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# CRABZILLA vs THE CHOPPER MONSTERS

**SEE** the last available open space in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside threatened by an asphalt horror.

**HEAR** the roar of the rotor blades as visitors from strange lands and distant boardrooms descend every six minutes.

**TREMBLE** with fear when a high-octane fuel depot and moving aircraft encroach on a children's playground and a seniors' rest area.

**THRILL** as the CRAB people return to trap the proposal to build an executive-tourist heliport on the waterfront at the foot of Carrall - right where plans call for a quiet and peaceful waterfront park.

**COMING** soon to a neighborhood near you unless CRAB (Create a Real Alternative Beach committee) gets a bigger cast. Audition for CRAB by calling Rudy at the Carnegie Centre, 665-2220.

# SUITE OUTTA LUCK

Those "vacancy" signs sprouting up all over town don't signal the end of the apartment crunch - unless you can afford \$600-\$700 per month rent. With the Socreds nibbling away at rent controls, and developers over-building in anticipation of a fast buck, the reality is that a full 96 per cent of all advertised vacancies in Vancouver and environs are not rent-controlled - i.e., the sky's the limit. Meanwhile, affordable housing is still at a rock-bottom .01 per cent vacancy rate.

No wonder that the community-based Red Door Rental Aid Society is hard-put to find accommodations for the 500 new families and individuals that register each month, a large proportion of whom are battered women and their children,

the handicapped and seniors and - in increasing numbers - the unemployed.

Red Door, which is Vancouver's largest housing relocation service, not only keeps a housing registry, but provides an all-round program - help with transportation, channels to emergency shelters, counselling, even front money for security deposits in some cases.

But Red Door has a housing problem of its own. The roof is leaking, and the office at 4804 Main (at 32nd) sorely needs fixing, just when government and agency money is undergoing "restraint."

Catch all the details at the Red Door benefit dance Sat., Jan. 29, at 8:30 pm at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre, 3161 Ontario, w/ Ad Hoc. (879-2928).

A new prisoners' rights coalition of existing groups and individuals is coming together in B.C. to deal with such problems as involuntary transfers, tampering with visiting rights and official abuse of mandatory supervision and parole. A full-day workshop will be held Sat., Jan. 29, from 10 am-4 pm at Carnegie Centre, Main & Hastings. It's open to the public.

## Question Authority

Never-before-seen badges, bumperstickers and frisbees on sale at Beckwoman's Store Front Art Studio, 1319 Commercial (Tu.-Sat., 10-6 pm).

## HELP WANTED

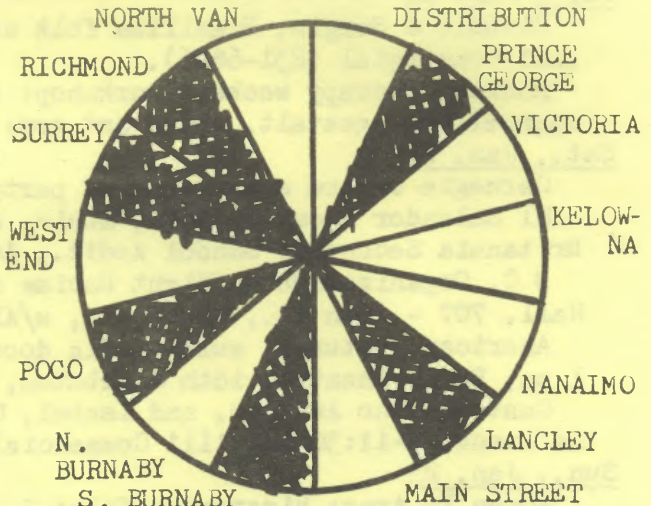
Autonomy-minded individuals and groups to help temper the authoritarian trend in the annual Mayday event. After all, Mayday is the working peoples' own holiday, not a porkchoppers and politcos' power grab.

Planning meetings for 1983 are just getting underway. (Check with your union for the schedule.) Some of the back-room boys want the meetings to be for "delegates" only. Does that include delegates from the human race?

# NEWS FROM NOWHERE

Wen-Do women's self-defence courses start the last week of January in Strathcona, Britannia, North Van, Surrey and PoCo. Call 876-6390 for details...Metro Media offers a package of experimental video, film and performance every Tuesday at 6:30 pm over Vancouver Cable 10...International Women's Day planning meetings are now on a weekly schedule - every Tues. at 7:30 pm in the Britannia community centre - in preparation for March 8. Theme: Hard Times Won't Stop Us. All women welcome (info: 253-1224)... Single dads get together for pot-lucks and info and feelings exchanges at Little Mountain Comm. Centre. Call 879-7104 for times, dates...Archeologists take note: complete back sets of B.C. Black-out are available for viewing at the downtown public library (history section); and the UBC (special collections) and SFU (social sciences) libraries...Kwotation from Komrade Korky: Nude, Not Nuke.

**HOT OFF THE PRESSES: Resistance: Documents From The Illegal Front (#5 - Wimmin's Fire Brigade, Direct Action, Red Brigades); and Bulldozer anti-prison journal (#5 - Archimbault, Walla Walla, Native Religion). Both available at Spartacus, MacLeod's, Octopus Books, or for a donation from Resistance, Box 790, Station A, Vancouver; and Bulldozer, Box 5052, Station A, Toronto, Ont.**



## PUTTING THE BITE ON RED HOT VIDEO

They say violence is as (North) American as apple pie. Here's your own pie for the campaign against the violence served up by Red Hot Video.

As of late January, six RHV outlets have turned tail: Surrey was torched out of business; Port Coquitlam and Prince George scared out of business; and Richmond, Langley and South Burnaby have changed their names. Next to go could be the West End, whose lease was abruptly cancelled for Jan. 31, and the Richmond distribution centre, which was raided by the RCMP. That leaves six more stores.

Extinguishing the Red Hot Video logo won't put a stop to vicious hate literature. But it will represent a milestone in the community's efforts to defend itself.

So tape the pie onto your fridge door, and don't forget to apply the black-out technique to each slice as it gets consumed. Bon appetit!

# WHAT'S ON

Fri., Jan. 21

Claudio & Sergio, Brazilian folk music; 9-11:30 pm, La Quena, 1111 Commercial (251-6626).

Radical therapy weekend workshop: constructive criticism, peer counselling, gestalt. Women and men: 437-0767. Jan. 28: women only.

Sat., Jan. 22

Carnegie Centre surprize kids party; 2-4 pm. Main & Hastings.

El Salvador speaker, film, music, dance w/Barracada; 7:30 pm, Britannia Secondary School Audit., 1661 Napier. Info: 732-1496.

B.C. Organization To Fight Racism dinner/dance, 6:30 pm, CAIMAW Hall, 707 - 12th St., New West., w/Allergenics. (\$4).

American Pictures: multi-media documentary slice of Yankee life; 1 pm, Ridge Theatre, 16th & Arbutus, 738-6311.

Canto Latino Americo, and Isabel, Carlos & Julio; Latin folk at La Quena, 9-11:30 pm, 1111 Commercial (251-6626).

Sun., Jan. 23

Women In Arms: Nicaraguan film; 7 pm, La Quena, 1111 Commercial.

Weds., Jan. 26

Anti-violent porn meeting for Little Mountain residents; 7:30 pm, Little Mountain Neighborhood House, 3981 Main (879-7104).

Fri., Jan. 28

~~Evening of resistance music of indigenous peoples w/Red Cedar, plus speakers and traditional food; 7:30 pm, 1920 Gravelley (689-9551).~~

Barracada; Latin folk at La Quena, 1111 Commercial, 9-11:30 pm.

Sat., Jan. 29

Prisoners' rights meeting; see page two.

Winter Madness; benefit dance for B.C. regional lesbian conference; 8 pm, Capri Hall, 3925 Fraser. Women only.

Red Door benefit dance; see page two.

Non-smokers' delight: High-Life dance w/Rio Bumba; 8:30 pm, Jericho Gym, N. ft. of Discovery (738-3493).

Euphionously Feminist Singers; La Quena, 1111 Commercial 9:30-11 pm.

Sun., Jan. 30

Americas In Transition, and Guatemala Vencera; films at La Quena, 1111 Commercial, 7 pm.

in Montreal join long line for buses after power outage crippled the subway system. At the same time, commuters attempt to hitchhike home from the Quebec building.

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## Huge blackout hits Quebec

MONTREAL (CP-Staff) — A mammoth power failure crippled most of Quebec's firemen were dispatched to help people stranded in elevators. Many were able to reroute electricity from its nearby Beauharnois dam. Western Quebec got power from Ontario Hydro, which fed in power to many of the traffic lights caught in traffic jams that were out of order.

What can you say when you're only No. 2? Sure, we can try harder, but that still takes bucks. So if national pride still means anything in these jaded times, dig down deep and help us join the big leagues.

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