

If you feel abused, go see Civil Liberties

The P.E.I. Civil Liberties Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization which devotes most of its time to counselling and, where possible, assisting Island citizens who feel their rights have been abridged or denied. In examining the cases brought to us, the Association has been concerned with building up structures and procedures for redressing individual grievances in the most effective and proper manner.

As with most groups and associations, our biggest

problem is getting people involved. With only one person on salary, all other participants must, and do, work at full-time jobs, and Civil Liberties is therefore only a spare-time thing. The Board of Directors number six in all, and membership is approximately one hundred people. As yet, we have not been able to create effective participation, because it is very difficult to have projects which involve that many people. It seems that only the ones with the problems get in touch with us, and

that is when they come to realize the usefulness of the Association.

Do you know what your civil liberties are? Has something happened to you recently that may have violated your rights as a citizen? Many people are taken advantage of countless times because they never bother to check on a law or verify an assumption. The body who is in the wrong will never be the one to point that out, and thus each individual must always be on guard against these wrongdoers.

We cannot all be lawyers, but it appears that we are expected to have that legal knowledge. So many problems crop up in our daily lives - from paying a bill to buying a house - that require careful study before any steps are taken. To consult a lawyer is expensive, and our Association realizes that. This is why we feel our work is so important. Anyone can seek help from us and, with no strings attached, we will try to find answers to their questions, solutions to their problems, and, if no solution, the best route to take in a bad situation.

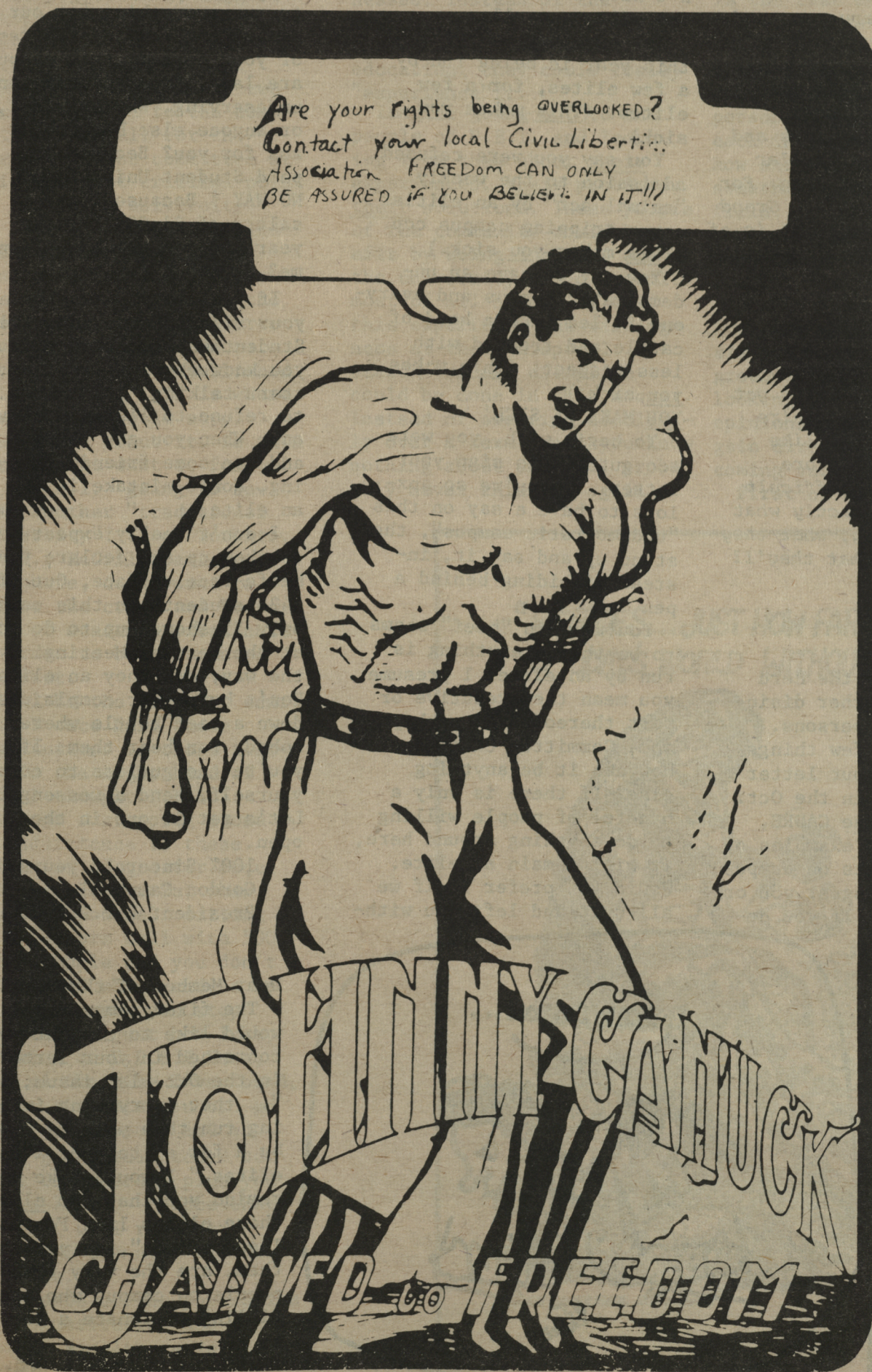
If you do not put anything into something, you get nothing out of it. Unlike most groups, we are not looking for money. What we are looking for is a better way of life, brought on by a deepening of respect for the individual, whoever or whatever he or she may be.

Do you feel we are justified in our efforts? Why not phone us up and voice your thoughts? Better still, why not join up with us, and strengthen the existing force. There is an annual meeting coming up soon and it is going to be held right on campus in Duffy Amphitheatre. We are looking for some new directors to replace some that have resigned in the past year and, as always, new members. Why not take this one evening at least, to listen and form an opinion of us. The Association exists only so long as it is a service to the people, so let us know - Is there more to do?

Remember now - Duffy Amphitheatre, October 21 at 8:00 P.M. Dr. Dave Morrison is going to give us some info on the Human Rights Association that we haven't as yet managed to get on P.E.I. If you have any queries on what this group is all about phone our office, or drop into it at the Basillica Rec. Centre - or you could drop into Room 117 Bernadine Hall - I manage to be there sometimes.

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