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* My personal thanks again to CJ & Gail, and to George, for pulling together in such short order the CEM convention, with its very intense and rich program. I was very glad to be there, and look forward to working in CEM as a member of the Board.

* In the spirit of George's injunction that "CEM R Us" (or words not quite to that effect!), I'd like to detail what I see as my own action follow-up:

a) Working with Michael Morgan & Tom Gardner on a pamphlet on Media concentration and its implications for families, citizens, etc.(basically, I understand this would be produced at U Mass, but based on my past work, I'd be interested in contributing ideas/draft texts)

b) through my research and/or past and present students, I have contacts with the Union for Democratic Communication, the UK and Canadian Campaigns for Press & Broadcasting Freedom, the Friends of Canadian Broadcasting (advocacy for public broadcasting), and several groups in Vancouver. As it's available, I could post updates relevant to CEM interests from these groups, for distribution thru the CEM Monitor and/or email list. [Is Cynthia still managing that?]

c) Looking into partners (as distinct from organizing it myself!) for a regional one-day workshop/mini-conference here in Vancouver, perhaps in the fall. I have in mind a theme like "Not for Sale: Taking back our cultural environment", with workshops on e.g. Marketing & children's culture; Political diversity (or lack of it) in the corporate press; Media education; and Common Agenda: action for change. *If* we go ahead with this, probably on a minimal budget, I'll be asking CEM for a resource kit (and if we win a lottery, a keynote speaker!).

Your response to this is welcome -- could somebody let me know whether there is an email address for the CEM Board?

All the best,
Bob H.