices on a consignment basis, and there will be a sales display at the prestigious annual folk arts festival in Winnipeg in early August. Olga sees CUSO's acceptance for this event as a coup: the festival attracts thousands of visitors.

The project had its beginnings in a visit made by Olga, a Chilean Canadian, and CUSO board member Moses Montgomery to Chile in late 1985. While there, they met with CUSO cooperant Ana Maria Quiroz who was working with women's craft co-ops in Santiago. Marketing is

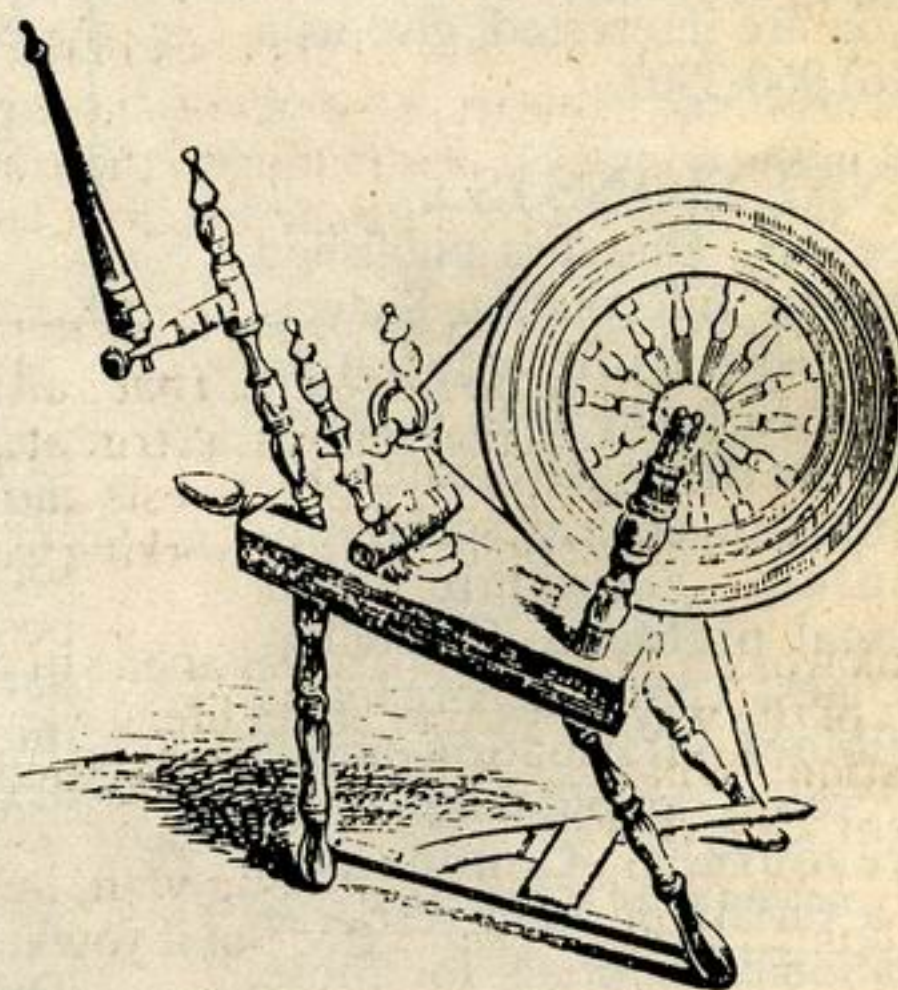
one of the major problems facing Third World co-ops--local markets are limited and many are forced to sell at extremely low prices to middlemen who make most of the profits. The fundraising sub-committee agreed to market the items in Canada, and CUSO's Program Funding Department provided \$2,000 seed money to allow purchase of sufficient stock from the co-ops. The items were an immediate success in Canada.

"They are a good product, different and really nice," says Olga. "The women's co-ops need money, but they are not asking for charity."

The decision to focus on selling crafts had a dramatic effect on the fundraising sub-committee. "We are recruiting volunteers very easily now," says Olga. "Before we initiated this project, the sub-committee met once in a while but it was very frustrated because it had no focus."

"On both ends, the production and selling is very distinct from charity," says one member of the group. "It allows the producers more dignity and the sellers a more enjoyable way to raise funds."

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# The Extraordinary Myles Horton

Interview by Ellen Gould and Murray Dobbin –  
Briarpatch

*Myles Horton is the founder of the Highlander Folk School, a centre for leadership training in Tennessee. The Highlander, founded fifty-five years ago, trains organizers for unions, civil rights organizations and local citizens' groups. In this article, Ellen Gould and Murray Dobbin talk to Horton to find out what his experience has taught him about organizing for social change.*

**Question:** What in your six decades of experience have you found motivates people to get involved in social change?

**Myles Horton:** Everyone I've worked with has had in common a recognized need to solve a problem in a situation where they were trying to do something that they couldn't do. They have had a goal but were frustrated in achieving it.

If they get some help, that allows them to proceed, to understand and analyze their experience. But it's still their own experience that is the motivating factor and not the help they receive.

If the goal isn't challenging enough that people are willing to struggle to achieve it, then there's no basis for motivation.

Personal motivation is less long-range and sustaining than group motivation, despite the fact that most of our education focuses on the individual.

**Question:** Do you think the goal and the motivation always have to be based on an economic problem?

**M.H.:** Oh, no, no. I think that it is a terrible mistake to assume that people's self-interest and group interests are only economic. When it comes down to it, if you don't have enough to eat to live, then you have a problem. Ultimately there is an economic base. But most problems are not that closely associated with economics. People have real values.

I was organizing textile workers back in the thirties in South Carolina. They were some of the lowest paid workers in the country. I was talking to them about their families, about the future of their children, about their responsibilities as citizens.

Some of the other organizers said, "Talk to them about economics, talk to them about wages. That's all they're interested in." But I found that that wasn't true at all. I found that people have a wide range of interests and too often organizers limit the people they are working with to their own value system.

I think workers are very often way ahead of organizers in terms of the way they think about life.

**Question:** What kinds of people do you think are important to work with?

**M.H.:** Everybody's worth working with, in the sense that all human beings have worth. But if you are going to

carry on an educational program, you can't do mass education. You have to be selective.

Our approach is to select grass-roots or emerging leaders, people who are very close to the rank and file in a union or a community. They may not be the official leaders but they have the potential of serving the interests of the people.

**Question:** When you're looking at potential leadership in groups, what kinds of groups are you looking at?

**M.H.:** We look for groups that have the potential for social change. Now how do you tell if a group has this potential? If it's a very limited reform they're seeing that once it's achieved, people are no longer interested – the group doesn't have much potential for developing leadership or social change.

But if it's a tough problem, requiring an element of structural change and some time to solve, then people have to be dedicated over the long run and you have a beginning. Now if it's one that has the potential of spreading out, solving one problem and then moving on to others, so the goal is beyond that immediate step, then that's the group you work with.

It's not the worst situations, not where people have suffered most. That's not the criterion. That's a humanitarian, philanthropic problem. We're interested in radical social change.

**Question:** How have you helped people to build analyses of their situations?

**M.H.:** First you start out with their problem, and you help people analyze around that problem. If they don't learn from their own experience they aren't going to learn from yours. Anybody who thinks you can come in from the top with theories and pass it on to people don't understand how people learn. In analyzing their own experience, people enlarge it so the analysis becomes part of their experience, not foreign to it.

People need to realize that they are part of the bigger world and at the same time they have to work where they are.

You start with where people are first and then it reaches out from there. The goal doesn't have to be limited at all but the steps have to be in conformity with the situation and the capacities and the development of the people.

**Question:** How do you see people developing a long term vision and not getting fixated on the immediate problem? **M.H.:** Too many organizers think that groups can't deal with anything other than a tiny, easy problem and so they take adults, poor people who have struggled and survived for years, and treat them like little children, as though they can't deal with tough problems or take on challenges.

If people have the information, and it's an outgrowth of their experience, then there's no limit on what people can think about. Sometimes in asking questions and helping people analyze their experience you'll be surprised at



the startling statements that come out of people about what their interests are.

Don't whittle them down to your size but try to build up your own expectations to equal theirs. Try to help them understand that they have within themselves experience if they'll only learn how to analyze and use it in starting out on the road to achieving their goals. You have to be careful not to get beyond their experience, but not to assume that their experience is not expandable.

**Question:** In looking back over decades of organizing work, can you generalize about what kinds of activities have generated change?

**M.H.:** The one thing I've learned about that is that people shouldn't be encouraged to do things that they don't have the means or the troops for just because they sound good.

Take lobbying. In lobbying, you're dealing with multinational corporations and all kinds of special interests that have their lobbies. Just because lobbying is a good thing doesn't mean you can compete with other lobbyists. They've got money and all you got is people. So you've got to stop and think about what you do have rather than what you don't have.

So that means that you need to use some kind of creative mass action. Ideas that aren't translated into action seldom have any kind of relevance in terms of change.

Action just can't be conventional action where you do the things that have been done over and over. You have to be creative about the action.

It seems to me, looking at the history during my lifetime, that the only thing you can say with assurance has made a difference has been civil disobedience.

In the early days of the labour movement, we had to defy all the laws because there were laws against organizing and meetings and picket lines. In the civil rights movement, if we hadn't defied the law we would never have gotten anywhere. In the mass demonstrations against the war in Vietnam, where people said, "No, we're not going to be stopped. We're going to go to jail," they were the things that got results.

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## The Raging Grannies

By Betty Brightwell – PEACE Magazine

Together we have performed more than a hundred years of work in the peace movement. As we are approaching sixty years of age--or have passed it--and realize that the threat of nuclear war is still hanging over our grandchildren and our great grandchildren, we get angry, raging mad! We know we haven't much time left in our lifetime to change things or bring some sanity into the conduct of international affairs.

So we sing satire. We aren't very good at singing, but the medium being the message, as grannies in bright colourful clothes fashionable a couple of generations ago, and wearing smiles, outrageous hats and pink running shoes, we seem to have an appeal.

We sing about U.S. nuclear warships coming into Canada and John Diefenbaker spinning in his grave as a result. When we sing about the U.S. nuclear umbrella which "protects" us, we put up a ragged golf umbrella full of holes. We sing about terrified caribou hazed by low flights of NATO planes or uranium mining, relating it to the disaster at Bhopal in India. We are convinced that the techno-chase will eliminate the human race. We march to "It's a long way to Vladivostok" and tell you that an ICBM could get there in seven minutes from New York and vice versa but, we warn, "if the missiles meet up midway, you know who's below"--and a granny rips open her jacket to

reveal the red and white maple leaf. Even raging grannies 'gainst nuclear subs can end up on the CSIS subversive list.

We've sung outside B.C. Government House to the Prime Minister and his cabinet. We've sung to the crew of the USS nuclear submarine Indianapolis. We've sung to Peter Gzowski in person and over Morningside on the CBC radio. We've sung to you on the CBC National, to Pierre Berton, to Farley Mowat, to Victoria Mayor Gretchen Brewin, and our own M.P. Pat Crofton.

We began by singing to theatre lineups. We sang at the spring Peace Walk, and at an anti-uranium rally. We even disrupted the B.C. Peace Conference and yet received a standing ovation from the assembly. We've been ignored in shopping malls, loved by senior citizens' clubs, and called "pinkos" by others.

Lordy, lordy, lordy. Where does our energy come from? All of us have other things to do and other lives to lead. But these days we find it more rewarding just being raging grannies together and singing songs about survival issues and being concerned about the future of our grandchildren and the grandchildren of the entire planet.

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# Setting Up a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone

By Donald Craig - PEACE Magazine

There are two ways to set up a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in your area: Hold a referendum during a municipal or provincial election, or introduce a motion at a City or Town Council meeting.

In Lunenburg County we used the second approach--successfully. In early fall we went to four town councils with proposals stating why each community should declare itself a NWFZ. Our appeal included information on NWFZ communities elsewhere in Canada and other countries; an illustration of the proposed sign and its possible locations; and the cost of materials and construction. We also included an estimate of the money and work our group was prepared to contribute and the working of the motion we wanted each council to pass.

Next, we familiarized ourselves with the municipal process. We submitted a typed motion to the municipal clerk so it could be included on the council agenda and copies could be distributed to all council members. (If the members do not receive their agenda and meeting papers well in advance, it's a good idea to mail individual copies of the motion yourself.)

At the council meeting we kept our presentation from the floor short. Town council meetings take forever and are exhausting so it's best to assign speaking roles in advance to people who really know the issue and can answer questions from the council.

The questions we faced dealt with legality and costs. The legal issue centred on the claim that towns don't have the authority to declare themselves NWFZ - that only the federal government has this right. In response, your group could have a supporter (ideally a lawyer) cite the numerous communities in Canada that are NWFZs and point out that the laws haven't interfered. (One might add that Canada has an official NWFZ policy.)

Council may argue: "If the town puts up signs for one group, we'll have to do it for everybody." In reply, point out that the town will be declaring itself a NWFZ, thus affirming and publicizing its own decision, not that of your organization.

Finally, the larger centres may fear losing defence contracts and the jobs that go with them. This form of opposition must be anticipated and countered with an effective, well-researched argument. Get help from experts in your community and the resource organizations below.

Encourage the media to attend the council meeting especially if you have friends among reporters and friends on council who can be counted on to make strong arguments in your favor. Prepared news releases can be sent to weekly and community papers and to the local radio station if they do not cover the meeting.

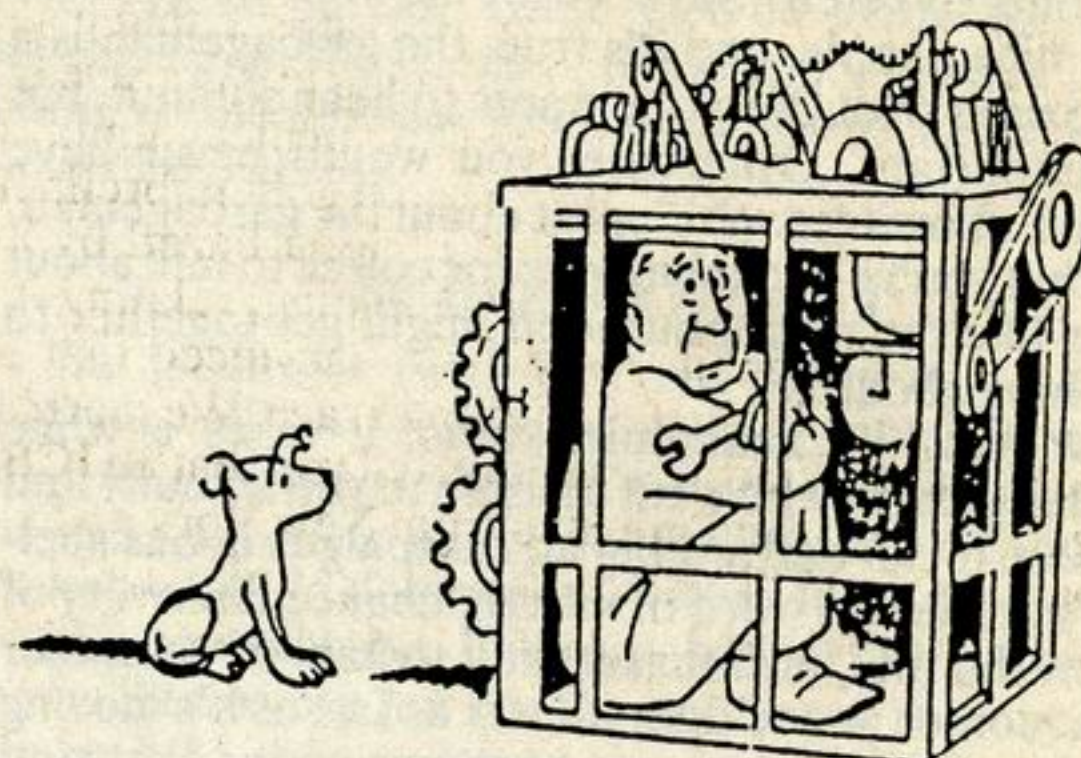
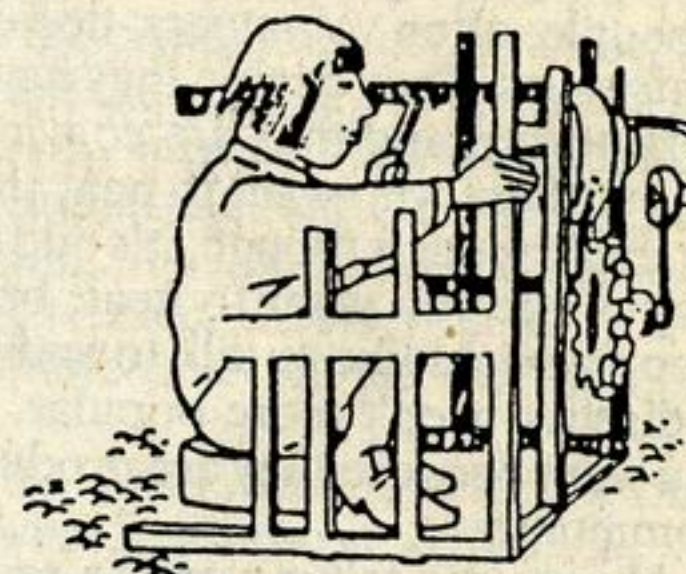
Finally, follow-up details must be worked out. Cost sharing must be arranged--it's advisable to consult with the town engineer or supervisor of public works well in advance of your council presentation. Signs, posts, and

exact locations must meet town criteria. Those put outside the town or city limits may need to be approved by the provincial Department of Highways or Transportation while signs within town limits are subject to town authority, but may need approval or a permit from a county planning commission.

Good luck in declaring your community a NWFZ!

Contact: The Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Clearing House, 25 Dundana Ave, Dundas, ON L9H 4E5 and Project Ploughshares, Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G6.

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## Little Brother Watches Back

By Kevin Crombie –  
**Integral: The Magazine for Changing Men**

I like books. I have hundreds at home.

My favourites are the ones with notes I've scribbled in moments of excitement over some new idea tucked between the lines.

Several of my books have begun a slow process of evolving into two books: the one written by the author, and the other written by me--in the margins. The two texts revolve around each other, each expanding on and enhancing the ideas of the other, until finally the finished product is some inseparable synthesis of the two.

Almost anything that goes on outside the mainstream of life is, like my notes, in the margins. A lot goes on in the margins. I am writing this in the marginal part of my day--just before I go to sleep, listening to a marginal radio station, talking to marginal friends on the phone about what's happening in their margins. Out in the margins, we have something that keeps us sane; we have communities.

For several years, I worked in community and public radio. That was marginal, because it wasn't the mainstream, popular, commercial hyped radio that you hear almost everywhere. Mainstream radio has to be mainstream, has to convince you it is the only real radio, because it couldn't move a buck if it didn't. If it didn't make a buck, it wouldn't exist.

Community or non-profit radio, on the other hand, doesn't try to convince anyone of anything, it just is. It exists because people, often volunteers, decide they want a voice on the airwaves. They decide they have a few things they would like to say, and they are convinced there are other people out there who want to hear them.

When you think about it though, it's odd that radio stations that play music you want to hear, bring you interviews with people you'd like to talk to and present issues you want to discuss, aren't more popular. They must be the things you want because they are produced by people from your community.

Your neighbours are talking on the radio about how loud the garbageman bangs the can in the morning. And are you going to listen? Sure! After all, your neighbours are kinda nice people, and it's true, the garbageman is a little obnoxious. Not everyone wants to hear about it, but it's still important. Otherwise, you would never have known the Lukowitzes were upset about the garbageman, and now that you've had them over for coffee to talk about it, it looks like the neighbourhood might get together to do something about it.

But, working in community radio, it takes a while before other people who want to listen to you actually find your station. It can't afford big ad campaigns in bus shelters, and so relies on word of mouth, chance discovery of its spot on the dial, and that steady stream of volunteer talent that comes in one door almost as fast as it's moving out the other. For some groups, or communities, that kind

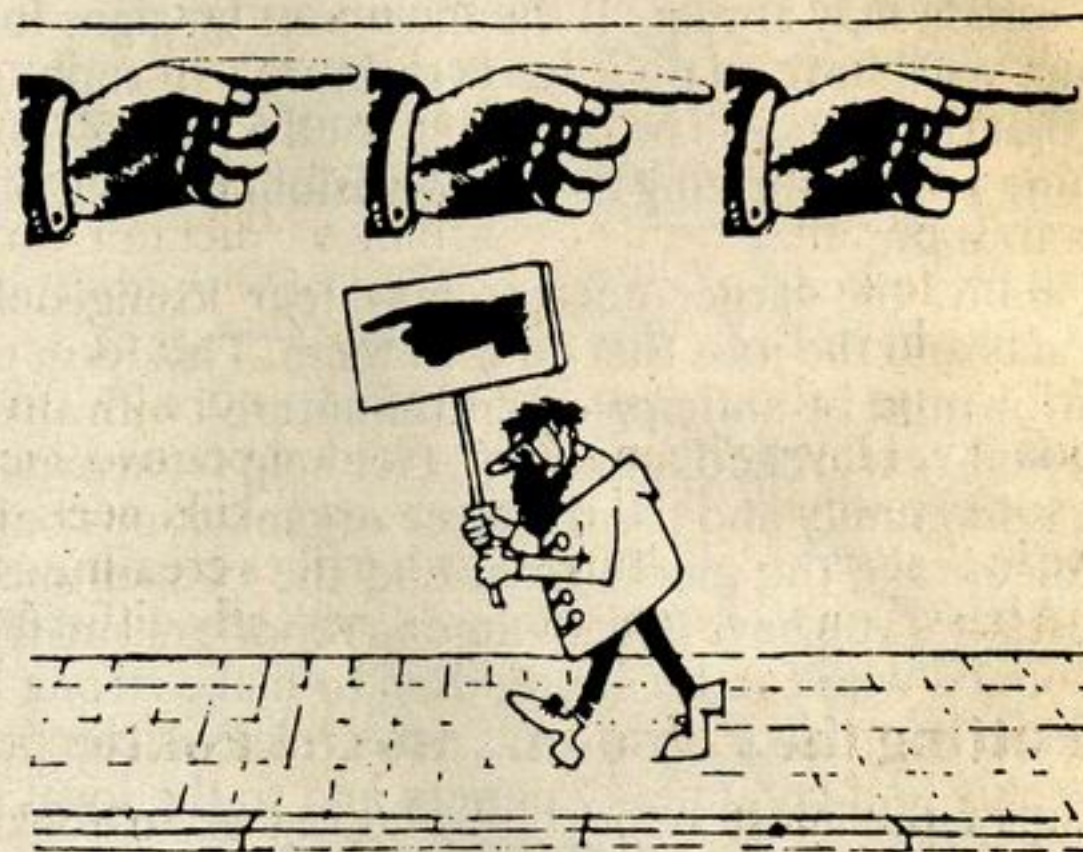
of communication can move much more quickly than for others. The centrally located gay community, for example, has a much easier time reaching large numbers in a city like Toronto, than a more widely dispersed group of people who might listen to a program on archaeology.

It takes a while too, before you get credibility you need for people to pay attention. Community cable television is no less serious about reaching out and giving a voice to communities in the larger society than any other television station, but honestly, how many of us rush down to help? Community radio often has the same problem, as will any other venture that tries to get the community to speak for itself, on its own terms, to itself.

But, sometimes it does work. Occasionally that critical mass coalesces and the keen volunteers, armed with a unique and indefinable combination of energy, talent and innovative ideas, mesh perfectly with the technology and their audience. Ebbing and flowing with each renaissance more intriguing than the last, the results are nothing less than breathtaking.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of working in the margins is the effect on the mainstream. What innovation in radio, television, journalism, or, for that matter, any social institution or relationship has not first appeared on the margin, only to be adapted and adopted. Margin and mainstream in dialectic move society forward, challenging and criticizing it, and ultimately, guaging its health.

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# It Ain't the Meeting It's The Motion

By Alexandra Devon – Kick It Over!

Have you ever been in any of the following situations? You go to a meeting of a group for the first time because they're doing work around issues you've begun to be interested in. Everybody there seems to know everyone else already, and they're all so knowledgeable. No one even asks your name or why you have come. During the meeting you're too intimidated to say anything and no one seems to notice or care. You go home depressed.

Someone has called a meeting. It starts late. There's no agenda so the group wanders from topic to topic for what seems an eternity. People constantly interrupt each other. A few people dominate. The quieter people are ignored. You go home with a headache.

You've just broken up with your lover but you got to your meeting anyway. No one asks how you are. The agenda is set, typed and passed around. A decision has to be made on an important course of action. People are divided on it. After ten minutes of discussion a vote is taken before you've even expressed your point of view. The outcome is not what you had hoped but you have to live with it -- after all, majority rules. You go home and don't come back.

The above scenarios are common but not inevitable. Somewhere between Robert's Rules of Order and "tyranny of structurelessness" lies a method for working with people in groups which is not disempowering, painful and tedious and can be affirming, creative and effective.

Learning about group "process" (or paying attention to how you interact with other people in a group setting) is, for many of us a trial and error thing. Unfortunately, because we get together in groups to get things done, we are often more interested in the end than the means of getting there, little realizing that the process would be much more enjoyable and the end product enriched if we're better able to harmonize means and ends.

In the early days of putting out this magazine, when our collective was larger, our meetings were such a shambles with people all talking at once that we half jokingly and half in desperation used to appoint a "dictator for the day" to try to keep us on track. A lot of wasted, fruitless time could have been saved if we had recognized a few simple things about human nature and how to accommodate it. Having been raised in a competitive, hierarchical society we retain the unpleasant skills needed to survive in that type of culture, which makes creating a new culture based on different values, inherently difficult.

## Putting the Personal into the Political

One of the most important allowances to make in setting up meetings or gatherings is to provide time for "personal sharing". People come to meetings or join groups, not simply to "get things done", but for companionship and the feeling that one's values and concerns are shared by other people. It is good to try to

have a social time before the meeting, whether sharing a meal or a cup of tea and conversation. This allows for people to bond on more than just an intellectual level and sets a more relaxed atmosphere for the meeting especially if the one flows into the other. If new people have joined the group, it's a good time to make a special effort to connect with them, find out why they've come and make them feel their presence is valued.

Even if one doesn't have time for a socializing period, it's a good idea to have a "go-around" structured into the agenda. This can be a minute or two for each person where they can say (if they are new) why they came and who they are or, for people who know each other, what type of day they've had and how they're feeling. A friend who first stressed the importance of this told me that meetings are much more efficient and less stressful as a result of this simple exercise. People often come to meetings with psychic baggage (positive or negative) and if they are not allowed to check it at the door, the room is soon crowded with it and by the end of the meeting you may have people stressed out because of a personal misfortune or tragedy that has happened to them in the day or week before.

## The Basics

To back-track a bit, it's been my experience that a facilitator (as opposed to a dictator) is necessary for a well-run meeting. This person is someone to whom the group has given the power and responsibility to shape the evening's tasks into an agenda and to gently keep people to the agreed upon format. This is a position of some power so it is important that the job be rotated from meeting to meeting. It's good to ask for a volunteer and trust people not to elect themselves more often than is warranted. A minute-taker should also be solicited at the same time.

Taking minutes is important for action groups because it is a record of what has transpired for those who weren't there and for those who have agreed to do things it serves as a reminder of what, in the heat of the moment, they have agreed to do. These can be elaborate or brief depending on the needs of the group. Another bonus of taking minutes is that you have a history of the development of the group.

## Setting the Agenda

The facilitator (with pen and paper in hand or flip chart on wall) asks for items to be put on the agenda. This is a way of getting everyone's input into the planning of the meeting. After all the suggestions are written down, it's important to determine whether there is too much to cover in one meeting. If it's agreed that there is too much, the facilitator can ask (or the group can volunteer) what can be held over or left to the end. Next the facilitator,



with input from the group, decides on the most reasonable order of events and allots time for each phase, determining first how long the overall meeting should be. Many groups also set aside time at the end to evaluate the meeting itself. This is a time to comment on frustrations with process or to compliment the facilitator and to sum how meetings could be improved. Remember that you should stick to the time frame as closely as possible because this is what the group has agreed to. The facilitator is responsible to renegotiating time when necessary, to everyone's satisfaction.

Once the agenda is set it is up to the facilitator to introduce each item (or have other group members do it) and ensure that everyone gets to speak to an issue who wants to. It's easiest if a group can be self-regulating and speak in turn but when it is not possible, it is the facilitator's responsibility to have people speak in the sequence in which they've raised their hands. A few rules of thumb which make for equitable discussion is that everyone should speak to an issue (who wants to) before people who've already spoken speak again. Extended discussions between two people should be discouraged as this can be alienating to the group. In larger groups, or if men are tending to dominate, it's good to alternate between women and men speakers.

### Making Decisions

Many groups make decisions through discussing an issue (with greater or lesser degrees of thoroughness) and then voting. Unless you have unanimity (which is rare) some people are placed in the uncomfortable position of carrying out or living with decisions that they are not comfortable with. This is called democracy. I don't mean to denigrate this style of operating completely; it may have a place in certain situations but the small group or collective is not one of them. Consensus, on the other hand, allows each person equal and complete power in the group. Everyone must be happy with a decision or at least not unhappy with it for the group to proceed. This is not based on an abstract principle of fairness but on the "belief that each person has a part of the truth and no one has all of it...and on a respect for all persons involved in the decision that is being considered" (Carolyn Estes, "Consensus" in the spring issue of *Social Anarchism*).

This style of working requires trust between group members and more time than the democratic process. It also takes some getting used to because it requires that we express our views, explain them, listen to the views of others and modify our views when others make points which we might not have thought about. Although it is strange at first, for those of us who are used to defending our position to the death because it's ours and we want to be right, it allows for more give and take than one would normally think possible in a group situation. Once you get used to consensus it is frustrating and disempowering to go back to other methods.

Consensus is not new. It has been used for thousands of years by tribal peoples, early Jesuits in the 17th century (who called it "Communal Discernment"), Quakers, and

more recently by some feminists and social change groups, to name a few. It is worth noting that the groups who most often use consensus are "communities" of some description: herein lies its greatest strength and possible limitations. Because of the high degree of trust and openness required and because each person should be allowed to contribute if they would like, I feel that size and shared values are important. For this reason, I am skeptical that a group of several thousand diverse people could effectively use this approach because there needs to be a degree of bonding and shared history for the conditions to be right. Carolyn Estes in a recent article on consensus in *Social Anarchism* argues the contrary.

The facilitator has a great deal of responsibility in seeing that the group is helped towards reaching consensus. S/he must make sure that everyone who wants to address the issue does so, state and restate suggestions, sum up the sense of the meeting and make sure that everyone is comfortable with the final decision. All this requires time and patience but the process can be quite enjoyable and interesting and teaches us to let go of our own preconceptions without sacrificing our individuality or autonomy and allows us to work effectively with a group.

### When Consensus Breaks Down

When very strong differences of opinion recur (and they undoubtedly will), there are a number of things one can do depending on the resolvability of the situation. For example, during a Free University collective meeting, it was suggested that there be a women-only anarchy-feminism workshop. One of the women in the group was adamantly opposed to this as she felt that this was not appropriate for the Free University, which was supposed to be a forum for all. Tempers flared and an hour of solid debate seemed to take us no closer to a resolution. Neither "side" would budge. Finally, a compromise by one of the other group members was suggested and after more discussion both "sides" agreed to it. Now we had a solution. There were no winners and no losers. Yet, in a way, the group "won" something. The integrity of the group in the face of a divisive issue was maintained and the ability of one individual (although she had support) to maintain an unpopular position without fear was proven. After the meeting (in spite of all the high emotion) we were able to join hands and sincerely say we respected each other's concerns.

Sometimes when a compromise is not possible, one or two people can "step aside", which means that while they don't necessarily agree to a particular proposal and don't wish to participate in it, they are not willing to block consensus or keep others from pursuing it.

If more than a few people "step aside" from a decision it can be a bad sign and may indicate that more time and discussion is needed.

Occasionally, a person in the group may feel at odds with the group most of the time. They may, for example, feel that the group is not doing the right things. If this is seems to happen constantly, it's possible that the person is in the wrong group and that they should seek out others



who want to put their energies into projects they feel to be important.

To avoid coming to this realization after the group has been formed, it is well to go through a "clearness" process in the beginning. This is, of course, an ideal scenario and difficult to implement once a group is formed but might be helpful in admitting new members to a group where a high degree of trust has been established. The Quakers developed this process for helping members decide to embark on any major undertaking.

This article is far from complete for considerations of space and because I'm still in the process of learning, but I wanted to begin the discussion. I feel that it's important for us to be conscious not simply of what we do but how we do it. Unfortunately, because of the culture in which most of us are raised, to be unconscious of process is to unconsciously duplicate the authoritarian, elitist, competitive, and sexist, etc. models which we have passively learned since childhood. To choose new forms of inter-

acting with people means that we must unlearn the powerlessness, competitiveness and fear of conflict that characterizes much of our experience with working in groups. Jane Mansbridge in *Workplace Democracy and Social Change* writes that "the main reason people tolerate hierarchy so well is that it buffers them from having to deal with people at a more authentic, conscious level of emotional depth." So, developing good process skills for those of us trying to change the world is not just a better way to get things done, but a conscious recognition that the world which needs changing is not just "out there," but within us and between us.

Thanks to Taylor, my women's group and the Free University collective for teaching me and learning with me about different ways of being.

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## One Vote for Democracy

By Ulli Diemer - *Kick It Over!*

There was much that I found wise and helpful in Alexandra Devon's article on meeting process (*It Ain't the Meeting, It's the Motion*), but I find myself in fundamental disagreement when she maintains that consensus is preferable to democracy.

To begin with, I think she confuses the essential defining characteristics of the consensus model and of the democratic model with things that have to do with meeting process in general. For example, she rightly stresses the importance and value of things such as having "a social time before the meeting", making "a special effort to connect" with new people at meetings, having "trust between group members", having "shared values" in the group, and making the effort to "express our views, explain them, listen to the views of others and modify our views when others make points we might not have thought about." On the other side, she points to the destructiveness of meetings in which "people constantly interrupt each other", in which "a few people dominate", or in which "the quieter people are ignored". However, there is nothing inherent in the virtues she lists which make them unique to consensus model meetings, and nothing inherent in the faults she names which limit them to democracy-model meetings.

I can guarantee that if she asks around she will find plenty of people who can tell her about democratically run groups based on shared values and trust in which special efforts are made to make new people feel comfortable, in which people listen to each other, are open, and

change their minds when others bring up points they haven't thought of, and in which decisions are usually negotiated compromises rather than rammed through. I can also assure Alexandra that there are many people who could tell her about their experiences in consensus-model groups in which a few people dominated, people constantly interrupted each other, and the quieter people were ignored. I suppose one can argue that such groups were not practicing "true" consensus, but then one could say with equal validity that democratic groups characterized by these problems are not truly democratic either.

I also think that advocates of consensus fail to distinguish adequately between consensus as a specific model for holding meetings and consensus as a term generally used to mean "agreement". In the sense of "agreement", consensus can happen in any type of group operating with any decision-making model. I have certainly belonged to groups operating under a democratic model in which most decisions were made by consensus in this looser sense. Since we tended to agree about most things, issues rarely came to a vote. I suspect that any group having the ideal characteristics Alexandra lists as desirable (small size, clarity about goals, mutual respect, mutual trust, openness to each other's views, etc.) would tend to arrive at "consensus" a lot of the time, no matter whether they were officially making decisions by the democratic model, by the consensus model, or by consulting the I Ching.

But the real issue, I think, is what kind of process is appropriate to groups which are not so perfect. Groups which are bigger than can fit into someone's living room,



groups in which there is confusion or disagreement about goals, groups in which some people may not like each other as much as one might wish, groups in which some people are a bit too full of their own opinions to be as open as they ought to be to others'. In other words, most groups. What happens then when some people tend to dominate and interrupt, while quieter people get ignored or are afraid to speak up?

I can tell you what happens in most groups, consensus-model groups as well as the democratic groups which Alexandra is so down on: the problem doesn't get dealt with adequately, so some people "go home depressed", others "go home and don't come back", and the ones best equipped to stomach lousy meetings remain. If you don't know of consensus groups where this is precisely the pattern, you haven't looked very far.



The remedies Alexandra suggests are excellent ones: good meeting facilitation, establishing a time frame, making sure people who haven't spoken get a chance before others get to speak again, paying attention to the social aspects of why we come together in groups, and being aware of and considerate of each other's feelings and opinions. (One might add challenging people whose meeting habits are unpleasant.) There is no reason why this can't be done equally as well in a democratic group as in a consensus group.

In fact, I would argue that democratic groups are better equipped to deal with process problems. This is because democracy allows a group to proceed with what it wants to do in the face of people who are obstructive, obnoxious or insensitive. Democracy makes it possible for a group to say to such people, in essence, that 'we don't think this particular discussion/behavior is constructive anymore, and we want to move on, whether you agree or not'. It enables the group to proceed in the way the majority of people in it want it to.

Consensus, on the other hand, allows people who are insensitive or stubborn to bring the whole group grinding to a halt. Ideally, of course, they "stand aside" or learn to participate more constructively, but what has actually happened in countless consensus groups is that the group has been prevented from doing what most people in it wanted to do--in other words, prevented from function-

ing--because one or a few people have blocked consensus or dragged discussions on past the willingness of most members to continue participating in the group. The social change movement is littered with the corpses of groups which fell apart for precisely such reasons.

At the same time, consensus often serves to make the quieter people in a group quieter and more intimidated yet, because the onus on someone expressing an opinion is often much greater than in a democratic group. In a consensus group, you know that you may be put on the spot by more vocal members of the group who disagree with you and who pressure you to defend your point of view. This can be a frightening prospect for someone who is just developing the courage to speak up at a meeting. Typically a more timid person will quickly "stand aside" or say they've changed their mind, just to get off the hot seat. And they'll be all the more unlikely to speak up again. In addition to the personal unpleasantness of such a situation, this kind of dynamic can easily mean that a vocal few can push the group in a direction many members are unhappy with, but are afraid to speak up about. It is precisely in these kind of situations that democracy and voting can empower the less aggressive members of the group, while consensus disempowers them.

It can be true, as Alexandra says, that in a democratic group "unless you have unanimity (which is rare) some people are placed in the uncomfortable position of carrying out or living with decisions they are not comfortable with." Whether people really feel uncomfortable with a given decision, of course, depends on how strongly they disagree, how fundamental the issue seems, and perhaps most importantly whether the discussion and process leading up to the decision left people feeling good, or with a bad taste in their mouths. But by her own description, exactly the same thing can happen in a consensus group in which some people "stand aside" to allow a decision which "is not what you hoped but you have to live with".

Whether "the integrity of the group in the face of a divisive issue" is maintained and whether "after the meeting (in spite of all the high emotion)" people are "able to join hands and sincerely say we respected each other's concerns" doesn't depend on whether the decision was arrived at by a vote, or by consensus with some people "standing aside", but on whether the meeting and decision were good or bad according to criteria of substance and process which apply equally well to meetings held under either model.

What is really destructive of the integrity of the group is a situation where one person or a handful of people are able to block the desires of the overwhelming majority. When such a situation arises--and it does frequently in consensus-model groups--it makes a mockery of Alexandra's assertion that "consensus...allows each person equal and complete power in the group". On the contrary, in a situation where 100 people want to do something, and one person doesn't and refuses consensus, consensus ultimately hands over all the power to one person, and totally disempowers everyone else.



Even short of this extreme – but by no means unusual circumstance, I think that if you look more thoroughly at the track record of consensus-model groups, and not just at the few successful ones, you will find a recurring pattern: domination by a vocal few, silencing and/or departure of the majority who have jobs, children, or are not meeting-junkies, collapse of the group, and then the dominators move on to foist their wonderful model onto another group.

Don't misunderstand me: some of the people who I respect most and who have the best meeting skills favour the consensus model and do well with it. If groups were composed of people like them, consensus would work. But most groups aren't composed of people like them, and in my experience, while either kind of group can function well or badly, democratic groups are more likely to function well and are better able to solve problems that do arise.

If consensus works in your group, that's fine. But I think advocates of consensus are doing a disservice by urging others to adopt a model which works only in unusual circumstances and which has been responsible for driving so many people out of social activism.

## Alexandra Devon responds:

I really appreciate receiving a well-reasoned and respectful critique of my article. Some of the points you make regarding the possibility of abuse of power in the consensus model are well taken. However, I think you may have misinterpreted my intentions in writing the article. I was not primarily interested in contrasting democratic and consensus styles of operating, but rather in comparing good and bad process. I was also not trying to put forward the view that consensus works in (or is appropriate for) all situations (some people might, but I'm not one of them). The type of group I was directing my comments at primarily was the small group, the type which can fit into a living room.

My main concern in writing the article was to discuss how social change collectives could be places where people are nurtured and empowered to do the work they came together to do. If people are able to do this through means other than consensus then I'm happy to hear it. Obviously, people need to develop ways of working with each other which suit their needs but, far from driving people out of political action, consensus has for many people--women, quieter people, etc.-- been an extremely validating experience, one which made them feel that their voice mattered. The over-all goal, whether pursued through consensus or democratic methods of operating, is to equalize power, or at least to put the less vocal and experienced individuals at a better advantage.

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## Actions and Campaigns

### Save the Stein Valley

Two groups are currently working to save B. C.'s Stein Valley, ancestral home of the Haida Native people. The valley contains ancient Native archaeological sites, famous for their pictographs. Wildlife, including bears, mountain lions, and coyotes also live in the valley. The lumber industry in B.C., which has recently begun a million dollar advertising campaign promoting logging of the area, may be given the right to log and build roads on this Native-owned land by B.C.'s Social Credit government.

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee is appealing for help from people outside of the province. They have published 150,000 copies of a free educational newsletter, and are appealing to organizations across the country to help to distribute them. The committee's new address is 103-1520 Sixth Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1R2 (604)731-6716.

A second group--Save The Stein Coalition--urges supporters to write to the premier of B.C. and demand that the Stein remain unlogged. Write Premier Vander Zalm, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8X 1X4.

### Good News for Temagami

The Temagami Wilderness Society reports that the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources has made positive moves toward the preservation of Temagami, the last large section of untamed land in eastern Canada. The Society urges the public to show their continued support by writing or calling David Peterson, Premier of Ontario, Queen's Park, Toronto Ontario M7A 1A1, (416)965-1941. They suggest that you send a copy of your letter to the editor of your local newspaper.

### A Time for Social Solidarity

The Working Committee for Social Solidarity has issued a declaration entitled **A Time to Stand Together** which calls for popular sector groups to unite to put forward alternative economic and social policies based on social solidarity. Members of the working committee include the Canadian Labour Congress, the Confederation des syndicats nationaux, the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, the National Farmers Union, the United Church, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Contact The Working

Committee for Social Solidarity, 21 Florence Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 0W6.

### The Wrath of Grapes

The United Farm Workers of America have produced a video cassette called "The Wrath of Grapes" to illustrate how they are fighting toxic pesticide poisoning of Californian table grapes. The spraying affects labourers who harvest the grapes and the residents in the vicinity who ingest "drift" from pesticide spraying. These pesticides cause birth defects, cancer, chronic illness and death. Some of the carcinogenic chemicals remain in the grapes and cannot be washed off.

You can help by boycotting California table grapes, spreading the word to other consumers and speaking to your local grocer or supermarket manager. The video cassette (VHS format only) is free. For a copy, write to: United Farm Workers of America, c/o Canadian Labour Congress, 365-15 Gervais Drive, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 1Y8 (416)441-3710.

### Canadian Mining Company Polluting Phillipines

The fishing grounds of 20,000 families at Calancan Bay in the Phillipines are being choked by copper tailings dumped by the Canadian Marcopper Mining Corporation. Residents are asking for help to stop this destruction. Supporters can assist the cause by expressing their concern to Placer Dome Inc., which has a 40 per cent share in Marcopper Mining. The address is: Mr John Walton, President, Placer Dome Inc., Box 49330 Bentall Postal Station, Vancouver, B.C., V7X 1P1.

### AIDS and Genital Mutilation

A women's centre in Nigeria is seeking support for their AIDS and Genital Mutilation Campaign. In the past year, this non-profit, non-governmental organization has met with hundreds of rural women in Africa in an attempt to persuade them to refrain from the practice of genital mutilation. This practice is linked to the spread of AIDS in Africa. The centre needs more funds to continue their work. For donations or enquiries, write to Mrs. Hannan Edemikpong, Women's Centre, Box 185, Eket, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, West Africa.



### Nature Trust Proposed

In an attempt to break the pattern of urban encroachment on Canada's prime foodlands, Friends of Foodlands has proposed that a Foodland and Nature Trust be set up for the Markham, Pickering and Scarborough areas of Ontario. The Trust would acquire and manage all publicly-owned lands in these areas, and would conserve and enhance wetlands, woodlots, wildlife and other natural features. For more information about this proposal, write or call Friends of Foodland, The Ontario Coalition to Preserve Foodlands, 25 Village on the Green, 295 Water Street, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2X5 (519)763-2589.

### Making a Pledge for Peace

The Canadian Peace Pledge is a campaign sponsored by hundreds of peace groups in Canada and facilitated by the Canadian Peace Alliance. The goal of the campaign is to convince politicians that there is a "peace vote" to be won or lost in the next election. Organizers are asking Canadians to sign a pledge that they will vote only for candidates who will actively work to make Canada an international voice for peace. For a copy of the pledge, and for further information about how you can support the campaign, write to: Canadian Peace Alliance, 5-555 Bloor Street West, Toronto Ontario, M5S 1Y6.

### Global Campaign Against Wildlife Trade

The Asia-Pacific People's Environment Network (APPEN), in collaboration with Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM), have launched a global campaign to stop the growing wildlife trade. It is estimated that one species of life becomes extinct each day. The campaign is aimed particularly at Japan, which is a major consumer/destroyer of whales, sea turtles, corals and rare plants. Many of the species being imported into Japan are illegal under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the world body which is working toward the abolition of the international trade in wildlife. "We are up against highly organised and well-financed syndicates of illegal traders, government corruption and other economic and social forces which stand against legitimate arguments for sustainable utilisation of wildlife resources," says Tom Milliken, Director of Trade Records Analysis of Flora and Fauna in Commerce (TRAFFIC).

The Japanese trade is not minor: according to TRAFFIC, annual imports into Japan include 70,000 parrots, 29,000 kilograms of crocodile skins, 500,000 lizard skins, over 100,000 snake skins, and 40,000 Benegal cats.

APPEN and SAM have published a book on the issue: **Decimation of World Wildlife -- Japan as Number One.** It is available from SAM, Penang, Malaysia for \$6 U.S. (surface), \$8 U.S. (airmail).

### Rural Dignity

According to Rural Dignity, "Across Canada 82 per cent of rural post-masters are women. Over 5,000 rural post offices are due to be closed in the next few years. Not only is that very bad news for the women and men who are employed at those post offices but also it is terrible news for the small community itself. The post office, the heart of the town or village, is essential for a vibrant community." The group requests that letters be sent to the Prime Minister, MPs, MLAs and political parties. For further information contact Cynthia Patterson, Co-ordinator, Rural Dignity Canada, Barachois de Malbaie, Quebec, G0C 1A0.

### Rainforest Destruction

Last November, 43 members of the Penan Tribe in Malaysia were arrested for blocking logging roads; their trail begins on October 31. The World Rainforest Movement is calling for worldwide actions in support of the Penan, who are seeking to protect their way of life and the forests in which they live. Protests are being planned in some 40 countries around the world. In Ottawa, one will be held in front of the Malaysian High Commission. Friends of the Rainforest are encouraging other groups across Canada to act in support of the Penan. They have two videos, and an information package, available. Contact Friends of the Rainforest, P.O. Box 4612, Station E, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5H8.





### Southern Africa campaign

Development and Peace's study/action campaign this fall is on southern Africa. A package of materials, and a slide/tape presentation, is available through Development and Peace Diocesan Councils and regional staff. On or about December 10, 1988, local groups of Development and Peace have been urged to hold a prayer vigil on southern Africa. For more information, or to obtain action sheets or posters, contact Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, 3028 Danforth Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4C 1N2, (416) 698-7770.

### Sugar Cane Cutters

The Movement for Action with Sugarcane Cutters wants to help improve the conditions of near slavery in which migrant sugar cane cutters live and work in the Dominican Republic. For more information on how you can help call Audrey (416) 537-2694 or Sue (416) 763-0276.

### Broads on Bay Street

The women's caucus of the Alliance for Non-Violent Action is planning a non-violent women's day of resistance for International Women's Week 1989, with the theme "Broads on Bay Street." The focus of the action is to be Toronto's Bay Street, "the emotional heartland of Canadian capitalism." The action is intended to "give us a space and opportunity to raise our voices against the many states of women's oppression." Other women are invited to join in the planning.

### Living With AIDS

October 17 - 23 has been proclaimed Ontario AIDS Awareness Week. Community groups are invited to participate by offering special educational events and projects. For more information, contact the AIDS Committee of Toronto, Box 55, Station F, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2L4, (416) 926-0063.

### Leonard Peltier

Leonard Peltier is a North American Native political activist in his 13th year in a U.S. prison. He was extradited to the U.S. from Canada on the basis on evidence which was later shown to be falsified. The Leonard Peltier Canadian Defense Committee is continuing to work for Peltier's release and return to Canada. Contact 43 Chandler Drive, Scarborough, Ontario, M1G 1Z1, (416) 431-1886.

## Appeals for Support

### Support for Simon Nkodi

Simon Nkodi, a black gay activist jailed in South Africa for anti-apartheid activities in June of 1984, has been free on bail since 1987. His trial continues, and, although no longer in prison, he must attend the proceedings five days a week and report to the police daily. Simon is unable to work to support himself due to these restrictions, and must depend on the generosity of his friends and supporters to subsist.

The Simon Nkodi Anti-Apartheid Committee has committed itself to making direct contributions to Simon's support. They have pledged to send a minimum of \$100 per month until the trial concludes and he can return to work.

Please send cheques payable to SNAAC, indicating that your donation should be directed to the Support Campaign. If you would like to pledge a monthly amount, make a note of this, and include your post-dated cheques. Write to the Simon Nkodi Defense Fund, Box 65 Station F, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2L4.



"However, the Chilean man-in-the-street appears to have few complaints."

### Literacy Aid for Nicaragua

The Nicaraguan Library Support Group, a group of librarians from Edmonton, is currently raising funds to help combat illiteracy in Nicaragua.

Nicaragua's outstanding national literacy campaign, one that has lowered the illiteracy rate from 52 per cent to 12 per cent, is an international success story. However, libraries in Nicaragua are desperately short of reading material, particularly children's books. Currently, Nicaraguan libraries have only one book per person.

Previously, the Nicaraguan Library Support Group has donated funds to purchase Spanish language subject heading lists for Nicaragua's National Cataloguing Centre. They are now raising funds to help build a Spanish



language library school to serve the forty public libraries in Nicaragua. A fund-raising goal of \$20,000 has been set.

Send your tax-deductible donation to: Change for Children-Library Project, c/o Barbara Club, 1901-11135 83rd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2C6.

### **Tools for Peace**

The 1987 campaign to send priority goods to the people of Nicaragua was the most successful ever. More than \$155,000 worth of goods were shipped from the Toronto warehouse to Vancouver for transshipment--a 17 per cent increase over last year.

Tax-deductible donations to "Interpares - Tools for Peace" buy goods. Top priority items for this year are rubber boots for women agricultural workers (size 8 or smaller), notebooks for students, health and safety gear to protect factory workers, corrugated roofing to house families displaced by war and fishing gear for small scale fisheries.

Unreceipted donations are also needed to expand educational and lobbying activities in Ontario. These contributions enable Tools for Peace to involve more people in this unique and highly successful people-to-people aid campaign.

Send contributions to Tools for Peace, Box 829 Station P, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2Z1 or contact the Coalition for Aid to Nicaragua, Toronto Co-ordinating Office, 301-347 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5T 2V8 (416)922-0852.

### **Indian Peace Action Asks for Support**

A community in Orissa, India is calling on the international peace movement for support in their struggle to stop the construction of a ballistic missile base on their land. Since July 1985, the citizens of the Baliapal-Bhograi area of the Balasore district in Orissa have been resisting their government's attempts to evict them from their homes. Already, 110,000 eviction notices have been issued.

In opposition, the people have formed local organizations including an anti-missile people's front, a student front and a women's front. Various civil liberties organizations in the region are supporting the struggle. The Orissa government is now trying to break the movement by preventing the supply of essential commodities to the area.

Supporters of the anti-missile movement believe that pressure from the international community would help. They ask people to write to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, PMO, New Dehli, 11011 India. The Orissa campaign co-ordinator would appreciate receiving a copy. Send a copy to: Mr. Gangadher Pangrahi, Ganheantrik Adhikar Suraksa Sanghatna Kedar Couri Chhah, Bhadanswar, 751001 Orissa, India.

### **Crisis Centre Needs Funds**

The Toronto Rape Crisis Centre is in desperate need of funds to continue operations. The Centre is dependent upon donations as they receive no permanent funding from any source. This is a vital service, and one we must support in any way possible. Please send donations to: Toronto Rape Crisis Centre, Box 6597 Station A, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 1X4.

### **Manuel Febres Flores**

Manuel Febres Flores, a Peruvia human rights lawyer and vice president of the Association of Democratic lawyers, was assassinated by plain clothes assailants believed to be para-military forces, on July 28, 1988. Febres, 41, was involved in defending political prisoners. Prior to his death, Manuel Febres Flores had received repeated telephone death threats and was harassed by intelligence service agents. He is survived by his widow Estela, and their children.

According to the Peru Support Group, this murder is part of a pattern which has included the 'disappearance' of thousands of Peruvians, and the massacres of peasants and political prisoners. It urges concerned Canadians to denounce this extra-judicial killing by sending letters and telegrams to President Alan Garcia, Presidente de la Republica, Palacio de Gobierno, Plaza de Armas, Lima, Peru.

### **East Timor**

In 1975, following the departure of the Portuguese colonial authorities, Indonesia invaded East Timor. As a result of the military attack and ensuing ravages of occupation, one third of the entire East Timorese population of about 700,000 was killed. East Timor continues to be occupied by the Indonesian military and an insurgency continues to be waged. Western countries, including Canada, have consistently ignored Indonesia's disregard for international law and human rights, placing their trade and political interests in Indonesia above the lives and rights of the Timorese people. The East Timor Alert Network, with the assistance of the Canada-Asia Working Group, the Inter-agency Committee on Pacific-Asia, the United Church of Canada, and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, are sponsoring a campaign to have Canada support, at the United Nations, the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination. Canadians are asked to write to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark. For more information contact East Timor Alert Network, Box 354, Ladysmith, B.C., V0R 2E0, (604) 245-3068.



## Coming and Goings

### Labour Tour of Nicaragua

The Saskatchewan International Labour Project is organizing a Labour Study Tour to Nicaragua, to focus on health and safety. Deadline for applications is November 1, 1988. Contact SILP, 136 Avenue F. South, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7M 1S8, (306) 653-2250.

### Canadian Environmental Defence Fund

The Canadian Environmental Defence Fund gives support and funding to people involved in court and board assessment cases filed against environmental polluters. The organization is growing rapidly and is looking forward to this year's activities. Volunteers are welcome to help in promotion, research and special events. If interested, call Oz Parsons at (416)365-2136 or write to the Canadian Environmental Defence Fund, 205-73 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1Z4.

### Carole Geller Award Established

An award has been established in memory of Carole Geller, the first executive director of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission. Former commission chairperson Ken Norman describes Geller as "the leading edge in the 70's for human rights in Saskatchewan." The award will be made annually to a person who has made a significant contribution to the field of human rights. Contact One Sky, 136 Avenue F South, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7M 1S8.

### Program in Non-profit Management

Ryerson's Continuing Education Division in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy has received a \$300,000 grant from the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company to develop a national certificate program in non-profit sector management.

The program will be a university level certificate program. It is expected to be fully operational by July of 1989. People with three to five years in middle or senior management within the non-profit sector will be able to take the program either on the campus of a college or university or by correspondence.

Ms. Robin Campbell, co-ordinator of the program, commented that the program will be "user-driven," and be "steered by the non-profit sector to respond to what they see to be their management needs."

### Gardeners Look for New Members

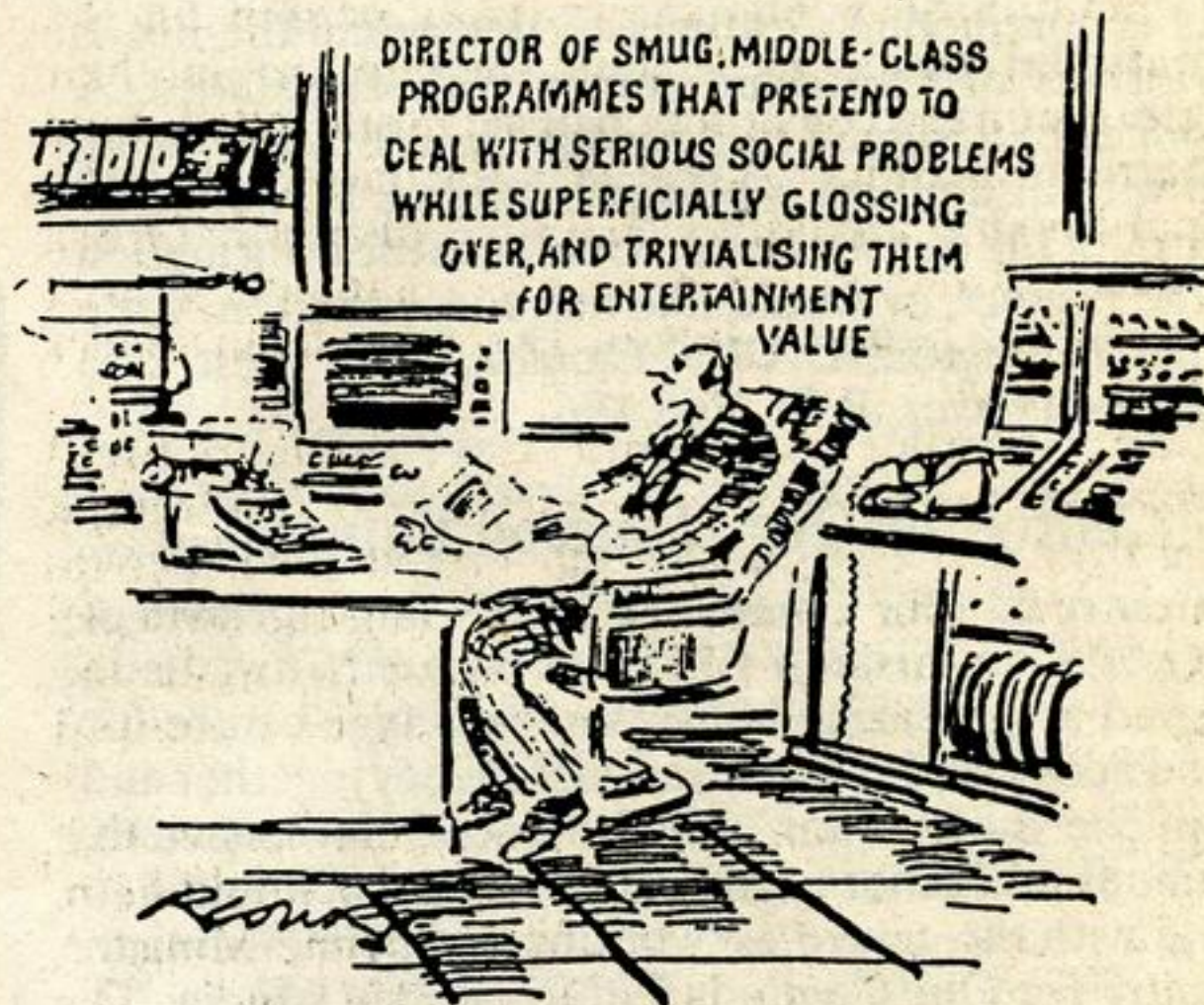
The Urban Wilderness Gardeners need new members for their steering committee. Phone Jan Anderson at 694-7397, Colleen Kelly at 690-2333, or Barbara Bland at 690-0594 for more information, or write the Urban Wilderness Gardeners, 227 Kenilworth Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4L 3S7.

### Network Electronically Through WEB

WEB invites you to join Canada's national non-profit electronic network. WEB offers electronic mail, electronic meetings, discussion areas (similar to public bulletin boards), private conferences, global communication and computer support. For more information about how to get on-line, write WEB, Box 125 Station P, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2Z7 (416)588-3843.

### Library on Farming and Stewardship

The Jubilee Foundation for Agricultural Research, the research and education arm of the Christian Farmers of Ontario, is cataloguing its collection of materials to make it more accessible to the public. The Family Farm/Stewardship Library is already open to the public, but after the cataloguing of the materials this summer, the collection will be easier to use. The library welcomes the donation of books, documents, tapes or videos. The library is at 115 Woolwich St., 2nd floor, Guelph, Ontario N1H 3V1.





### Community Services Programs

Toronto's George Brown College, which features a community worker program, has expanded its community service programs to include an Assaulted Women's and Children's Advocate/Counsellor program. Persons interested in this program, the community worker program, and other community service programs, may contact Lynne Brennan at (416) 967-1212 x4220, or write Box 1015, STation B, Toronto, Ontario M5T 2T9.

### Voluntary Resource Council

The Voluntary Resource Council of Charlottetown, PEI, is facing funding problems. The Council, which serves many voluntary organizations is to receive \$10,000 from the provincial government instead of the \$25,000 it had requested. The VRC is looking for ways of dealing with its funding situation. The VRC is at 81 Prince Street, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 4R3.

### Anarchist Centre

A group of anarchists in Toronto are getting together to investigate setting up an anarchist centre which would combine a drop-in centre, book store, free store, cafe, and soup kitchen. Financial contributions in particular are being sought; contributions of \$10 per month are suggested. For more information write to P.O. Box 915, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2N9.

### Disabled Women's Research Project

DAWN Canada: DisAbled Women's Network Canada is conducting a project to determine the needs and priorities of Canadian women with disabilities. A questionnaire, designed to discover the obstacles facing women with disabilities is being circulated. If you would like a copy of the questionnaire, could provide information about the project, or would like more information, write to: Jillian Ridington, DAWN-Canada, 3464 West 27th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V6S 1P6.

### Centre for Our Common Future

A "Centre for Our Common Future", an outgrowth of the World Commission on Environment, has been established as a clearing house and exchange centre for ideas and activities "to hold the constituency together and maintain the momentum." Environment, development, trade unions and other organizations have been asked to associate with the centre as 'working partners'. Contact: The Centre for Our Common Future, Palais Wilson, 52, rue des Paquis, CH - 1201 Geneva, Switzerland, phone 022-32-7117.

## Meetings and Conferences

### Women's Film Festival

A film festival, **Canadian Women, the Voice of Strength**, is being held in Jasper October 21 and 22, 1988. For more information contact Janice Yeman, Box 621, Jasper, Alberta.

### CRIAW Twelfth Annual Conference November 11-13

The theme of this year's conference of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women is "Women and Development." Feminists, having rejected the limits inherent in traditional models of economic development, have called for an in-depth change in the concept of development. True development, they feel, must focus on people as well as the environment affecting them--not simply on economic growth.

Panels, communications and workshop sessions will provide a forum that will enable speakers and participants to discuss this theme. There will be audio-visual presentations and time set aside for networking.

Individuals and groups interested in participating should request registration forms from: Service des Communications, Faculte des sciences sociales, Bureau 3446, Pavillon Charles-De Koninck, Universite Laval, Quebec, PQ G1K 7P4.



### Workers and Communities

Making Connections: Workers and Communities, is a conference scheduled for York University, Toronto, May 26 -28, 1989. It is being planned as "a conference with a difference--a weekend of discussion groups, videos, workshops, gossip, music, networking, and picnics. Making connections between teachers, trade unionists, community activists, homemakers, researchers, the



unemployed and retired--all contributing ideas about the relationship between work and community." For more information, including information about the ways you can participate in the conference, contact Workers and Communities Conference, c/o Labour Studies Programme, Division of Social Science, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, M3J 1P3.

### **The Fate of Our Forests**

A series of decentralized conferences and festivals concerned with The Fate of Our Forests is being planned for October 21 to 23, 1988. People around the world will be meeting at this time to underscore awareness of the global nature of the forest crisis, express solidarity and mutual support and achieve greater press impact. Meetings can be as small as half a dozen people gathering in a living room. For more information, or to join the conference/festival network, contact: Helena Pearwood, P.O. Box 190, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0.

### **Multicultural Health**

The Canadian Council on Multicultural Health has announced a national conference on "Multicultural Health--Realities and Needs: Policies, Programs and Implementation." The conference will be in Toronto on March 30 and 31, and April 1, 1989. For more information contact CCMH Conference Committee, 1017 Wilson Ave., Suite 407, Downsview, Ontario, M3K 1Z1, (416) 630-8835.

## **Publications & Resources**

### **Free Trade and the Environment**

In January, the York University Faculty of Environment Studies, in co-operation with Pollution Probe, the Council of Canadians and the Coalition Against Free Trade, organized a one day workshop on free trade and the environment. The participants roundly criticized the Free Trade Agreement, stating that it poses a potential ecological disaster for Canada since free trade will continue the erosion of Canadian environmental standards and lead to unfair competition which will cause the deterioration of occupational health standards.

The Coalition reminds Canadians that the deal is not a fait accompli. They are demanding a federal election on free trade before any agreement is ratified. They ask for financial contributions to help in their educational and lobbying work.

Copies of the "Workshop on Free Trade and the Environment Report" are now available. Send the name and address of your organization, the number of copies needed, and \$1 for postage and handling. Write: The Coalition Against Free Trade, 736 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R4 (416) 534-3523.

### **United Electrical Publications Available**

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of Canada have produced three free trade fact sheets and a bulletin on workplace hazardous materials. The fact sheets include: "Control of the Canadian Economy," "Consumer Prices" and "Canadian Social Services." A bulletin entitled "The Workers' Right to Know About Hazardous Materials" outlines federal and provincial legislation in this area and includes synopses of a number of studies on workplace health hazards.

To obtain copies of these bulletins, write U.E. at 10 Codeco Court, Don Mills, Ontario M3A 1A2 (416) 447-5196.

### **New Publications from SWAG**

The following resources produced by the Southern Africa Working Group are available from the Inter-Church Coalition on Africa: 1) Namibia Kit Updated Version (\$1.00)--a packet of information including popularly-written articles on the Namibian struggle for independence, Namibian Churches, SWAPO and Canadian involvement in Namibia 2) Southern Africa Action Packet (\$3.00)--a packet of action-oriented information designed to help concerned Canadians find ways to support oppressed peoples in Southern Africa. Included is information on the Canadian government's position on apartheid, statements on South Africa made by Canadian churches and suggestions for action on behalf of sanctions, detainees, Namibia, SADCC and the Front Line States 3) "How Far Will You Walk With Us?" (\$1.00)--a collection of materials offering a variety of perspectives on violence in Southern Africa.

When ordering these resources, please indicate the kit title, the quantity required and enclose payment plus postage. Write: Inter-Church Coalition on Africa, 189 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1N5.

### **A.T. Microfiche Library**

The Appropriate Technology Project has compiled over 1000 books and documents on microfiche on hundreds of topics including agricultural tools and techniques, workshop tools and equipment, crop storage systems, water supply systems, forestry, aquaculture, improved cookstoves, solar/wind/water power, bio-gas, transportation, health care, science teaching, communications, small industries, small enterprise management, non-formal education techniques and other small scale technology topics.

The microfiche reader and carrying case for the microfiche cards are designed to be portable, and require only a small amount of storage space. The cost of the library is 5 per cent of the cost of the paper forms of the books included. For information, contact: A.T. Microfiche Library, Volunteers in Asia, Box 4543, Stanford, California 94305 USA, (415) 326-8581.



### **Human Rights in Latin America**

The final report of the First Conference on Human Rights in Latin America is now available. The report includes the resolutions passed at the conference. The principal objective of the conference was to analyse the social and human rights situation from a continental rather than national perspective. Contact: Latin-American and Canadian Solidarity Network, P.O. Box 308, Station L, Toronto, Ontario M6E 4Z2.

### **Diversity: the Lesbian Rag**

A new lesbian newspaper, Diversity: the Lesbian Rag, has begun publication. Write: Diversity, Box 65951, Station F, Vancouver, B.C., V5W 5L4.

### **Anthology of Indigenous Women's Writings**

Ts'eku Collective is a Native women's group compiling an anthology of indigenous women's writings in North America. The theme is "Native Women: Celebrating Our Survival." Submissions are invited from indigenous women that celebrate, in a political way, their survival despite the problems of racism and assimilation and their serious repercussions. We must tell these stories of our resistance, not only contemporary, but the history of our mothers and grandmothers." Submissions can be short stories, poetry, essays, oral narratives, graphics or black-and-white photos. Contact Ts'eku Collective, 603 Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C. B6A 1H2.

### **Wild East**

Wild East, a bimonthly tabloid, is calling for submissions about every aspect of Maritime culture and art. They want articles, reviews and criticisms as well as original poetry, fiction and works of art presentable in a black-and-white medium. Contact Margaret McLeod, Wild East, 463 Waterloo Row, Apt. 2, Fredericton, New Brunswick, E3B 1Z6.

### **Our Schools, Our Selves**

A new magazine for Canadian education activists, **Our Schools, Our Selves**, has been announced. The magazine is intended to serve as "a forum for dialogue and debate among all progressive education constituencies." A subscription will normally include four magazines and four books. Subscriptions are \$28 regular, \$24 for students, pensioners, and the unemployed, \$32 for organizations. Contact Our Schools, Our Selves, 1698 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Ontario, M4L 2B2.

### **Employment Training Coalition**

A new group, the Coalition for Community-Based Employment Training has been formed "in response to the increasing need for recognition of community-based training programs by the Ontario government." For more information contact Marion Villanueva at (416) 657-8777.

### **IDRC to House Brundtland Collection**

The entire collection of documents gathered by the World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Commission) is being housed in the library of the International Development Research Centre. The materials will be accessible to scholars and researchers. For more information, contact Martha Stone, Director, Information Sciences Division, IDRC, 250 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, (613) 598-0586.

### **Sexual Assault Manual**

Press Gang Publishers has produced the third edition of **Surviving Procedures After a Sexual Assault** by Megan Ellis, a resource book for survivors of sexual assault, and for those working with survivors. Press Gang Publishers, 603 Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1H2, ISBN 0-88974-011-9, \$8.95.

## **Volunteers Wanted**

### **United Farm Workers**

The United Farm Workers are looking for full-time volunteers to spend a month or more helping to organize the California Grape Boycott. You will learn the strategies of non-violence, and gain experience in social marketing and social activism. Call David Martinez at (416) 626-6332, or write the UFW, 600 The East Mall, Ste. 401, Toronto, Ontario, M9B 4B1.

### **Peace Brigade Seeks Volunteers**

Peace Brigade International, a Gandhian organization which works in areas of conflict around the world, is currently seeking volunteers for its projects in Guatemala and in El Salvador. In Central America, Peace Brigade International helps people and organizations threatened with violence, supports efforts to promote peace and shares information about non-violent ways to work for justice. For an application form, contact: Peace Brigades International, 175 Carlton Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5A 2K3, (416) 964-1881.

### **Canada World Youth**

For the eighteenth consecutive year, Canada World Youth is offering young Canadians an opportunity to learn about international development, through voluntary work projects and non-formal educational activities in Canada and in a developing nation. The seven month exchange program encourages participants to acquire the skills essential for contributing to the development of communities in Canada and overseas. To be eligible, applicants must be between 17 and 20 as of December 31, 1988. Deadline is January 27, 1989. Contact Canada World Youth, Suite #15, 270 MacLaren St., Ottawa, K2P 0M3, (613) 234-2137.



# New Resources

The New Resources section of *Connexions* presents information about publications, teaching kits, audio-visual materials, and other resources by and about social justice. Summaries of new resources are intended to inform readers about the materials' contents and approach rather than to present either an endorsement or a critical analysis of them. *Connexions'* goal is to provide information about a variety of materials and approaches in a way that will enable *Connexions'*

readers to make their own evaluations. All entries in the New Resources section are numbered and indexed in the Subject (Keyword) and Contributor (Author/Group) Indices. We ask anyone producing such resources to send us a copy so that we can summarize the material. There is no charge for being included. Mail to: *Connexions*, 427 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1X7.

## Community/Urban/Housing

**CX 3377**

### **MULTICULTURALISM AT WORK: A GUIDE TO ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE**

By Barb Thomas, illustrated by Margie Bruun-Meyer  
The YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto  
80 Woodlawn Avenue East  
Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1C1  
1987, 157 pp., \$18.00 pb., ISBN 0-919313-51-5

This book is primarily intended for managers of human services organizations and front-line trainers. It offers a chart of the kind of thinking process which has emerged from the YWCA's experience with the Multicultural Development Project, transforming this daunting mountain of material into a very accessible and useful resource, made visually attractive by the graphic art work contributed by Margie Bruun-Meyer.

The text provides material for provoking answers to such questions as "Why Changes?" and "Changing to What?" Strategies and resources for making and implementing plans are discussed, along with the problems of training, staffing programs and addressing resistance to proposed changes. The manual includes checklists for various stages of the change process and suggested criteria for assessing and creating materials and evaluating progress. This is a book for professionals at the managerial level of public organizations and should be very useful for its intended audience.

## Media for Social Change

Media for Social Change is a public relations handbook written for community workers and social change activists. It shows how to write a news release, hold a press conference, create public service announcements, create your own low-cost leaflets, posters, videos.

\$7.65 from  
Connexions, 427 Bloor St. W.  
Toronto M5S 1X7

**CX 3378**

### **HASTINGS AND MAIN: STORIES FROM AN INNER CITY NEIGHBORHOOD**

Interviews by Laurel Kimbley, Edited by Jo-Ann Canning-Dew  
New Star Books  
2504 York Avenue  
Vancouver, British Columbia, V6K 1E3  
(604) 738-9429  
1987, 160 pp., 18 b&w photos, \$9.95 pb., ISBN 0-919573-73-8

This collection of interviews about Vancouver's history takes its name from a focal intersection in Vancouver's downtown eastside, the home of the Carnegie Community Centre and Branch Library. Since 1980, the Carnegie Community Centre Association has been interviewing its patrons as part of an oral history project and twenty of the best interviews are published here. Photographs of the city and of the story-tellers bring it to life.

Anyone interested in further exploration of the experiences in this community may arrange to speak with the principal interviewer through Barbara Pulling at New Star Books.





## Development/International

**CX 3379**

### **WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON? OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS TO WORK, VOLUNTEER OR STUDY IN DEVELOPING**

**COUNTRIES** – The Canadian Bureau for  
International Education – 1400-85 Albert Street  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6A4

(613)237-4820 – TELEX: 053-3255

1987, 69 pages, \$7.00 for CBIE members, \$8 for  
non-members

ISBN 0-920496-42-3

Founded in 1966, the CBIE is a national non-profit association of educational institutions and individuals working together to promote international development and intercultural understanding. Through its Ottawa Secretariat, the Bureau conducts research projects, and organizes conferences and various forms of educational exchange. It also acts as an agent in developing and administering education and training programs for foreign governments and companies on a contract basis.

With financial assistance from CIDA, the bureau has put together a very useful directory of paid and volunteer opportunities abroad, study exchange and homestay programs, advanced study and research and a list of foreign embassies and high commissions in Canada. "It has been said that the best way to discover what the world has to offer you is to discover what you have to offer the world," says the introduction. This directory will certainly promote the process for anyone even beginning to think about serving or learning outside Canada.

**CX 3380**

### **DEBT STUDY KIT**

**Ten Days for World Development**

203-85 St. Clair Avenue East

Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M8

(416)922-0591

\$5.00

This kit, one of a series examining the causes of hunger and possible responses, contains a variety of materials to aid groups who want to study such issues in more depth than mainstream news sources allow.

An overview essay by Anne Bareta (Resources Co-Ordinator for Ten Days) points out that the billions of dollars lent to developing countries were not necessarily spent wisely. Most frequently, says Ms. Bareta, "decisions were made without consideration of, or consultation with, the poor majorities. The government listens to technocrats and their countries' elites. This is, of course, not surprising, but it is painfully ironic when it is the poor...who must bear the burden of the debt." As for the IMF (International Monetary Fund), she says it "can-

not be blamed for the entire crisis. The IMF was created to operate within, and to serve the system; it does so not with overt malevolence, but rather with dehumanizing indifference. It must also be said that the governments in poor countries have failed to make commitments to the degree of diversity allowed by the IMF."

An excerpt from a longer study by John Dillon of GATT-Fly presents a number of proposals for change. "As a general rule," he says, "measures offering debt relief--whether in the form of debt forgiveness, interest rate reduction or writedowns of principal--are supported, since they would free local resources for development. Our ultimate goal is not simply to resolve the debt crisis, but to enable people to pursue self-reliant development, so that they can enjoy fully human lives."

Other items in the kit include instructions for a role-playing game, prepared by GATT-Fly, dealing with the debt crisis in the Phillipines; guidelines for Biblical reflections on the problem of debt; a case study on Peru; a fact sheet with charts from various sources; a bibliography; and a glossary of debt terminology. Altogether, this is an impressive collection of materials for studying the "debt crisis," not as a problem for the northern world's financial institutions, but as a problem for social justice for the poor and powerless in southern countries, who are its real victims.

**CX 3381**

### **LAND STUDY KIT**

**Ten Days for World Development**

203-85 St. Clair Avenue East

Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M8

(416) 922-0592

\$5.00

"Our Legacy in Land: Perspectives on Global Land Disorder" is the title of the overview essay by Gary Kenny in this Ten Days study kit. "Why are so many people without land and living lives of poverty and hunger?" he asks. "Why does humanity seem to value land less as a God-gifted resource for human sustenance and survival, and more as a commodity for trade, making profits and ultimately accumulating power?" In answering these questions, Mr. Kenny concludes that "land ownership emerges today as essentially a moral, not an economic problem. We need new models of land conservation and tenure and the political will to follow them, and we need them now."

Case studies in the kit include agrarian reform in Brazil and Cuban alternatives in land use and tenure. Other perspectives from Swaziland and Nicaragua are supplemented by a letter from Chief Seattle of the Duwamish Tribe, addressed in 1985 to the president of the United States.

The role-play game, "Bananas--and Me?" is based on an actual incident in the Phillipines when farmers, whose families had cultivated land for generations, were driven off by a large American fruit company. With full co-operation from dictator Marcos, the company turned the



land into a banana plantation, producing for export. The game is taken from a high school curriculum in San Francisco and is probably best suited for that age group. Another game and puzzle sheet, "Partners on God's Earth," seems designed for a still younger audience. Guidelines for Biblical reflection and a bibliography complete the kit.

**FREE TRADE OR SELF-RELIANCE:** Report for the Ecumenical Conference on Free Trade, Self-Reliance and Economic Justice, held Feb. 26 - Mar. 1, 1987 at Orleans, Ontario.

**CX 3382**

# **NGOs STUDY KIT**

**Ten Days for World Development**

203-85 St. Clair Avenue East

Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M8

(416)922-0591

\$5.00

Another in the Ten Days series, this kit opens with an overview essay by Bob Fugere, Executive Director of the Inter-Church Fund for International Organizations. He points out that Canadian NGOs, working with their Third World counterparts, have achieved successes that have won praise from many sources, including the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade (SCEAIT). But "this study paper will move beyond the generally positive first impressions to ask questions about the effectiveness of different NGOs as agents of development."

Mr. Fugere's experience with the Inter-Church Fund, allows him to use its objectives as a standard for evaluation. He defines its aims as the undertaking of development work "with a clear preferential option for the poor and powerless" and a commitment to "the creation and maintenance of just, participatory and substantial societies, rather than simply being concerned with a nation's Gross National Product."

The kit includes: a case study of Canadian development aid in the Philippines; several "Other Perspectives" sheets; NGOs in Africa by Tim Brodhead; international development; and "Strings: A Development Parable."

Other standard features include a guideline sheet for Biblical reflection and a role-playing game to help

Canadians become familiar with the types of assistance Canada provides. A bibliography of reports, articles, newsletters, periodicals and books completes this fine study kit.

**CX 3383**

# **FOOD, HUNGER, AGRIBUSINESS: A DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES**

Compiled and edited by Thomas P. Fenton and Mary J. Heffron

Orbis Books

Maryknoll, N.Y., USA 10545

November 1987, 131 pages, pb.

ISBN 0-88344-531-X

The fifth in a series of twelve volumes on Third World regions and issues being compiled by the Data Centre of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Maryknoll), this directory updates and expands the listings in the chapter on food, hunger and agribusiness in the Third World Resources Directory published in 1984. It identifies resources on the subject from organizations in all parts of the world for whom this is the predominant focus.

The editors describe their approach as "partisan and biased" in favour of a radical analysis of Third World affairs, contending that fundamental changes in economic and social relations are essential; change will come about through struggles between the "powerful" and the "powerless;" and that private and public institutional power of countries like the US is often used to frustrate initiatives for fundamental social change in Third World countries.

There are six chapters, each with annotated entries, the parameters of the annotation being spelled out in the introduction to each chapter. Supplementary lists follow the annotated entries, along with a list of Information Sources. The six chapters cover 1) organizations, 2) books, 3) periodicals, 4) pamphlets and articles, 5) audiovisuals and 6) other resources, such as catalogues, directories, guides, curriculum and workshop materials. Excellent indexing (under headings of Organizations, Individuals, Title, Geographical Areas and Subjects) allows for quick retrieval of information. An essential reference work for anyone working in, teaching about, or otherwise concerned with hunger in the Third World.





## Economy/Poverty/Work

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(613)957-2961

June 1987

Although these bulletins, written in anticipation of the promised tax reforms, have been overtaken by the announcement of Finance Minister Wilson's tax change package, their analysis from the point of view of the poorest segment of our society should still be valuable. The titles of the bulletins indicate their range: 1) What to Look For--and Look Out For--in Tax Reform 2) The Changing Tax Pie: Trends in Federal Tax Revenues 3) Why Your Taxes Have Been Going Up: Partial Indexation 4) Why Your Taxes Have Been Going Up: Surtaxes 5) Why Your Taxes Have Been Going Up: Loss of the Federal Tax Deduction 6) Why Your Taxes Have Been Going Up: Changes to Child Benefits 7) Why Your Taxes Have Been Going Up: Consumption Tax Increases 8) The Hidden Welfare System: Exemptions, Deductions and Credits and 9) Tax Expenditures: Who Gets What.

All these bulletins are written in clear language and illustrated with numerous charts and tables. They are available for the asking from the National Welfare Council.

CX 3385

PAY CHEQUES & PICKET LINES: ALL ABOUT UNIONS IN CANADA

By Claire Mackay

Illustrated by Eric Peters

Kids Can Press Ltd.

585 1/2 Bloor Street West

Toronto, Ontario, M6G 1K5

(416)534-6389

1987, 104 pp., \$19.95 hc, \$12.95 pb., ISBN

0-921103-32-8,

0-921103-34-4

Claire Mackay is the winner of two major Canadian awards for children's fiction, with six novels for young readers already published. One of them, *One Proud Summer*, is about the Quebec textile workers' strike in 1946. Her interest in the labour movement continues in this new non-fiction book about unions which is addressed to readers aged 10 to 14. Ms. Mackay aims to help young people, growing up in a world of established "big unions," understand the struggles that went into winning the right of working people to have some say over their conditions of work.

To answer the question "Why Did Unions Start?," she begins by telling about the lives of child labourers a

hundred years ago and about sweatshop workers who sewed for stores like Eaton's. The section "How Did Unions Grow?" gives a sketch of the history of unions in Canada. "What Do Unions Do?" explains the kinds of benefits, now taken for granted, that unions fought bitter battles to establish.

The book is charmingly illustrated by Eric Peters and visually attractive throughout. Unions and their members will be glad to have a book like this available for their children, as would anyone interested in Canadian social history.

CX 3386

TASKFORCE ON THE CHURCHES AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY; 1986-1987 (ANNUAL REPORT)

129 St. Clair Avenue West

Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1N5

The taskforce which published this report is a national ecumenical coalition of the major Christian churches in Canada. Established in 1975, its purpose is to respond wherever decisions by Canadian corporations appear to have an adverse effect on vulnerable groups of people who have no power to affect these decisions themselves. They urge corporations to correct policies and to cease activities that contribute to social injustice. Issues of social justice in Southern Africa and Latin America are central to their international agenda, while environmental issues, particularly as they affect Native peoples, are their primary focus in Canada.

The report summarizes the activities of the taskforce as of August, 1987. Concerns included government policy as well as corporation policies with relation to Third World debt, military exports to countries violating human rights, relations with Southern Africa, loans to Chile, Lyell Island, nuclear waste disposal, acid rain and ethical investment funds.

The report and a list of taskforce publications are available at no charge. Subscribers to TCCR Mailing (10 issues a year for \$25) receive press clippings on recent events related to TCCR's work, all publications issued, briefs presented and reports of hearings or annual meetings of companies and banks.



If you're in the welfare system for very long it is a spiritual death



CX 3387

GATT-Fly

11 Madison Avenue

Toronto, Ontario, M5R 2S2

1987, 45 pages, pb., ISBN 0-9692334-1-X, (Also available in French.)

The conference from which this report emerges was organized by GATT-Fly, a coalition supported by various Canadian churches which undertakes research, education and action in solidarity with people's organizations struggling for economic justice in Canada and the Third World. The aim of the conference (which included eighty participants from various church, labour, farm, women's and anti-poverty groups) was to provide a forum for exploring the impact of bilateral free trade on the participants' own struggles for economic justice. They tried to situate the bilateral trade issue within a global context, examining self-reliance as an alternative to free trade and considering the ethical and theological basis for action on issues of free trade and self-reliant alternatives.

The Honourable Barry Turner, MP Ottawa-Carleton, presented the government's point of view. He was followed by speakers from universities, unions, churches, a farmer's union, a national women's organization, GATT-Fly itself, and by the president of the Mexican Workers' Party, Herberto Castillo, who brought a Mexican perspective to the discussions of both free trade and alternatives to it.

The conference statement declared this to be "a critical moment in the implementation of a process, by which all social relations will be subject to market rules. With this agreement, transnational corporations are trying to eliminate weaker competitors and increase the pressure for a maximum reduction of their production and marketing costs." A bilateral free-trade agreement will "sanction, perhaps irreversibly, the current trend of privatization and deregulation." It "constitutes a general attack on government's ability to intervene in the economy, so as to ensure a decent livelihood and some measure of social justice for the less powerful." The conference found it "unacceptable that such an agreement is being negotiated in haste, secrecy and without a public mandate."

Clearly this conference last February understood what is becoming increasingly obvious in the free trade debate: the two sides are divided philosophically by their very different concepts of the kind of Canada they want for themselves and for their children's future.

## Education/Children

CX 3388

STAR-PHOENIX SPECIAL REPORT ON LITERACY

Peter Calamai, Kevin O'Connor, Zena Olijnyk, Ron Petrie &amp; Beverly Spencer

The Leader-Post, distributed by The Star-Phoenix

204 5th Avenue North

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 2P1

This booklet, prepared and distributed by Saskatoon newspapers, contains articles defining illiteracy, surveys of the extent of illiteracy in various segments of the Canadian population, reports of projects trying to remedy illiteracy and ideas for community and school efforts. There is also a 15 page section of suggested uses of newspapers in classrooms from kindergarten through high school to enhance literacy, an appropriate contribution in the light of findings that not everyone who goes to school necessarily learns to read. Of particular interest is the article about functional illiteracy rates among prison inmates, which in Saskatchewan ranges between 50% and 60%. Interviews with persons attempting literacy programs in these institutions reveal no false optimism among them, but plenty of determination to get their programs established on a permanent basis. The booklet should interest not only teachers, but also community workers involved in various kinds of literacy programs.





## Environment/Land Use/Rural

CX 3389

**SWEAP NEWS, Number 1, September 8, 1987**  
Metropolitan Toronto Solid Waste Environmental  
Assessment Plan Refuse Disposal Division,  
Metropolitan Works Department  
Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto  
439 University Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1Y8  
(416)392-5420

"We must realize that we can no longer throw waste away because there is no AWAY," said the governor of New Jersey in 1971. We are just a little luckier. It will be 1990 when Metropolitan Toronto will have run out of landfill space for half its present yearly total of 3 million tonnes of solid waste. The Solid Waste Environmental Assessment Plan (SWEAP) was established to confront basic questions about this critical problem and it hopes to involve the public at every stage. "Every day, each of us produces garbage that gets taken care of by 'the system.' There are now so many of us producing so much that 'the system' needs to be changed. There are many ideas for changing and some of them will affect your lifestyle. SWEAP gives you a chance to help determine the new waste management system."

There are many ways to become involved. If you simply want to keep up-to-date, you can become a participant, receiving future issues of the newsletter. As a participant, you can sign up for various workshops and taskforces that will be announced. Barbara Wallace, Public Participation Facilitator, can supply further information. Her number is (416) 392-5420 or 1-800-387-9200.

This first newsletter provides a profile of Toronto's current waste production and existing refuse disposal system. It also gives a recycling update and a list of upcoming events.

CX 3390

### SEWAGE DISPOSAL METHODS FOR THE THOUSAND ISLANDS REGION

Save the River  
Box 322  
Clayton, New York, USA 13624  
(315) 686-2010  
36 pp.

This is a practical handbook produced by Save the River, an international non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the St. Lawrence River. There are instructions for setting up a site for a septic tank system, information about aerobic and anaerobic tanks, different types of filters, and alternatives such as composting toilets.

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## Human Rights/Civil Liberties

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### **A GUIDE TO THE CHARTER FOR EQUALITY-SEEKING GROUPS**

The Court Challenges Program of the Canadian  
Council on Social Development

55 Parkdale Avenue, Box 3505 Station C

Ottawa, Ontario, K1L 4G1

(613) 728-1865

1987, 42 pp., bilingual, free, pb., ISBN 0-88810-375-1

The aim of this booklet is to provide a non-technical guide to the Charter of Rights to non-profit groups and individuals. This federally funded program gives financial assistance for test cases based upon the equality rights provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The booklet presents a brief history of the Charter, an analysis in layman's language of its limitations and protections, and guidelines for using the Charter to challenge federal legislation or federal government policies or practices that result in discrimination. Also included are specifics of funding criteria for developing or intervening in a case, the names of the present members of the panel which makes funding decisions and the amount of funds available at each stage of applying for funds. A final section of examples of test cases seems particularly useful for any person or group in the early stages of thinking about a court challenge.

**CX 3392**

### **STATE CONTROL: CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLITICS IN CANADA**

Edited by R.S. Ratner and John L. McMullan

University of British Columbia Press

303-6344 Memorial Road

Vancouver, British Columbia, V6T 1W5

ISBN 0-7748-0275-8

This book of essays by scholars in criminology, sociology and law, from universities across Canada, is more than just a collection. The essays were commissioned and planned to provide both a fresh theoretical approach to the sociology of the state and empirical examinations of particular Canadian issues in criminal justice. The book consists of an introduction and conclusion by the editors and three sections dealing with criminal justice reform, the state and criminal justice, and the Canadian state. Each section contains a theoretical paper, a case study and a critique of both by a third scholar.

The perspective of most contributors is neo-Marxist. They leave behind the relatively simple approach to the state as an instrument of the ruling class and embrace variations of the premise that the state, in advanced capitalist systems, acquires relative, though never absolute, autonomy. This approach allows the state and its apparatus of social control to be seen as an arena where

class conflict can take place and resistance and reform are possible.

Case studies include: the Toronto Citizens Independent Review of Police Activities (CIRPA) and its interaction with the Public Complaints Office; the history of the Law Reform Commission of Canada, and an examination of the crisis in socialist politics in Canada. Altogether, a stimulating and provocative collection that should interest students in sociology, criminology, law, politics, science and Canadian studies, as well as activists in the field of criminal justice.

**CX 3393**

### **GANDHI TODAY: A REPORT ON MAHATMA GANDHI'S SUCCESSORS**

Mark Shepard

Simple Productions

3-12 East 15th Street

Arcata, California, USA 95521

(707)822-3148

September 1987, 160 pp., \$20 U.S. hc, \$10 U.S. pb.,

ISBN 0-938427-04-9 (hc), 0-932020-50-8 (pb)

This book deals with the individuals in India who rarely get mentioned in the North American media and almost as rarely in India itself. They are among the small but growing army of humanity willing to start by lighting one candle--to devote a lifetime, if necessary, to making one village into a genuinely self-reliant community. In the process, one village often becomes a model for five, then ten, then a hundred.

In Himalayan villages, where the forests were threatened by big lumber companies, one Gandhian led a movement to "hug the trees." Participants interposed their bodies between the trees and loggers. This "Chipko" (hugging) movement succeeded in influencing the central government to finally modify its forestry policies. In another area, another follower of Gandhi set up a people's court, where all kinds of disputes were settled with the support of the community. In one incident, a man who had killed another man in a quarrel was sentenced to do all farm work for the widow until her son was old enough to take over.

These are only a few examples from a book full of stories about non-violent protests, constructive engagement at the grass roots level with the problems of the poorest people, and innovative and flexible peacemaking actions in a country whose communal conflicts often seem to defy any efforts of the central government towards reconciliation. Peace, of course, doesn't make news--only conflicts get reported. Mark Shepard, however, tells us the news about peace as it was told and shown to him by Gandhians in India.



## Native

CX 3394

### **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: ABORIGINAL WOMEN SPEAK OUT**

Janet Silman

The Women's Press

204-229 College Street

Toronto, Ontario, M5T 1R4

ISBN 0-88961-119-X

Enough Is Enough relates the life experiences of Native women in the Tobique Women's Group, located in New Brunswick. They tell of their experiences growing up on the Tobique Indian Reserve and of their successful fight to retain status rights after "marrying out" to whites.

Beginning as a "core" group in the mid-1970s, these women wanted to eliminate social problems such as unemployment, suicide, lack of proper health care and housing shortages. As they became more aware of the political roots of these problems, they began to focus on the portion of the Indian Act which discriminated against women by making their identity and status as Indians dependent upon their husbands. In 1977, they began to make the Canadian public aware of Native women's problems by taking their case against Canada to the United Nations.

The book describes their frustrations, disappointments, anguish -- and victories.

CX 3395

### **ATLAS OF GREAT LAKES INDIAN HISTORY**

Edited by Helen Hornbeck Tanner, Cartography by Miklos Pinther

University of Oklahoma Press

Norman, Oklahoma, USA 73019

1987, 224 pp., \$34.50 pb., ISBN 0-8061-1515-7

The Atlas of Great Lakes Indian History focuses on the Great Lakes Region, in both Canada and the United States. It traces, with the aid of a series of excellent maps, the history of the Indian peoples of the area from the 1600's to the late nineteenth century.

The book is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in Indian peoples and the context of Indian history over the past several centuries. An introductory chapter looks at the geographical and natural setting tracing tribal settlement patterns and movements and the influence of early white settlement. Maps accompanied by explanatory chapters, show the distribution of natural vegetation and subsistence patterns in the era before whites arrived. Successive maps then graphically illustrate major historical developments, such as the Iroquois Wars, the French era, epidemics, the frontier in transition, the distribution of Native and white settlements, land cessions, and reservations. There are a total of 33 maps, but the book is not simply an atlas: it provides a vivid insight into Indian history.

## Peace

CX 3396

### **AMERICA, GOD AND THE BOMB: THE LEGACY OF RONALD REAGAN**

By F.H. Knelman

Published by New Star Books

2504 York Avenue

Vancouver, British Columbia, V6K 1E3

(604) 738-9429

November 1987, 478 pp., \$6.95 pb., ISBN 0-919573-76-2 (hc), ISBN 0-919573-75-4 (pb)

America, God and the Bomb is a revision of a book published in 1985. It primarily assesses the legacy of Ronald Reagan and his impact on the future. Knelman's analysis has been reinforced in the intervening years, especially by the Iran-contra affair.

Knelman's hypotheses are: that the Reagan administration constitutes a radical discontinuity in American political history; that the Reagan administration has been guided by a "secret agenda" which views the Soviet Union as a permanent adversary with whom no detente is possible.

Further, the administration sees the Soviet Union as a target for internal collapse through economic suffocation or, if necessary, by destruction in a nuclear war--a war limited or protracted but in any event survivable and winnable. And finally, that many powerful positions in the Reagan administration are held by representatives of the New Right and the Religious Right, forming a "conspiracy of the like-minded."

This book examines how the Reagan administration has consistently avoided arms agreements and relentlessly pursued superiority, provides documentary evidence of the "secret agenda" in policy and strategy, and illustrates how the the Religious Right has influenced White House policy.

There is also a chapter on Canadian complicity in the United States' nuclear strategy (despite Canada's claim that it is not participating in the escalating arms race).

The book includes a glossary and an index.

F.H. Knelman, who lives in Vancouver, is a teacher, author and peace activist.

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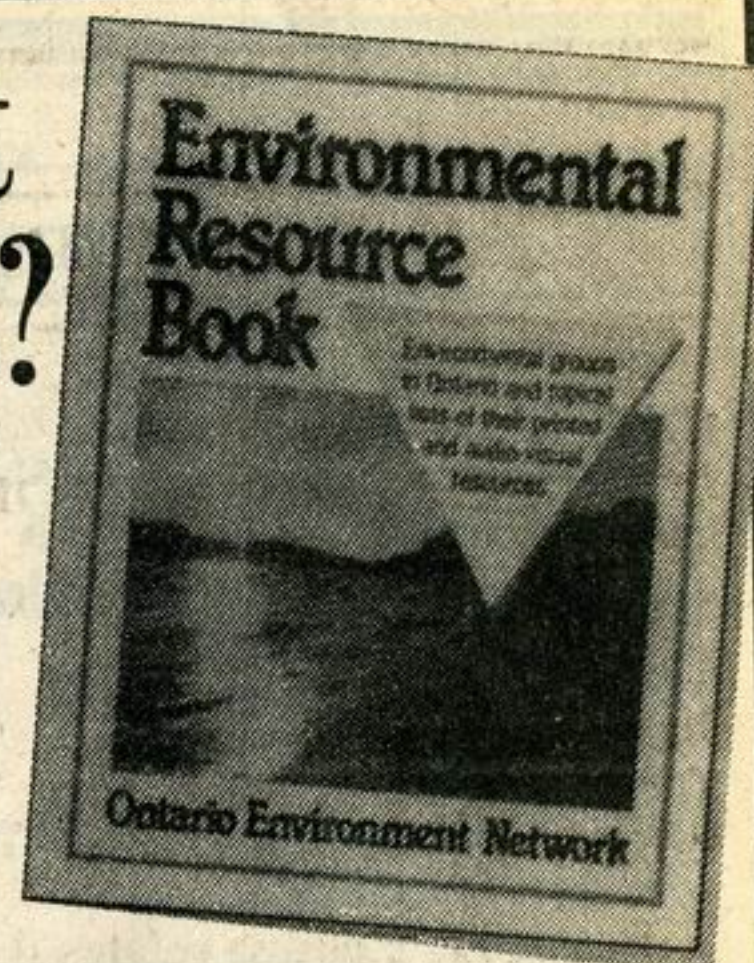
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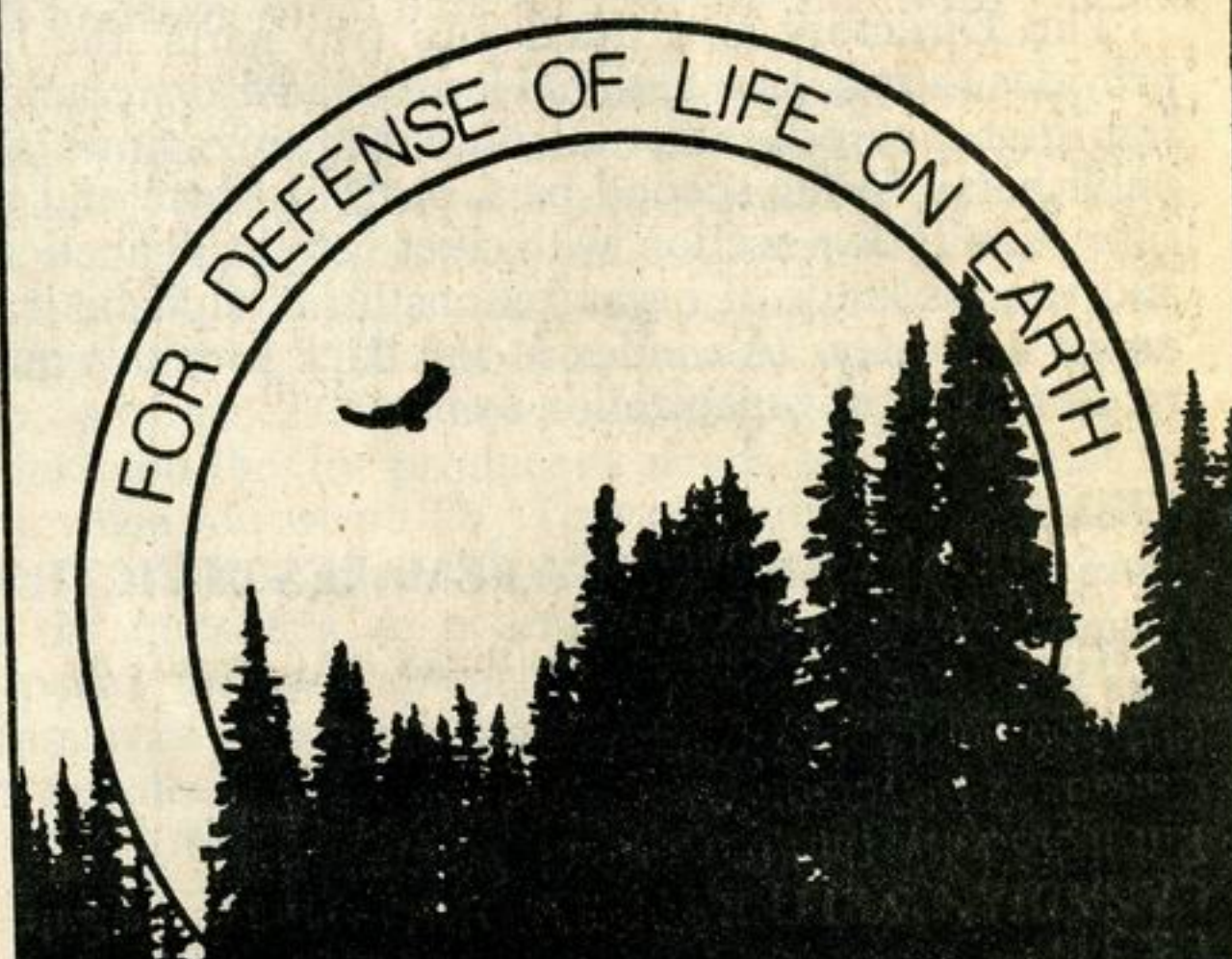
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## Women

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**CANADIAN WOMEN'S DIRECTORY/ANNUAIRE  
DES FEMMES DU CANADA**

Les Editions Communiqu'Elles

3585 St. Urbain Street

Montreal, Quebec, H2X 2N6

(514)844-1761

1987, 303 pp., bilingual, \$7.95 pb (add \$1 for postage),  
ISBN 0-9691410-5-X

A bilingual listing of 2,000 women's groups and associations across Canada, this Directory aims to inform women of the many services which exist and to facilitate the creation of networks among women's groups. Listings include women's centres and groups, shelters for battered women, services for victims of sexual assault, groups for immigrant women, health care services and feminist publishers, periodicals and bookstores.

The Directory is divided into two parts: the first provides listings on a national level of advisory councils, feminist periodicals, national organizations and publishers. In the second part, each province and territory has its own section, with cities listed alphabetically and various kinds of organizations listed alphabetically under each city. An index at the back provides quick reference to any organization by name.

**CX 3398**

**MASQUES OF MORALITY: FEMALES IN FICTION**

Johan Lyall Aitken

The Women's Press

204-229 College Street

Toronto, Ontario, M5T 1R4

November 1987, 190 pp., \$14.95 pb., ISBN

0-88961-113-0

Starting from the assumption that life imitates art as much as art imitates life, the author, an award-winning teacher at the University of Toronto's Graduate School and Ontario Institute of Education, deals with 25 female protagonists from a wide range of literary works. She groups them and analyzes them by how they respond to situations.

The chapter titles indicate the parameters of exploration: "What is To Be Done?", "Can Anything Be Done?", "Grace Under Pressure," "Rebellion Under Pressure," "Towards a New Mithos." In each of these chapters, one well-known text is taken as the starting point, with briefer treatment of other novels, short stories and, interestingly, children's literature and fairytales. Dr. Aitken's major examples include Jane Austen's *Emma*, Thomas Hardy's *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, Henry James's *The Portrait of a Lady*, Margaret Laurence's *The Diviners*, and Alice Munro's *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Teachers of Women in Literature courses may find some interest in this book, but it will be most useful to teachers in social studies oriented to women's concerns. For them, the literary examples of various situations and women's responses to them can be interesting sidelights to social history and sociological analysis.

**CX 3399**

**BEING PREGNANT: CONVERSATIONS WITH  
WOMEN**

Daphne Morrison

Photography by Robin Barnett

New Star Books Ltd.

2504 York Avenue

Vancouver, British Columbia, V6K 1E3

(604) 738-9429

August 1987, 201 pp., 10 b&w photos, \$9.95, pb., ISBN  
0-919573-71-1

This oral history was inspired when the author, finding herself happily pregnant, financially secure and with a supportive mate, wondered what the experience of pregnancy would be like for women in circumstances other than her own. She found 15 women in a variety of cultural, economic, social and personal situations to tell the stories of their experiences. All of them speak with great candor and emotion. As Ms. Morrison says in her introduction, "Pregnancy is natural and entirely common place...But (it) is also, for each of us who goes through one, a very powerful and personal event. Whatever the circumstances, whatever the outcome, it has the potential to change us profoundly."

We hear from a Native woman who wanted a child but not a husband; an older nurse whose husband was still in medical school when she first became pregnant, necessitating a then illegal abortion; a lesbian woman who talks about her own and her lover's problems in becoming pregnant by artificial insemination; a woman from Pakistan explains why she doesn't wish her husband to be present in the delivery room; a single mother on welfare; a married woman coping with crippling arthritis during her pregnancy; and a single woman who agreed to give up her baby for adoption but changed her mind after it was born.

This book should be of interest to most women, and useful to anyone concerned personally or professionally with pregnant women in "non-standard" situations.





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Each main listing includes the printing company name, address, telephone number, print specification, check-list for binding and the printing equipment used. A statement describing the printer's specialization and services is included.

Most importantly, there is a Canadian section listing printers across Canada. The Directory also includes Resource Guide and Recommended Books sections and several quick reference indexes: main focus; printed items; in-house binding; and services offered.

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**Wicke Chambers and Spring Asher**

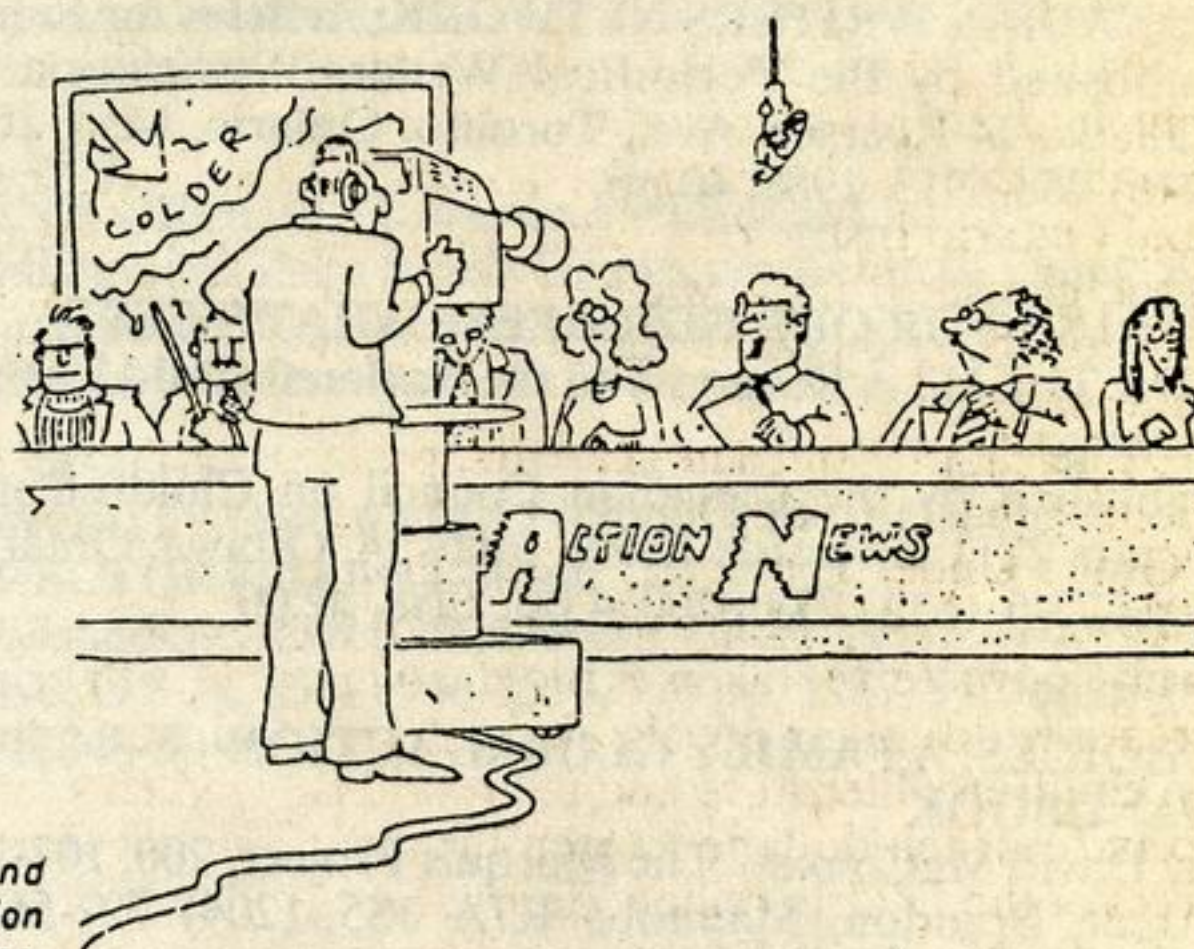
**Prima Publishing and Communications**

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**Rocklin, California**

**ISBN 914629-56-5**

The authors of this are Emmy Award-winning TV news producers. They offer advice on how to take advantage of the hundreds of hours of available free air time that non-professionals may not be aware of. Topics include how to be newsworthy, how to decide if you can do it alone or need a PR firm, how to work with visuals, how to prepare media kits, how to handle objections, how to understand the TV producer's needs and even what to wear when you are on TV. They give numerous examples of successful use of free air-time and guidance to answering the questions an organization should ask itself in preparing for such a project. While the book is aimed at commercial interests as well as non-profit organizations, there is enough material pertaining directly to non-profits to make it worthwhile.



*'We'll be back in a minute with Harlan Harris' Sports Extra, Jules Bernmeier and the weather. Jimmy Cunningham's Entertainment Plus, Judith Enright's Fashion Notes, Grady O'Tool's Celebrity Interview, Maria Dellago's Budget Center, Murray Vaughn's Mr. Fix-It Shop, and me, Bill Brogan, with a note on the news.*



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## CX 3402

### **BODY INVADERS: PANIC SEX IN AMERICA**

Edited and Introduced by Arthur and Marilouise Kroker. Oxford University Press, 70 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 1J9, (416) 441-2941. 1987, 256 pp, ISBN 0-920393-96-9, \$15.95

## CX 3403

### **BUSINESS GUIDE TO PRINT PROMOTION**

By Marlene Miller. Iris Communication Group, 1278 Glenneyre, Suite 138, Laguna Beach, California, 92651, U.S.A. 1988, 224 pp, ISBN 0-945372-03-5, \$21.45.

## CX 3404

### **CANADIAN BOOKS ON LABOUR**

Published by the Canadian Book Information Centre, 260 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M5A 1K3, (416) 362-6555. 8 pp, 1988.

## CX 3405

### **CANADIAN MACHINE-READABLE DATABASES**

Published by the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0S9. 1987, ISBN 0-660-53734-6, Catalogue no. SN3-229-1987, 134 pp. \$12.50.

## CX 3406

### **CANADIAN SERIALS DIRECTORY**

Edited by Gordon Ripley, Reference Press, Box 1141, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2T8, (416) 960-3235. 1987, 396 pp, ISBN 0-919981-10-0, \$40.00.

## CX 3407

### **CANADIAN WRITERS NETWORK: Articles for Sale**

Published by the Periodical Writers Association of Canada, 24 Ryerson Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M5T 2P3, (416) 868-6913. 1988, 40 pp.

## CX 3408

### **CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN: WHAT'S BEST FOR THEM? A Response to the National Child Care Strategy**

Published by the Canadian Council on Children and Youth, 2211 Riverside Drive, Suite 14, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 7X5. (613) 738-0200. 4 pp, 1988, \$2.00

## CX 3409

### **CHOICES: A FAMILY GLOBAL ACTION HANDBOOK**

By David McConkey. The Marquis Project, 200, 107-7th Street, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 3S5, (204) 727-5675. 1987, 116 pp, \$6.00

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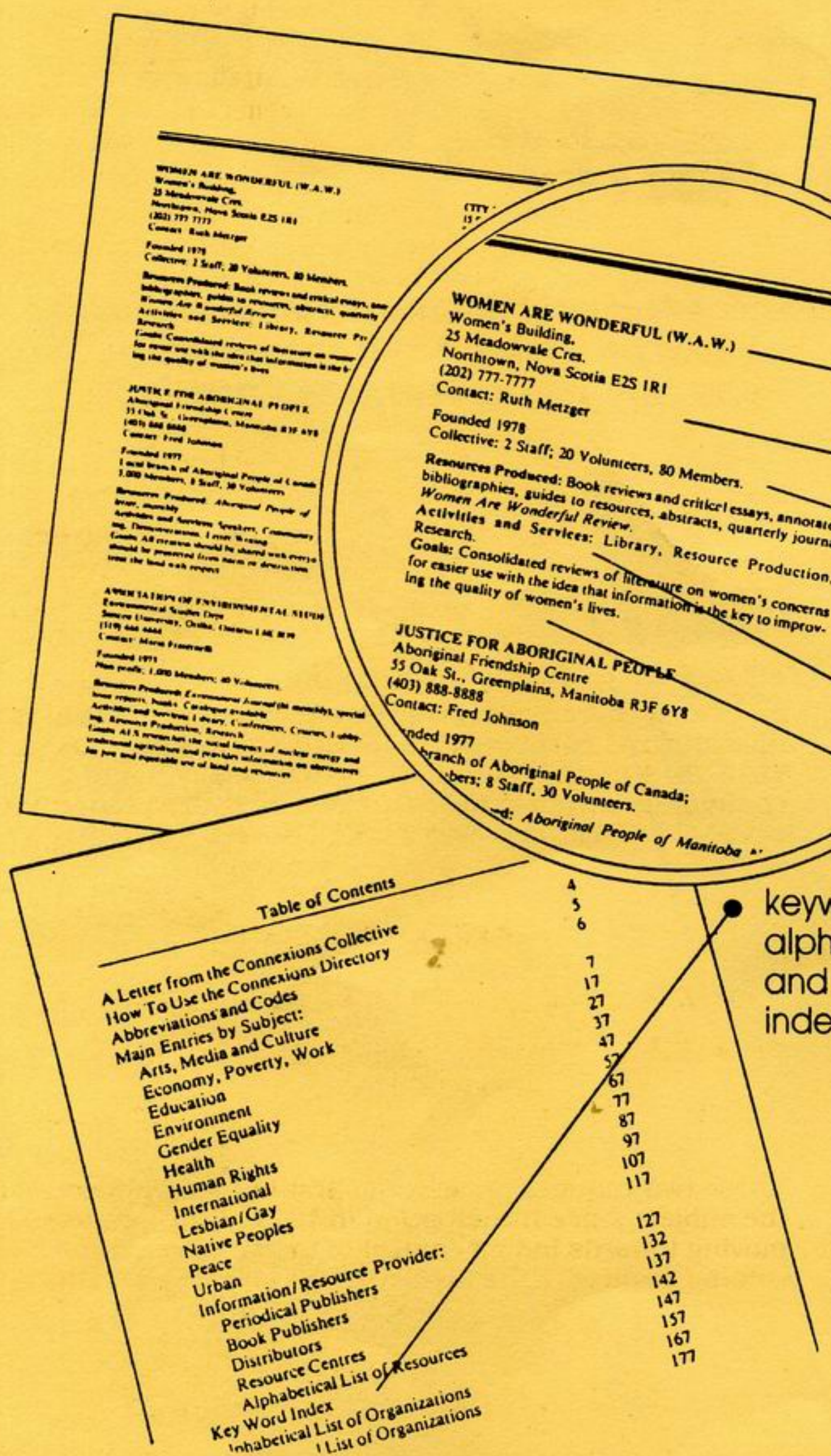
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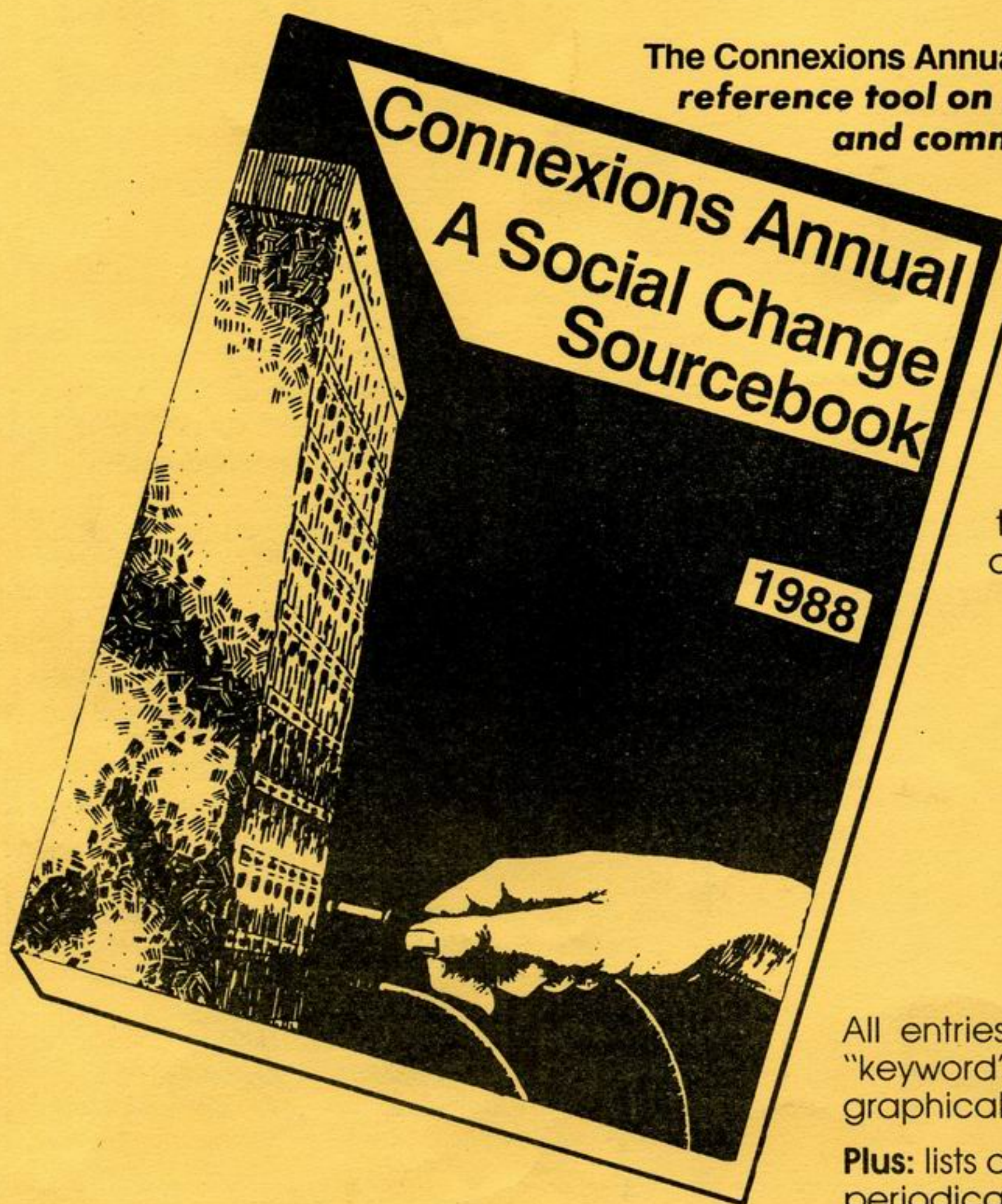
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