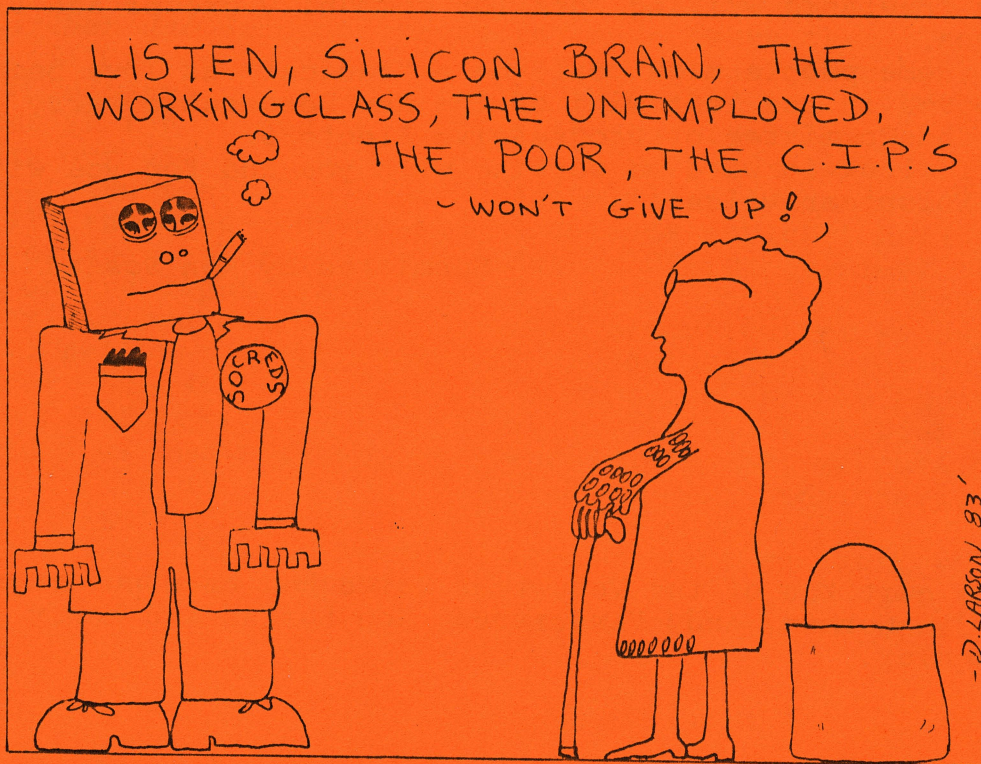


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RON SOSTAD - THE NEW EDITOR

I am a student in the Volunteer Management Certificate Program at the Vancouver Community College, Langara Campus.

I have worked on the Community Involvement Program at Shaughnessy Hospital (where I edited a newsletter for some of the patients there), with Beth Jennings at the First United Church in the Handicapped and Visitation Program, and at the Canadian Mental Health Association drop-in on 4th Avenue.

I have worked with the Vancouver School Board where I was shop steward for the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), in the public relations field and have done freelance writing work for community groups and trade unions.

Some people might call me a "radical" as I've been involved in the left wing of the New Democratic Party (NDP) and the Committee of Progressive Electors.

I look forward to working with you and for you with the Volunteer Voice.

Submitted by Ron Sostad

This edititon of the Volunteer Voice has been put together by Jim Gorman, Andy Vanderveen, Ron Sostad and Nancy Sweedler.

FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT

The fight is on
 The C.I.P.'s will win
 So let's keep fighting
 Face challenge with a grin
 Bennett and McCarthy,
 With underhanded tricks
 Think we'll give up
 Without a kick;
 The marches and demonstrations
 Will still go on
 With volunteers
 Joining in the throng
 We miss our \$50
 And that isn't all
 With all the other cutbacks
 And shortages galore,
 We're on the right track
 So hear us loud and clear
 We will get what we're after
 Whatever the cost
 We are C.I.P.'ers
 And proud of our rights
 We won't give up
 We will Fight! Fight! Fight!
 Till all the Bills are gone
 So Gracey and Bill Bennett

Admit to your wrong
 Give us back our 50 bucks
 And rentalsman control
 And all the other things
 You took from us. Oh, yes
 Remember we are C.I.P.'ers
 You haven't heard the last
 These rights were ours
 You have taken them
 And so we want them back.
 So to Gracey and Bill Bennett
 With your Ivory phones
 Fancy car and Boats or Yachts
 And million dollar homes
 A cutback couldn't hurt you
 But us C.I.P.'ers feel the
 crunch
 With peanut butter sandwich
 Or a bowl of soup for lunch
 No boat, No Car, No Phone
 We sit and look at four walls
 And that's what we call Home
 Handicapped, pensioners, CIP
 And the rest
 We know what we want, we'll
 get it,
 Or YOU will get no rest.

BERNIE ADAMSON

WOODWORKING SHOP

Alan Russell, volunteer supervisor of the Centre's woodworking shop, is baffled by member's failure to make full use of the facilities. "I've been very disappointed by the turnout. So many people come down here and look around and say they'll do something but they never come back. Maybe the five dollars scares them." Individuals using the shop are required to first pay five dollars to cover the costs of screws, nails, etc. "The ones using the shop pay only for materials they use and any scrap that's useful to them is free, he says. Newcomers are also required to pass a written test. "It's a safety oriented test, like when should you wear goggles."

But in the six months he has been there, only a relative handful of people have carried out projects in the shop. A set of shelves, a coffee table and cribbage boards have been among the projects.

When this writer visited the shop, member Dave Redekop, 34, was working on a maple bookcase. It looked fine.

The shop is very well equipped with sanders, drills, saws, a lathe, and many other tools.

The shop is open 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursday and 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Saturday.

ERIC ERICSON

The Volunteers of the Month of October are Gunther Zott and Aaron LaFlamme.

Gunther Zott is presently the Sunday breakfast cook and one of Carnegie's most industrious bakers.

Aaron LaFlamme keeps the Carnegie kitchen in order by spending all Tuesday afternoon cleaning and straightening the kitchen area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct. 9th: Sunday, 7:30 pm, Classroom 2, Volunteer Meeting.
All volunteers welcome.
- Oct. 15th: Saturday, demonstration at the Socred convention
(C.I.P. Fightback will have its own group).
- Oct. 29th: Saturday, 10:30 am, Theatre - Rummage & Bake
Sale. Proceeds to the Volunteer Fund. Raffle
Ticket winner will be announced.

COOKIE CAPER

Many members and workers at Carnegie Centre must have some-
of the Sesame Street Cookie Monster in them if the results
of the volunteer's Big Cookie Caper are any indication.

Bernard "Bernie" Adamson kitchen creator of the
handsome, six-inch Oatmeal and Peanut Butter cookies, had
sold fifty of them in just over three hours when interviewed
on a Tuesday, the day of the weekly Cookie Caper sale.

Volunteer Committee chairperson John Barney says that
the first three sales have raised one hundred dollars for
the volunteer's fund.

Happily, Bernie Adamson can continue to spend three
hours each Monday evening baking the giant cookies, since
he reports the Ministry of Human Resources has granted him
a six month C.I.P. extension after sending him a letter of
termination.

Bernie reports that he regularly works up to twelve
hours per day and with bus fare and meals, his volunteer
work at the Centre actually costs him about \$25.00 per
month more than his C.I.P. cheque. His wife and daughter
also do C.I.P. work at the Centre, and also at a loss.

ERIC ERICSON

JAMES GORMAN

PHILOSOPHIES

Socred government leaders emerged from chambers and lashed out in all directions with legislation that worsens the lives of thousands in B.C. What philosophy moved them to take such action?

Certainly the philosophy of the vast majority of those directly effected was a simple and straight forward one: to improve life as much as possible for the greatest possible number. Each group -- the unions, the C.I.P. workers -- acted according to its opportunities in seeking that goal.

There is a level of society not adversely effected at all by the legislation. The investors, the money manipulators, the land developers in fact benefit especially from the abolition of the human rights program and the rentalsman's office.

We see that the philosophy of the Socred government therefore is not that the welfare of the general population is sacred. What is sacred in their view is the welfare of the money men.

Why did Bennett and his crew adopt that view? Undoubtedly because those same money men called in their I.O.U.'s. They said, "Our dollars paid for the campaign that put you into power. Now do something to give us a more free hand in our harvesting of profits."

And so the Socreds abandoned a philosophy aimed at improving life for all levels of society. They adopted the views of the money men and took for their own the belief that only the making of money by investment is sacred and the welfare of thousands of human beings is of small consequence.

That view, translated into legislation, brought them into immediate collision with the various groups which, each by its means, sought to improve the quality of life for all British Columbians and so the Solidarity movement was born.

The conflict of money versus people goes on and time will tell which will triumph and what kind of place this province will be in the future: a fine place to live or a fine place to make a fast buck.

THE HISTORY OF THE C.I.P. FIGHTBACK COMMITTEE

The B.C. Federation of Labour, the B.C. Council of Canadian Unions and independent unions have formed a coalition called Operation Solidarity. Organizations outside the trade union movement have formed a coalition which is receiving financial and organizational support from Operation Solidarity called the Solidarity Coalition.

The Solidarity Coalition is made up of people from community groups like the Downtown Eastside Residents Association (DERA), the B.C. Coalition of the Disabled and some church and political groups.

One of the community groups is the C.I.P. Fightback Coalition, which is fighting to have the Community Involvement Program reinstated. To achieve that end, the Coalition has filed appeals with MHR and is doing research to find loopholes in the legislation that cancelled the program.

WHAT THE ALDERPERSON'S AT VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL SAY ABOUT THE C.I.P. CUTBACKS...

COPE Alderperson Libby Davies: "This is the most cruel and inhumane piece of legislation ever brought down."

Bruce Yorke: "The cuts have nothing to do with restraint; it's an outright attack on the least able to withstand that kind of attack. The Minister (Grace McCarthy) should see some of the human tragedies involved."

TEAM Alderperson Marguerite Ford: C.I.P. is a value to many people. It's up to this council to tell McCarthy the way things are."

(On the other hand)

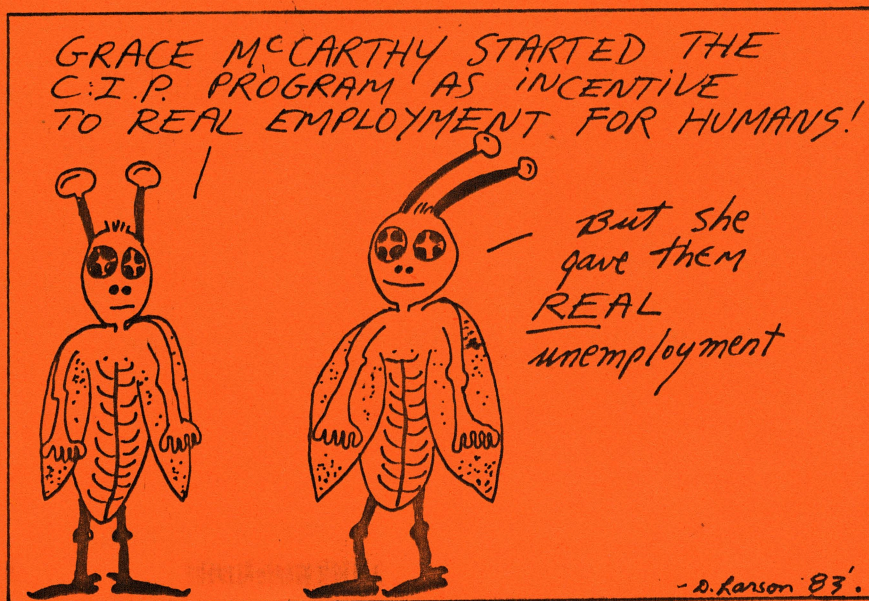
NPA Alderperson George Puil: "We should avoid open confrontation and personal attack."

And NPA Alderperson Warnett Kennedy: "Davies and Eriksen should not attend any meetings with McCarthy because of their attitude toward the government."

In my opinion those who are on C.I.P. and those who were should take a stand and write letters to their MLA's, The Vancouver Province and The Sun. They also should work with the C.I.P. Fightback Coalition and appeal the cancellation of their C.I.P. contracts, as well as work with the following groups:

1. Operation Solidarity - 3110 Boundary Rd., Burnaby, B.C.
2. Solidarity Coalition - 686 W. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.
3. Committee of Progressive Electors (COPE) - 2066 Parker, Vancouver
4. C.I.P. Fightback Coalition - 320 E. Hastings or 9 E. Hastings.
5. New Democratic Party - 517 E. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.

RON SOSTAD



Greetings from the third floor. My name is Alan Creighton-Kelly and I'm the new person at Carnegie working in Education. If you have any concerns or ideas about yourself, your friends or our programs, please come up for a visit. I work Monday through to Thursday and keep regular office hours on those days from 4 to 6 pm. (Don't hesitate to leave a message if I'm nowhere to be found!) Hope to meet you all soon.

ALAN CREIGHTON-KELLY

NANCY SWEEDLER - VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR

It has been extremely interesting being the Volunteer Co-ordinator at this time. Although I have been part of this Centre for a long time, what has become apparent to me -- something I never realized -- is how closely tied together many volunteers are, and how sensitive and respectful people are to each other and to the events that are happening in each other's lives. Conflicts do arise, that's for sure! But there seems to be genuine caring and a willingness to resolve those conflicts. On my part, I want to thank all the volunteers for their support in my new position as Volunteer Co-ordinator and for all the patience they have had with all the changing of staff positions. It certainly was confusing for awhile. I hope that the future will hold continued and building understanding between volunteers and staff people. We are certainly in close relationship with each other and the more we can understand and be kind to each other, the better things will be at Carnegie.

Thanks,

NANCY SWEEDLER

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

Amazing Grace (McCarthy) says that the C.I.P.'s 50 dollars per month is of small consequence and if those involved wish, they can still do their volunteer work.

However, a questionnaire filled out by many C.I.P.'s in late August revealed that three out of four had to spend part of their 50 dollars per month on food, about one-half depended on it for transit fares and a lesser number counted on it to buy their clothing. A musician responding to the questionnaire revealed that he had been investing C.I.P. funds mainly in tapes and other sound equipment. While a few said part of the C.I.P. cheques went for smoking supplies, none of the unsigned questionnaires listed alcoholic beverages as an item of expenditures. Now, all of those cut will be compelled to further reduce their living standard, which is already below the poverty line.

Programs and services provided for its low income patrons by the Carnegie Centre are likely to suffer as much as the lifestyles of the individuals concerned. According to Nancy Sweedler, the community centre's Volunteer Coordinator, "Services may have to be cut down. The place really needs the volunteers. There's not enough staff in the building to handle everything without them." She says many C.I.P.'s have told her they will keep coming in without financial benefit but she expects an eventual decline in their number.

ERIC ERICSON

IN MEMORY

On Sunday, August 18th, we gave a fond farewell for a best friend and fellow volunteer John Sinclair. John was well liked by both staff and volunteers. Eulogies were given by Karl Caskenette, Harold Agnew and Barbara Jackson. A prayer was said by Reverend Barry Morris of the First United Church and the hymn which was sung by Bob Jones didn't leave a dry eye in the theatre.

On behalf of all the volunteers and staff of Carnegie Centre, I would like to relay our condolences to John's family and hope we will meet him up there in heaven some day.

ANNE LARSON

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