

# END LEGISLATED POVERTY

NEWSLETTER

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## WOMEN LOBBY FOR BETTER WAGES

On Tuesday, June 27, Women for Better Wages and their children headed for Victoria. Women For Better Wages consists of many organizations, unions, anti-poverty groups and students. When we arrived in Victoria we were met by various island groups. They also supplied a wonderful lunch which we all enjoyed on the lawn of the Legislative Buildings.

Our goal in Victoria was to talk about a minimum wage increase (to \$7.45 an hour) and wage equity for women.



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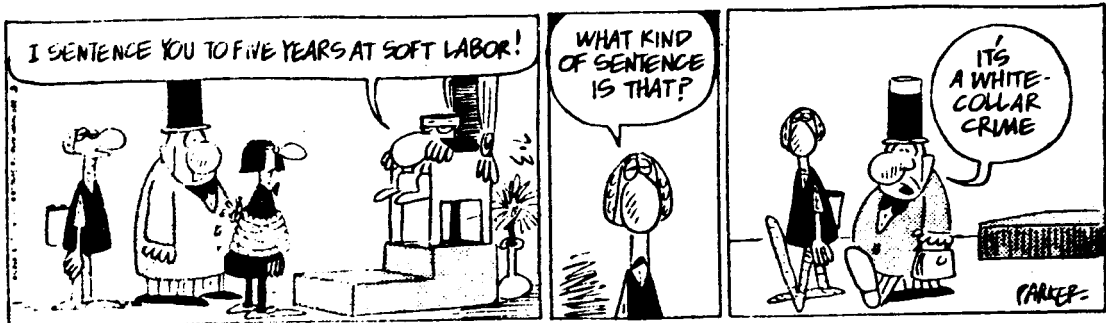
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After lunch we met with the NDP Caucus. We shared our realities with them, what living on minimum wage is doing to our families and how impossible it is to survive on minimum wage. We received a song and dance from them and no committment.

Later on in the afternoon we met with Claude Richmond (MSSH Minister). Mr. Richmond argued that businesses would have a difficult time if minimum wage was increased. He failed to hear that quite the opposite would happen

because people would have more money to spend at these businesses. Richmond managed to deke around the points we were making and kept saying, "It just wouldn't work." One memorable moment was when a toddler tried to bite his leg.

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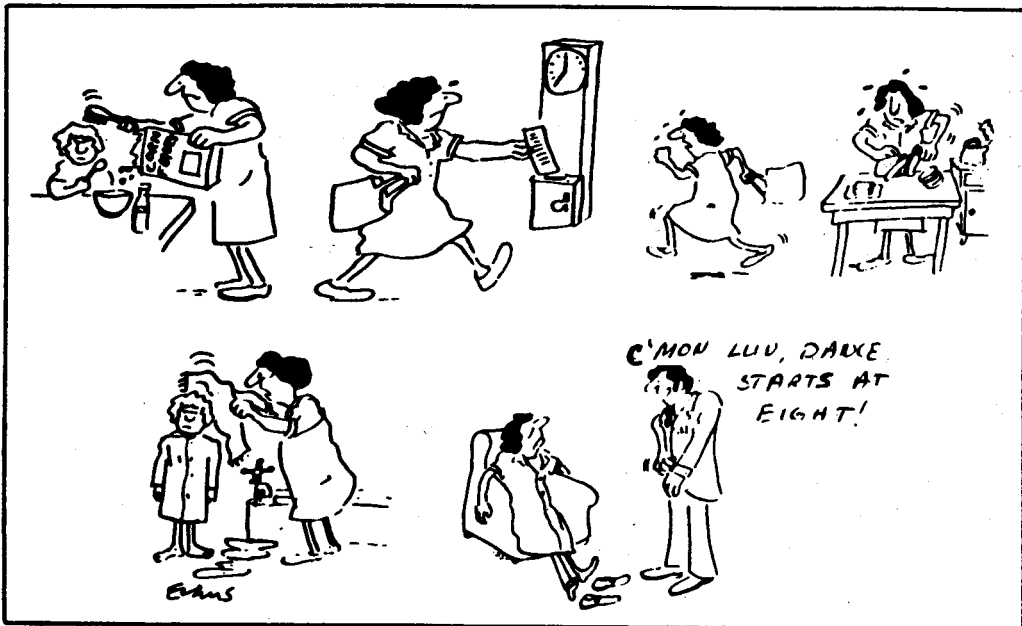
# DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN A CO-OP?

Are you on welfare? Do you have a chance to live in a co-op? Sometimes co-ops want new residents to pay \$1000 or more for a share purchase.

You may be able to get the money for a share purchase from welfare. It would be treated like

a security deposit that you pay when you move into a rented place. You get it back when you move out.

If you need money for a share purchase, ask your worker. If the worker says no, contact one of the groups on the back page.



Here are the new rates for people on welfare. They came into effect with the July cheque.

For one person:

If you are "employable", you get \$193 for support, and a maximum of \$275 for shelter, for a total of \$468.

If you are "unemployable", you get \$243 for support, and a maximum of \$275 for shelter, for a total of \$518.

If you are "handicapped", you get \$383 for support, and a maximum of \$275 for shelter, for a total of \$658.

For two people in a family:

If you are "employable", you get \$341 for support, and a maximum of \$446 for shelter, for a total of \$787.

## NEW WELFARE

If you are "unemployable" or a single parent, you get \$391 for support and a maximum of \$446 for shelter, for a total of \$837.

For three people in a family:

If you are "employable", you get \$410 for support, and a maximum of \$514 for shelter, for a total of \$924.

If you are "unemployable" or a single parent, you get \$460 for support, and a maximum of \$514 for shelter, for a total of \$974.

For four people in a family:

If you are "employable", you get \$479 for support, and a maximum

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shelter, for a total of \$1089.

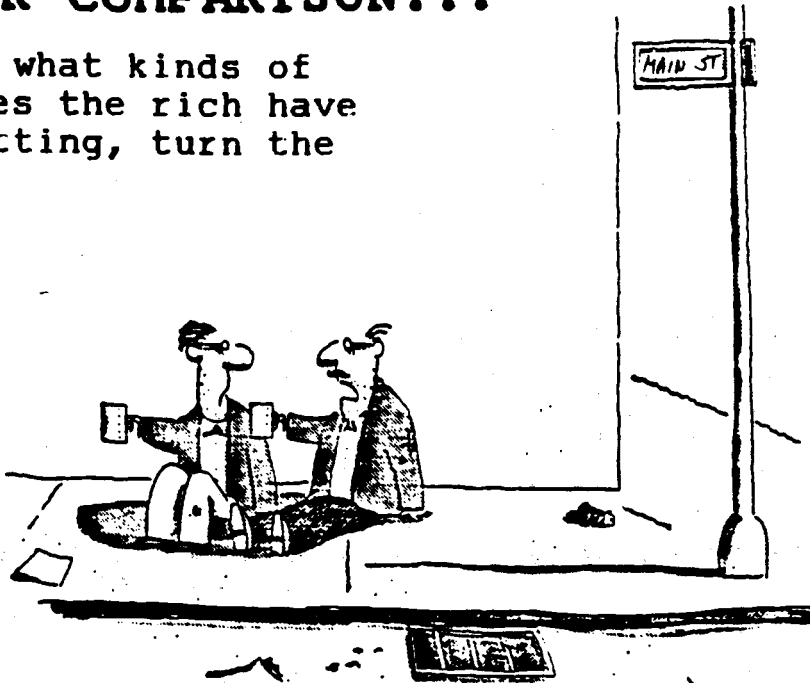
of \$560 for shelter, for a total of \$1089.

If you need more money for essential things, be sure to ask your worker for extra. If you get turned down, go to one of the groups on the back page for help.

If you are "unemployable," or a single parent, you get \$529 for support and a maximum of \$560 for

## JUST FOR COMPARISON...

(To see what kinds of increases the rich have been getting, turn the page)



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MAYBE WE SHOULD ENROLL  
IN THE GOVERNMENTS' NEW JOB CREATION SCHEME?  
THIS IS THE GOVERNMENTS' NEW JOB CREATION SCHEME.

# JUST FOR COMPARISON...

David Culver, the chairman of Alcan Aluminum Ltd. got \$1,504,247 in cash and benefits in 1988. His increase was 93.8 percent.

Donald Phillips, President of Inco Ltd., got \$1,994,058 in cash and benefits last year. His increase over 1987 was 141.4 percent.

## WHAT ABOUT CORPORATIONS?

The top 1000 Canadians companies had profits that increased by an average of 35% last year. The year before, they increased by 52%. Bank profits rose by \$4 BILLION last year.

The Royal Bank made \$712,318,000 in profits last year. The Bank of Montreal made \$553,352,000. The Bank of Nova Scotia made \$506,647,000. The

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce made \$591,030,000. Inco made \$690,804,000. Alcan made \$931,000,000.

Why is this important? We could elect politicians who would create a wealth tax. With a wealth tax, rich people would pay higher taxes that would pay for things like public housing, childcare, and cleaning up the environment.

Corporations should also pay more taxes. Already Corporations owe the government over \$30 Billion in deferred taxes that they will probably never pay. We could elect politicians who would make these profitable companies pay their share in taxes.



# CEEDS GOES TO THE CITY

CEEDS is a group of organic farmers who have 3 farms in the Caribou region. They have been farming and developing their self-sufficient community for 14 years. They do mixed farming: raising livestock and poultry, and gardening.

CEEDS is looking for low income people who are tired of the city and want to visit the farm, and maybe even live and work there for awhile.

For more info call Muggs at Carnegie at 665 2220.

## ARE YOU GETTING A CPP DISABILITY PENSION?

Are you on CPP disability? If you are receiving less than \$658 per month, make an appointment with your worker to see if you can get a better option.

You may be able to get a three zone bus pass for

only \$36 a year as well as medical and dental coverage. If you need help sorting this out, go to the DERA office at 9 East Hastings. Ask to see Tony or Freda. They will help you figure this out to get the highest benefit.



## GET WELFARE HELP FROM THESE GROUPS

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION,  
9 E. Hastings. Phone  
682-0931. Open 9 to 4  
Monday through Friday.

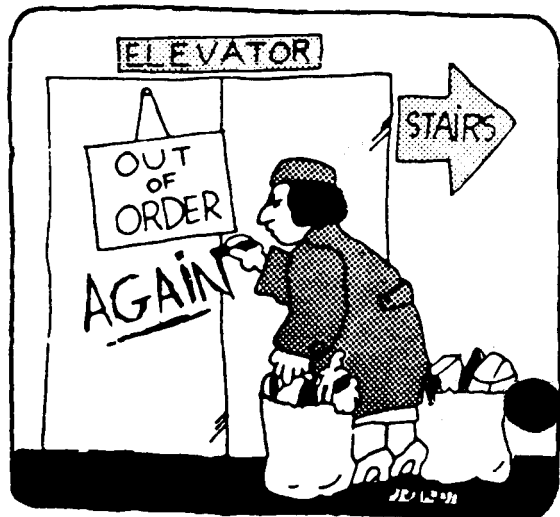
FIRST UNITED CHURCH, 320  
E. Hastings. Come  
Monday through Friday, 9  
toll:30 am.

VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS  
ASSOCIATION, 246 E.  
Broadway. Phone 872-  
8648. Open 9 to 4  
Monday through Friday.

LITTLE MOUNTAIN TENANTS  
ASSOCIATION, 125 E.  
37th. Phone 324-0555.  
Open 10 to 3 Monday  
through Friday.

B. C. COALITION OF THE  
DISABLED, 456 W.  
Broadway. Phone 872-  
1278. Open 9 to 5  
Monday through Friday.

# Tenants Rights Coalition



Information Hotline  
**255-0546**