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United Nations

HABITAT

This is the official, international symbol for HABITAT: The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. For two weeks, representatives of the nations of the world will convene in downtown Vancouver for an intense information exchange. We, the people of this earth, are multiplying at a rate that most of us cannot comprehend. Our cities are already bursting at the seams, as more and more people seeking a better way of life stream into urban settlements on every continent. How do we cope with exploding cities? How do we settle the future? The problems are all inter-

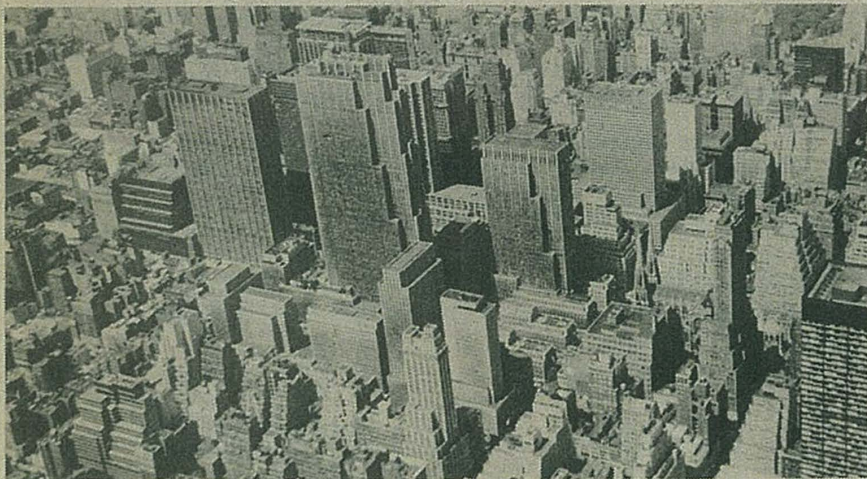
related. Ecology, economics, politics and culture, all live under the same roof. The inter-connectedness of all things is an underlying principle of nature, if only we can grasp this fundamental law. Governments are coming to Vancouver not just to talk. They are bringing films of solutions that are working in each of their own native lands, films made especially for Habitat. The largest undertaking of its kind in history, perhaps this HABITAT is shaping up as the first global communications event in a new era of world affairs.

--Editorial

SIGN OF OUR TIMES

On May 31st, 1976, the first special world conference in the history of North America begins. It is called HABITAT: THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS and it takes place in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.

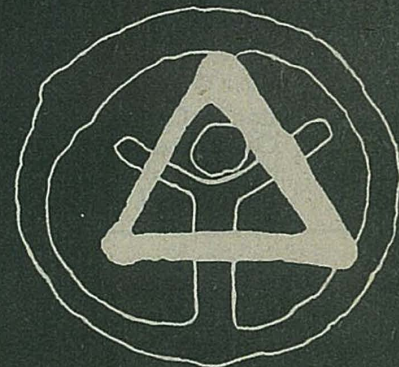
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To the Citizens of Vancouver,

There is now great reason to believe that Habitat: The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements will be the largest conference ever held under the auspices of the United Nations. Moreover, I believe that it will succeed not just because of size but purpose as well. The problems of human settlements are better understood than ever before, and perhaps understood in their true sense for the first time by the international community. Our purpose will be to write recommendations for an improvement in the quality of life for all people of the world. We will do that, and I am sure that governments will listen.

I know from personal experience the generosity of all the Canadian people and I am sure that your city will prove again your national friendship towards strangers.

For whatever inconvenience, I ask your tolerance. And I hope that I will meet many of you during our stay.

Yours sincerely,

Enrique Penalosa
Secretary-General



United Nations headquarters, New York

Enrique Penalosa, of Columbia, South America,
United Nations Secretary-General for HABITAT.

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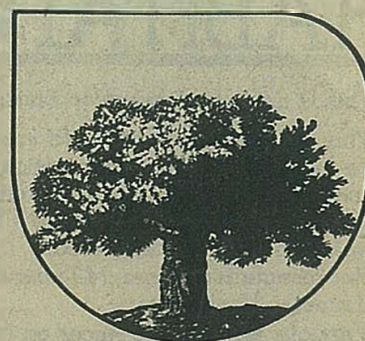
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The community channel that is available to cable TV subscribers has been a 'sleeper' for years all across Canada. Vancouver is reknown as the most wired city in the world for cable TV, and some local folks are getting on the tube to ask, "Hello, Are You There?"

- 15.** Credit goes to the first special world conference in the history of North America for causing a great Canadian cultural breakthrough. It's called FESTIVAL HABITAT and it's happening in VANCOUVER.
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We're living in Education City as conference time draws near. There are now plenty of opportunities to make the most of this once-in-a-historytime event. PROGRAM PREVIEWS describes a few.

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**ESTABLISHING
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HABITAT:

This is not a conference on housing.

This will be the *first world conference* at which the organization of human society as a whole--in cities, towns, villages, everywhere that people live--will be considered.

Representatives from *142 countries* will meet in Vancouver.

Previous world conferences on environment, on food, on population, all were too narrow, too specialized. This conference promises to take the big look, the view that will include social, economic and political aspects of planning the future of this world.

The final major PrepCom (Preparatory Conference) took place at the U.N. headquarters at New York this past January, '76. At this last big get-together before Habitat itself, all nations reviewed:

- the developing recommendations for action at national levels
- the preparations for international co-operation
- the rules of procedure for discussion and debate at Vancouver
- the special arrangements for the unique audio-visual aspect of Habitat

The majority of the countries at the regional preparatory conferences are known collectively as the *THIRD WORLD*, and they have many common

Land Policy is the most serious and hotly-debated issue common to both the Third World and to industrialized nations. All over the world, people are moving to the cities. This *rural migration* is overloading the cities which then have to expand onto prime agricultural land.

Planners are saying that this *massive population shift* is making it impossible to plan facilities such as transportation and housing with any decent quality. The changes are too fast and too overwhelming to cope with.

TEHERAN PREPARATIONS

As a practical answer to the problems of *land speculation*, the Teheran

The Search For Solutions

Millions of dollars are being spent to focus on Planet Earth during the two weeks in Vancouver. What are we getting for the money and how can we use the information that will come out?

This article attempts to simplify the mountains of paper that are leading up to the big show. The preparations have been documented and made available to anyone who is prepared to sort through *two years of planning* all over the world.

To begin, in the preparation for Habitat, the world was sectioned off into major regions, and then preparatory U.N. conferences were held;

- Asia and the Pacific
(Teheran, 14-19 June, 1975)
- Africa
(Cairo, 21-26 June, 1975)
- Latin America
(Caracas 30 June - 4 July, 1975)
- Europe & North America
(Geneva, September, 1975)

As a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, the United States delegation was present at all regional conferences.

Also, because of our special status as the host country, Canada has also been in attendance at all the above locations.

problems that separate them from the richer, industrialized Europe and North America.

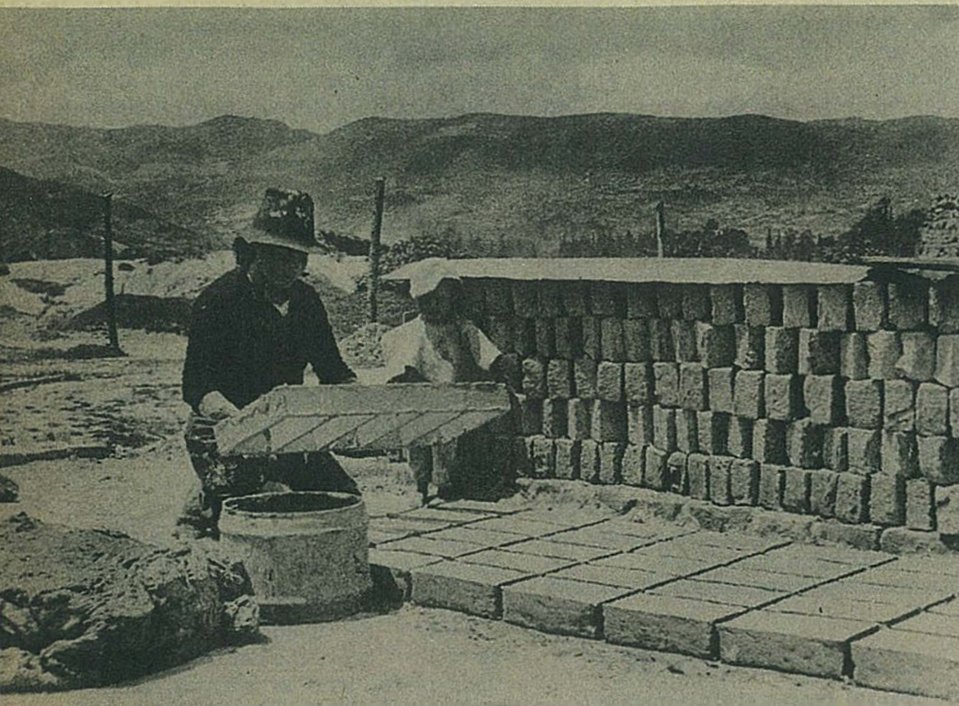
Some observers feel that Habitat will have to deal primarily with Third World needs if this Conference is to be a success.

Amongst the concerns held in common at the regional conferences was that the Vancouver Conference should encourage policies that deal with the distribution of land and with systems of registering real estate.

Gathering around the major metropolises, slap-dash, disease-ridden shantytowns bring little better than what was left behind. The people in this picture live in modest luxury, for there are some who can manage no better than abandoned concrete culverts, while others--in the thousands upon thousands--will sleep in the street tonight.



The world population will double during the next 30 years, adding 3.5 billion more people. That is the equivalent of building 3,500 entirely new cities of a million persons each.



Self-sufficiency is the keyword, wherever possible. Here, a Columbian woman makes bricks for her home out of clay, a procedure that dates back to our ancestors' great ancestors.

expansion does not consume agricultural land.

ALL NATIONS MUST COOPERATE FINANCIALLY

Teheran said that the Vancouver Conference should call for *all nations to co-operate financially* to support the cost of improving human settlements, in accordance with their capabilities.

The United Nations delegates from Asia and the Pacific added that the Vancouver Conference should give special attention to the development of *policies for the growth and distribution of population* and for incentives to attain such objectives through balanced distribution of industry over the "national territory".

National and international attention, they said, should be paid to the development of local building materials and the *international sharing of technological know-how*.

The representatives at Teheran voted for immediate environmental quality-control standards to be fixed and enforced by governments.

They called for priority to be given to *low-cost housing* and its equitable distribution.

They want the removal of obstacles that block the availability of land for urban housing and related facilities;

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the co-ordination of housing programs with *nearby* community facilities, services and employment opportunities; comprehensive co-ordination of industrial construction with housing, social facilities and provision of jobs; provision of housing, facilities and services as *overhead cost* of industrial development.

FOR FUTURE PLANNING

With a long-range perspective, Teheran pointed towards: the adoption of national human settlement policies and population distribution plans; the creation of employment opportunities that are recognized as an integral part of industrial planning; the prevention of unnecessary drift from rural to urban areas and the strengthening of the *traditional settlement patterns*; the adoption of minimum standards for the quality of life in human settlements.

The Conference at Teheran denounced: all forms of involuntary migration of any people; any form of confiscation of land by an occupying power, where the aim is to displace the native occupants; and the demolition of houses or property as a form of collective or individual punishment.

THE CAIRO TALKS

The *Cairo Conference* stated the following objectives for the Habitat Conference:

"There is a widespread agreement that problems of uncontrolled population growth, rural stagnation, migration, the inability of urban centres to cope with present rates of population increase, and environmental deterioration demand corrective action at both the national and international levels."

At Cairo, they resolved that the objective of the human settlement policies of every nation should be to secure a *minimum standard of living*--including goods, facilities and services --for all living and future people of this earth, and to *restrain excessive consumption by privileged groups* until these minimum standards are attained for all people.

A special effort is needed, say the Cairo delegates, to prepare technical and administrative groups for the planning and management of future human settlements and for research and exchange of information. This is seen as an important step for regional and international organizations both within and outside the U.N.

As the great majority of the peoples of Africa still live in rural areas, it is assumed that the first, basic objective of human settlement policies in Africa will be to improve conditions of life in these areas.

In view of the scarcity of resources, the most important tool for helping the housing problem in human settlements in Africa must be the concept of *self-help*. This 'self-help' direction for the mobilization of human energy should be supported by all governments through sites and service schemes, education and training, loan facilities and similar programmes.

At the Cairo Conference, it was recommended that all nations of the world, especially the rich, developed nations, agree to give an adequate portion of their aid to *all* countries in need, so that human settlement programs can happen effectively.

Towards this end, the Habitat Conference should consider the creation of a special autonomous United

THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA INCOME IN AFRICA IS LESS THAN \$500 PER YEAR

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THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS

Nations agency specializing in human settlements problems, and that this agency should be located in a developing country.

Cairo also recommends that international aid be channelled into *integrated programs* for better human settlements, rather than into just those programs proposed by donors.

Recognizing the importance of *water resources* for human settlements, the Habitat Conference should recommend internationally-supported training programs for water management and conservation.

TAP THE SUN & THE WIND

Cairo recommends that research and development of unconventional and non-polluting sources of energy, such as *solar* and *wind* energy be given higher priority and that governments consider these as vital resources for human settlements.

PRE-CONFERENCE AT CARACAS

At the *Caracas Conference* land control was again a major issue.

"Land is the essential resource of both urban and rural settlements. That fact makes it essential to recognize the need for land to be considered as a resource subject to public control. The public ownership of land is not an end in itself, but the fundamental instrument for the attainment of basic objectives for economic and social reform which will make the satisfactory implementation of national human settlements policies possible."

EVERYBODY CHOOSES

The need for full participation of the population in all decisions directly or indirectly affecting the quality of their lives, received the vote at Caracas.

Also from Caracas, public corporations should be set up with the power to intervene in the land market, for the implementation of public services, and for the promotion of measures to improve the habitat.

The Latin delegates say that innovative forms of transport should be adopted so as to *reduce the use of cars by individuals* and to ensure better utilization of dwindling resources.

Recognizing the same universal need, our southern neighbours call for the adoption of minimum criteria and

norms for human settlements in the form of a *Declaration of Human Rights*.

For the countries they represent in Latin America, they, too, recognize the need for a network of centres for scientific and technological training and assistance, and that such centers for integrated human settlement development must be put into operation immediately.

Altogether, 130 documents were submitted at the regional preparatory conferences.

The very brief summary of the findings that are repeated here in *HABITAT GUIDE* hopefully reflect the attitudes and needs of the majority of the governments that comprise the United Nations of this planet.

LEARN TO RESPECT OUR DIFFERENCES

These documents that have been prepared will be submitted at Vancouver and delegates are expected to agree on the common points while maintaining a respect for national differences.

Based upon this information contained in the regional papers, the U.N., *meeting in Vancouver*, will have to guide the direction of planning and spending on a world-wide basis for years to come.

meanwhile . . .

Meanwhile, on Sunday, March 28th, 1976, population watchers noted that the world's population hit the four billion mark. Our planet's population has grown by a *billion in only 15 years*.

These statistics make it clear that we must begin to plan and co-operate for a *congested future*. Some people think that the task is too big and that every country should deal with their own problems, that we simply cannot afford to finance all these Third World needs.

Yet, here in North America, where we comprise 6% of the world's population, we consume 35-45% of the world's precious resources.

Experts are saying that we must share our super-technological know-how and the money that is generated from it with all the countries that supply the raw goods that make our way of life possible.

The one important exception to the dissemination of our technological expertise is the sale of nuclear power plants to South Korea, India, Pakistan, Argentina. We are already sitting on a nuclear powder keg.

In our present stand-off from oblivion, no country, alone, holds the key to control. It is only through international co-operation that we can ever hope to maintain what little sanity we have left.

There are critics who say that the U.N. is not capable of fostering co-operation in the world today. Yet it is the *only international public forum* for discussion of these matters.

As long as nations are sitting down to talk about their needs, we can hope for solutions--and *SOLUTIONS* is the key word for Habitat.

Where U.N. delegates usually stand up on the floor of the house to each say their piece, here at Habitat, each is expected to begin by showing a film summary of how they are coping.

The U.N. delegates will have television monitors built into their desks, so that they can refer to the filmed solutions when such material becomes appropriate.

All these films, hundreds of hours worth, will also be shown in downtown Vancouver theaters for the first public viewing in the world.

Canadians are playing a key, major role in Habitat. As the host country, we're paying the bill for all the preparations. Experts from the National Film Board of Canada have been travelling all over the earth, giving technical advice on the film-making.

And, of course, the conference itself will happen in our day-to-day environment.

Come the end of May, we shall be the most privileged people in the world; the first to see the films submitted to Habitat; live coverage of the proceedings on community cable television, all day long; and, as we read in the following article, the opportunity to actually participate in Habitat Forum, the peoples' conference at Habitat. ■

This feature article was researched and prepared by Dalton McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy--who refers to himself as a 'freelance human being'--is experienced in environmental law research and rural community development. He has also been active in water-quality management, and holds a commercial diver's license.

HABITAT FORUM

People Have Their Say

In U.N. language, every person, informal group, formal organization, and even government body (provincial, municipal, etc.) that is not a representative of a sovereign nation is called an NGO, a non-governmental organization.

The person reading these words is an NGO, Greenpeace is an NGO, the Sacred Government of British Columbia is an NGO.

Parallel NGO conferences during special U.N. thematic conferences began at the Stockholm Environment Conference of 1972, which attracted environmentalists from all over the world.

The kind of people that are attracted to NGO forums tend to be those citizens of this, our planet Earth, who care the most for our continued survival.

They are the kind of people who will travel half-way around the world--sometimes on nickels and dimes--to articulate, once more, the need for peace and co-operation amongst us, for better techniques of coping with the problems that beset us (and for a helluva good time meetin' up with friends who share such visions).

Often, the NGO's are respected professionals in their field, individuals who have gained the stature and the

prominence to speak before a world audience.

Such a conference of knowledgeable non-government experts, representatives of world-wide organizations, and just plain people who care about who we are and where we are going as one global family, all get together as of May 27th under the collective title of Habitat Forum.

In Resolution 3128 (XVIII), by which the U.N. General Assembly decided to organize Habitat, it urged "Non-Governmental Organizations concerned to lend every possible assistance in the preparation of the Conference."

The Secretary-General of Habitat, Mr. Enrique Penalosa, urges that Habitat Forum participants have an input into the governmental Conference.

Events are expected to range from a formal conference of several thousand people to the simple exhibitions of the work of one settlements-innovator. There will also be physical displays of solutions to the problems of human settlements around the world.

Forum activities will be open to all who wish to participate or who simply want to observe. Also, the public will be able to watch the U.N. sessions on closed-circuit T.V. in designated



Filled with strangers, filled with friends, the streets of our settlements can feel as much like home as the living room.

locations, as well as on Cable T.V. at home.

As with the Habitat preparations, the non-government representatives have been meeting during the last two years to prepare their input. Individuals in many countries have been thinking and planning on a practical level.

Some have decided that the issues are too complex for one big conference, and they have decided to stay at home and put their energies into smaller meetings. Money is a deciding factor and many cannot afford to come to Vancouver, especially people from Latin America, Africa and Asia. (Some financial assistance has been allocated to bringing a few NGO's from these areas.)

However, Canadians and Americans will probably make up the majority of the Forum participants and they may dominate the workshops and discussions.

Some method will have to be found to balance this situation. We will all have to be very conscious of this problem and go out of our way to include Third World awareness into our global planning at Jericho Beach. This may be impossible and we may find ourselves unable to respond to the political, economic and social differences between the have's and the have-nots.

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With such a limited perspective, our best response may be on a one-to-one basis with Third World delegates. The direct person-to-person sharing of experience can be the best way to personalize and balance the activities at Habitat Forum.

Millions of dollars are being spent on this Conference. Those who grasp the situation should be taking advantage of this opportunity and meet as many people from other countries as possible. *Many solutions to Third World problems are applicable to Canada, and we can all learn from each other.*

Even if this Conference turns out to be a poor investment because it was too large to be functional, it is happening anyway. Anyone with any sense of responsibility should get as much out of this truly unique opportunity as possible.

Since we are all NGO's, it is going to take positive co-operation from all contributors to make Habitat Forum work.

The structure and program for Habitat Forum includes:

- NGO workshops, seminars and a series of meetings for individuals and organizations to present their views on human settlements problems and opportunities.
- NGO demonstration projects dealing with solutions--social, technical, political, and economic. These will be presented using films, video and audio tape, posters, scale and full-sized models.
- environmentally appropriate technology exhibition
- independent professional and academic meetings, for architects, town planners, urban psychologists, etc.

- a Distinguished Lecture Series, with well-known speakers and writers.
- Film Habitat, an international film festival on human settlements.■

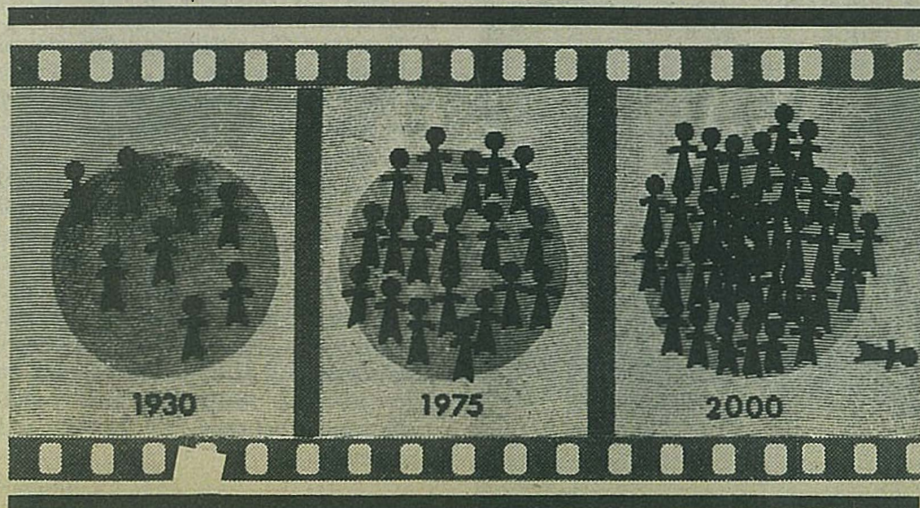
--by Dalton McCarthy



Maurice Strong, the powerhouse behind the 1972 U.N. Environment Conference at Stockholm, former chief of the Canadian International Development Agency, first Secretary-General of the United Nations Environment Program at Nairobi, and now first president of PetroCan, has this to say towards Habitat:

"Those of us involved in trying to tackle the problems of the environment crisis are frequently disheartened. It is easy to be overwhelmed by the needs for urgency in acting to maintain this planet as a truly human habitat. *We are in a race against time*, against rising population, against rapid technological change, against depletion of resources, against concrete and steel."

"On the other hand, we are encouraged by the growing sentiment among some governments and many citizens that action must be taken, and immediately."■



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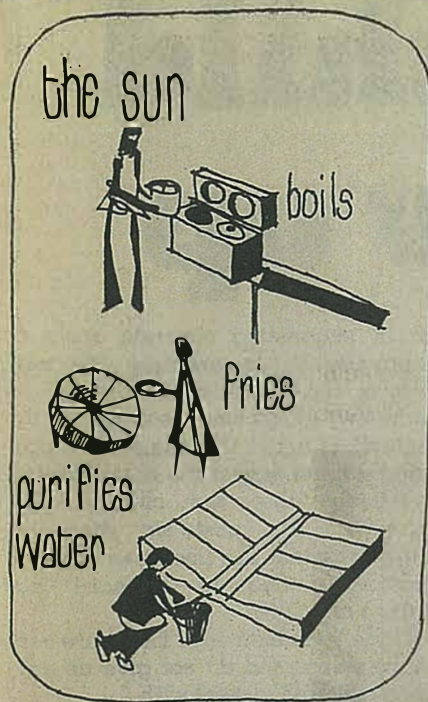
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Whizz Kids at Jericho Beach



basic issues

The Appropriate Technology Exhibition at Habitat Forum promises to be an exciting, adventurous program.

Everywhere, people are beginning to understand the need to shift away from large-scale industrial development and massive, disproportionate consumption, both of which are demanding simply too much energy to keep going.

We, here, in the 'western world' are just beginning to feel the pinch, in the form of rising prices.

If our unrealistic standard of living isn't brought into a balance that can assure a future for our kids, then we may well run out of food before we run out of money to buy it.

The more humble and less demanding machinery for a guaranteed future (if there is such a thing) comes under the title of 'Appropriate Technology', and the focus for possible new directions is on Habitat Forum.

Inside the hangars down at Jericho Beach, when the Forum opens its gates on May 27th, many of the problems that plague our human settlements will be spelled out in displays and audio-visual presentations.

Meanwhile, outside, on the fields surrounding these hangars that are being renovated especially for the conference, some of the choices we can now make will be built before our eyes.

Leading the field (literally), will be none other than two local boys, Bruce Fairbairn and Charles Haynes. These two young gentlemen have been quietly going about their business, developing the concept and techniques for 'self-help, low-cost' housing.

No pictures, no models, they will be building a complete, livable house to show exactly what they mean.

Their on-the-spot house will include the full complement of miracle inventions.

The brightness of the sun and the strength of the wind will make their electricity.

Garbage is Golden

Since there is no such thing as 'garbage' anyway, they'll be cooking the vegetable cuttings, the grass from the mowed lawn, the left-overs from yesterday's supper, and even human waste--a perfectly useful fuel source. (When all this stuff gets bubbling, the gases that are produced can cook, can heat, can light the night.)

It should be noted that Fairbairn and Haynes take the credit for the house design. The new-age energy devices--the 'gadgets' of today that will be the tap and toilet of tomorrow--are the works of many devoted people coming together under the one roof.

Building Answers

While this solution-oriented house is expected to be operational by the start of the conference, several other such units will actually be constructed while Habitat is happening.

Included in this little global village at Jericho Beach will be a house made from blocks of sulphur, the same stuff that might otherwise pollute the heavens if it wasn't being trapped at the factory chimney-top and pressed into building blocks. This 'break-through' technique was invented here in Canada, and we're now famous for it world-wide. The Architectural Institute of B.C. is building this one for Habitat Forum.

'Stack-wall' log houses have been used to shelter hearty Quebecers since those woods belonged to France. The technique works well in cold climates, and the house will go up at Jericho Beach.

A whole troop of kids from Twin Valley School out of Wardsville, Ontario are getting a holiday to come build a dome, the kind of dome that will suit any adventurous family. Take a holiday and build a house!

Perfectly sturdy homes have been built out of plain mud since Adam was in diapers (leaves?). A group of architects from Iran will be showing how it is still being done.

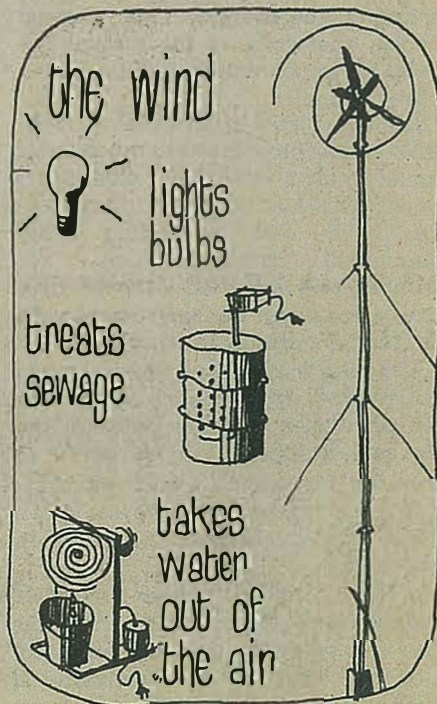
Many more plans are being firmed up for the Forum. They include sun-powered water purifiers and newly-invented windmills that have to be seen to be believed.

The problems that confront us are severe, yet if there's any fun to be shared at Habitat, this has got to be the place.

And the organizers need help. They've got the land to build upon, they've got many of the necessary materials. The request goes out for experienced 'project managers', architects, engineers, building contractors, construction craftsmen who can take on individual aspects of the exhibition, on a voluntary basis.

Jim Bohlen is heading up the crew for the Appropriate Technology Exhibition. If any of our readers can help build tomorrow into today, write to him c/o Habitat Forum, P.O. Box 48360, Bentall Centre, Vancouver, B.C.

Include a telephone number so that he can respond immediately. ■



These drawings are from THE ECOL OPERATION, Minimum Cost Housing Group, McGill University.

a neglected child starts to grow up

Communications in human settlements play a major role in how we live, in our lifestyles, in how we view ourselves, and--most importantly--in how we look to the future. So far, community television has been an innocent young child in this big city.

With this article, **HABITAT GUIDE** looks at the plans and at the philosophy that underlies the work of Vancouver's own community channel.

Vancouver's Cable 10 has just been given a new three-year licence to continue its operations. With this vote of confidence from the federal communications authority, the CRTC, the station plans to increase its involvement with community activities in the city.

The CRTC, the Canadian Radio-Television & Telecommunications Commission, is the government body responsible for supervising all broadcasting in the country. This renewed licence, therefore, is the official go-ahead for improvement and expansion of the channel.

Since it started up in October 1969, Cable 10 has progressed as much as its annual budget (\$400,000) this year allows. This sum is small in comparison to the cost of running a big commercial channel. CBC, for example, will spend an estimated five million dollars on its involvement with the Habitat conference alone.

Although such a comparison is not particularly appropriate, given the vast difference in scope between the two organizations, it does serve to show the limitations placed on community television. Nevertheless, Cable 10 has visibly progressed in its six years of operation.

In 1969, Cable 10 was on the air 20 hours a week, but less than half this time was taken up by their own productions. Today, their own material takes up an average of 20 hours air time each week, out of a total of 28 hours.

There is, however, much room for expansion and improvement. On this point all involved with Cable 10 would agree.

The station's General Manager Dave Liddell said: "I would like to see an expansion in our live coverage of community activities." Liddell believes that Cable 10 should be a part of the community it serves. "We need live, immediate, local t.v.," he said. "To be effective, community television must provide on-the-spot coverage of what is going on in the locality. Right now Cable 10 is predominantly concerned with social problems, only because the people who approach us are especially concerned to air these problems. This reflects the situation that exists in society today. It would make a change, however, for Cable 10 to include some light-hearted shows.

"Demand to use the channel has been enormous. But if this demand is to be met, we must have continued support from the community."

Liddell is aware of the shortcomings of the service Cable 10 provides, but feels that the CRTC has not been help-

ful in suggesting concrete ways of improving it. In granting the new licence, the Commission was critical of the way things have been run on the channel. It noted that the service provided did not reflect the maturity and experience that the channel had gained in the past six years. It suggested that the licencees ought to provide: "adequate financial and human resources".

Liddell commented: "These are very vague words and do not give us anything concrete to work with."

Organization and funding of Cable 10 are major problems, and many proposals have been put forward as to how the channel should be run. At present, the channel is owned and financed by Vancouver Cablevision, a Premier Cable Company, but the opinion has been voiced that control of Cable 10 should be the direct responsibility of the community.

Last month, the CRTC held a hearing to review Cable 10's application for a new licence. At the hearing, a local "access to resources" group, the Metro Media Association, pro-

Vancouver City Councillor Helen Boyce visits with Chuck Davis, host of **HABITAT HOMETOWN**.



posed an alternative scheme whereby Cable 10 would be issued a split licence. Under this scheme, Vancouver Cablevision would finance the channel, but the local community itself would be responsible for running it.

Metro Media wanted to give a wide representation of the community an opportunity to air their views and problems. They proposed that a committee, consisting of various local interest groups, should be responsible for programme content.

The idea that Cable 10 should be "given to the people" is one shared by some of the people who now produce programmes for the channel.

Stanley Burke, producer of "Why Don't We", a weekly programme that gives local people the opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas, foresees that Cable 10 will eventually be taken over by a community organization and will be financed by grants, subscriptions, and possibly by advertising.

This organization—which could include representatives of City Council—would be totally responsible for financing and programme content.

But is advertising a viable proposition for community television? Burke said: "I have no objection to a company like Sony, which has lent Cable 10 videotape equipment, being given airtime to advertise their products if they have contributed to the programme." Burke envisaged one possibility where a company like Sony finances a programme, and then a film of their products could be shown, either before or after the programme.

Dave Liddell, on the other hand, says that advertising could compromise the efforts of community television to show programmes free from commercial interest. "We are not a commercial interest, and we are not competing with the other channels for commercial revenue, we are competing with them for viewers." He could not foresee the possibility of Cable 10 being taken over by a community organization in the near future.

Lois Boyce, executive producer of the programme "Pressure Point", echoes these sentiments. "It is too soon for Cable 10 to be taken over by a community organization," she said.

"No organization exists that is ready to take it over. Any that might exist in the future would have to be able to work together. There is at present too much dissension among local media groups to make the thing workable. What would be required is an organization representative of all political persuasions who can communicate with one another."

Ms. Boyce emphasized that such a group would ideally hold middle-of-the-road political views, and would be able to work independently of left or right-wing political influences.

But whatever long-term prospects face Cable 10, there is pressing work to be done in the near future. Particularly pressing is the plan for extensive coverage of the Habitat conference. Cable 10 has a unique role to play in relation to the conference. It is the medium which is best suited to provide coverage that will bring home the relevance of the conference to the people of Vancouver. In recognition

Harbour. The *Habitat Hometown* team has also toured the *FORUM* site, dropped in on a class of adults learning English, looked at food co-ops, at urban lighting, and at the increasing problem of pets in the city.

In coming shows, *Habitat Hometown* will look at pollution in the Fraser River and provide schoolchildren with the opportunity to prepare their own television show. The final programme is scheduled for May 28th.

The motivating idea behind these programmes is that if local people can be made aware that the problem of human settlement applies to everyone



"What do you want to do with this channel? Phone in."



"Hello, hello, are you there?"

of this fact, Cable 10 will be covering the conference continuously while it is happening.

Unlike the mass media, which bears a wider responsibility for communicating the ideas expressed at Habitat, community television has the opportunity to focus on the importance of the conference to the local community.

This is the theme of a weekly programme currently showing on Cable 10 called *Habitat Hometown*. The show is hosted by Vancouver broadcast personality Chuck Davis, and is designed, in Davis's words, "to inform local people of the reason for the conference, introduce some of its key people, and show examples of local Habitat-related issues."

In previous shows a number of problems specifically related to B.C. have been highlighted. In one programme a local fellow, Dave Spearing, explained why he had chosen to live on a mountain slope. The explanation was that if this practice was extended, more flat land would be available for agriculture. This idea is particularly important in mountainous B.C., where agricultural land is so precious.

On another show, two men tell Chuck about the space-saving advantages of living on the sea. These two men live in a floating home at Coal

everywhere, we might start to discover common bonds with people of other countries who face similar problems.

Stanley Burke explains, "Unlike commercial television, community t.v. allows the public to express their ideas on the air. This concept is totally alien to the thinking of the professionals who run commercial channels."

Burke firmly believes in the ideas of Ennis and McLuhan, who maintain that society's attitudes are determined by its means of communication. This is not "obviously true", as Burke believes, but it is certainly correct that the modern-day media is a powerful and influential institution.

The broadcast media, Burke feels, is controlled by arrogant and faceless bureaucrats who set themselves up as arbiters of public taste and opinion. It is time for a change.

"Revolutions in history," Burke explains, "are caused by a revolution in the means of communication." A good example to confirm this view is provided by the invention of the printing press, which is supposed to have indirectly caused the Renaissance. At the very least, it made learning available to a far wider audience than had previously been possible.

COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Contrary to established thinking, Burke believes that revolutions are caused by spiritual or intuitive innovations, not as the result of a rational process. Those enslaved by reason can only think in straight lines, they refuse to acknowledge what lies outside reason, says Burke.

Stanley Burke maintains that the present day media is due for a spiritual upheaval. Programme controllers are today's examples of the linear thinkers in history. They refuse to believe that the person in the street is capable of expressing views on the air, and that such a thing on t.v. is



not "watchable".

"This attitude is typical of people in government circles," Burke says, "but not so of those involved with private enterprise. It was left to private enterprise to finance a community t.v. channel in Vancouver. I believe this is because private enterprise is closer to the public than government officials and educationalists."

"After all, private enterprise de-

pends on the public for survival. A company director may work in a pent-house suite, but he has to know what is going on down below. Government, on the other hand, is totally out of touch", he said.

"When community t.v. is controlled by the community, it will be able to fulfill its unique role. When the community takes over Cable 10, it will define what community broadcasting is."

Some of these sentiments are echoed by Dave Lidell. "Community television is egalitarian," he said, "and is guided by an entirely different philosophy than professional t.v."

"When community t.v. was a new idea, the professionals merely laughed at it. Now they are concerned, and see the need to keep community television starved. The better community t.v. becomes, the more alarmed professionals become."

Lois Boyce is also attracted to community television because it allows the public to express their views on the air.

"People have become aware that they do have a part to play in the decisions that affect their lives. With the use of community t.v., the public's role in decision making is given more prominence."

"Community television needs to be developed. Very few people have a concept of what a community channel should really do. People must be told that community t.v. is there for them to use."

Pressure Point, the programme produced by Ms. Boyce, allows people to

air their own particular problems. The emphasis is on those with pressing social needs. The programme is financially and morally supported in this endeavour by a church organization consisting of representatives from six different denominations.

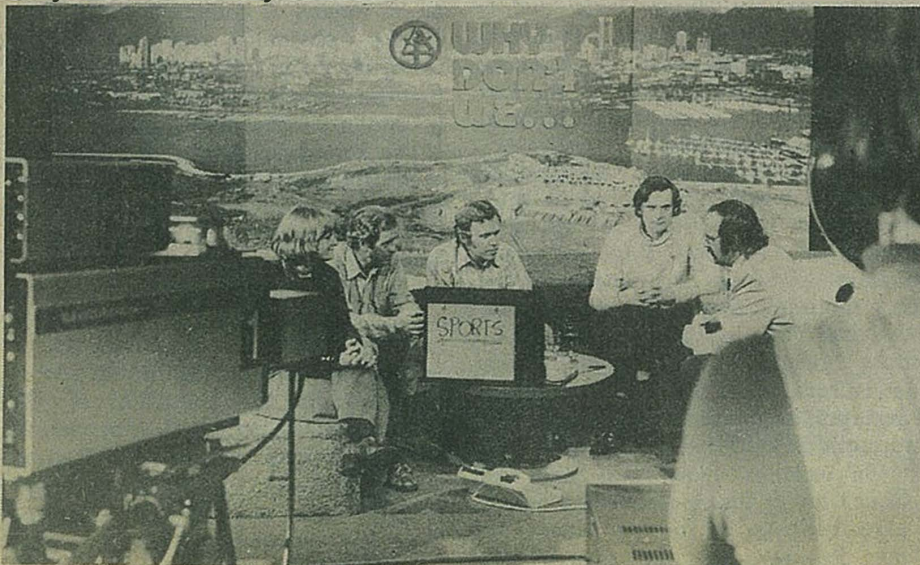
Programmes have included a look at Vancouver's housing problem, a visit to the city's Skid Row area, and a feature on women and religion.

Ms. Boyce says, "The idea is to discover the pressure points that society creates in certain individuals. Thus we are particularly concerned to publicize the plight of people in desperate situations."

The future for Cable 10 is optimistic, provided it can overcome the problems that currently beset it. But it is not just up to the cablevision company or to a community organization to keep these hopes alive. It is also up to the public. On this point Stanley Burke has the final say. "Cable 10 must be used by the community. All we can do is make it available to the public, it is up to all of us to provide the material. The question we should put to the public is, 'Do you give a damn?' " ■

-by John Rowell.

From left to right, media animator Gloria Keiler, Broadcaster Stanley Burke, City Alderman Art Cowie, Parks Board Commissioner Bowie Keefer and Chuck Davis tackle the growing interest in the TV channel that's here for anybody's use--Community Cable 10.



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Culture Feast For One & All

FESTIVAL HABITAT

They'll be dancing in the streets of Vancouver when the Habitat conference comes to town. From mid-May through July, the people of Vancouver will be treated to a massive cultural feast to coincide with the conference.

Called Festival Habitat, the event has been put together as "an ongoing and living demonstration of how a city works", to quote the organisers. Although plans for the festival were hastily put together in a three month period, definite dates have now been set for most of the activities.

Festival Habitat has been initiated and planned by the City of Vancouver, with the help of the B.C. Government and the Canadian Habitat Secretariat. The whole thing will cost \$750,000 to stage, most of the money coming from grants donated by the participating governments. The rest of the money will hopefully be earned through ticket sales.

This is very much a people's festival. It is a demonstration of Vancouver culture on a larger scale than has ever before been conceived.

"We think that the Festival, in its own way, will play a significant part in showing how cities can be more habitable and enjoyable," said Ernie Fladell, Festival administrator.

Apart from exhibiting the cultural

life of Vancouver, the Festival has two other aims, "... to put the city in a good frame of mind leading up to the actual conference, and to welcome the 10,000 visitors expected during the United Nations event."

The event will encompass all major art forms. Art and craft, music, drama, film and dance, all will be included. Indoor events will take place mainly in the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, the new David Y.H. Lui Theatre, the Arts Club Theatre and the new City Stage. Outside activities, such as colourful street processions, will be held primarily in the Downtown, Gastown, and Chinatown areas.

Staging events at Vancouver's small theatres is a valuable boost to their prestige. Vancouver East Cultural Centre Director Chris Wootten commented, "It so happens that all the new and original things in Canadian Theatre right now are happening in small theatres. The small theatres have come to reflect their regions far better than the big names, so we have invited small theatre companies from each region of Canada to perform, and that way we hope we can put together some kind of picture of what Canada is."

The variety of activities that are planned show just how broad the

cultural life of Vancouver has become. Examples of indoor happenings are: a two week film festival featuring experimental, documentary, visionary and Canadian content films; a theatre programme featuring eleven different Canadian theatrical companies; and a craft festival emphasizing contemporary Canadian work and including a collection of native Indian crafts.

A special surprise that is promised is the Vancouver Art Gallery program called *Night Shift*. It is considered "a revolutionary program", which no other public institution has ever staged before, says VAG coordinator Dorothy Metcalfe. The gallery will feature three consecutive late-night events every night between June 1st and June 10th.

For those who enjoy outdoor spectacles, Habitat Festival will also be organizing street activities for five weeks between May 25 and June 26. A weekend festival in Gastown is likely to include flutist Paul Horn and other musical groups; a bicycle race from Hope to Vancouver, ending in Gastown; native dancers; mime, magicians and jugglers; marching steel bands and a balalaika orchestra.

In Chinatown, an outdoor exhibition of formal Chinese music, folk and

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popular music is being considered, as well as a series of games and entertainment for children and their parents.

Also, special banners have been designed by four Vancouver artists - Jack Shadbolt, Gordon Smith, Sherry Grauer, and Michael Morris - which will decorate almost the whole city.

One of the many colourful events being planned as part of this incredible local program is the Habitat Craft Festival, which is attracting enthusiastic response from craftspeople all across Canada.

Administered by Circle Craft Co-operative in Victoria, the Craft Festival will run from May 21st to July 5th at the historical CPR station and at the Granville Plaza in downtown Vancouver.

In order to give a complete picture of ethnic and contemporary Canadian crafts, the Craft Festival will consist of three major sections, the Exhibition of Outstanding Canadian Crafts, the Concourse Fair and the Plaza Fair.

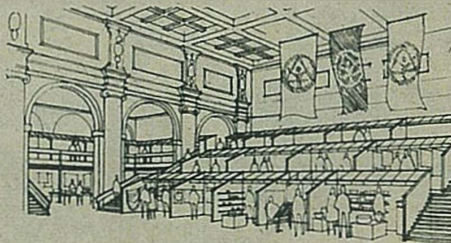
The exhibition of Outstanding Cana-



dian Crafts will be a representative show bringing together several fine craft collections including the Canadian Contemporary Crafts Collection (formerly the Jean Chalmers Collection), the Canadian Arctic Producers (including the Eskimo Art Section of the Dept. of Indian & Northern Affairs), the Indian Arts and Crafts Corporation (including the Indian Art Section of the Dept. of Indian & Northern Affairs), the Nova Scotia Designer Craftsmen, and the Craftsmen Association of B.C. This will be the first major exhibition of high-quality Canadian crafts ever held on the west coast.

Concourse Fair will feature professional and quality crafts for sale purposes. At least 150 established craftspeople will be displaying and marketing their crafts during the six weeks of the Festival and each will be there at least eleven days.

Plaza Fair is a fair open to all craftspeople in the process of developing their craft, those who can only attend for a short time, those with limited supplies and those involved in more experimental craftwork. Booths will be changing every few days and, with the open market concept, the Plaza Fair should be a stimulating experience for both craftspeople and visitors.



The historic, Vancouver CPR building is the site for the Crafts Festival.

All the Craft Festival events are being organized by Yetta Lees, Circle Craft Co-operative Director and crafts-woman, who has been appointed Coordinator of the Habitat Craft Festival. She was appointed to this post last

May and spent the next six months travelling around B.C. and across Canada collecting support and ideas for a definite concept for the festival. Working with her are some of the members of the Circle Craft Co-operative, a group which she helped to found in 1974, and which is co-sponsoring the Habitat Craft Festival.

To date the response from craftspeople across Canada has been outstanding. Metalworkers from Newfoundland, toymakers from Nova Scotia, Inuit carvers, Indian silver-smiths, as well as potters, weavers, jewellers, textile designers, creative people from all parts of the country have indicated their desire to participate in this historic event.

When all these plans and activities are taken into account, the Festival Habitat begins to shape up as a significant cultural highlight for Habitat. This forthcoming grand exhibition of such a wide variety of Canadian talents will hopefully show us proudly. ■

The photographs that appear in this article were taken at the Fairweather Craft Festival, which happened on the plaza at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on Saturday, April 3rd.



PROGRAM PREVIEW

Program Previews looks to groups, activities, agencies and institutions that are Habitat-oriented. In this section, we check up on services that promote a better understanding of our human settlements. Some of those who appear herein have been active for years, while certain programs have been created especially for Habitat. If our readers know of any group or on-going activity that merits mention in this section, write to:

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PREVIEW HABITAT

Preview Habitat is a special series of programs designed to acquaint the public with the scope of the Habitat Conference. It has been running since February 29th, Habitat Day.

The Planetarium has provided its Gallery 9 for several Habitat photo exhibitions. Hari Sharma's *India: A Photographic Essay* opens May 5th.

In addition to films and exhibits at the Gastown Information Center, there is a speaker series on Fridays at 7 pm entitled *What's Happening At The Forum?*

Also, there are talks at the Public Library, a photo exhibit at the Community Arts Council and films at the Indian Center. For further details phone the Gastown Information Center at 666-8641.



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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

The Distinguished Lecture Series, presented by the University of British Columbia Committee For U.N. Habitat, has been continuing since early March. It is a program that includes student seminars and public lectures. Upcoming lectures will take place on the UBC campus (IRC 4). All start at 8 pm:

May 10th - K.C. Sivaramakrishnan (Chief Executive Officer, Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority) - *Human Settlements Issues In India*;

May 20th - Dr. John Platt (Mental Health Research Center, University of Michigan) - *Topic to be announced.*



Lady Barbara Ward Jackson, writer, economist and U.N. theme setter.

On April 20th at the UBC Alumni Banquet in the Bayshore Inn, 7:30 pm, Lady

Barbara Ward Jackson will speak on *Human Settlements: Crisis And Opportunity*. Ticket preference to members of the Alumni Association. For further information on the Distinguished Lecture Series, phone 228-2181.



The Habitat Speaker Program has knowledgeable volunteers who will speak to groups about the Conference. The talks are accompanied by the film, *Introduction to Habitat*, or a choice of two slide shows: one for elementary grades, the other for senior students. The one-hour programs give an excellent overview of Habitat. Groups are asked to provide 16 mm or slide projectors if possible. To arrange for a speaker, phone Habitat's Community Relations Officer, Diana Lam, at 666-3576. The program is free of charge.

Listings of public talks are published in the newspaper.

NFB

The National Film Board of Canada has a wide selection of films available to the public at no charge. Many of them relate to Habitat issues.

Especially for Habitat, the NFB has made a film, *A Sense Of Place*, that will be ready for distribution throughout the province in early May. Preliminary reports put out by the NFB say that the film examines human settlement concerns around the world. A booklet listing other films concerned with Habitat themes can be requested. Also, groups can make arrangements to have an NFB staff member lead a discussion group following the showing.

For advice on the applicability of NFB titles to particular needs and for bookings of the Habitat film, phone Leslie Adams at 666-1718.

VANCOUVER HISTORICAL INSIGHTS

Vancouver Historical Insights, which is located in Gastown, keeps on file a slide show and lecture series about various aspects of the city and province's history. These have proven to be very popular with Vancouverites. The topics include:

Early Vancouver

A History Of The Chinese In B.C.

The Story Of Women In BC

Problems And Issues Of Urbanization

The Early Vancouver and Chinese programs can be supplemented with a walking tour of Gastown and Chinatown. There are fees for the above programs.

In addition, VHI has put out a new series relating to Habitat. *Insights On Human Settlements* is shown at schools free of charge. For elementary students there is a 10 minute film, *Introduction To Habitat*, and a 15 minute slide show which accompanies the lecture. For secondary schools there is a 40 minute slide show to go with the talk. Each program allots time for questions. Because of heavy bookings, VHI can only schedule for a school once before the Habitat Conference. For information phone 687-7003.



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

Last summer, the United Nations Association, through the Habitat Committee Action Program, utilized eight student coordinators to initiate study-action groups in various B.C. localities. The projects centered on land development, communication in multi-racial communities, and the effects of tourism on human settlements. The U.N.A. continues to offer support to many on-going projects, and is extending its 'Community Action Program'. U.N.A. will hold its annual U.N. Student Seminar in Vancouver this August. Plans and dates have not yet been finalized.



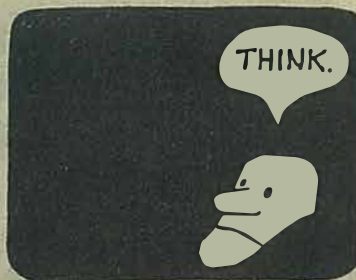
Our United Nations Association has also been assisting in the organization of B.C. communities to attend the B.C. Non-Governmental Organizations Workshop (Habitat B.C.) in Vancouver from May 6th to 8th.

In addition, the U.N.A. is preparing four resource kits that contain slides, work-activity cards and written materials. Although intended for upper high school study programs, these materials are quite suitable for community use. Kit topics include:

- Alternate Technologies
- One-Company Resource Towns
- Alternate Lifestyles
- Tourism

A lack of funds has slowed down this valuable project, but it continues nevertheless. U.N.A. cannot yet say when these kits will be available.

For further details, phone 733-3912.



IDERA

International Development Education Resource Center (IDERA) is the funnel through which many U.N. educational programs flow. It coordinates and disseminates information for such groups as OXFAM, CUSO, and UNA. Lately, IDERA's Outreach Program has been travelling about the province bringing Habitat issues to many communities whose members cannot come to the Conference in Vancouver. This program also includes sessions on Third World Nations and the issues which these countries will raise at the special U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, scheduled for Nairobi, Kenya, May 3rd to 28th.

IDERA not only educates, but also helps groups instigate further study and action.

IDERA's Resource Center has many films and print materials on human settlement issues. It has been working closely with Habitat and Habitat Forum. For more information, call 738-8815.

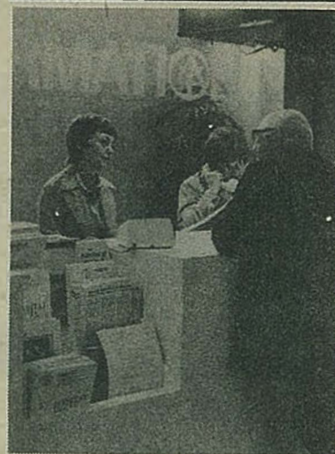
BILLBOARDS

Coming soon, billboards all around this area will display the works of the nine winners in the recently completed Habitat Billboard Contest. Originally only three winners were to be chosen, but the enormous response caused a change to be made. The runners-up will receive an autographed copy of Chuck Davis' *The Vancouver Book*. The billboards are being sponsored by members of the local business community.

HABITAT INFO CENTRE

The Gastown Information Center can answer questions about Habitat or direct the inquirer to the proper source. The Center is located at 131 Water Street in Gaslight Square.

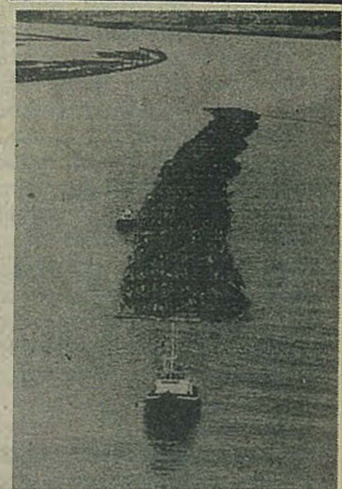
Introduction to Habitat, a 10 minute film, is shown upon request in the Center's 25 seat theatre or on the video screen, which is located in its reception area. Screenings of films provided by the National Film Board in conjunction with Preview Habitat can be seen at 12 noon and 4 p.m. In addition, video tapes from Vancouver Cable 10's *Hometown Habitat* series are available for viewing.



Merchants and groups wishing to utilize the Habitat logo can pick up kits which explain how to properly reproduce the Habitat symbol. Buttons, posters for public display and written information are available free of charge. The Center also displays publications which can be purchased at government book stores. Phone 666-8641 or come in any day of the week:

Monday to Thursday,
& Saturday - 10 am to 6 pm
Friday - 10 am to 9 pm
Sunday - 12 noon to 5 pm

WEST WATER



The Great River Fraser

The Westwater Research Institute of UBC will soon be publishing a book on its research into the water chemistry and ecosystem of the Fraser River. In addition, the Institute has a series of bulletins which the general public will find informative. For those with more technical interests, the Institute publishes technical journals. For details, phone 228-4956.

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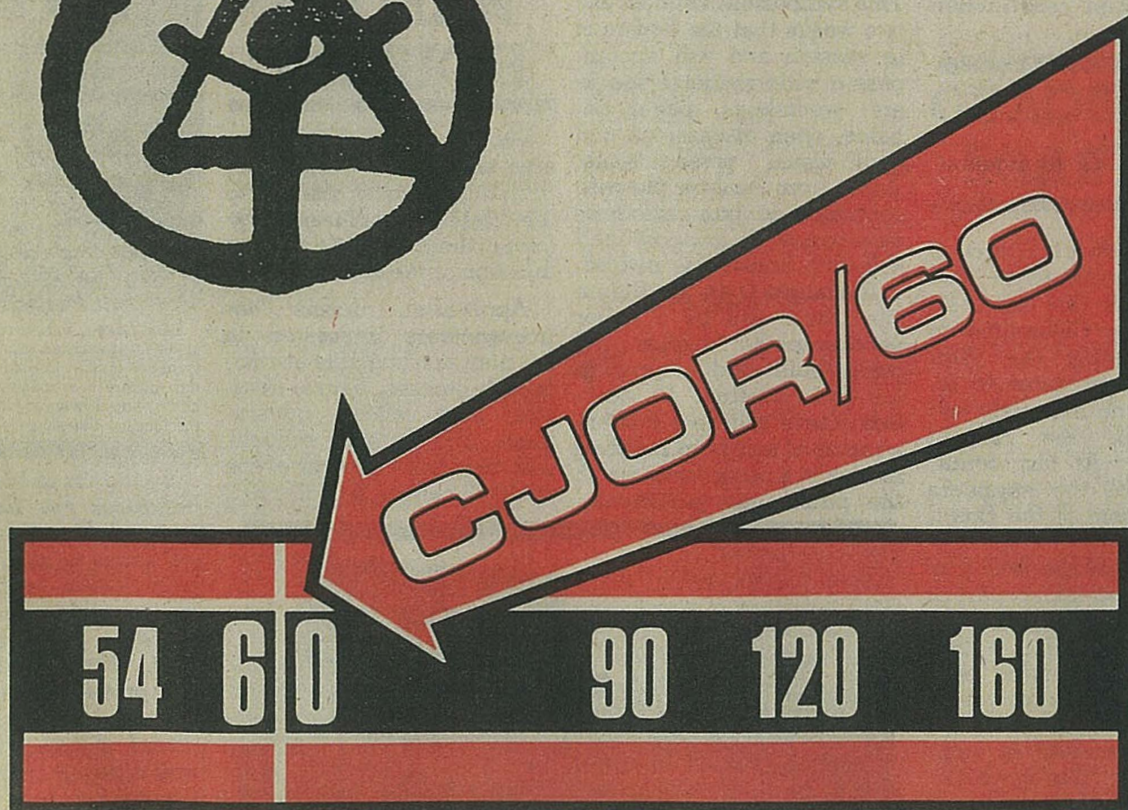
The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver represents over 90% of the area's real estate agents. Each day it sponsors public service broadcasts on CJOR and CHQM AM and FM. The segments cover topics ranging from good buying practices to ecological concerns. In March, the Board donated a substantial number of three of its publications to the Gastown Information Center for free distribution to the public:

Green Urban Land Policy Study (GULP)
Vancouver Map Guide
A Consumer Guide To Condominiums
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A JIM PATTISON RADIO STATION

PROGRAM PREVIEW
(Real Estate Board cont'd)

The Board has a brochure about recycling depots in the Greater Vancouver Area, which is also available free of charge. In addition, they are reprinting a popular booklet entitled *What Can One Family Do?* It tells how families and individuals can do their part in saving energy and protecting the environment. *What Can One Family Do?* will be available in mid-summer. For more information, call 736-4551.



Habitat Forum construction at Jericho Beach.

VAN. BOARD OF TRADE

The Vancouver Board of Trade represents some 3500 businesses in this area. Its Civic Affairs Committee is now conducting the third phase of its campaign to acquire building materials and supplies for the Habitat Forum site. At last count, over half of the suppliers were members of the Board of Trade.

Members of the Board of Trade are also taking part in *Hometown Habitat* on Vancouver's Cable 10 at 7 pm. They are contributing segments to shows on economics and transportation.

Those interested in helping towards the construction needs of Habitat Forum can phone Griff Miles at 681-2111.

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EDRA

Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) will hold its 7th Annual Conference from May 25 to 28 at the Totem Park Convention Center on the UBC campus. EDRA consists mostly of architects and behavioural scientists.

The focus of the Conference is behavioural science theory, research, methodology and the application of each to environmental design. EDRA brings together students, professionals, academics and other parties interested in environmental design, architecture, planning and environmental psychology. For particulars, phone Dr. Russell at 228-2851.

LOWCOST

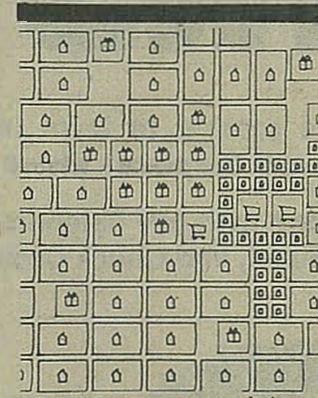
A Low-Cost and Self-Help Housing Symposium is being organized as part of the Habitat Forum program. This symposium will last the two weeks that the Forum is in session and will encompass a wide range of speakers, workshops, panel debates, open discussions and audio-visual presentations. Input from local people with concrete (no pun intended) experience in low-cost and self-help housing is invited.

In Hangar 7 on the Forum site, there will be a major photographic display of owner-built and innovative low-cost housing. In addition, there will be a demonstration of self-help building methods, a program in which the public can participate.

The symposium will bring together experienced experts who are working on similar projects throughout the world. It will examine a broad range of political, economic and social issues relating to the application of such housing methods in both the developing and the developed worlds.

So that working people can benefit from the symposium, specific efforts are being made to schedule some of the events in the evening and on the weekend.

For more information, call 228-9011.



Bernholtz computer-simulation

HABITAT HOUSING

People in the Vancouver area now have a unique opportunity to meet visitors to the Habitat Conference by giving them a home for the duration of the event.

Application forms for householders interested in the plan are available at community centres, banks, libraries, post offices, government offices and schools. The telephone number of the referral centre is 732-1191.



SPEC

Canadian Scientific Pollution and Environmental Control Society (SPEC) is actively involved in many important issues. These include strip mining of coal, supertankers in Georgia Strait and the proposed third runway at the Vancouver airport. Great concern over the effect that human settlements are having on the ecosystem of the Fraser River has sparked a public education campaign. By means of a slide show and talk, SPEC is bringing the issues to many people, especially in the Delta, Surrey, Richmond and White Rock areas. This group is also setting up a recycling depot in Kitsilano.



Gary Gallon, long-time anchorman at SPEC headquarters, extends an invitation to come in and browse. Since this picture was taken, SPEC has moved into a new location just down the road on Vancouver's 4th avenue.

By the 1st of May, SPEC's *Handbook For Ecology Action In B.C.* will be ready. It will serve as an introduction to ecological problems confronting this province, and indicate possible alternatives. The Handbook will also provide information on potential group and governmental actions. This handbook is meant as an introduction and a catalyst for further study and activity. For more information, call 736-5601.

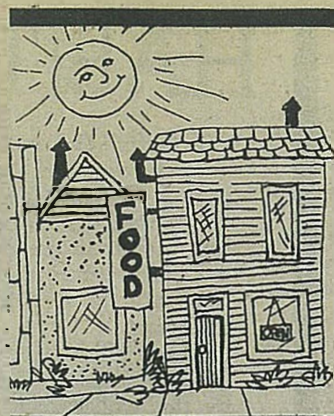
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NSA

Neighbourhood Services Association of Greater Vancouver is an umbrella organization for five local neighbourhood houses. These groups are concerned with the quality of life in their districts. They provide such services as drop-in and counselling programs for the young and senior citizens, legal aid clinics, and programs that provide inexpensive nights out for a family. NSA does not represent all neighbourhood houses in the Lower Mainland Area, but it can direct enquirers to the proper organization.

Neighbourhood Services Association will take part in the International Federation of Settlements conference at UBC's Totem Park Convention Center. The Conference, which runs from May 31 to June 4, will avail itself of Forum Sessions and expects to have some input.

For information on the conference and particulars about neighbourhood houses, phone 731-6511.



FED~UP

The Fed-Up Cooperative Wholesale, which has been involved in alternate forms of food purchasing, and which distributes to over 50 food co-ops, can be contacted for information about joining such a group. Those who belong to member-run co-ops take part in the work of gathering and distributing food among the membership. Members are also highly involved in the policy-making and administration of the co-op. The telephone number at Fed-Up is 872-0712.

The Coalition of Intentional Cooperative Communities encompasses many groups involved in cooperative living situations. A common aspect of these groups is an interest in alternate lifestyles and a search for more fulfilling relationships than they have experienced in other living situations. Those interested in cooperative living set-ups can phone 733-0616 for more information.

There are many experiments and successes in cooperative ventures in the Lower Mainland Area and around the province. The majority of the people participating in these enterprises are quite involved with human settlements issues.

For example, the Consumer Resource Service is a cooperative organization that operates a cannery, manufactures bee-keeping equipment and also has its own bee colonies. It has just started a western Canada

marketing system for its own products, and those of other co-ops. CRS can provide valuable assistance to those interested in setting up production collectives managed by the workers themselves. For more information, phone 254-1158.



LYNN CANYON

The Lynn Canyon Ecology Center combines displays, films and an activities area in which one can draw and paint. Three of the displays involve:

- how man interacts with plants and a depiction of farming practices;
- predator-prey relationships and man-animal interactions;
- the same piece of land shown as it was utilized by Native Indians, early European settlers and present-day humankind.



Two other exhibits combine maps of the world with collages placed on them. The maps are of interest because, unlike what is usually used in schools, their proportions are correct. On one map,

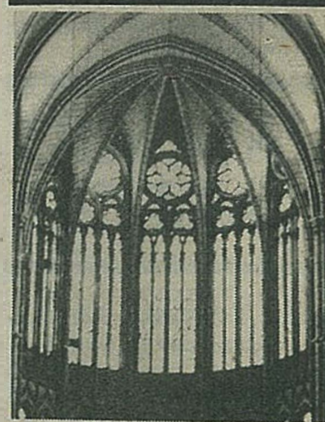
there is a collage showing the types of housing and architecture in different parts of the world. On the other there is a collage portraying the peoples of the world and their staple foods.

Screenings of various ecologically-related films are at 12 noon, 2 and 4 pm.

Lynn Canyon is located a short drive from the heart of North Vancouver. The Center charges an admission of 25¢ for children; 50¢ for adults. For more information phone 987-5922.

Other centers which can be of great interest to people wanting to learn more about the environment and our ecology:

- Burnaby Nature House - 294-3010
- Richmond Nature Center - 273-7015
- Wild Fowl Refuge - 946-6980
- North Vancouver Game Farm - 987-2622
- Capilano Fish Hatchery - 9871411.



INTER FAITH

Interfaith Habitat Forum is an amalgamation of various faiths and religious traditions which are interested in furthering a recognition of the spiritual nature of humankind. It fully acknowledges that the causes and effects of hunger, poverty and lack of shelter must be

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SOCIAL Ed.

For those interested in the topic of Social Welfare and Human Settlements there will be a symposium hosted by the Continuing Education Department of the School of Social Work at UBC. It is scheduled from May 30 to June 4 and will have a daily period of participation at Habitat Forum. The symposium will come up with recommendations which promote more effective policy for governments at all levels.

Also, from June 6 to 11, there will be a conference of Social Work Educators, with some participation in Habitat Forum. For further information on the symposium or the conference, phone Professor Mary Hill or Professor Richard Splane at 228-6207.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

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fought. Consequently, the IHF intends to take part in the solutions to these problems, and will participate in the Forum activities and explore the issues.

Interfaith wants to foster an understanding of the beliefs which are common to all religions. This group will operate a booth at the Forum site which will provide literature and post lists of liturgical events. It will also have a meeting place at the site, in which all are welcome.

During the middle week-end of Habitat Forum, many congregations will invite members of other faiths to join them for services and social activities. It is expected that many valuable experiences will come out of such exchanges.

Interfaith will conduct a Youth Workshop at Rosemary Heights in White Rock on May 2nd. IHF has plans for other workshops, but the schedule has not been finalized. For further information, phone 261-5011.

VAN. ART GALLERY

The Vancouver Art Gallery, in conjunction with Festival Habitat, will present a unique program from June 1-10 called *Night Shift*. The shows start at 10 pm and run until 2 am. Some 200 local professional artists will present thirty one-hour performances including music, mime, dance and theatre. Tickets are free and must be picked up on the day of performance. Phone Dorothy Metcalfe at 682-5621 for program details.

In addition, the VAG will have three displays related to Habitat:

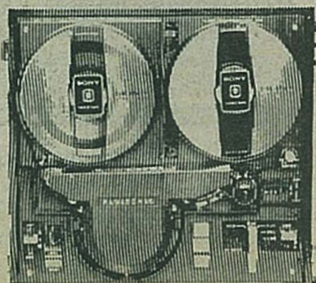
Habitat: Toward Shelter is a collection of prize winning designs which were used to improve a squatters' settlement in Manila, Phillipines. It runs from May 31 to July 4;

Canadian Artists: A Protean View is a collection of the works of 17 Canadian artists with wide-ranging styles and techniques. This also runs from May 31 to July 4;

Art On The Buses will bring the works of four other Canadian artists right into the streets. Reproductions will be displayed on the outside of 250 metro buses. This project runs from May 31 to June 30.

VIDEO INN

One of Canada's first video tape libraries is in operation on Powell Street in Vancouver's Japantown. Known as Video Inn, it is maintained by a group that calls itself the Satellite Video Exchange Society. Community groups oftentimes use the library, but the public is largely unaware of the service. Video Inn invites individuals to borrow their tapes free of charge. It has contacts throughout the world, and has amassed a substantial library, much of it relating to human settlements issues. Video Inn also offers workshops which teach basic production techniques, and help people overcome their hesitance to use video tape equipment. Groups wishing to make a video tape recording of their activities can obtain free tape from Video Inn if the Inn may copy the finished product and include it in its library. For further details phone 688-4336.



HABITAT B.C.

A British Columbia pre-Habitat mini-conference convenes on the campus of the University of B.C. early in May.

Like other provinces have been doing over the past months, our provincial government has made some money available--in conjunction with the national Habitat Secretariat out of Ottawa.

These funds have been used to establish the 'B.C. Workshop Committee', which is chaired by the well-known Vancouver City Planning advocate, Mrs. Hilda Symonds.

The Workshop operates out of Vancouver's United Nations Association office on Cypress street. This operations center is a wealth of information on international affairs. Our local U.N.A. is run by Lydia Sayles, who is herself an active board member for Habitat Forum.

The B.C. Habitat Workshop has sent two experienced people into the field to beat the drum for 'HABITAT B.C.'

John Woolliams is serving as the 'resource person' for the Lower Mainland area.

Jan Morton has been travelling all over this huge province to spread the good word.

Their job is to answer questions on what Habitat is all about, and, much more importantly, how this great movement for better human settlements can relate to the local setting--wherever this may be.

"What we are trying to do," says Jan, "is to help a community understand the nature of such an international event, and by doing that, to promote an understanding of the global interdependence of this world of ours."

Although *Habitat B.C.* is due to convene at U.B.C. from May 6th to 8th, this session is not considered an end in itself.

Two of the primary objectives of the Workshop are to compile a catalogue of the best features of B.C. settlements, and to lay the groundwork for an on-going communications network.

"What we're trying to get people to realize," Jan emphasizes, "is that Habitat is a continuing process, not just an event."

Solutions are only as effective as the people who are applying them, and the campaign slogan for *Habitat B.C.* is *Habitat is YOUR Community*.

Delegates from the 'steering committees' that are now being set up throughout the province will be gathering at U.B.C. to meet each other, to exchange points of view, and to prepare a statement to be submitted to the proceedings during the big conference itself.

Amongst the issues to be discussed at *Habitat B.C.* are: Energy Policies; Quality of the Environment; Housing Policies; Land Ownership and Use Policies; the Role of Governments; Services for People; Transportation; Rural Settlements; and others.

For more information about our own *Habitat B.C.*, phone the U.N.A. office at 733-2721.■



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