

MOVE denied federal funding

by Karen Gibson

The Movement for Citizen Voice and Action (MOVE), an organization involved in co-ordinating citizen participation, has shut down because of a lack of federal government funding.

MOVE said that past promises of federal government aid had fallen through.

MOVE treasurer Don Maybe said that the organization has had full-time staff for only five months since June 1976. He said that the federal Urban Affairs department said further funding was "unlikely".

MOVE is designed to enable citizens to get involved in community affairs and collectively resolve their problems. Among many groups involved in the coalition are Ecology Action Centre, Halifax Welfare Rights, Dal Legal Aid and the Dalhousie Student Union. It provided a home base for other organizations, and helped organize the student march on Province House last spring.

Maybe said that MOVE has not applied for funding from Canada Works or LIP since 1972-73 because it did not want to compete for funds with its member organizations. As a result, MOVE sought global funding for its entire operation, primarily

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by Brian Parris

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from the federal Urban Affairs department.

MOVE officials said that the government had offered training money to MOVE in February, 1977 on the condition that MOVE plan what to do with it within six weeks. MOVE considered six weeks not enough time, and lost the grant. They were told earlier that no training money was available. MOVE says the government is very selective in its funding process and appears uninterested in citizen participation. "They haven't funded organizations that are not directly under their control," says Pat Blakeman, a member of MOVE.

Maybe said that the organization was in a "holding pattern" for the next six months, in the hope that MOVE would receive some funding. Some office equipment is in storage, and other equipment has been lent to other community groups for six months.

Female poverty

OTTAWA (CUP)—There is shocking poverty among elderly women because both public and private pension systems discriminate against women, according to a report released recently by the Canadian Council on Social Development.

"Poverty among the female elderly is shocking," the report says. According to the report, in 1975 78 per cent of single, divorced or widowed women older than 70 years had incomes of less than \$4,000, the poverty line defined by the Senate Committee on Poverty. The figure was 59 per cent for women between the ages of 65 and 69.

Part of the reason, says the report, is that pension plans are geared more to the longer-term, full-time work patterns of men than to part-time, high-turnover work patterns of many women. As a result, women reach age 65 with lower pension credits than men.

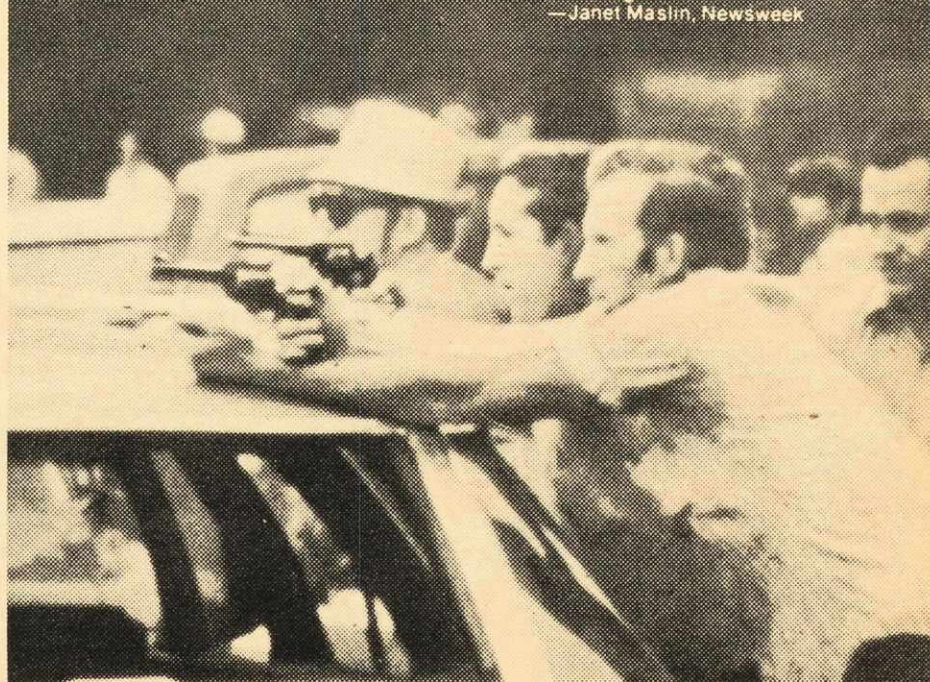
It also notes that survivor or death benefits may be non-existent or inadequate for women who work in the home and depend on their husband's pension. At the same time, the report points out, those benefits are particularly important for women because they tend to live longer than men.

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