

# THE OTTAWA Marion

"Remembrance Day is Every Day"

## Weather

Today: Roasting hot!  
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Celebrating Peace and Justice

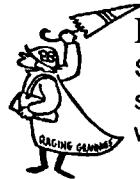
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1995

Common cents



### Make a Bid for it:

Check out the list of tonight's auction items in **MarketPlace** (Section H)



### Raging Grannies:

Senior shock troupes for social justice salute Marion with some satirical songs.

ENTERTAINMENT (Section F)



### Ask Gandhi:

Questions and answers about the weapons trade and economic conversion.

ADVICE (Section I)

## Do for Dewar "the Doer," Long Over Due!

By Richard Sanders  
Marion correspondent

OTTAWA -- Marion was born in Montreal and she attended primary and secondary school in Buckingham, Quebec. During her student days, she dreamt of becoming a scientist, but not one of the political kind. Much to her surprise, she ended up graduating from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Kingston in 1949.

With the words "I do," Marion married Ken Dewar, in 1952. Ken was a patient in the Ottawa Civic hospital when they met. She remained working as a nurse in the Ottawa area until 1952, by which time Ken had long recovered.

For the rest of the 1950s and into the early 1960s, Marion was responsible for a wide variety of innovative initiatives in the field of household engineering. In other words, she spent 15 years at home, raising four little Dewars. She reputedly lived the traditional life, doing "what was expected" of her. While



Roastee: Marion "the Doer" Dewar

cleaning, washing, cooking and changing diapers, she apparently never dreamt of entering politics.

Marion did, however, dream of escaping her household chores and getting on with her other life. Liberated from home, she returned to school in Dewar "the Doer" con't on p. 2



### THE PROGRAM:

- 6:00 Registration; Socializing; Signing COAT of DisARMS; Viewing Auction items; Sale and Info. tables; Bar.
- 6:55 Welcoming Comments -- Bill Luxton
- 7:00 Buffet Dinner starts
- 7:30 Rules & Regulations of the Roast
- 7:35 Roasting (see Section C)
- 8:10 Marion's response to the roasts
- 8:15 About COAT
- 8:25 Auction (see Section H)
- 9:05 Vision Statement from Marion
- 9:20 Presenting the "COAT of DisARMS"
- 9:25 Raging Grannies (see Section F)
- 9:35 Wrap up -- Bill Luxton
- 9:40 Socializing; Sale & Info. tables; Bar.

## Marion and COAT

Marion Dewar is a patron of the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT). She has played a key role in many of our biggest public events.

In 1989, Marion was the MC at COAT's huge rally against ARMX, Canada's largest arms trade show. That year, she chaired our "Public Inquiry" into the Arms Trade and Human Rights. In 1991, she moderated our conference: "From War to Peace: An Agenda for Economic Conversion."

Two years later, ARMX was reborn under the guise of "Peacekeeping '93." Marion was active on the steering committee of DisARMX '93, the network which COAT formed to oppose the arms bazaar. Marion hosted PEACEX, the three hour program of speeches, music and poetry, which COAT initiated to counter ARMX. PEACEX included literature tables from over 60 peace, development and environment organizations.

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## Much Ado for "the Doer"

Continued from Section A

the 1960s and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Ottawa in 1969. As if that wasn't enough, she also earned her Public Health Certificate that same year. She then worked as a public health nurse until 1972.

It was then that the idea of entering politics surfaced. After an especially frustrating day, Marion returned home and said to husband Ken, "For two cents, I'd run for council in this town!" Shortly thereafter, Ralph Sutherland, the alderman in their ward, urged Marion to run and, more importantly, advanced her the two cents she required for her campaign. Although Marion refused at first, saying she "knew nothing about politics," Sutherland persisted and eventually Marion agreed. Ottawa has never been the same since.

In 1972, thinking she wouldn't win, Marion ran for the position of Alderman in Britannia Ward. She *did* win however and then two years later in 1974, with her campaign fund nearly doubled, she won *again*. Two years later, in 1976, she repeated the success. Then, in 1978 -- you guessed it -- she completed her hat trick!

Tired of her repeated bi-

ennial successes, and thinking that Marion's secret was that she could only win during *even* years, some faceless Tory bureaucrat changed the rules and called an election in an *odd* year, namely 1979.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves here. Let's go back to Marion's second election victory. That was 1974, when Marion was elected to the hotly contested Board of Control. She left the closest of eight other candidates -- all men, of course -- a sound 2,000 votes behind!

Then, in 1976, Marion was re-elected to city council. It was on Nov. 13, 1978, that Marion became Ottawa's Deputy Mayor and Senior Controller. That's when they switched to odd years hoping to throw her off. Not easily thrown off, however, she was elected to the post of Mayor of Ottawa with 54% of the vote.

The Dewar's son, Bob, was her campaign manager. And again in the next election, when she was re-elected as Mayor, with an increased majority, Bob also managed her campaign.

In her victory speech, she proclaimed: "All you people who have changed diapers out there, hang in -- you end up with great campaign managers." And how did Ken Dewar feel about two more years as First Husband? "I'm relieved,"

he said, standing quietly in the background amid the Civic Centre hoopla. "She's a fantastic person. I've never seen anybody with the energy that she has."

For most mortals, that would have been enough successes, but no, Marion had to go and get re-elected to the Mayoral post once more on Nov. 8, 1982. She served the Ottawa community in that position until 1985.

During her three terms as Mayor, Marion left her mark on the city and on municipal politics. She eloquently promoted non-profit housing, child care, services to the elderly and disabled, job creation, rights of visible minorities and equal opportunities for women. She spearheaded public participation programs and implemented a municipal freedom of information policy.

When Canada agreed to accept 8,000 Vietnamese refugees, Marion roused enough community support to absorb 4,000 of them. She then challenged other municipalities across Canada to follow suit and the response was amazing. Eventually, Canada's official quota was changed to 50,000.

Marion has long been a strong supporter of many peace and disarmament initiatives. She spearheaded Ottawa City council's referendum on global nuclear disarmament. Ottawa was the first of dozens of mu-

nicipalities across Canada to hold such referenda.

After leaving the mayoralty, Marion became President of the NDP for two years and a Member of Parliament for Hamilton Mountain in 1987 and 1988. She then worked for the Canadian Council on Children and Youth.

Marion is now the Chair of the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board and Oxfam - Canada. She is also on the Board of Carleton University, the Centre for Studies of Children at Risk and the Jesuit Centre for Social Justice. Marion is also a valued supporter of the Lambda Foundation for Excellence and is active in promoting gay and lesbian rights.

Marion is, of course, still active in the New Democratic Party. At the recent NDP leadership convention, Marion was one those who gave a nomination speech for Svend Robinson. Svend and Marion are birds of a feather. Both are politicians who promote mainstream politics of the kind that protect the interests of all sectors of the population. They are not swayed by that small but vocal minority of voters representing special interest groups on the fringes of the community, like bankers, big business executives and land developers.

**Three cheers for Marion "the Doer" Dewar!!!**

**Sources:** Fact sheets, City Hall, July 21, 1983; Paul Workman, *Ottawa Citizen*, Dec. 7, 1974; Donna Balkan, *Ottawa Citizen*, Nov. 3 and 11, 1980; National Film Board of Canada, "A Love Affair with Politics," and a sprinkling of various rumours for good measure.

**Note:** This story has been verified, by the official roasting committee, as being at least 3/4 true.

National  
Film  
Board



### "A Love Affair with Politics: A Portrait of Marion Dewar"

Filmed while Marion was Mayor, this is a candid portrait of a political leader who excels in demonstrating social responsibility and common sense.

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## Master of Ceremonies



Master of Ceremonies - Bill Luxton

Bill Luxton is a good sport and an excellent referee for this evening's **jesting athletics**. He is well-known for his role as host announcer at CJOH TV for 26 years. He appeared on "Morning Magazine" and the popular kid's show "Willy and Floyd." He has played a wide variety of roles with the Ottawa Little Theatre and Orpheus.

Since his retirement, he has acted professionally with "Upper Canada Playhouse," the Children's Festival and the Long Island Players. He will appear as Flo Zeigfield in "The Will Rogers Follies" later this month.



Uncle Willie - One of Bill's Alter Egos

## ROASTING

### *Official Rules & Regulations of the Game*

*(By Order of the Establishment)*

- (1) Always speak into the microphone;
- (2) Tell a story or anecdote about Marion;
- (3) It must be humorous;
- (4) The **absolute maximum time limit is 3 minutes for each roast**;
- (5) Anecdotes must be at least 3/4 true;
- (6) The audience may **joyfully heckle** any roaster who does not dutifully follow rules.

## ROASTERS

- ☺ Evelyn Gigantes, former MPP, Ottawa Centre
- ☺ Irving Bansfield, Chair, Harambee Centre
- ☺ Diane Holmes, Regional Councillor, Ottawa
- ☺ Mike McBain, Canadian Health Coalition
- ☺ Alex Munter, Regional Councillor, Kanata
- ☺ Katie Keys, public health nurse
- ☺ Walter Terentiuk, Pres., Ottawa South NDP
- ☺ Pat Petrala, founder, Ottawa Women's Network
- ☺ Bill Luxton, actor



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## From Toy Weapons Bazaars to the Real Thing

War is not a game and violence is not fun! Unfortunately, a stroll through most department stores this Christmas might lead one to think otherwise. They've look like miniature weapons bazaars.

These burgeoning plastic arms markets flog everything from realistic-looking toy crossbows and automatic weapons to ersatz tanks and bombers. Kiddie arms emporiums are also barracks for legions of "action figures," like G.I. Joe. As aficionados explain, these "Hall of Fame" figures must be equipped (for an extra fee) with the proper hardware, whether for street-fighting, special operations or full-fledged combat.

What effect do this form of play have on children's values and attitudes and their understanding of personal conflicts, wars, other cultures and our society? Violence is a major feature of children's play, especially boys. How does this form of enculturation impact on children's psychological and social well-being?

Most TV cartoons are



**NO WE'RE NOT MAKING A TOY WISH LIST  
WE'RE DOING AN EXPOSE ON ARMS  
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produced by toy manufactures. They are full-length advertisements for products *cum* heroes.

Kids are socialized to see violence as an acceptable, if not preferred, means of resolving conflict. They learn to associate violence with adventure, excitement and fun.

There is one genre of toy weapon which is *supposed* to be outlawed in Ottawa. By-law 141-90, states that "no person

shall manufacture, display, market for sale or sell a replica of a firearm." A firearm replica is "a toy or other object that is not a firearm but might reasonably be mistaken for a firearm."

It is ironic that while *fake* firearms are supposed to be banned in Ottawa, *real* automatic weapons, *are* allowed at Ottawa's authentic weapons exhibitions. These arms bazaars are attended by military attachés representing governments which frequently violate basic human rights.

So what's a child to think, or an adult for that matter? Society is spoon feeding kids with a daily diet of toy wars, macho heroes and television violence. There *is* a local law against playing with realistic looking *toy* rifles but meanwhile our federal government promotes the export of a wide range of very *real* military hardware for use in very real wars and repression.

Whether they're playing with toy guns or being killed with real ones, kids deserve more than that this Christmas and so does everyone else.

### LETTERS

#### Candle in the darkness

In a world where there are few heroes, Marion is an outstanding inspiration. She never wavers from her convictions but she has that most rare of qualities, compassion and respect for the views of others. As a community activist, politician, family member and friend, she's a candle in the darkness.

**Audrey McLaughlin,**  
M.P. - Yukon

#### Making a difference

Marion has the courage to take a stand, regardless of which way the political wind is blowing. Nobody questions or doubts which side she's on. She makes time to attend events organized by grassroots activists and believes that we can make a difference.

**Jean-Claude Parrot,**  
Exec. Vice-Pres.,  
Canadian Labour Congress

#### Working Together

Marion has been a leading spokesperson for compassion and leadership on so many important issues and causes, and has always maintained a vision that starts from working at the grassroots level. She has furthered not only the women's movement, but the whole mean-

ing of community and people working together. She continues to promote communities working together and learning together how differences can be an asset and how multiculturalism has made this country what it is today.

**Alexa McDonough,**  
Leader, NDP

### LETTER OF THE DAY

#### Walking the Walk

I have known, worked with and respected Marion for many years. We worked together as colleagues in the Federal NDP caucus in the late '90s and indeed I inherited one of her finest staff persons, Nicole LaViolette, when she lost her riding in Hamilton Mountain by an agonizingly close margin. Rather than roast Marion (the thought of her turning slowly on a skewer over hot flames is not particularly appealing!), I want to briefly toast her.

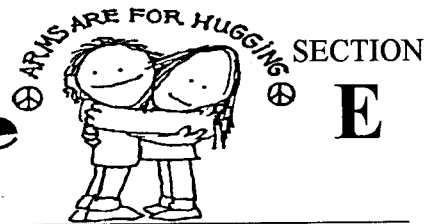
Marion has been a role

model for me and many others over the years. She doesn't just talk the talk, she walks the walk - for women, children, people with disabilities, people of colour, gays and lesbians, Vietnamese boat people and for peace and disarmament. Her work as a Matron of COAT is so important today given the morally bankrupt policies of the Liberal government.

Marion is a great Canadian and I am honoured and proud to call her a friend.

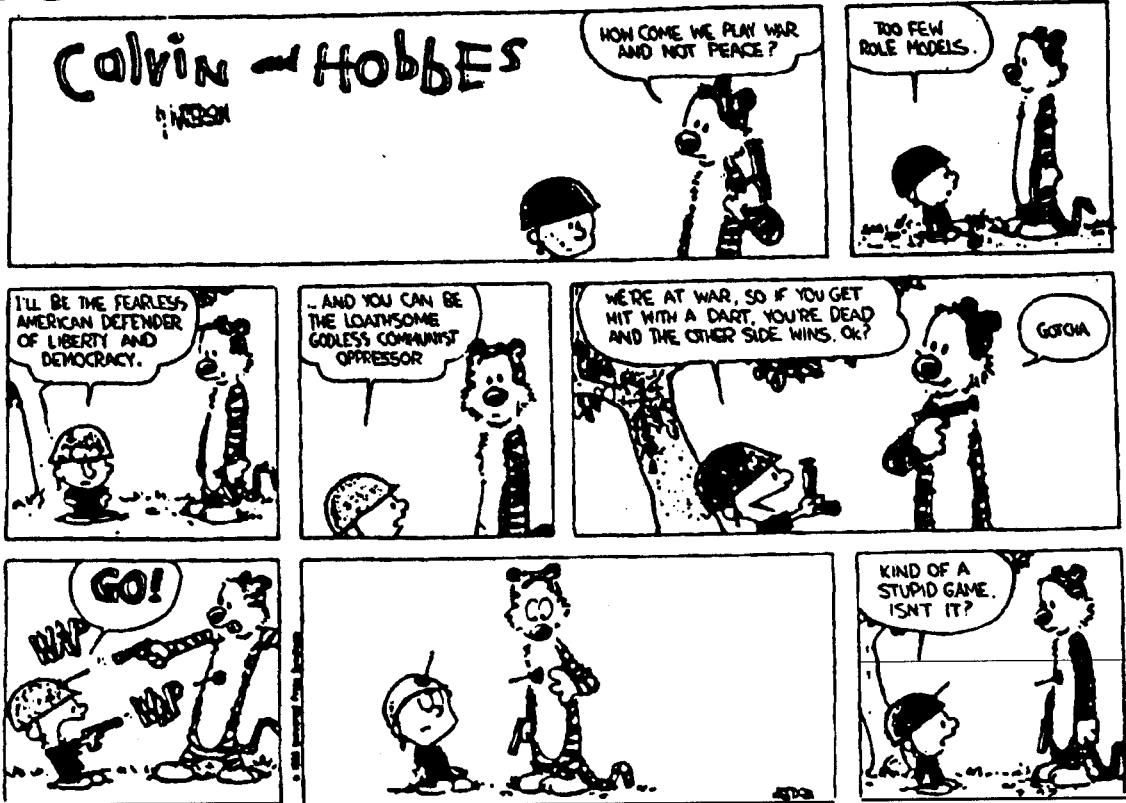
**Svend Robinson,**  
M.P. - Burnaby-Kingsway

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# WAR TOY RECYCLING DEPOT

The War Toy Recycling Depot is an opportunity to get rid of your family's war toys and violent games. It's also a chance to pick up some information about the healthy alternatives to violent play.



**War Toy Recycling Depot:**

*Where:* **Octopus Books**  
 798 Bank Street  
 (in the Glebe)

*When:* **Nov. 20th to 25th**  
 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Organized by the **Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade**  
 For more information, call: 231-3076

**Window Display at Octopus Books**  
 Check out the window display on the subject of war toys at Octopus Books between **November 20 and 27**.  
 (Monday, November 27 is the eleventh annual International Day of Protest against War Toys.)

**Face Painting & Balloon Animals**  
 Children who drop off war toys will be eligible to receive free face painting and balloon animals at Octopus Books on **Saturday, November 25**, between 12 noon and 2 p.m.

## HELP NEEDED FOR FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOLS

COAT is hoping that the war toys and violent games which we collect can be made into a thought provoking sculpture which could be taken around to different schools as a means of initiating classroom discussion on the subject of violence and play. To make this idea work we need your ideas and input. If you think this is a good idea, and would like to help, give us a call. Thanks.

## Sing-a-Long with Ottawa's Raging Grannies

### GI Joe (Tune: "Jingle Bells")

GI Joe, GI Joe, back in every store  
That's the toy that every boy gets to asking for - 'cause  
Guns and raids and hand grenades are lots of fun, you bet,  
That's how heroes must behave to get what they can get.

That's what the ad men want, to show our kids the way,  
They've made that little man with big guns for their play,  
But then what will become of little boys grown up -  
How will they manage things without blowing people up?

We know what makes the world go 'round,  
We see it every night,  
We stay up late, and bombs and hate  
Make the world ignite - oh,  
We need toys so all the boys  
Can practice right away,  
GI Joe, GI Joe will show us all the way.



If you'd like to be a Raging  
Granny, or if you'd like them  
to perform at an event, call  
Alma Norman: 234-2581



### Hey, Look Us Over (Tune: "Hey, Look Me Over")

Hey, Look us over, women proud and strong  
Time to hear our voices, time to hear our song  
Silent for too long, powerless as well  
But now the earth is crying out & women will respond by saying,  
Let's work together, build not destroy,  
Teach our children kindness to every girl and boy  
'Cause the planet's home to all of us and that's the song we bring  
Hear the women's voices sing!

La, la, la -

Hey, look at Marion, she's proud and brave,  
She knows exactly what we have to save,  
She helped the boat people and the children, too -  
Wherever there's injustice, Marion knows just what to do  
Because her heart's in the right place, her courage is strong,  
We'll find a brighter place all before too long  
With Marion at the helm of things we'll never go off-course,  
She's an elemental force! (Marion Dewar)  
An elemental force! (We do mean you.)

### Oh Marion! (Tune: "Oh Johnny")

Oh Marion, Oh Marion,  
How do you lead,  
Oh Marion, Oh Marion,  
Where there's a need,  
You speak up for the underclass,  
And show them we're not like that Harris,  
Klein and other asses -  
Oh Marion, Oh Marion,  
Please don't desist  
From fighting every foe  
Like that 'common sense' jerk  
Who collects every perk,  
Come on, oh Marion, oh Marion, Oh, oh, oh!  
Come on, oh Marion, oh Marion, Go! Go! Go!

### People Will Say We're Marion Dewar

(Tune: "People Will Say We're in Love")

Don't say we've done a lot  
Don't say we've got energy  
Don't say we've begun a lot  
People will say we're Marion Dewar.

Don't say we're activist  
Don't say we're NDP  
Don't call us a staunch pacifist  
People will say we're Marion Dewar.

Don't say we're generous, compassionate and dead-sure  
We'd all be so flattered but  
People might say we're Marion Dewar.

### Jacques Chirac (Tune: "Frère Jacques")

Jacques Chirac, Jacques Chirac, qui êtes vous? Qui êtes vous?  
To think you can ignore the voices in uproar  
What a joke! What a jerk!

Jacques Chirac, Jacques Chirac, your 'image' is none too 'sage'  
Testing is a pit stop, fury's gonna force a stop.  
Gare au rage, gare au rage!

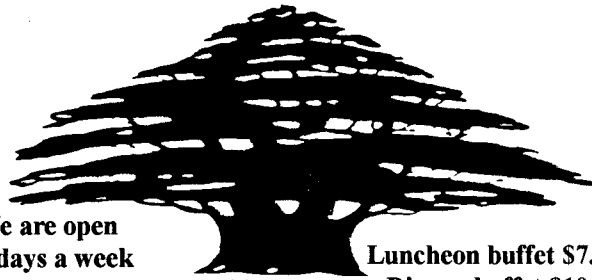
Jacques Chirac, Jacques Chirac, shame on you, shame on you,  
Beaujolais and cognac, we'll just ship 'em all back,  
Champagne, too, champagne too!

Jacques Chirac, Jacques Chirac, go to hell, go to hell!  
Take your war toys with you, take your war toys with you,  
Don't come back, Jacques Chirac!



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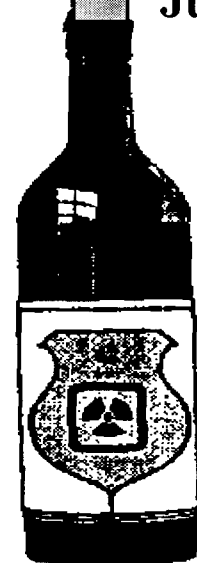
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## Join the growing international boycott of products from France!

Since France started detonating nuclear weapons again in the south Pacific, the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade has been leafleting in front of Ottawa LCBOs on a weekly basis. We've also produced a ten page booklet detailing the health, environmental and security hazards of nuclear testing.



### Just Say No!

Wine  
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Cognac  
Liqueur  
Armagnac  
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Cosmetics  
Clothes  
Airlines  
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Cars  
Tourism  
Tobacco

## What you can do:

- (1) Boycott products from France. Join us on Fridays in front of LCBOs in Ottawa to distribute leaflets about nuclear testing and the boycott. (Call us for details.)
- (2) Urge the Canadian government to stop the mining and exporting of uranium, especially to countries still testing nuclear weapons. Canada should also halt the sale of nuclear reactors, especially it's plan to sell reactors to China which is still exploding nuclear bombs. Contact:  
  
André Ouellet, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Rm. 314 - WB, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6  
Tel.: (613) 995-8872, Fax: (613) 995-9926.
- (3) Urge the LCBO to boycott wines from France:  
  
Andy Brandt, President, Liquor Control Board of Ontario  
55 Lakeshore Blvd. E, 4th floor,  
Toronto ON M5E 1A4.  
Tel.: (416) 864-2433, Fax: (416) 864-2476.
- (4) Urge other individuals, groups and businesses to oppose France's nuclear tests. Encourage them to join the international boycott of products from France.
- (5) Contact the French government and tell them why you're boycotting products from France:  
  
President Jacques Chirac,  
Palais de L'Elysée, 55 rue du Faubourg St., Honor,  
Paris, France, 75008, Fax: 33 1 47 42 2465.  
  
Alfred Siefert Gaillerdin, Ambassador,  
Embassy of France, 42 Sussex Dr., Ottawa ON K1M 2C9.  
Tel.: (613) 789-1795, Fax: 613-789-3484.
- (6) Copy and distribute COAT's materials on the issue.
- (7) Contact the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT) to get more involved. Make a donation to support our efforts. Call 231-3076 for more details.





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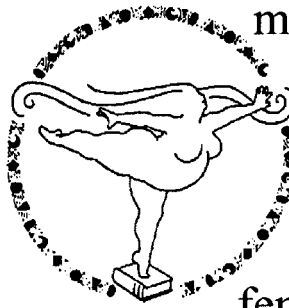
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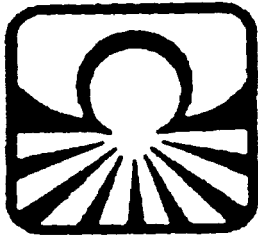
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# WEEKEND FUN SECTION

Sat., November 11, 1995

Tom Tomorrow ZOT #7

WE RECENTLY HEARD SOMEONE ON TV COMPLAINING THAT "BEING A SMOKER IN AMERICA IN 1995 IS LIKE BEING A JEW IN GERMANY IN 1938."

HOW DREADFUL IT MUST BE TO HAVE ONE'S ABILITY TO SMOKE TOBACCO IN PUBLIC RESTRICTED.

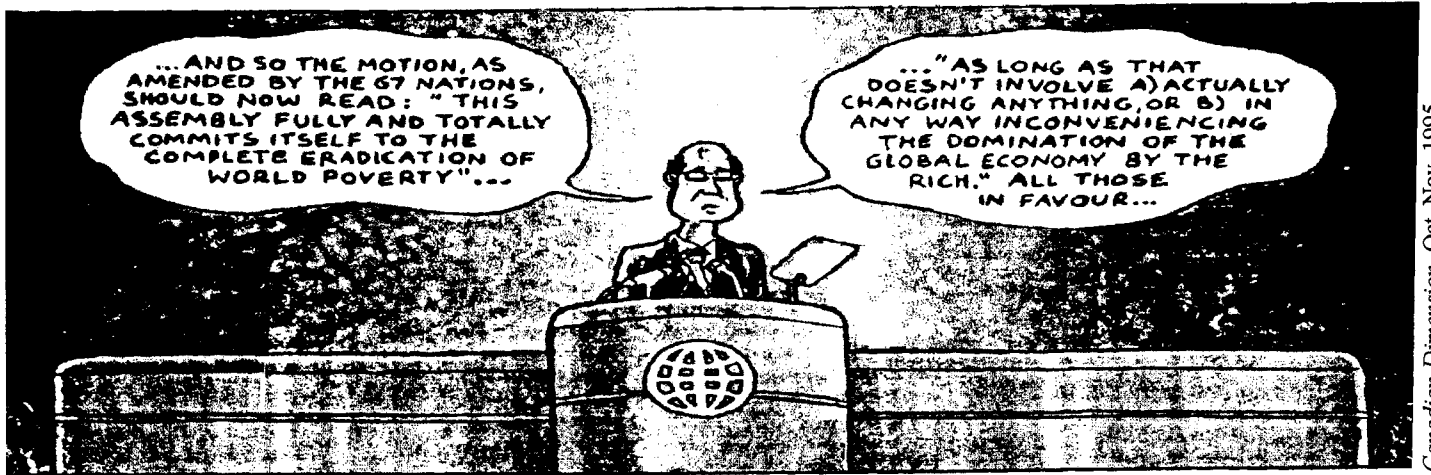
MY HEART SIMPLY BLEEDS.



IT IS AN ARTICLE OF FAITH ON TALK RADIO THAT WHITE AMERICAN MALES-- POSSIBLY THE SINGLE MOST PRIVILEGED SET OF INDIVIDUALS IN HISTORY--ARE ACTUALLY THE VICTIMS OF UNPRECEDENTED OPPRESSION.

HOW DIFFICULT THEIR LIVES MUST BE.

I WONDER HOW THEY FIND THE STRENGTH TO CARRY ON.



...AND SO THE MOTION, AS AMENDED BY THE 67 NATIONS, SHOULD NOW READ: "THIS ASSEMBLY FULLY AND TOTALLY COMMITS ITSELF TO THE COMPLETE ERADICATION OF WORLD POVERTY"...

... "AS LONG AS THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE A) ACTUALLY CHANGING ANYTHING, OR B) IN ANY WAY INCONVENIENCING THE DOMINATION OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY BY THE RICH." ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR...

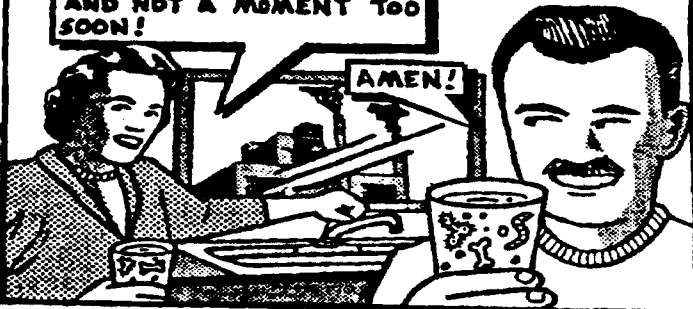
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Tom Tomorrow "This Modern World," ZOT #3

REPUBLICANS ARE WORKING TO LIFT THE OPPRESSIVE BURDEN OF GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION FROM THE COLLECTIVE SHOULDERS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC!

AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON!

AMEN!



NO LONGER WILL GOOD OLD-FASHIONED AMERICAN INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS BE STIFLED BY FACELESS BUREAUCRATS AND PENCIL-PUSHERS IN WASHINGTON D.C.!

IT'S ABOUT TIME!

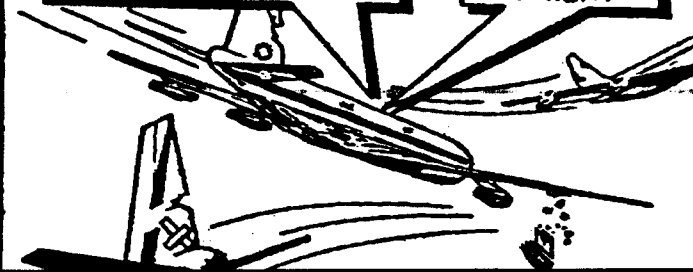
AMERICANS HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THOSE MEDDLESOME BUSTBODIES!



AFTER ALL--EVERYONE KNOWS THAT ALL THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE NOTHING BUT A POWER GRAB BY BIG-GOVERNMENT LIBERALS!

WHY CAN'T THEY MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS?

YOU SAID IT, BROTHER!

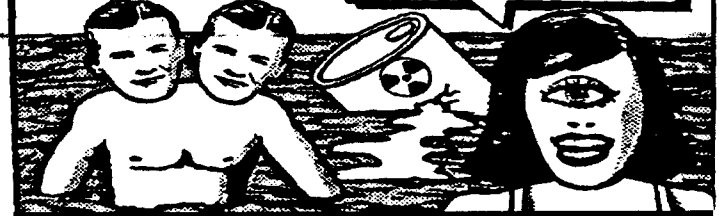


WHY, WE CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE INSTANCE IN WHICH GOVERNMENTAL OVERSIGHT IS EVER WARRANTED... CAN YOU?

NOPE-- SURE CAN'T!

ME EITHER!

THE INVISIBLE HAND OF THE MARKETPLACE IS REGULATION IS ENOUGH FOR ME!



**Dear Gandhi:**

My husband is the president of a large electronics firm in the Ottawa area. We often get into ethical arguments because his company is building components for weapons systems which are being sold to regimes which systematically abuse human rights. Lately, he's been laying off workers and I've been confronting him with information about economic conversion from a publication called *Press for Conversion!* Is this magazine a good source of information? So far, my husband is unconverted. What else can I do?

**Mrs. Unconverted**

**Dear Mrs. Unconverted:**

*Press for Conversion!*, the quarterly publication of the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade, is the only periodical in Canada devoted to the coverage and promotion of economic conversion. It is a comprehen-

sive magazine bringing together material from a variety of international sources on this increasingly important subject.

Your husband would do well to read the magazine. By doing so, he might be convinced that it's possible to keep more people employed in his company through the creation of socially useful and environmentally sound alternatives to military production. He would also expose himself to information about the devastating impact of military exports on human rights in the "Third World."

You should consider volunteering with COAT. Your efforts can make a difference.

**Dear Gandhi:**

I am a respected member of the Ottawa community. As the president of a major electronics firm making guidance and communications systems for tanks and helicopters, I'm working to preserve peace, free-



## Ask Gandhi

dom and democracy in the underdeveloped world.

My defence company was recently rewarded with a multi-million dollar subsidy from the government to develop missile systems to export to our ally, Turkey. My wife says the government's priorities are wrong and our tax money should be spent to preserve social programs and to develop environmental technologies.

We're arguing a lot lately. She has become involved with an organization called the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT). They're filling her head with crazy nonsense about peace and disarmament and, for all I know, women's lib! What can you tell me about COAT. I'm really worried, I think they've brainwashed her.

**Worried**

**Dear Worried:**

You're the one who's brainwashed, not your wife! COAT is a national network of individuals and organizations which began by organizing opposition to ARMX '89, a weapons bazaar where your company probably exhibited its deadly wares. After months of public education and political pressure by COAT, during the lead up to ARMX '89, Ottawa City council passed a resolution banning all future military trade shows from municipal property!

Since then, COAT has

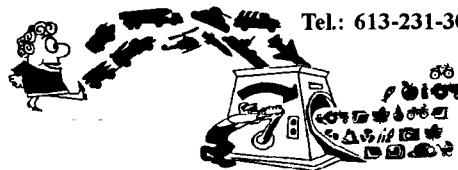
continued to expose and oppose Canada's role in the international arms trade. They focus attention on military exports to countries like Turkey, which are engaged in wars and the brutal violation of human rights. COAT has made your wife aware that through your "defence" work, you are complicit in aiding and abetting international crimes against humanity and crimes against peace.

COAT also conducts research on various international efforts to promote the economic conversion of military industries, bases and other facilities to civilian alternatives. COAT initiated a successful campaign to save Ottawa's historic Wallis House, which DND was threatening to demolish. It is now being converted to housing.

COAT is now working to oppose nuclear testing and to promote the boycott of products from France. They're also working on war toys issues and their negative effects.

By organizing events and publishing pamphlets, booklets and their magazine, *Press for Conversion!*, COAT carries out public education campaigns to raise awareness and to encourage people to pressure the government to change it's outmoded priorities.

If you don't change your own outdated attitudes, you may someday have to choose between your wife and your job.

**Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade**  Tel.: 613-231-3076

For the latest news on the world wide struggle for a peace dividend and efforts to convert military industries and bases, subscribe to COAT's magazine, *Press for Conversion!*

*Yes, I'll help Canada kick the arms trade!*

Name.....

Address.....

Postal Code..... Tel:.....

- Please send me more information.
- Yes, I can volunteer. Please give me a call.

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