

Ecosystem Development and Poverty Alleviation

WE, the man kind, are one of the population groups...

Some people's ambition for overpowering environment, being its subordinate...

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comparing to their natural production in the past...

This means: more hatchery, more shortage of fish and croplands...

However, an agonism with this aspect of ecosystem has resulted to malnutrition...

If questioned, who are encouraging our government and people in the present way of pest control...

a) To stop pumping and cropping the silted water reservoirs...

youthis. b) To reduce the number of fruitless timber trees...

c) To include all classes of people especially the youth groups from all strata...

d) To give dividends equivalent to the rate of interest charged from the borrowers...

e) To seek participation, in development activities, of the charismatic leaderships existing in our society...

f) To motivate people, specially about nutritional food habit and actions towards the ecosystem development...

we have failed to make a prominent mark in comparison to our Asian neighbours.

Poverty Alleviation: Poverty is the outcome and interplay of various socio-economic factors.

Swan Song: No matter how honest, ambitious, in-depth and rigorous attempts are made by our researchers...

Angry Ghosts Cast Shadow over OAU Summit

Nde Patrice Ateh writes from Yaounde

Cameroonian authorities face an uphill struggle to maintain stability in the run-up to this year's Organisation of African Unity heads of government conference 8-10 July.

PROTESTS against the policies of the Cameroonian Government have spread from a 'ghost town' campaign of strikes to a 'ghost campus' stoppage by students at the University of Yaounde.

The strikes, called by the Opposition, turned several large cities into ghost towns in May, while the student action which followed has already flared into violence and threatens to erupt again.

The unrest is a bad omen for President Paul Biya and his government, who are desperate to project an atmosphere of calm for the Organisation of African Unity summit meeting this month.

Tension was heightened at the University of Yaounde following the Government's arming of students from Biya's Beti ethnic group to counter the activities of strikers.

The current trouble began when students called a strike over fee increases at the University of Yaounde, including a doubling of examination fees and a range of new charges for facilities such as sports facilities, the library and the toilets.

Protesters complained to Prime Minister Simon Achidi Achu about the university authorities' extortionate demands. But when Higher Education Minister Agbor Tabi was sent to address the students he made matters worse by reportedly telling them: 'You know me and the sanctions I can take against any of you caught striking.'

He implied that disruptive action would be ruthlessly dealt with, saying: 'If you want to march you can march, but I would advise you to run and even fly instead of marching.'

The Minister, who intro-

duced student fees in 1992 when he was chancellor of the university, was jeered off the campus by the strikers, who regarded his statements as provocative.

Protests turned nasty, an amphitheatre was burnt down, cars were damaged in nearby streets and piles of tyres were set ablaze.

Riot police were sent in with tear-gas, water cannons and batons. More than 100 arrests were made. Some students were said to have been badly beaten before being taken into custody.

After the disturbances, Premier Achu promised to look into student grievances, and urged them to 'show patriotism by going back to class'.

But the students vowed to continue their action and have now formed their own 'parliament' to coordinate action.

Rival self-defence groups - supported by the Government and Opposition - have also been formed on campus. These are largely ethnically based, and their existence has fuelled fears of more violence.

Meanwhile, the Opposition's ghost-town campaign was reported to have been a success in major urban areas in seven of Cameroon's 10 provinces. The 48-hour action was largely peaceful, although a few people were reported injured in minor outbreaks of violence.

Stoppages were called by the Social Democratic Front (SDF) and the National Union for Democracy and Progress (UNDP) to protest against the appointment by decree of government delegates to head local councils, some of which were won by opposition parties in January municipal elections.

The protesters are also pressing for the establishment of an independent electoral commission.

Bamenda, an SDF stronghold in the north-west, was paralysed and strike organisers reported a 100 per cent success. Radio broadcasts by President Biya's Cameroon People's Democratic Movement aimed at dissuading people from striking only hardened the mood of protest.

In Douala, Cameroon's economic capital, where the SDF controls four of five councils, party chairman John Fru Ndi claimed an 85 per cent success for the stoppage. In Akwa, the commercial heart of Douala, nearly all shops were locked.

Bafoussam, another SDF stronghold, largely observed the strike call, while in the main towns of the northern provinces, particularly Maroua and Garoua, the national chairman of the UNDP, Maigari Bello Boubra, rated the success at 70 per cent.

However, the operation did not score impressive results in places such as Kumbo, the second largest town in the north-west, where the main market was locked but traffic flowed as usual. Life in the capital, Yaounde, was near normal.

In Kumba, another SDF stronghold, armed pro-government youths assisted by riot police, roamed the streets trying to thwart any efforts to intimidate people into observing the strike.

State-controlled radio and television have been playing down the success of the ghost-town campaign. Local administrators have reportedly pressed some traders into signing undertakings to ignore any further strike action under threat of permanent closure.

EXPERIENCES with Economic Reform

A Review of Bangladesh's Development 1995 - a unique multi-disciplinary effort by some of our most creative researchers and led by one of our best economists, Professor Rehman Sobhan - is probably the most comprehensive document on the economy of Bangladesh since the four volume 'Report of the Task Forces on Bangladesh: Development Strategies for the 1990s' in 1991, also, led by Professor Sobhan during the caretaker government of President Shahabuddin Ahmed.

'Experiences with Economic Reform' (EER) will, hopefully, be able to capture the imagination of not only professionals and development workers, but also inquisitive people who are interested in development policies which have been undertaken by the government over the last decade and also major tasks that need to be urgently addressed.

EER is an effort of a programme initiated by the Centre for Policy Dialogue to present, every year, an independent review of Bangladesh's development. Although not the first of its kind, EER is a pioneering venture in the sense that it is formed exclusively, and independently, of Bangladeshis in viewing the success and/or failure of our development initiatives. There have been other documents which have also tried to portray the Bangladesh economy both by the govern-

Book Review

Our Development: The Way We View It

by Asrarul Islam Chowdhury

Experience with Economic Reform - A Review of Bangladesh's Development 1995. Team Leader Professor Rehman Sobhan. Publisher: Publisher Centre for Policy Dialogue and University Press Limited, 1995. Pages 470+xxviii, Price Tk 595

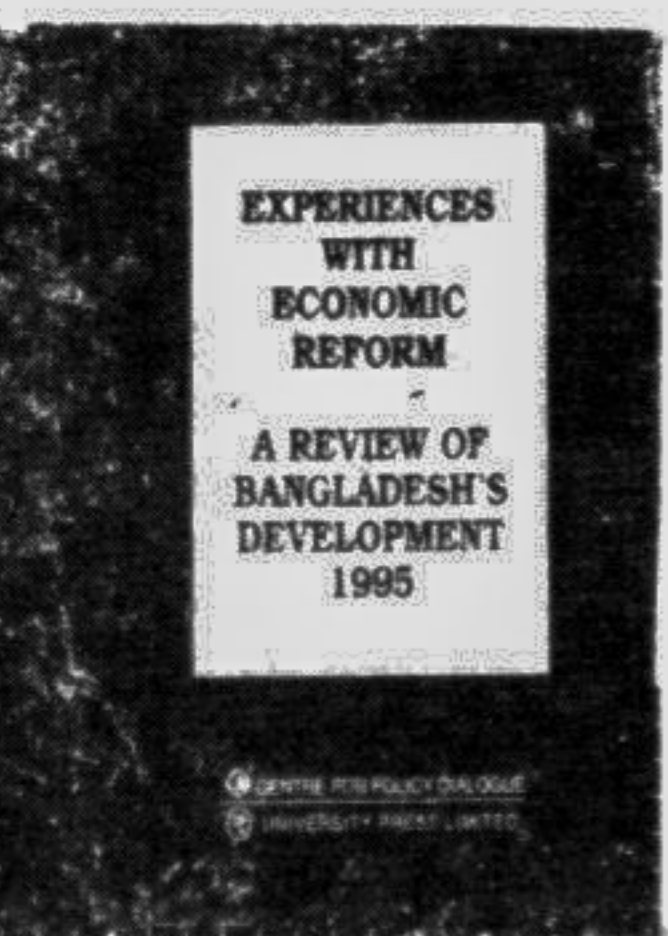
ment and/or donors. However, their dissemination of information has been constrained due to various reasons and access to such documents, in most cases, is not satisfactory. The vision of the EER came from the experience gathered in the 29 task forces, cited above, that there is a wealth of under-employed talent in Bangladesh who, if organised properly, can make valuable contribution to our development and/or lack of it.

EER, 1995 has broadly focused on 10 areas of our economy: macro-economy, financial sector, fiscal sector, agriculture, industry, external sector, population, health, education, and poverty. It will not be possible to focus on all areas in the present narrative. We thus resort to focussing a few.

The Macro-Economy: Although the government has successfully managed to raise the rate of savings, harness the rate of inflation, and improve

our balance of payments in recent years, there is not satisfactory indication which supports such boisterous economic growth and indicates improvement in the well-being of the people. In order to find out what is going wrong, we need a comprehensive analysis of our macro-economic management which, unfortunately, is not in a pleasing situation in Bangladesh.

Agriculture: Bangladesh has exhibited satisfying performance in adoption and spread of HYV (High Yielding Variety) agriculture and also promising growth in Non-Crop Agricultural (NCA) activities. However, there is no current information on NCA to guide our policy makers. Again, the issue of crop production stagnation has seemed to escape the eyes of our policy makers. Moreover, we should explore the causes of our poor attempts at crop diversification.



factory industries, confined to a few industries, especially ready-made garments, have exhibited high rates of growth in the last two to three years which is stupendous by any standard. However, our industrial growth is constrained by a narrow base, lack of diversification and a severe of other factors. The government seems to be quill on the performance of public-owned industries and there is also no serious strategy in this regard. Although we have been trying to attract foreign investment for the last two decades, there is no sufficient in-depth analysis of why

CIDA-Funded "RD-12" Project Amena Earns Tk 50,000 a Year

AMENA Begum is a young coop member in sadar thana of Panchagarh district. She and her husband belong to a landless family and used to lead a miserable life. There was very little work for day labourers like them. The dry sandy soil of the area produced poor and uncertain crops. That bleak scenario has fortunately changed in just about three to four years.

RD-12 coop society members, backed by intensive skill development training and credit on easy terms, have transformed the area into a very productive vegetable growing zone. Abundant supplies of leafy and other vegetables are now daily transported to the district markets allowing the

grows a fairly good return for their inputs and labour. Amena has read up to fifth class and has only one child. She and her husband have taken a couple of plots of land on lease and have been raising a variety of seasonal vegetables almost year round. Her loan repayment record is excellent and that qualifies her to take new loans easily.

She has of late displayed a keen sense of marketing by introducing a new variety of tomato which gives year-round yield. The off-season tomato gives her a commanding position over the supply and price. The crop ripens gradually, so she does not have to sell it in a hurry at a low price. Amena now easily earns about Tk



50 000 a year by selling vegetables.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

- Monday 8th July (All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the programmes.)
BTV
3:00 Opening Announcement At Quran Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation From the Bible 3:15 Cartoon Film: Macron 3:45 Drama series: Retrospect of Selected Dramas 4:00 News in Bangla 4:45 Esho Gan Sikhi: Children's Musical Programme 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Nazrul Songs 5:50 Sports Programme 6:00 News in Bangla 6:30 Shikshagan: A variety show with the participation of University Students 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Antares: Musical Programme 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:30 Sheethathata 10:35 Sukher Thakana: Family planning programme 10:55 Comedy series: Coach 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tuesday's programme 11:48 Close down

- 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC Newshour Asia & Pacific 8:30 Time Out. The Contenders 9:00 BBC World News 9:15 War Stories 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out. Tomorrow's World 11:00 The World Today 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 War Stories 1:50 Earth Report 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Summer-Holiday 3:00 BBC World Report in Hindi. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News 5:10 Newscast
CHANNEL V
7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Jump Start VJ Trey 9:00 Frame by Frame 12:00noon The Vibe VJ Luke 1:00 By Demand VJ Trey 2:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 By Demand VJ Trey 5:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 6:30 The Vibe VJ Luke 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 Luncheon 9:00 BPI Oye! 10:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 10:30 First Day First Show 11:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 11:30 The Rule VJ Trey 12:00mm Over The Edge VJ Sophia 12:30 Music Master Boss Shoof 1:00 Haysht 2:00 By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Asian Tap 20 VJ Name 5:00 Frame by Frame



WWF King of the Ring on Star Sports, Tonight at 11:30

- News 3:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 4:00 Hooperman 4:30 Home and Away 5:00 The Sullivans 5:30 Gabrielle
STAR Sports
6:30 am Atlanta Braves 1996 Preview 7:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championship Highlights 8:30 24 Hours Of Le Mans, 1996 9:30 Inside PGA Tour 1996 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships 1996 From London G B Men's Single Finals & Ladies Doubles Final 3:00 Futbol Mundial 26 3:30 The Asian Football Show 4:30 World Windsurfing Hit 5:00 Trans World Sport 6:30 Cricket 96: Sunday League (AXA Equity & Law Sunday League) Warwickshire vs Nottinghamshire 11:30 World Wrestling Federation King Of The Ring 2:00 Trans World Sport 3:00 Prime Boxing Roy Jones vs Eric Lucas IBF Super Middleweight Championship 5:00 Australian Football League Highlights

- Safar 10:30 Saibab 11:00 Daak Ghar Agna Ghar 11:30 Gopaljee 12:00 Janbar 12:30 Shimo Shimo Tring Tring 1:00 A to Z of Computer 1:30 Asian Sky Shop Marketing 2:30 Tara 3:00 Film Chakkor 3:30 Mere Ghor Ana Zindagi 4:00 Mano Ya Na Mano 4:30 Vimal Naye Tarane 5:00 ZED - Chota Byte 5:30 Akbar Babbar 6:00 Cartoon 6:30 Positive Health Show 7:00 ZED 7:30 Gaane Anjane 8:00 Tor-Mol Ke Bol 8:30 TVS Saregama 9:15 Akai Jhalak 9:30 Campus 10:00 Daraw 10:30 The News 11:00 No Problem 11:30 Close Up Antakshara 12:00 Tara 12:30 Andaz 1:00 9 Malabar Hills 1:30 Tambah Live 2:00 ILLU 2:30 Entertainment 1MM
PTV
8:00 am Takawat Aur Jarjama Harid/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30

- Khairan 8:45 Abb Pata Challa 9:05 Khat Farmash 9:20 Sargam Sargam 9:45 Haq-Bal Ghar Paktan 10:05 Shah Daugh 10:35 English Film: Goel Troop 10:55 Mili Naghma 11:00 Khairan 11:10 The Saint (Roger Moor) 12:00 Shama (Drama Serial) 12:55pm Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Anqaar (Drama Serial) 2:00 The Shehr (Drama Serial) 2:50 The Face Of Cultural 3:15 Roushan 3:30 Pamanyar 4:00 Gharan 4:35 Biology for 10th Geography Chemistry 5:55 Inter College Quiz: 6:25 Adu Courses 7:00 Tarannam (Drama Serial) 7:45 English News 8:00 Postack 8:20 Al Baba 8:45 Tum Se Kahan The (Serial) 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabarname 11:15 Classics: Drama Serial Jangle 12:20 Special: TBA 1:00 Khas Khas Khabarname Close down

- SONY ET
8:30am Yaadon Ki Baarat 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 I Dream Of Jeanne 10:30 Raja Ran Aur Joker 11:00 Sunday Ki Sunday (Serial) 11:30 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: 2:30 Kismet 3:00 Zamin Asman 3:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 4:00 Surf Wheel Of Fortune (Game Show) 4:30 The Rasoi Show 5:00 The World Cup Countdown 5:30 The Three Stooges 6:00 Dennis The Menace 6:30 I Dream of Jeanne 7:00 Mere Message Meri Geet 7:30 Premier 8:00 Surf Wheel Of Fortune 8:30 Taak Jaan 9:00 Dekh Tamasha Dekh 9:30 Yeh Sadi Nahi Sakti 10:00 Chamakari (Drama Serial) 10:30 Carv: Prime Hindi Feature Film: 1:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 2:00 Yaadon Ki Baarat 2:30 Closed

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8:05 Janmadin 8:10 Puratan Gaan 8:20 Binodan 8:25 Classical Music 8:30 Dik Darshan (Serial) 9:30 Janani (New Drama Serial) 9:30 Sapthahiki 10:00 Shastriy Sangeet 10:30 Pankrama 11:00 Ghar Bare 12:30 Ek Silp Onak Gaan 1:00 Janani (New Drama Serial) 1:30 Bengali Movie Club Film Show 5:05 Neganj Programme 5:30 News 5:35 Desh Bidesher Khela 6:00 Palk Katha: TV Report 6:30 Dabaddha 6:55 Arati 7:30 Bangla Sambad 7:55 Dinindan 8:00 Dik Darshan 9:00 Pracheer 9:30 Ghar Bahar 10:00 Bengali Movie Club Film Show
ZEE CINEMA
8:30am Tarana 9:00 Hit Hai Fit Hai 9:30 Film: 12:15 Movies Mastimagic 12:45 Film: 3:30 Film Chakkor 4:00 Film 6:45 Film 9:30 Songs 10:00 Film 12:15 Aaj Anadi Kal Khadi 12:45 Film

- BBC
6:00 BBC Newshour inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 War Stories 10:00 BBC Newshour 1:00pm BBC World News 1:15 War Stories 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: BBC World News 3:30 Time Out: More Rhodes Around Britain 4:00 BBC Newscast 6:00 BBC News Headlines 6:05 Corre, spondent 7:00 BBC World News

- STAR PLUS
6:30 Voltron 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 G I Joe 8:00 Saber Rider And The Star Sheriff 8:30 The Adventurers Of Black Beauty 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Nanny and the Professor 10:00 Mr. Belvedere 10:30 Mollie Katzen's Cooking Show

- 11:00 Videofashion News 11:30 Gabrielle 12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 The Op A Winfrey Show 3:00 Remington Steele 4:00 Mollie Katzen's Cooking Show 4:30 Videofashion News 5:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 The Adventures Of Bixie & Beauty 6:00
Last In Space 7:00 Home and Away 7:30 Chart's in Charge 8:00 MASH 8:30 Mystery Movies: Prime Suspect III 9:12/2/10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 11:00 Santa Barbara 12:30 in The New Twilight Zone 12:30 hearts Airt 1:00 Grace Under Fire, 1:30 Barnaby Jones 2:30 Videofashion

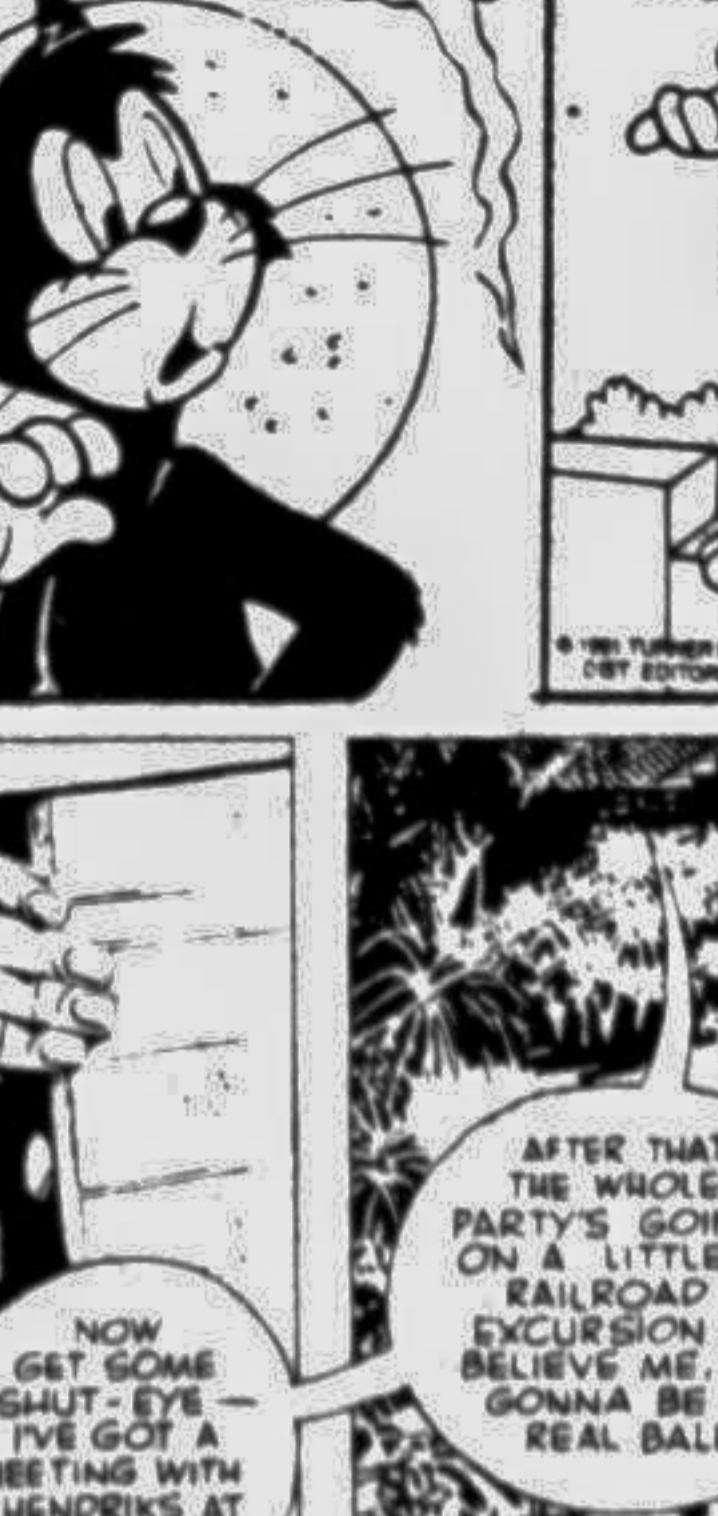
- STAR MOVIES
7:30 Comedy Married To The Mob 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Family Star PG (Arabic Subtitles) 12:30 Family White Fang 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Adventure: Buffy The Vampire Slayer 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Western: The O-Bow Incident 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Musical Phantom Of The Paradise 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:30 Film Fiction Sons And Lovers 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 9:00 Deccan Dream 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Documentary The Typewriter, The Rifle And The Movie Camera (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Samuel Fuller Week: Fixed Bayonets 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 World Cinema: Through The Olive Trees PG (English Subtitles) 3:30 After Dark: Mafia Docks (Part of Crime) 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Thriller Betrayal Of Silence 18 (Arabic Subtitles)
ZEE TV
8:00 The News 6:30 Jagran 7:00 A to Z of Computer the Management Course 8:00 Zoo Education Programme 2 8:30 Dream Merchants 9:00 Huro Zameen 9:30 Gaane Anjane 10:00 Zaika Ka



James Bond by Ian Fleming Drawing by HDBAK



OK, LIMBY - YOU'VE TALKED YOUR WAY OUTTA THIS ONE. BUT IF YOU'RE CONNING ME, I'LL BLOW YOU APART - PIECE BY PIECE!



NOW GET SOME GAUT, TYE - I'VE GOT A MEETING WITH HENDRICKS AT 10 A.M.



AFTER THAT, THE WHOLE PARTY'S GOING ON A LITTLE RAILROAD EXCURSION - BELIEVE ME, IT'S GONNA BE A REAL BALL!