

The Vermont movie

FREEDOM & UNITY

The Freedom & Unity Classroom Kit offers a valuable new resource for teachers.

After Viewing

- What services do Change the World Kids provide in their community?
- What services do they provide in other places?
- Why do the young people involved in Change the World Kids do what they do?

Classroom Activities

Art: Like all volunteer organizations, Change the World Kids needs to produce publicity materials that help it gather new volunteers and donations of money and supplies. Find out more about Change the World Kids. Then create a poster or flyer that promotes Change the World Kids or one of its projects to publicize the work of the World Kids group.

Community Connection: One great way to find out about volunteer opportunities in your community is to look in your local phone directory, or on the internet at www.volunteer.org and explore how the group does its work. Look in your local phone directory, or on the internet at www.volunteer.org and explore how the group does its work. Look in your local phone directory, or on the internet at www.volunteer.org and explore how the group does its work.

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Background

According to historian Alexis de Tocqueville, "In no country in the world has the principle of association been more successfully used or applied to a greater multitude of objects than in America." He viewed volunteerism as one of the most important parts of a democratic society.

All across Vermont, volunteers work together to make a big difference in local, national, and international affairs. In 1997, Vermontor Jody Williams and the organization she worked for, the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines, won the Nobel Prize for Peace. Numerous other organizations in Vermont help to protect the environment, feed the hungry, and provide vital services such as transportation and medical care to individuals and communities. Each spring, volunteers across the state clean up litter in their communities on Green Up Day.

Founded in Woodstock, Vermont, Change the World Kids is "an energetic group of middle and high-school-aged youth undertaking humanitarian and environmental efforts to make a positive difference in our local communities and across the globe." Now expanded to a number of branches in other communities, Change the World Kids has done everything from stacking wood and dog walking for elders to raising funds to buy and preserve rain forest land in Costa Rica.

About This Segment

Change the World Kids, produced by Woodstock, Vermont, filmmaker Anne Macksoud, follows a group of Change the World Kids as they work to make their community and the world at large a better place. As we watch the kids engage in a number of activities, they talk about the reasons they made a commitment to change, and how they are working to make change happen.

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- What role do volunteers play in your school or community?
- What organizations do these volunteers represent?
- What makes the work of community volunteers so important?
- What does a volunteer organization need to get its job done?

Vermont History and Social Science Grade Expectations:
 H&S 55-6.1; H&S 55-6.4; H&S 55-6.5; H&S 55-6.8; H&S 55-6.13; H&S 55-6.14
 H&S 57-8.1; H&S 57-8.4; H&S 57-8.5; H&S 57-8.8; H&S 57-8.13; H&S 57-8.14

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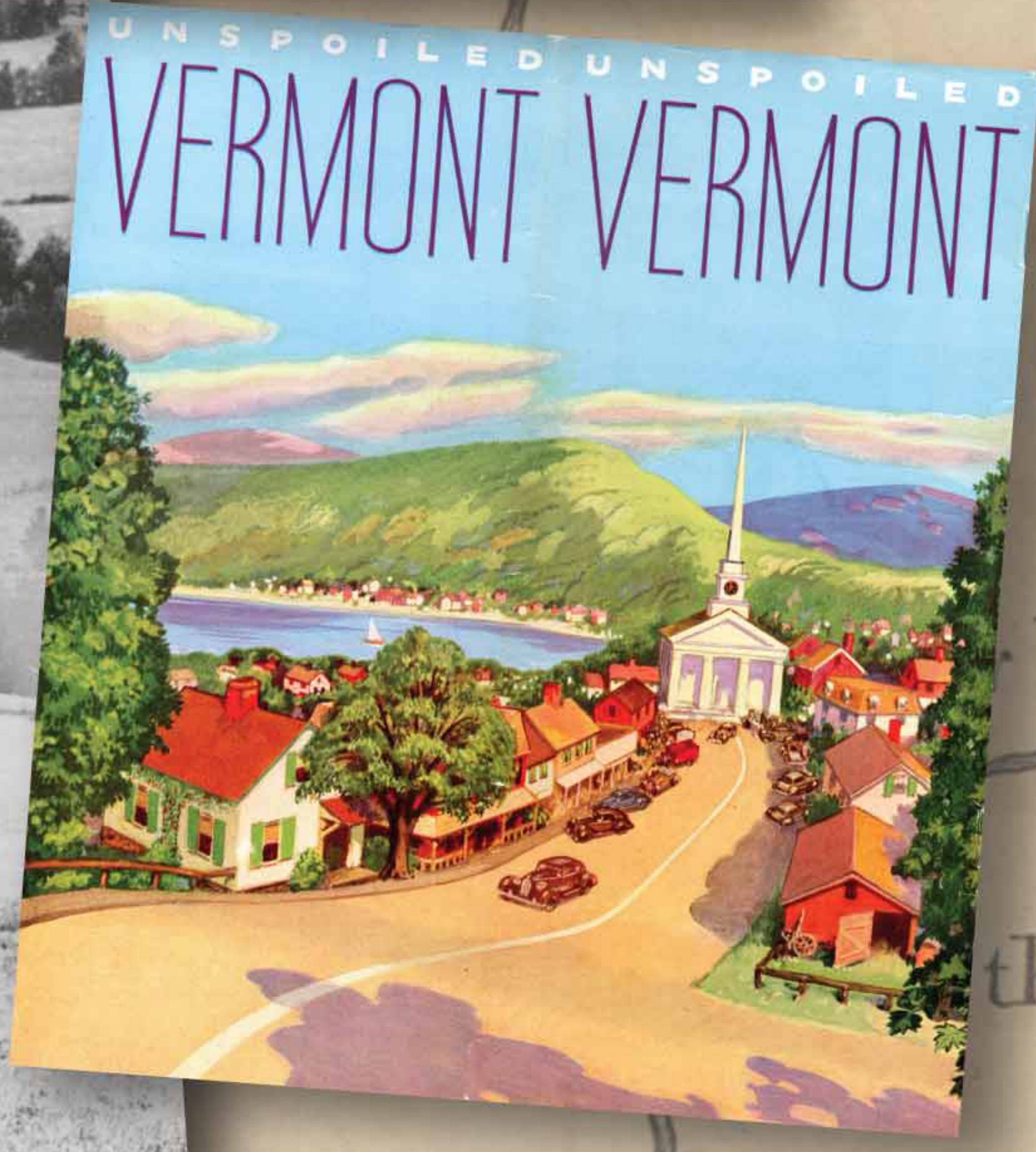
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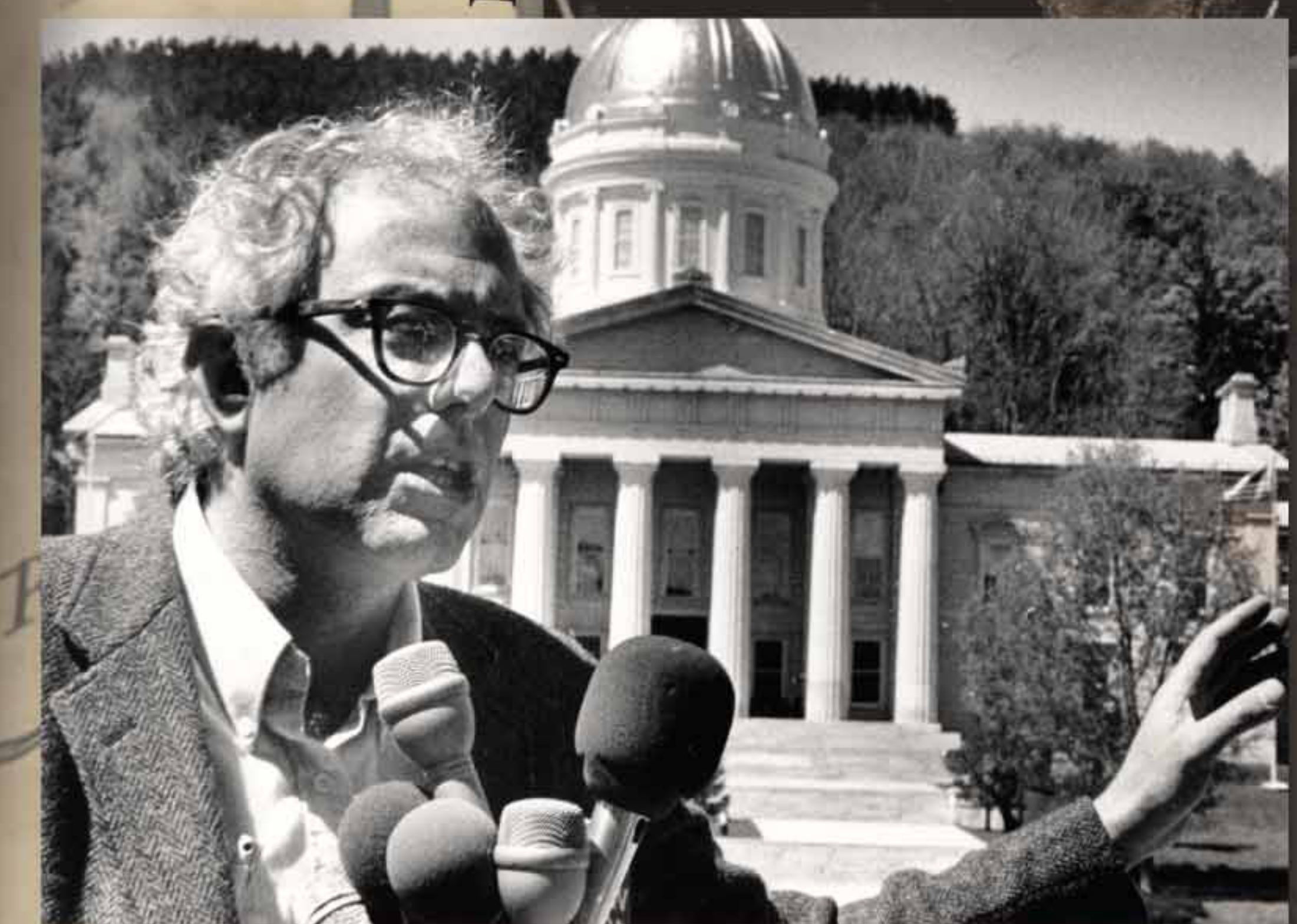
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