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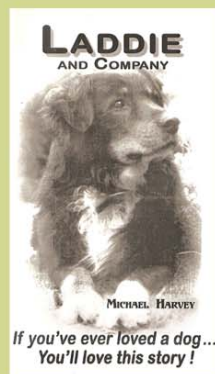
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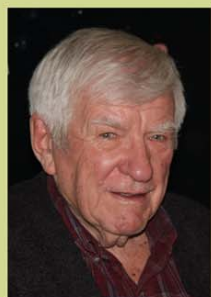
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A word from the publisher and editor...



Maurice, Janet and Penny

Dear Reader,

You hold in your hands a virtual treasure trove of ideas about the past, present and future of Canada – ***in this, the last issue of our 24th year!*** There are a great many thoughtful, provocative and challenging things to read – as we contemplate our options for the May 2nd election.

Although Canada used to be known as the kinder, gentler half of North America, recent political trends

believe this identity and there are critical decisions in our country's future that may well be decided by the outcome of this election. One of these issues is the increasing synchronization of Canadian policies with those of the United States. As you will come to understand – if you do not already know it! – continental integration has been a determined objective of U.S. elites for a long time, as Canadian prime minister John Diefenbaker found out in 1962-63 (Article on p. 21). ***This story underscores that we really do not know what is going on – behind the scenes – amongst those who are pulling the strings of our puppet politicians?!***

There are many letters that discuss aspects of the unfortunate (planned) **polarization** that occurs in politics – especially at election time, which generally makes voters easier to manipulate. (especially on pp 7, 34, 37).

And there are many articles discussing very important topics that should be election issues, but will likely never be mentioned by the mainstream politicians – such as, the urgent need for **reform of the political system** itself (pp 25-27, 43), the increasing **militarization of Canadian foreign policy** (i.e. Libya, pp 5, 9, 10, 35). And then there is one of the most taboo topics of all: **private banking** (pp 8,9,36) with its society-destroying practices of fractional reserve lending and debt-created money. If you take the time to watch the documentary, **The Secret of Oz** (P.8), you will understand what is at stake (*thanks to Alan Macdonell!*).

Stories are fascinating sources of wisdom and inspiration – from L. Frank Baum's **Wizard of Oz**, with its grassroots monetary reform symbolism (pp.1,8), to Miguel Cervantes' **Don Quixote**, with its perennial lessons about quests, courage and imagination (P.60); & even the story of the **Goose that laid Golden Eggs** (P.55). If we take time to reflect on them, stories can encourage us to question the social 'reality' of our day and think about the paths of our own lives. (*The back cover image of Don Quixote is borrowed from Will Eisner's delightful children's book, The Last Knight*)

Isn't it time that we find solutions that work for all Canadians – and clearly voice our determination to put an end to the creeping (now galloping) **corporatization of Canada** (pp 7, 15,17, 19, 20, 23, 27, 30, 36, 39) – and the rampant **destruction of our sovereignty** (pp 27, 28, 29, 30, 40).

Remember: if you don't have access to Internet at home ~ and you would like to be able to follow up on an article link ~ take your magazine to your local library and ask for help to find it through one of their computer terminals.

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Comments on Election 2011

Contempt judgment should have serious consequences!

Jeremy Arney, Victoria BC

We the people, through our elected MPs, have just ejected a government for contempt of parliament for the first time in our history, and I am led to believe for the first time in the centuries of the British parliamentary system.

The Prime Minister of this historically disgraced government then comes before the cameras in the House of Commons and refers to the carefully crafted election-provoking budget as being the cause of his defeat, and not one word about the contempt charges.

Thus within minutes of being ejected for contempt he is already trying to mislead the Canadian people again with talk of budgets and non-existent coalitions.

For me there should to be a very clear result of this contempt judgement and that is that any member of the contemptuous government should be barred from running for a seat in the House of Commons for a minimum of one cycle of parliament, and should have their salaries and pensions suspended during that time frame. "Let the punishment fit the crime and do the time".

Since this Prime Minister and his Reform/Alliance coalition party refuse to even acknowledge that they could have done anything in contempt of parliament and therefore the people of Canada, it must be up to us as voters to give them that "time out" and reject all of them at the polls on 2 May 2011.

I am for freedom, democracy and respect for the people of Canada, here and abroad.

Hoping for a Harper Majority... Political promises will bankrupt us!

Kim McConnell, Ottawa ON

Politicians play games all the time and Angelo Persichilli has pointed that out very well (*see his article, next page*)... I've had many debates with readers, some of whom refer to the fact that Harper is not right-wing enough; some even go so far as to call Harper a socialist because he has leaned a little to the left to survive his minority status.

I've done my best to persuade them that no matter how many criticisms we throw at Harper, he is miles ahead of Iggy, Layton & Duceppe (in any combination thereof). He must get a majority this time around and I hope the Canadian public is not going to buy in to all the lovely promises made by Ignatief and Layton.

There are enough socialists in Canada to make me worry! These people will want goodies to be provided by the government, even if that will bankrupt us or at least tie us up in endless debts for the rest of our grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's lives!! ♣

Canadian democracy at stake

Helen Forsey, Ompah ON

In this election campaign, the Conservative Party is once again trying to convince Canadians to vote for their style of "government". The past five years have shown us all too clearly what that means: secrecy, hypocrisy, kow-towing to corporations, perks for the rich and utter disregard for ordinary citizens as represented in our Parliament.

The Harper Gang's contempt for democracy could not be clearer: sabotage of Parliamentary committees, defiance of court judgements, dismissal of independent public safety watchdogs, refusal to divulge information, and – most outrageously of all – the shutting down of Parliament itself by prorogation in Dec., 2008, to avoid being held accountable by the people's representatives elected only weeks before.

My father, the late Senator and constitutional expert Eugene Forsey, knew what "government" should and could be. Moreover, he was able to explain in plain language the vital role of our Constitution in preserving a democracy in which ordinary citizens – not the Prime Minister's Office – have the final word.

This election was triggered by the Harper Gang's contempt for Parliament and for the people it represents. Let's tell them we won't take it any more. It is democracy itself that is at stake. ♣

Party subsidies are decided by voters!

Paul Manly, Nanaimo BC

Stephen Harper says the system of subsidies, that provides roughly \$2/year to political parties for every vote they receive, funnels taxpayers' money to political parties they don't necessarily support. **What?!** This \$2/year subsidy is the **only choice** I have about how **any** of my taxpayer dollars are spent. If you don't vote you don't get that choice and no party receives any money.

I get **no** say about whether my tax dollars are used to pay for a \$30 billion sole source contract for fighter jets, or billions on additional jails for unreported crimes, or billions of dollars in subsidies for oil companies making billions from the tar sands, or a billion dollars for a two day G20 summit in Toronto.

I would like to have more choice in how my tax dollars are spent but until our democratic system changes to allow for more public input and less top down command and control from the Prime Ministers office, I am going to vote for a party that will continue to allow me to direct the measly portion of my taxes that subsidies them based on my vote. Mr. Harper wants to take this choice away from me by killing this vote based subsidy? I won't be voting for that. I want more choice not less. ♣

Long-term thinking and solutions needed

Gerry Masuda, Duncan BC

An informed and aware and politically active public is required for 'true democracy' to reign. However, I don't believe we need 100% commitment and participation. What we need is a critical mass, which influences the remainder. I think what is more important is to develop a culture which respects education and fosters its growth.

A fundamental reason why we have such an apathetic public is because they have been cultivated to feel powerless. To challenge this belief, all we have to do is note disturbances in the Middle East and election of People's governments in Venezuela, Bolivia, and Ecuador, to see the fundamental power residing in We the People.

The reason we have corporate rule from our governments in BC and in Ottawa, is heavily influenced by the corporate ownership and control of the media. There is no way we can expect to have an informed public with our current media. The Internet is the primary alternated sources of information. However, there are magazines such as *Dialogue* (www.dialogue.ca) and newspaper such as the *Lower Island News* and *The Bridge* published by Jack Etkin in Victoria. The distribution of *The Bridge* is limited but it has first class material which can be accessed at www.thebridgenewspaper.org/freepress. These alternative

sources of info are limited and have limited distribution. It takes effort to be informed and all Canadians are not willing or able to make this effort. I do not believe it would be possible to have a politically aware and active public until we eliminate the corporate control of the mass media.

I also have concerns of how we as a nation establish a common database of knowledge across Canada. Corporate interests would discourage this because any sense of Canadian identity would detract from the corporate goal to homogenize everyone into one free market culture where each consumer is isolated. This is the direct opposite of what we try to achieve in communities.

Another aspect. Education is fundamentally important in the development of individuals and nations. Notice how our governments are 'restricting' education. I suggest we develop an objective way of establishing education budgets using staffing and administrative yardsticks. In this way, the government's inadequate budgets would become more evident and understandable to taxpayers. Once a 'needs-based budget' is developed and accepted, the responsibility would be on the government to meet these basic needs and explain to voters why education is being cutback when tax cuts are being given to the richest corporations.

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So, we're having an election about a debate?

Angelo Persichilli, Toronto ON

[EXTRACT, April 03 '11] The first week of the federal election campaign is over, and it's no surprise that the most important debate is about . . . the debate. This says a lot about a campaign that no one wanted, no one can win and no one cares about. They not only don't know what to debate, they don't even know how to debate and who should be there. I read a few days ago that "Tories let election skirmishes eclipse war in Libya." But this election is about skirmishes. [...] – Bev Oda, price of F-35 fighters, the price of integrity ... If it's too much to debate international issues that have the potential to ravage our economy, then why don't we try some "made in Canada" issues that really concern voters? For example, what do we know about the free trade agree-

ment with Europe that, if signed, will affect countless Canadians far more than any coalition or fake issue of integrity?

What about the impending new "perimeter" security and trade agreement between Canada and United States? And last, the mother of all issues, health care — what are Harper and Ignatieff planning to do when the current agreement on medicare transfer payments from Ottawa to the provinces expires? Why don't they stop selling integrity by the pound and start talking about real issues that matter?

READ IN FULL ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/Star968017>

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Why is Libya not an election issue?

How many people will Canada kill in this illegal attack on Libya? ... It's sure obvious that the UN and the U.S. wish to protect the Libyan people, eh? They are now poisoning them and future generations as well. Canada should have NO part in this. Libya's oil, gold and water are no doubt about to be stolen... as usual by the West. Gaddafi holds NO political office in Libya. What is the West going to oust him from? I find the B.S. being shoved at us by our media, including the CBC, horrifyingly shameful. No wonder Canadians no longer believe anything our government or our media tells us.

NEWS ITEM: "CANADIAN PUPPET DESIGNATED AS

Stephanie McDowall, Nanaimo BC

LEADER FOR NATO'S LIBYAN OPERATION" ... on this occasion, it's been the consensus of the world axis of greedy powers that Canada will be running the front-of-house for their intervention in Libya's civil chaos. With respect to Honourable Canadian leaders and officials, Canada's participation in this particular war and in the cover-up for Obama in Libya is too adroit for the sake of profits and taking over resources in that particular region of the world. ... Lt. Canadian General Charles Bouchard will be running the Libyan shop floor for the US, UK and France... [...] VIDEO LINK: <http://tinyurl.com/21Wire9561> ♣

Election 2011

Election 2011: where and ways this election will be fought

Council of Canadians [ACTIVIST]

TARGETED RIDINGS: *The Globe and Mail* reports that the Conservatives need a net gain of 12 seats to form a majority government. And they highlight that while there are 308 ridings, "50 ridings from Vancouver Island to St. John's will ultimately swing the election. In many of these seats, the Conservatives hope to capitalize on their efforts to attract new Canadians, seniors, women and suburban voters, delivering the net gain of 12 MPs that will lead to a majority government." To see that list of 50 key ridings, go to: www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/the-big-fifty-seats-that-will-steer-the-country/article1957526/ .

HOW THE ELECTION WILL BE FOUGHT: *The Montreal Gazette* reports, "Apart from the national tours, the campaign will be fought on three fronts – organizational battles in the nation's 308 ridings, TV ads and the leaders' TV debates. In the ridings, it's clear that the national outcome will be determined in two regions - vote-rich Ontario and, to a lesser extent, British Columbia and Quebec. The Conservatives have been gaining ground steadily in southern Ontario and have targeted Liberal-held constituencies in the area, including some in Toronto. ...The success of the Liberal campaign could ultimately hinge on their ads; party strategists are con-

vinced a slumbering electorate will wake up once they learn of the depth of the Tories' misdeeds... " That's at: www.montrealgazette.com/news/Question+clear+Should+Harper+rewarded/4507172/story.html

Harper will only take five questions a day

HARPER'S BUBBLE: *The Vancouver Sun* reports, "After several days, it is clear (Stephen Harper's) daily schedule is carefully designed to minimize political risk. Harper has not done any 'walkabouts' on city streets where average voters can meet him. Moreover, the photo-ops with voters — such as at a seniors' home and a deli — have been pre-arranged. Also, people who attend rallies must be on a list to gain entry to the event. Harper only provides one news conference per day, and it is specifically designed to ensure that it is not free-wheeling. Journalists who are travelling with his campaign tour are, as a group, only allowed to ask four questions (two in English, two in French). One more question goes to a local journalist at the news conference. (Furthermore, the journalists are) corralled behind a yellow fence over 12 metres away."

More updates: www.canadians.org/campaignblog/

**Brent Patterson, Director of Campaigns,
The Council of Canadians ♣**

Political rhetoric cannot ignore fundamentals of our society

Ernest Semple, Dollard des Ormeaux QC

There are fundamentals in Canadian society. Canada was and is a country founded on the fundamentals of all Judeo-Christian Western democracies.

There are tribal factions in every country. It is the sense of citizenship in our country that guides our civility to others.

We must teach our children not to respect or disrespect one another's languages. But that is not the most important goal. We must teach our young people to respect other individuals no matter what their language or the way they dress or speak.

In Canada and the United States we used to be amazed with every disaster, how people gave help to others, no matter what their differences.

Now we see the same thing in Japan, after a horrifying earthquake and tsunami flood that has displaced millions of people on a small set of islands.

There are tens of thousands dead and hundreds of thousands missing. But the Japanese are stoic and resolute. They are already on their way to becoming the international beneficiary of help that they themselves were providing, a short time ago, to the rest of the modern world.

The world needs their production of manufactured goods. But most of all, the world needs a demonstration of faith and spirit that the Japanese are intent on giving to the world

as an example of human spirit.

Canada has had a tortured existence with language laws. For almost four decades Canada has had what amounts to Canadian inter tribal warfare. The warfare should come to an end now. That end of hostilities requires the abolition of language laws throughout the country.

Canadians are just as generous and resolute of purpose as any in the world. We need to relearn the fundamentals of civilized treatment of all Canadians. Freedom of the press is the principal visible evidence of democracy throughout the world. It must be restored in all Canadian newspapers and in the revolutionary modern media.

We can use that measure of freedom to see if we are learning to respect and appreciate one another as citizens of one country. [ItsSemple@aol.com] ♣

When is a campaign not a real campaign?

Stephanie McDowall, Nanaimo BC

It looks like the plan is for Harper to win. Otherwise Ignatieff and Layton would be far more rigorous in this campaign. These two men are not stupid. What they are doing is deliberate. The Corporations control them. Look at the NDP/Layton website. Weak. Newspapers are more effective for heaven's sake. ♣

Reject the False Left-Right Paradigm!

At the root of the political circus in Canada

NAU Resistance.org [North American Union Resistance]

At the root of the political circus in Canada, at the root of our usurped and corrupt political system is a very clever little lie that prevents the people from regaining control over the government. Once you see that lie for what it is you will never be fooled again, and you may find yourself insulted by the audacity of the proponents and maintainers of this lie. I am of course referring to the paradigm of Left vs. Right, Liberal vs. Conservative, both of which have been bought and paid for, both of which have contributed to the North American Union agenda.

The most effective lies have an element of truth. A little truth gives the lie a foothold in the mind and prevents the less vigilant from looking deeper. The false Left / Right Paradigm is no exception. The power elite of this country and the world over have capitalized on common points of contention among world views of the citizenry and have managed to polarize them into two political categories : Liberal and Conservative. This is not to say that these disagreements aren't real. It should be obvious that some people are fiercely for abortion while others are fiercely against it. However, what may not be so obvious is that these points of contention, these wedge issues are little more than distractions that prevent us from seeing the bigger picture, "connecting the dots".

I know it's a bit inflammatory to refer to an issue like abortion as a distraction. Most people have strong feelings on the subject. However, the reality of the matter is that the politicians that use these kinds of issues to get Canadians riled up in one direction or another are just manipulating us and turning us against each other. As long as they can successfully keep us fighting among ourselves over religious and moral controversies, and as long as they can maintain the illusion that the two parties are significantly different we won't pay attention to their collusion on economic and foreign policy and the rampant corruption endemic on both sides of the aisle. On the issues that will determine the course of history and the future survival of this nation the Conservatives and the Liberals are perfectly synchronized in the march towards the consolidation of North America.

What it comes down to is the principle of divide and conquer. The people of Canada will never be converted to one religion, and will never come to an agreement on the best way to handle reproductive issues or homosexuality, which is why these issues are used over and over again. Those who pull the strings know that these issues will never be resolved, and they know that most people can be swayed to make a vote based purely on emotion.

Knowing this gives us the secret to turning this country

around. We must refrain from focusing on divisive wedge issues which will never be solved and we must unite under one cause: restore the Constitution of Canada and apply the Rule of Law. Without freedom of speech, the right to a fair trial, and the guarantee that our government will not sell us out to the highest corporate bidder, we have nothing. The protections provided under the Constitution have been eroded in this country by a slew of un-constitutional legislation and government deception. This should anger you more than someone violating a precept of your particular belief system, because without the Constitution your right to believe what you believe and to speak your mind can and will be taken away. A cursory examination of history is enough to see where we may end up if we allow ourselves to be turned against each other.

Bring It All Down! Smash their house of cards known as the False Left-Right Paradigm – Canada votes 2011!

<http://nauresistance.org/2011/02/bring-it-all-down-canada-votes-2011/>

NAU Rresistance (.org) is an independent, online media group made up of concerned Canadian and American citizens just like you. We reject the idea of a North American Union (NAU), a common economic & security perimeter for North America and the deep integration, harmonization and flat out consolidation, of Canada, the United States and Mexico into one political and/or economic union.

We are simply information activists dedicated to providing Canadian and American citizens with an alternative source of information and a view that is sometimes underrepresented in the corporate controlled, mainstream media. Corporate Canada and corporate America have a vested interest in harmonizing, integrating & consolidating our three nations and they have been the main driving force behind this NAU agenda. It's obvious we can't rely solely on the information provided by their own news outlets on issues of this importance!

The resistance comes with a well informed and alert citizenry that are able to clearly identify the real issues behind all the media 'fluff' and spin, and as a result, can make more informed choices when it counts most. It also comes with making your voice heard! Our silence is acceptance in their view. We need to make it crystal clear that we do not accept.

Although we don't 'physically exist' as in, "bricks and mortar", we are made up of independent researchers, bloggers, infoactivists, journalists and those united in cause.

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The False Left-Right Paradigm, contd.

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ONLINE: <http://nauresistance.org/> ♣

A KEY TOPIC BEING IGNORED BY MAINSTREAM PARTIES!

What Bankers don't want you to know...

The Secret of Oz

A. Macdonell, Williamstown ON

The DVD, “The Secret of Oz, Solutions for a broken economy!” is easily the best description I've seen to date, outlining the debt-based, oligarchic-driven monstrosity the world is currently afflicted with in the name of economic policy. Mr. Still has done a masterful job in exposing the gangsterism involved in world monetary policy. He has also remained objective in his analysis, which is more than I could do.

I think treason must be more clearly defined, and punished more severely, in financial matters. For instance, one Canadian ex-prime minister admitted to receiving (while in office) hundreds of thousands in surreptitious cash from a European bagman for no apparent reason. Subsequently, this individual spent his final weeks, or months, of waning influence (in office) attempting to privatize our Bank of Canada. The scary part of this is the fact he may have succeeded.

My Christmas shopping this past year was limited to the purchase of a number of copies of this excellent DVD. If interested, contact Alex Jones, P.O. Box 19549, Austin Texas 78760 U.S.A. [Or watch online, link right ⇒] ♣

The Secret of Oz Documentary (2009) 1 hr. 56 mins., written & directed by Bill Still

Website: www.secretofoz.com

In this historical perspective on L. Frank Baum's children's story, experts interviewed include: Ellen Brown, JD; Byron Dale; Joseph Farah; Prof. Michael Hudson; James Robertson; Peter Schiff; Prof. Quentin Taylor, Carl Denninger; Ted Thorn & Richard Warner.

Bill Still: This version [FREE ONLINE, uploaded Feb 2, 2011] finally cuts several bogus quotes which have festered in the monetary reform literature for decades. For decades there have been bogus quotes floating around that are quoted from one book to the other that were complete fabrications. I have fallen for these in several of my works. I've always resolved that some day I would devote the time to clearing this up and I now have completed that task. I go into complete detail in my new book, “No More National Debt.” The world economy is doomed to spiral downwards until we do two things: Outlaw government borrowing and outlaw fractional reserve lending. Banks should only be allowed to lend out money they actually have and nations do not have to run up a “National Debt”. Remember: It's not what *backs* the money, it's who *controls its quantity*. – Bill Still

WATCH FREE ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/BStillOz>
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=swkq2E8mswl] ♣

Question Candidates about Banking Reform in Canada

Richard Priestman, Kingston ON [rdpriestman@gmail.com]

The Kingston Chapter of COMER (Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform) has sent the letter (below) to each of the federal candidates in the riding of Kingston and the Islands. You may use it if you wish as a prototype for a letter to the candidates in your own riding, changing the information appropriately. If there is not an active COMER committee in your area, you could send it as a personal letter from yourself. - Richard

Letter to Candidates re Bank of Canada

With the onset of the election, the Kingston Chapter of the Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform would like to know if you support use of the Bank of Canada to fi-

nance public infrastructure investments, stimulate economic development and reduce the taxpayer burden of interest on public debts.

In 2009 Canadians paid \$160-million per day (\$58.7-billion for the year) in interest on federal, provincial and municipal debt. ⁽¹⁾ These costs lead to higher taxes and fees, cut-backs in public services and deterioration of public infrastructure. Much of this debt service cost could be eliminated by greater use of the Bank of Canada to finance government investments. Because the Bank is wholly owned by Canada all profits on its lending activity go to the government. This means that borrowing from the Bank by the government is almost costless. For years the government borrowed from ⇒

the Bank and during that time, contrary to the fears raised by opponents of the idea, run-away inflation never occurred. Only the allocation of the borrowing between the Bank of Canada and the private sector changed.

By 1975, federal net debt amounted to \$19-billion. ⁽²⁾ Then the government began to shift more of its borrowing from the Bank of Canada to the private sector, especially chartered banks, insurance companies and other large corporations. ⁽³⁾ By March 31, 2010, the net debt had ballooned to \$583-billion, and interest bearing debt had reached \$763-billion. ⁽⁴⁾

Economic development entails long-term investments in public facilities that make private investments attractive. That means education, health and medical facilities, transportation and communications, funding for science-engineering research, affordable housing, water mains, sewers and roads. The interest cost to taxpayers for the federal government's debt is currently a \$29-billion drain on federal revenues. A reversion to the former policies could reallocate this \$29-billion to support economic development through investments in public facilities. In addition, use of the Bank to finance public debt would reduce the influence of large corporations on government policy decisions.

We vote for candidates who support use of the Bank of

Canada for the purposes described above. For the record, what is your position on this issue?

Richard Priestman, President, on behalf of the Kingston Chapter, Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform

REFERENCES: (1) Canadian Economic Observer: Historical Statistical Supplement 2009/2010; (2) Canada Year Book 1972 - 2001, Federal debt & Interest payment; (3) At March 31, 2010, insurance companies & pension funds accounted for the largest share of holdings of Government of Canada market debt securities, representing 23.0 percent. The next largest share was held by chartered banks & quasi-banks (18.5%), followed by other private financial institutions (17.1%) & non-residents (16.5%). Taken together, these four sectors held 75 percent of outstanding Government of Canada securities (see Chart 5, Debt Management Report 2009-2010 Dept. of finance. (4) Dept of Finance, Debt Management Report 2009-2010, Table 2. ♣

Why Banksters love Gangsters...

What's Mexico's biggest export?

Even though Mexico is a major supplier of oil to the US, the oil is small change compared to this business. Another "triumph" of the War on Drugs. The players and how it works... Hint: "The money is too big..." The biggest lobbyist for NAFTA was not US manufacturers, it was US banks.

Why? This video suggests and answer. Laundering money is big business for the top banks as proven by their constant (small) fines for getting caught.

VIDEO ONLINE: www.brasschecktv.com/page/1068.html ♣

SINCE CANADA'S MILITARY IS NOW LEADING THE OFFENSIVE IN LIBYA...

The Truth About Libya

"Riba (usury) is not permitted. The Central bank of Libya is a wholly-owned by the Libyan Government and is run as a state bank, issuing all government loans free of interest. This is in contrast to the exploitative fractional reserve banking system of the West. The no-fly zone and the bombing of Libya have nothing to do with the protection of civilians. It is an act of war a blatant and crude attempt by the oil corporations and international bankers to steal the wealth of Libya."

By Stephen Goodson [www.Rense.com , April 1 2011]

Colonel Muammar Gadaffi is frequently referred to in the media as a "mad dictator" and "bloody tyrant", but do these allegations accord with the facts?

Libya consists of over 150 tribes, with the two main groups, the Meghabra living in Tripolitania in the west and the Wafallah living in Cyrenaica in the east. Previous attempts to unite these tribes by the Turkish (1855-1911) and Italian (1911-43) colonial rulers failed and the country was split in two for administrative purposes.

Oil was discovered in Libya in 1959, but King Idris of the Senussi tribe allowed most of the oil profits to be siphoned into the coffers of the oil companies. The coup d'etat on 1 September 1969 led by Colonel Gadaffi had countrywide support. He subsequently married a woman from the royal Barqa tribe and adroitly unified the nation.

By retaining Libya's oil wealth for the benefit of all its people, Gadaffi had created a socialist paradise. There is no unemployment, Libya has the highest GDP in Africa, less than 5% of the population is classified as poor and it has fewer people living below the poverty datum line than for example in Holland. Life expectancy is 75 years and is the

highest in Africa and 10% above the world average.

With the exception of the nomadic Bedouin and Tuareg tribes, most Libyan families possess a house and a car. There is free health care and education and not surprisingly Libya has a literacy rate of 82%. Last year Gadaffi distributed \$500 to each man, woman and child (population 6.5 million).

Libya has a tolerable human rights record and stands at 61 on the International Incarceration Index, comparable with countries in central Europe (the lower the rating, the lower the standing (i.e. less incarcerations) - the USA occupies the no.1 spot!). There is hardly any crime and only rebels and traitors are dealt with harshly.

Anyone who has read Gadaffi's little Green Book will realize that he is a thoughtful and enlightened leader. Libya has been accused of having committed numerous acts of terrorism in the past, but many of these have been perpetrated by foreign intelligence agencies as false flag operations - the Lockerbie bombing being a prime example.

The CIA and MI6 and their frontmen have been stoking up dissent in the east of the country for almost 30 years. Libya produces exceptionally high quality light crude oil and its production cost of \$1 a barrel, compared to the current ⇒

price of \$115, is the lowest in the world. Riba (usury) is not permitted. The Central bank of Libya is a wholly-owned by the Libyan Government and is run as a state bank, issuing all government loans free of interest. This is in contrast to the exploitative fractional reserve

banking system of the West. The no-fly zone and the bombing of Libya have nothing to do with the protection of civilians. It is an act of war a blatant and crude attempt by the oil corporations and international bankers to steal the wealth of Libya. <http://rense.com/general93/truth.htm> ♣

Our Man in Tripoli: Islamic Terrorists in Libya's pro-democracy opposition

By Prof. Michel Chossudovsky, Montreal QC

Global Research, April 3, 2011

Concepts are Turned Upside Down: The US-NATO military alliance is supporting a rebellion integrated by Islamic terrorists, in the name of the "War on Terrorism"...

There are various factions within the Libyan opposition: Royalists, defectors from the Qadhafi regime including the Minister of Justice and more recently the Foreign Minister, Moussa Koussa, members of the Libyan Armed Forces, the National Front for the Salvation of Libya (NFSL) and the National Conference for the Libyan Opposition (NCLO) which acts as an umbrella organization.

Rarely acknowledged by the Western media, Al-Jamaa al-

Islamiyyah al-Muqatilah bi Libya, the *Libya Islamic Fighting Group* (LIFG), is an integral part of the Libyan Opposition. The Libyan Interim Council does not constitute a clearly defined entity. It is based on the representation from newly created local councils established to "manage daily life in the liberated cities and villages". (The Libyan Interim National Council » The Council's statement) Opposition forces are in large part made up of an untrained civilian militia, former members of the Libyan armed forces, together with the trained paramilitary Libya Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG). The LIFG, which is aligned with Al Qaeda, is in the frontline of the armed insurrection.

READ ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/GR24096> ♣

Euro-US War on Libya: Official Lies and Misconceptions of Critics

By James Petras and Robin E. Abaya

Global Research, March 30, 2011

Many critics of the ongoing Euro-US wars in the Middle East and, now, North Africa, have based their arguments on clichés and generalizations devoid of fact. The most common line heard in regard to the current US-Euro war on Libya is that it's "all about oil" – the goal is the seizure of Libya's oil wells. On the other hand Euro-U.S. government spokespeople defend the war by claiming it's "all about saving civilian lives in the face of genocide", calling it "humanitarian intervention".

Following the lead of their imperial powers, most of what passes for the Left in the US and Europe, ranging from Social Democrats, Marxists, Trotskyists, Greens and other assorted progressives claim they see and support a revolutionary mass uprising of the Libyan people, and not a few have called for military intervention by the imperial powers, or the same thing, the UN, to help the "Libyan revolutionaries" defeat the Gaddafi dictatorship.

These arguments are without foundation and belie the true nature of US-UK-French imperial power, expansionist militarism, as evidenced in all the ongoing wars over the past decade (Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, etc.). What is much more revealing about the militarist intervention in Libya is that the major countries, which refused to engage in the War, operate via a very different form of global expansion based on economic and market forces. China, India, Brazil, Russia, Turkey and Germany, the most dynamic capitalist countries in Asia, Europe and the Middle East are fundamentally opposed to the self-styled "allied" military response against the Libyan government – because Gaddafi represents no

threat to their security and they already have full access to the oil and a favorable investment climate. Besides, these economically dynamic countries see no prospect for a stable, progressive or democratic Libyan government emerging from the so-called 'rebel' leaders, who are disparate elites competing for power and Western favor.

(1) Six Myths about Libya: Right and Left

The principle imperial powers and their mass media mouthpieces claim they are bombing Libya for "humanitarian reasons". Their recent past and current military interventions present a different picture: The intervention in Iraq resulted in well over a million civilian deaths, four million refugees and the systematic destruction of a complex society and its infrastructure, including its water supplies and sewage treatment, irrigation, electricity grid, factories, not to mention research centers, schools, historical archives, museums and Iraq's extensive social welfare system.

A worse disaster followed the invasion of Afghanistan. What was trumpeted as a 'humanitarian intervention' to liberate Afghan women and drive out the Taliban resulted in a human catastrophe for the Afghan people. The road to imperial barbarism in Iraq began with 'sanctions', progressed to 'no fly zones', then de facto partition of the north, invasion and foreign occupation and the unleashing of sectarian warfare among the 'liberated' Iraqi death squads. Equally telling, the imperial assault against Yugoslavia in the 1990's, trotted out as the great "humanitarian war" to stop genocide, led to a 40-day aerial bombardment and destruction of Belgrade and other major cities [...]

READ IN FULL ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/GR24033> ♣

More Election Issues

Canada, CETA, EU environmental standards & the tar sands...

Groups call on Harper to stop lobbying against EFQD

Council of Canadians, April 8th, 2011: *Money* (money.canoe.ca) reports that, "The oilsands may be set to throw a wrench in the works of a major trade accord between Canada and the European Union (CETA). According to reports, the federal government is threatening to take a European Union directive on fuel quality (EFQD) to the World Trade Organization as it would penalize Canadian oil."

"The Council of Canadians on Friday slammed the government's attempts to force the EU to water down its environmental protection laws."

The letter – initiated by Council of Canadians climate campaigner Andrea Harden-Donahue – was signed by the Cli-

mate Action Network Canada, Common Frontiers, the Indigenous Environmental Network, CUPE National, Greenpeace Canada, the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions, the Canadian Union of Public Employees-Ontario, the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition, Équiterre, the Yukon Federation of Labour, the Polaris Institute, and numerous other groups. [Read the letter & a timeline of the 'Harper' Government's lobbying of the EU, online, address below]

The *Money* news article also highlights, "Approval for new oilsands projects and water licenses should be suspended until the federal and Alberta governments put in place new monitoring procedures, a study by a panel of experts found."

ONLINE: www.canadians.org/campaignblog/?p=7427 ♣

Ignoring the basic rules – for lighthouses and taxation policy

Dennis Peacock, Clearwater BC

In the year 1909, Canada's Chief Marine Engineer, W.P. Anderson, ordered a lighthouse built on Triangle Island (BC). Triangle Isle is a storm-swept piece of rock that juts out of the Pacific Ocean on the northwest tip of Vancouver Island. The installed light was a horror show to staff and supply. It was shut down after ten years, mainly because it also was totally useless. Col. Anderson had ignored a basic rule of lighthouse building: never locate a light over 150 feet above the water; the Triangle light was built almost 700 feet above the Pacific!

There is another basic rule: do not give tax breaks in a time of deficit or war (or both). However, this is exactly what the Harper Government is intending to do. The rest of us are being bombarded with just how good all of these tax breaks are going to be for us. Of course, all this comes from

a corporate media that has also told us that the HST is the best thing since sliced bread.

All one has to do is glance 'south of the border' where, beginning with Ronald Reagan's ill-conceived tax breaks (among other things), this policy has brought the mighty USA economy virtually to its knees. (This also proves that the free market Easter Bunny doesn't hop down the chimney with a bag of goodies to fix the economy!)

However, in Ottawa, the 'bulldog-faced Irishman' (Flaherty), as my late waggish friend used to call him, knows it all better! Ignoring the fact that the fog lies close to the water's surface, he wants to build a lighthouse a mile up in the sky.

And if it all doesn't work? Well, just like the aforementioned HST, guess who is going to pay?! ♣

Attack Ads are damaging young minds

Jeremy Arney, Victoria BC

Today I picked my grandchildren up from school and we passed some election signs and I asked if they knew what was going on in Canada.

The reply shook me immensely because what I heard was that Mr. Ignatieff was really bad because he had come here from the States because he found out he couldn't be the American President, so he was trying to be Prime Minister here in Canada instead! This they got from seeing ads on the television, bought and paid for by our Prime Minister who claims to be honest, truthful, transparent and with the interests of Canadians as his motive.

Harper, in your lust for power and a majority government so you can destroy Canada, you are damaging the essence of truth here in our young children. How many more young minds have been and will be poisoned by your American Republican/Tea Party style attack ads?

This is not what I believe Canadians want, expect or demand from their Prime Minister and in your zeal you have stepped over a line.

Harper, I acknowledge that long ago you may have had noble intentions even if I adamantly disagree with your politics, but my patience with your arrogance and contempt of parliament and the Canadian people has totally evaporated with today's statements from my grandchildren and I demand of you as an employee of all Canadians that you immediately withdraw from this election and public office, and apologise to all Canadians for the damage you have done to our impressionable young people.

As for you people of the mainstream media, I really think you need to examine what you print and put out over the airwaves, and consider that money is a fleeting thing, and your children could easily be infected by deliberate personal invective, just as my grandchildren have been. ♣

Coalition Comments

Reasons to vote Conservative

Kim McConnell, Ottawa [kimlian@sympatico.ca]

Ignatieff keeps denying that he wants to head a “coalition of losers”; Layton says he doesn’t mind being part of this (why would he – this is his only chance to grab power); Duceppe knows NO party can have him in their fold because he is the “poison” pill that only French Quebecois can swallow. So, the upshot is that we have to ensure a Conservative majority!!! For our Socialist readers who are still not convinced that we have no choice, let me repeat:

1. The Conservatives are the only ones who will scrap the Vote Subsidy. That abominable policy that forces the Canadian taxpayers to fund a party that wants to destroy Canada to the tune of \$2.8 million in 2010. Canadians should be allowed to fund whichever party they like, not be forced to fund parties they don’t support.
2. The Conservatives support Decentralization, which gives back power to the provinces that were hijacked by the Federal government under the Liberal governments of Trudeau & Chrétien.
3. The Conservatives support Democratic Representation and will give more seats to Ontario, Alberta & B.C. – for more details, please contact me. (email above)
4. The Conservatives support Senate Reform – limiting Senators to two-terms instead of the current situation where they stay in the Senate till age 75, whether they participate in Senate duties or not; they will also allow the election of Senators by provinces instead of being appointed by the PM.
5. The Conservatives do not support Bill 232, which will make all Judges in the Supreme Court totally bilingual. This disastrous policy has already resulted in a public service that over-represents the French-speakers and does not follow the guidelines of “where numbers warrant”.
6. The Conservatives have finally decided that courting Quebecers is a waste of time and money as voters in that province are only interested in themselves and how to squeeze more from the Rest (Most) of Canada while giving nothing in return. For an article that says that the Conservatives have learnt their lesson: <http://tinyurl.com/NP4507421>
7. The Conservatives are working on solving Canada’s problems with illegal immigration & bogus refugee claimants. This is a difficult problem because of our constitution and our Liberal judges that reflect the Liberal policy of “open door” to the world, straining our social services to the hilt and making it difficult for us to look after Canadians who need proper medical services instead of having to force “rationing” on them.

We must work for a Conservative majority so I urge all of those who agree with me to:

1. Go out and vote – don’t sit at home because you think

that Conservatives haven’t done enough for your pet cause.

2. Volunteer your help to your local riding association – offer to drive voters to the polling station; offer to circulate Conservative Party pamphlets; offer to take lawn signs, etc.

3. If you can afford it, give your local riding association a donation. They’ll be pleased with ANY amount you can give them!! ♣

Coalition government a disaster

Roly C. Smith, Brampton ON

It is past time when all Canadians must come together if they want to preserve the Country.

The Conservative Party may have some warts, most Political Parties do. However “warts” or not, they don’t even come close to the Hell that will be created if the Conservatives wind up with a Minority Government.

Despite what the Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has said, if the Conservatives wind up with a Minority Government, he will push for a Coalition of the Liberals, NDP and the Bloc Quebecois.

Absolutely nothing could be worse for Canada than to have the Separatists sitting in Parliament with some influence on how this Country’s Business Affairs are administrated!

For one thing, all senior citizens could forget Harper’s intention to raise the social security pension by \$600 per year for single Pensioners and the \$840 per year for couples!

Under a Coalition Government, taxes will increase; the sky the limit! It is well known how the Liberal Government loves to spend! Ontario’s Liberal Government under Dalton McGuinty’s is a prime example.

The only way for Canada and the taxpayers to avoid disaster is to vote Conservative on May the 2nd. Give the Conservatives a Majority and avoid another \$300 million Election in two years. ♣

Would a coalition be a “coup”?

John McCullough, Ottawa ON

Regarding the current election:--- If by chance we end up with a minority Conservative party once again, which, from recent polls, seems to be a possibility, and the three losing parties try to form a coalition, should we consider that a coup?? In effect, overthrowing the winning party lawfully elected by the majority of the people who cast their ballots. Using Europe as an example, a coalition is always made up in part by the winning legal minority party, e.g. England currently. How would this sit with the west, particularly when one of the coalition is one dedicated to breaking up Canada?? I believe it might be the spark needed to cause the west to separate first. Especially considering that the majority of Conservatives are elected in the west to date. ♣

The Practice of Coalitions in the Parliamentary System

The facts speak for themselves

Murray Dobbin, Powell River BC

The issue is Harper wanting to rule the country indefinitely even if – like last time – he manages to get the support of only 22% of eligible voters. His tactics should be exposed as both unprincipled fear-mongering and hypocritical.

Some facts and arguments...

- a. Harper keeps repeating that a coalition would be illegitimate but all the experts disagree – coalitions are a perfectly normal part of parliamentary democracy and Britain right now is being governed by one. See: www.hilltimes.com/dailyupdate/view/110
- b. According to constitutional expert Ned Franks of Queen's University: "Harper can say whatever he wants, but a coalition is not illegitimate, it's a perfectly legitimate form of government," [see above link]
- c. Harper himself sent a letter to the Governor General in 2006 saying that he was prepared to form a government with the Bloc and NDP – even though his party had fewer seats than the Liberals – the standard he now applies, with such hypocrisy.
- d. For the past five years Harper has governed with what are effectively serial coalitions – every time he passed a bill he was in a temporary "coalition" with one or more of the opposition parties because he always needed at least one party to vote with the government.
- e. Harper is engaging in fear-mongering, and is misleading the public regarding the place of coalitions in our political system.
- f. The Prime Minister seems to be suggesting that, even of gets far less than a majority of votes and seats in the next Parliament, no other grouping in the House of Commons can govern legitimately under any circumstances. This is completely false.
- g. A coalition of the three opposition parties would, in fact, be more democratic than a minority government run by

Mr. Harper – in the last parliament they represented 62% of Canadians. ♣

From Joe Hueglin's Daily Digest: MESSAGE SENT TO CBC CROSS COUNTRY CHECK-UP (March 27/2010)

Harper's desperation

By Glenn Harewood (Brampton West—Mississauga)

Using Reverse Psychology! Harper's Conservatives are a Coalition: the Canadian Alliance/Reform formed a Coalition with the former Progressive Conservative Party of Canada (PCPC). WHY DON'T THE MEDIA CHALLENGE HARPER ON ("HIS") COALITION??

Harper's "scare-tactic-of-coalition" is disingenuous.

DEFINITION of Coalition: alliance, union, merger. (Penguin Dictionary of English Synonyms and Antonyms, 1992).

The only real coalition, merger, of political parties that there has been in the last seven years in Canada is: The Canadian Alliance/Reform and the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. The two parties merged, or coalesced into the CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA. There is no other coalition but the Conservative party. They formed a coalition in December 2003 with sole intent to gain power. Harper is again not telling the truth. Further, Harper is not being CLEAR in not telling the voter that ONLY the Governor General (GG) can decide whether Opposition parties have the confidence of Parliament, and can form a government, AFTER Parliament decides that the party with the most seats does NOT have the confidence of Parliament. And if Harper should win less than a majority of seats, he would have to go to the GG and tell him that Parliament has no confidence in his PARTY. "Coalition" is not automatic. "Harper's scare-tactic-of-coalition" is disingenuous. [Glenn Harewood, Ph. D., was a P.C. candidate in 2000.]

More of Joe Hueglin's Daily Digest at:

<http://cdndailydigest.blogspot.com/> ♣

Vote for the Canada you want

Jamie and Adam Biggar [jamie@leadnow.ca]

With our country at a cross-roads, we need to come together to make choices for our future.

Over the last month Leadnow.ca has been hosting a cross-country process to draft a **Declaration for Change**: a call for politicians to cooperate in the next Parliament to achieve progress on some of the major challenges facing our country, a call that we will ask Canadians to back with a commitment to vote in this election.

Two weeks ago, we asked you to share "what you want for Canada" through an online values survey on Leadnow.ca. We were amazed when over 2,500 Canadians responded!

Today, we're writing to ask you to complete the Declaration for Change by voting for your highest priorities for the

next Parliament before voting closes tomorrow, on April 6. **ONLINE:** www.leadnow.ca/en/voting

The priorities come from over 75 local get-togethers that we hosted in early March, and they each address major issues that were identified in those get-togethers and the values survey.

Over the last month our community has identified some of Canada's biggest challenges. We face a shrinking democracy and a dangerous path of environmental destruction. We face growing inequality as many of us experience diminished opportunities. We face the strain of supporting an aging population in need of care.

This election is an opportunity to bring Canadians together to choose our country's path. To have the biggest impact ⇒

Please vote for your highest priorities for action and share.

With hope and respect, Jamie and Adam Biggar,
on behalf of Canadians for a Progressive Coalition
and the Leadnow.ca team ♣

Food, fuel, forests, fish, fresh water, soil fertility - even the ability of the environment to absorb our waste - are all being stretched. Yet, political parties of all stripes are mesmerized with the outdated mantra to grow, grow and grow. Every party, that is, except the Green Party. The Green Party was founded because the others wouldn't take planetary limits seriously. Growth is fine, as long as it doesn't foreclose future options. We can grow nutritious food forever - if we look after the soil. Shelters can be developed to capture sunshine and cool themselves without requiring large amounts of energy. Education and preventative health care are essentially boundless because they are composed

[See also “Sustainability” on p.31]

[illegible]

The public has a right to know if the Conservative Government has allowed Norwegian-owned salmon farms to release lethal salmon viruses into B.C. waters and we are going to find out.

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Vote Salmon, Alexandra Morton, contd.

I am in my 12th year of research on impact of this industry and was awarded an honorary doctorate of science for this work. I have met the farm fish shareholders in Norway and the First Nations of the Fraser River. I have watched my town population driven down to just 8 people and 27 Norwegian salmon feedlots that do nothing but harm us.

I have been contacted by people in the salmon feedlot industry because they hate what they have witnessed, but signed contracts to remain silent. I am a participant at the Cohen Inquiry where I learned Harper's government covered up evidence that a massive viral outbreak is killing the Fraser sockeye. This same virus has been epidemic in the salmon feedlots – dubbed “pathogen culturing facilities” by scientists. Harper's government muzzled the scientist who did this work – this is how Canada lost the North Atlantic cod.

So, in hopes of averting loss of Pacific salmon I am asking every federal candidate in British Columbia and beyond for their policy on salmon feedlots – [www.votesalmon.ca] I will be traveling to your campaign offices to make sure the public know your position.

Aquaculture will be examined by the Cohen Commission later this year and so we might learn the answer to question

1. Would you stake your reputation that these Norwegian aquaculture companies are not releasing foreign viruses into BC?
2. Would you work to build an innovative, land-based Canadian industry to provide jobs to the 1,259 people directly employed by salmon feedlots?
3. Would you work to remove salmon feedlots within 12 months?

Reply to me and I will post your answer – or silence.

Standing by, Alexandra Morton, VoteSalmon.ca ♣

Unravelling the truth about radiation From BrasscheckTV / AntimatterRadio.com

I've been staying away from the Fukushima story because of the hysteria and emotionalism around it. What's true, what's not true? ... How bad is the Fukushima situation - and is the reporting being distorted to meet some as yet undetermined agenda? Here's an intriguing analysis of the media reporting and why some of it is highly suspect.

Video: www.brasschecktv.com/page/1073.html

Fukushima breakdown: Something fishy about the reporting

Jeff Grupp was a rising star in the academic world with serious studies of Anthropology, Religion, Quantum Physics and Philosophy under his belt before he went "off the reservation" and started applying the rigorous analytical tools of science and philosophy to the real world... Most people are incapable of thinking "against the grain", but Jeff is fearless and goes wherever his analysis takes him, no matter how far out. A good role model for all of us.

Jeffrey Grupp is author of "[Corporatism, The Secret Government of the New World Order](#)" (2007, revised '09) ♣

The Earth belongs to God, not political parties or individuals

Melvin Smith, Fredericton NB

From the Pacific to the Atlantic Oceans, and far off shores, Canadians think, in error, that all fish, oil, and precious metals belong to them. This planet, Earth, in no way belongs to us. It belongs to God. From what I have read, there are tonnes of precious metals, including oil, under the oceans. They belong to God, not Newfoundland and Labrador or British Columbia, or anyone else.

Our Government in Ottawa is supposed to be operated on the very laws of God, not man's. Not Liberal, N.D.P. or Conservative – and their laws. Surely, there must be someone on this earth who can see this and lead us in that direction.

That someone is coming soon. His laws will stand for all time. I am not referring to the Pope, either. ♣

Question candidates about Canadian genocide

Kevin Annett, Vancouver BC

Question to pose to federal election candidates at all candidates meetings across Canada, concerning Canada's complicity in genocide:

On March 24, 2011, Prime Minister Steven Harper was issued a Public Summons by an International Tribunal in London, England to answer charges of concealing the murder of children in Canada's Indian residential schools. Considering that Canada's so-called Truth and Reconciliation Commission has no mandate to bring criminal charges against the government and churches responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of these children, will you support an international investigation into crimes in Canadian Indian residential schools - and if not, why not?

Please film or record the candidates' responses to this question and forward them to me... And please share this YouTube link to my delivery of the ITCCS Summons to the PM: www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW Afrth9RmE
www.itccs.org / www.hiddenfromhistory.org ♣

Cast Your Vote for Nature on May 2

From: Nature Canada [mtanaka@naturecanada.ca]

Canadians expect their government to protect nature. We live in a time when the planet's health is in peril, a time when strong leadership and decisive action are required to address the urgent threats of climate change, habitat loss, and species extinctions.

7 Questions about the environment you should ask in this election

During this year's election, we cannot afford to allow nature and the environment to be ignored. It's time to tell your local candidates where you stand. We offer the following questions to ask candidates in your riding, to find out where they stand on the most pressing issues of our time. ⇒

Ask the Candidates / Party Leaders: (contd.)

1. Canada is not enforcing its own laws to protect wildlife, according to several Canadian and international investigations. **What will you do** to make sure Canada does a better job of enforcing our laws to protect wildlife like caribou, whales, and migratory birds?
2. I am concerned about plans to allow oil and gas drilling in national wildlife areas, marine protected areas and other places that should just protect nature, period. **How will you make sure** nature is really protected in all federal parks and protected areas?
3. I am concerned that we are losing so much of Canada's unique wild lands, waters, and oceans. **What will you do** to protect more lands, waters, and oceans for nature and future generations?
4. I worry about environmental disasters like oil spills and mining waste accidents. **How will you do a better job** of using federal regulations and environmental assessments to prevent environmental disasters?
5. I am angry that my hard-earned tax dollars are going to sub-

sidize big oil and gas companies and our Canadian lakes are being handed over to mining companies to dump their waste. **What will you do to end these dirty subsidies?**

6. Everyone says that Canada is not doing its fair share to fight climate change. **What is your party's plan** to really move Canada to a green economy powered by renewable energy?
7. Canada urgently needs an ambitious national plan to protect nature for wildlife, for us to enjoy, and for future generations. **What will you do to show national leadership** and give Canada an ambitious vision and a plan to protect nature for all?

We live in a time when the planet's health is in peril, a time when strong leadership and decisive action are required to address the urgent threats of climate change, habitat loss, and species extinctions. As Canadians, we expect our government to protect nature. This election, ask the federal government to lead and coordinate action across Canada to conserve and protect what we hold dear.

ONLINE: www.naturecanada.ca/election2011.asp

— NATURE CANADA ♣

Corporate tax cuts not delivering on job creation—study

CCPA National Office | News Release

Issues: Corporations and corporate power, Economy and economic indicators, Employment and labour

OTTAWA, April 6, 2011 – After a decade of corporate tax cuts, the benefits to Canada's largest corporations are clear but the job creation payoff for Canadians hasn't materialized, says a study released today by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA).

The study, by CCPA Research Associate David Macdonald, tracked 198 of the 245 companies on the S&P/TSX composite that had year-end data from 2000 through 2009 and found those 198 companies are making 50% more profit and paying 20% less tax than they did a decade ago.

However, in terms of job creation, they did not keep up with the average growth of employment in the economy as a whole. From 2005 to 2010, the number of employed Canadians rose 6% while the number of jobs created by the companies in the study grew by only 5%.

“Despite their growing profits and massive tax savings, the number of jobs created by Canada's largest corporations was lower than the average employment growth across all sectors of the economy,” says Macdonald. “In essence, the largest beneficiaries of corporate tax cuts are dragging down Canadian employment growth.”

According to the study, if those 198 companies paid the same tax rate as they had in 2000, federal and provincial governments would have collected an additional \$12 billion in revenue in 2009. The loss in revenue from all Canadian corporations would be larger still.

“It's hard to find so expensive a program with so few tangible benefits as corporate tax cuts,” Macdonald says. “Canadian governments are losing \$12 billion a year to 198 of Canada's biggest companies, who are making 50% more profit and paying 20% less in income tax while creating fewer jobs than the average.”

STUDY ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/CCPAtaxcuts>

How to wipe out seniors' poverty, no extra charge

“The (CCPA) Alternative Federal Budget estimates that an increase of 15 per cent in the Guaranteed Income Supplement -- targeting another \$100 a month to those seniors with very low incomes -- would be enough to lift most Canadians aged 65 and older above the poverty line...”

Armine Yalnizyan

Globe and Mail Blog, April 2, 2011

The Conservatives promised to help Canada's poorest seniors with a \$300-million boost to the Guaranteed Income Supplement program in their last budget.

The Liberals and the NDP, the two other federal alterna-

tives, both upped the ante, to \$700-million. Seems everyone is concerned about rising poverty among seniors in the wake of the recession.

Indeed, Canadians aged 65 and older experienced the fastest rise in poverty rates of any age group between 2007 and 2008. Investment incomes were hammered by the global economic meltdown. Surprisingly, a bigger factor may have been job loss. More people in that age group are working to supplement their pensions today than at any time since the Second World War. Many lost their jobs, and that pushed them over the line into poverty. [...] ⇒

In a nation as affluent as ours, seniors' poverty doesn't have to exist at all. Based on what seniors already get out of public policy, we can afford to help. We don't have to spend more. We just have to spend it differently.

READ IN FULL: <http://tinyurl.com/G-M1967092>

Armene Yalnizyan is a senior economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives [Recommended by S. McDowall]

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Commoditization of Canadians

Erik Andersen, Gabriola BC

[EXTRACT] Most of us believe the Conservative government is ideologically set on the course to using consumption taxation (regressive taxation) exclusively and to give corporations an ever-increasing free ride in Canada. This taxation trend is nothing more than the commoditization of individual citizens.

The sooner we see the backsides of the government the better off we will all be.

[More from Erik on p.21] ♣

The history of Quebec separatists in Ottawa...

Have we all forgotten when, where & how the Bloc Québécois originated? And that Canada survived the indignity of a separatist party as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, in 1988 – unopposed by any of the party leaders in the House of Commons at the time!!

The Bloc Québécois Takeover of Parliament in 1993

Ernest Semple, Montreal QC

Go to the URL below to refresh one's memory. It is an entire to trace all the happenings in that Parliament in 1993. http://archives.cbc.ca/politics/federal_politics/clips/6517/

Most politicians don't remember that for the Jean Chrétien's first Parliament session after elections in 1993, the alternate Chairman for the Defence Committee was a Bloc Québécois MP.

The Chairmen of course have access to tremendous amounts of documents and secret military information not available to regular MP's. Is that still a big joke for Jean Chrétien? It should make any military related person mad like Hell, unless he's a closeted separatist.

The Liberals laughed hard about this.

Mike Duffy knows the facts of this period. He should be asked to clarify the circumstances for the general public.

It was a scandalous period that few mainstream media would dare to write about. ♣

A brief summary of BQ history in federal politics:

[From: TheCanadianEncyclopedia.com and Wikipedia.org]

In 1980 Lucien Bouchard had served as chair of the "oui" (pro-independentist) side in the referendum. Bouchard is generally credited with converting his friend Mulroney from a Trudeau-style (centralist) federalist to an advocate of decentralization.

Canadian (Conservative) prime minister Brian Mulroney appointed Bouchard ambassador to France in 1988 and brought him into the federal Cabinet that year as secretary of state and later as minister of the environment (1988-90).

However, Bouchard became increasingly angered by the growing resistance to the MEECH LAKE ACCORD and by what he perceived as the willingness of Mulroney to compromise the deal to secure its passage. On 21 May 1990, Bouchard abruptly resigned from the Cabinet and the Conservative Party. Within weeks, he gathered a cadre of like-minded Québec MPs and formed the BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS. In the 1993 federal election, Bouchard easily won in his riding of Lac-Saint-Jean, which he had won as a Conservative in 1988. He also led the Bloc to an extraordinary 49.3% of the popular vote in Québec and their 54 seats gave the Bloc the status of Official Opposition in Ottawa. He opted for the premiership and resigned his seat in the House of Commons in January 1996. Acclaimed as leader of the PQ, he was sworn in as premier on 29 January 1996 and entered the Quebec national assembly after winning a seat in a by-election in February. Bouchard set his priorities as economy first, independence second, a reversal of the priorities of the last several years that had left the Québec economy in a state of serious disrepair. Though cuts to health care and social spending were unpopular with some Québécois, the PQ's fiscal policies were somewhat successful in repairing Québec's fractured economy, and they won another term in 1998. Bouchard served another 3 years as premier ... he resigned in 2001.

Gilles Duceppe, who had served as interim leader of the Bloc Québécois after Bouchard stepped down, became leader of the Bloc in 1997 and remains leader today, making him the longest-tenured current party leader among the four major Canadian federal parties (as of 2011). ♣

From Jeremy Arney

Every woman needs a laugh

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day. 30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, 'The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men...

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, 'What?' ♣

One Man's Opinion

Questions about the Bloc Québécois and federal politics

Ken Clark, Fergus ON



What Is the Bloc Québécois? Is the Bloc Québécois a Provincial Party or a Federal party? Silly question, some may say inasmuch as the Bloc Québécois sits in the Federal House of Commons in Ottawa. Au contraire! That is precisely my reason for asking the question. What would you call a 'Party' that runs candidates in only one province, can never form the government of Canada and has no federally oriented policies in their charter other than a false threat to leave Canada. Quebec does not wish to separate from Canada. With its massive debt, it knows it does not have the means. What Quebecers really want is self governance, the recognition of being a nation, while at the same time, keeping the financial umbilical cord firmly connected to the country they once voluntarily joined. You know, the impossible dream, having one's cake and eating it too; an arrangement no other province in Canada enjoys. In my opinion, the Bloc Québécois is definitely not a federal party and how they ever happened to be recognized as such, just boggles my mind. Shortly after the Meech Lake Accord failure, Lucien Bouchard and seven or so members of the Conservative Party resigned and sat as independent MPs. In the following election, Bouchard along with some 50 plus candidates, were elected as Bloc Québécois MPs. You might remember that for a while the Bloc Québécois even formed the Official Opposition because the electorate was so undecided and the voting was so fractured. The party was originally intended to be temporary, and was given the goal of the promotion of sovereignty at the federal level. The party aimed to disband following a successful referendum on sovereignty. Despite a couple of unsuccessful attempts to separate, they still occupy seats in The House of Commons, some twenty years later. Over that time frame, their whole reason for being has been to disrupt the daily proceedings of Parliament, and at the same time, extract everything it can from Canada that benefits Quebec, regardless of how that may affect the other provinces and the taxpayers from the rest of Canada. All the while, the federal government, no matter who is in control, Liberals or Conservatives, is so intent in winning as many seats in Quebec as possible, is also not above aiding and abetting the Québécois cause. This behaviour, in my mind, is improper conduct on the part of the Government of Canada. In fact, with just a little more imagination it even hints of the word betrayal against Canadians from other provinces and the territories. As a result, what we have had for some years now is an unproductive relationship between the Bloc Québécois Party and the Government of Canada. Although

this arrangement satisfies the Bloc Québécois Party, it hampers the normal proceedings of Parliament towards accomplishing work that needs to be done on a day-to-day basis.

As long as this state of affairs continues, Canada cannot be described as a united Canada. I feel it was wrong for PM Harper to declare the province of Quebec a nation. It is not Harper's Government; it is the Government of the people of Canada: a government that far too often ignores the wishes of its people.

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Election time again! That's right another federal election, in fact the fourth in just seven years, and so another 300 million dollars down the dumper. What's really going on in this country? At each new election, it seems more and more difficult to achieve an acceptable voter turnout. What is the main cause of this situation? I think people have had enough of elections and politics so apathy on the part of voters is certainly a major contributing factor. However, I think the nonsense of politics and politicians stands out as the main contributor to voter apathy.

As this new campaign unfolds, people will be subjected to the usual volume of promises that invariably become unfulfilled as though they were written in invisible ink. Next, is each party's renewed pledge that a vote for their party guarantees your voice will be heard loudly in Ottawa; even though experience has taught us that elected MPs cannot be loyal to two masters on any given issue. Lastly, we will be tortured by an unending list of attack ads, from all parties and directed against one of the other parties, to shift the blame from their party to another which only results in further voter confusion; all at the taxpayer's expense. As a result, the only option open to the voter is to choose between the least of the evils being presented, or more bluntly, the party we dislike the least. This is no way to run and build a country and it is no way to increase voter turnout.

I think the people of Canada expect, and are right to want, more professionalism from our MPs and government. We are tired of not receiving solutions to long-standing problems: action that only succeeds in making such decisions more difficult, if not impossible, to resolve. We are tired of government willing to tackle only those problems that are of interest to their longevity. We are tired of problems that are of interest to the people being ignored by our representatives and our government.

However, adopting a *let George do it* attitude will not relieve our tired or disgruntled feeling. We must en masse exercise our franchise, and verbally let our government and MPs know at every opportunity, just how we feel. Take the time to sensibly cast your ballot on May 2, 2011. ♣

"Prévoyance"



Erik Andersen

Observations from Economist Erik Andersen, Gabriola Island BC The risky world of P3s

A small window onto the world of selecting the P3 method for BC projects. A quotation from "Public Service; Private Profit," by John Loxley (below).

When governments decide to embark on a project, they claim to be conducting a comparative exercise that looks at the costs of doing it as P3 project versus a normal/ traditional government contracting process. Hopefully by doing this the taxpayers/citizens get 'value for money' (VfM).

On page 61, John Loxley writes:

"It is advisable that those putting together the [Public Sector Comparators] PSC not have an interest in the project being delivered via any particular approach. Thus, those putting together the PSC should be operating at arm's length from the ultimate decision-makers; otherwise, the presumption of bias will always be there. It is strongly advisable not to assign responsibility for the development of the PSC to civil servants who are promoting the use of the P3s. This is vividly illustrated in the statement by Larry Blain, the head of Partnerships BC, that "Public sector comparators won't do you much good anyways, because I can make the public sector as bad as we want to, in order to make the private sector look good" (*John Loxley, Reynolds, 2007*).

After reading this quotation there can be little doubt about the objectivity that has been employed in BC this past 8 or so years. It's your money!!

Letter to Federal Auditor General Sheila Fraser, FCA: *Dear Auditor General;*

Following some exchanges with the Auditor General for BC it is my understanding that long-term P3-style contracts are not recorded by the various Canadian Governments as long-term debt.

Many if not all P3 contracts have minimum annual cash guarantee by the government (Federal, Provincial, Municipal) or a Crown Corporation. Almost all these guarantees are for the contract durations so constitute a long-term obligation in the minds of all folks I have discussed this with. Please help me understand why these obligations are not added to "long-term debt" in the respective balance sheet statements? – *Sincerely, Erik Andersen*

Response from Sheila Fraser, FCA:

Dear Mr. Andersen,

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2011 about the accounting practice for P3 contracts.

The specific accounting treatment appropriate for a federal organization to apply to any particular public-private partnership arrangement is dependent on the agreement itself. Typically, accounting rules for the financial commitment that you describe would lead to disclosure within the notes to

financial statements but not be recorded as long term debt.

Our Office audits the federal government's summary financial statements, which are published annually in the Public Accounts of Canada, and also audits those of Canada's three Territories and many federal and territorial government Crown Corporations. Our role is to provide an opinion as to whether the summary financial statements of the federal and territorial governments, and various crown corporations are fairly presented in accordance with their stated accounting policies.

Yours sincerely, Sheila Fraser, FCA, Auditor General

Further to BC Hydro's non-disclosure.

In times like now it can be helpful to call upon words from historical sages. There is none better than Horace Rumpole for thoughts about democracy.

"In the great days of our history, magistrates such as you, sir, stood up against a tyrannical king who tried to ENFORCE TAXES NOT APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT.

"Today you're being asked to enforce laws against activities which have never been made crimes by our Parliament".

Insight into the push for P3s

FYI from Erik Andersen

Featuring Gordon Campbell, Michael Wilson et al. People now should understand why they feel poorer in 2011. - Erik
TORONTO — The *Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships* (CCPPP) has announced the winners of the ninth annual *National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Public-Private Partnerships*, at an awards dinner and presentation held at the Downtown Toronto Hilton Hotel on Dec. 3 '09. ... [Gold, Silver, Merit, etc. Awards to projects in PEI, BC & ON] ... The **2009 Champion Award** was presented to H. William Pearson and Donald G. Gibson, founders and long time Board Members of The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships. They are the tenth and eleventh, recipients of the Champion Award. Previous recipients have included the **Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier of BC**, Pierre Le François, the late James MacLaren, Donald Macdonald, Mac Carson, Glenna Carr, the late Chuck Wills, Gary Collins [Gordon Campbell's finance minister in 2001] and Michael H. Wilson [federal minister of finance in Brian Mulroney's cabinet, from 1984-1991; then min. for international trade, responsible for NAFTA negotiations; Canadian ambassador to the US from 2006-2009]. Premier [now ex-premier] Campbell continues as the Honorary Chair of the CCCPP. Sponsors for the 2009 Awards Program were: Aecon Group Inc., Société Générale, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP. Infrastructure Canada is the Research Contributor. [Brackets added]
ONLINE: www.pppcouncil.ca/awards/winners/2009.html ♣

To Vote or Not To Vote

"Why we need elections..."

From: Wayne Russell [slyolfart@gmail.com]

I should be out golfing and forgetting about all this but I have grandchildren and worry of their future. The following is something to think about: a contribution from B.C. economist Erik Andersen, who sent these thoughts out this morning. – Wayne

"Why we need elections; if anyone cares"

From the book titled "Public Service; Private Profits" by John Loxley; published in 2010, Pages 7 & 8.

"The P3 concept [in Canada] has benefited from the lobbying efforts of organizations like the *Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships* (CCPPP), an increasingly strong lobby group, which was established in 1993 and draws its membership from both the private and public sectors. In 2009, it had fifty-eight sponsors, fifty-seven of which were companies with commercial interests in P3s, such as construction companies, banks and their financial offshoots, bond houses and bond rating agencies, lawyers and consulting companies such as SNC-LAVALIN, RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, JOHN LAING, CARILLION, DELOITTE and TOUCHE, BOMBARDIER TRANSPORTATION and UNITED WATER. The only non-corporate sponsor was the Government of Ontario (CCPPP, 2009). --- the CCPPP has a solid membership and financial base on which to promote P3s and has been able to attract prominent politicians and ex-politicians into its fold, such as PREMIER GORDON CAMPBELL of BC, who is currently the honorary chair. **The CCPPP can be considered the main ideological proponent of P3s in Canada.**

In the financing area alone, of twelve projects identified by

the CCPPP in 2009 as being in the works or under consideration, no fewer than twenty-six companies were potential sources of finance; some well known companies such as SNC-LAVALIN, BILFINGER BERGER and RBC CAPITAL MARKETS are active in the CCPPP, --" **J. Loxley**
Comment from Erik:

For those among us who do not know why we desperately need elections please read the above very carefully. It takes barely a second to appreciate that here in BC we have had a Premier and Cabinet pretending to look after the PUBLIC'S INTEREST while concurrently, AGGRESSIVELY LOOKING AFTER THE INTERESTS OF PRIVATE P3 PARTNERS. It is difficult not to imagine a more blatant demonstration of conflict of interest.

All you taxpayers should feel royally annoyed that our politicians collected salaries and pensions while working on behalf of private interests.

Keep this in mind when you pay HST; when you get your property tax invoice; when you get your next BC Hydro bill and when you get your chances to vote.

In BC we have had two recalls fail so brace yourselves for even more aggressive spending now that Minister Falcon has the cheque book. He will be emboldened by the evidence of voter apathy.

Canadians are alleged to be upset by what folks say are unnecessary elections. That must have been what the Greeks thought as well. – **Erik Andersen, Gabriola BC ♣**

[MORE FROM ERIK ABOUT P3s AND THE CCPPP ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE]

Its election time – bring on the clowns

John Shadbolt, Acton ON

Elections, at one time were great. The people elected representatives to go to REPRESENT them to parliament.

Those days are long gone. Complete and utter waste of time. Why? The clowns no longer REPRESENT you or me, they REPRESENT the party who controls them. The voters are incidental – just a way to make the clowns legitimate. That is if that is possible. (Which I doubt).

So what is the way to solve this problem ? Here is my solution: OUTLAW POLITICAL PARTIES! No more: "The Harper Government," no more Jack's or Iggy's party.

Take away the power from the clowns.

Replace it with INDEPENDENT candidates from each riding, who will have to REPRESENT the voters. Each riding will control how the REPRESENTATIVE votes. The REPRESENTATIVE will be RESPONSIBLE to the voters.

No more party dictators. A Leader will be elected from the representatives, will only take directions

from the representatives, not big business or other vested interests.

Thats my take on it. ♣ [more from John on p.24]

Quotes to note...

From Stephanie McDowall, Nanaimo BC

The following are quoted from Rodrigue Tremblay:

"When people abstain from voting or when they give their support to a candidate who has no hope of winning, they end up, whether they like it or not, contributing to electing the candidate, the party and the leader who may possibly be the most inimical to their interests and values."

"The conclusion for this election seems clear: In many closely contested ridings, especially in British Columbia and in Ontario, the motto should be: "No Majority Victory for Harper and his Right-Wing Cohorts."

– **Rodrigue Tremblay, Quebec**
[Dr. Tremblay's article/link is on p.30] ♣

The 'SPP' of 62/63...

1962-1963, 'Knocking Over' "Dief the Chief"

~ How the U.S. Ambassador helped engineer "Regime Change" in Canada

Rec'd from Don Parker, Georgetown ON, with his note:

In view of what Harper has been getting up to of late,

maybe a few pages from recent history would be helpful.

An article by Richard Sanders [31 March 2003] from the Centre for Research on Globalisation, Montreal [prompted by A. Paul Cellucci's statements in a speech as U.S. ambassador to Canada to the Economic Club of Toronto Mar. 25, 2003]

Richard Sanders, GlobalResearch.ca

In light of recent remarks made by US Ambassador to Canada, Paul Cellucci [when he criticized Canadian opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq], it is worth revisiting what we now know about the US-backed "regime change" that happened in Canada 40 years ago.

In 1962, the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Livingston Merchant and his Second Secretary Charles Kisselyak, fuelled a plot among the Canadian Air Forces, Canadian journalists and others to dispose of Prime Minister Diefenbaker. Kennedy hated Dief largely for his anti-nuclear stance. Merchant and other U.S. embassy officers with extensive espionage backgrounds, met at Kisselyak's home in Ottawa to feed journalists with spaghetti, beer and anti-Diefenbaker/pronuclear propaganda. Among the many participants in these off-the-record briefings was Charles Lynch of Southam News.

Diefenbaker later denounced these reporters as "traitors" and "foreign agents." He lashed out against Lynch on a TV program saying, "You were given briefings as to how the Canadian government could be attacked on the subject of nuclear weapons and the failure of the Canadian government to do that which the U.S. dictated."

Merchant and Kisselyak worked with RCAF Wing Commander Bill Lee and NORAD's number two man, Canadian Air Marshall Roy Slemon. Air Marshall Hugh Campbell and the chair of Canada's chiefs of staff, Air Marshall Frank Miller also approved Lee's campaign. Diefenbaker's avidly pro-nuclear Defence Minister, Douglas Harkness, also knew of Lee's effort.

As head of RCAF public relations, Lee went to Washington twice a month to confer with U.S. authorities. "It was a flat-out campaign," Lee later said. "We identified key journalists, business and labour, key Tory hitters, and...Liberals.... We wanted people with influence on members of cabinet. In the end the pressure paid off."

In 1962, new U.S. ambassador, William Butterworth, continued what Lee called the "flat-out campaign" by holding discrete meetings at the U.S. embassy to exert influence on Canadian journalists.

Lester Pearson was the President's choice. Kennedy gave the go-ahead to his friend and America's leading pollster, Lou Harris, to become the Liberal's secret campaign advisor in the 1962 election. Diefenbaker survived with a minority government.

The plot to bring down Canada's government came to a head in January, 1963. On Jan. 3, top U.S. Air Force General Lauris Norstad held an Ottawa press conference.

Prompted by questions from Lynch, and other reporters briefed by U.S. intelligence, Norstad criticized Canada's anti-nuclear stance. On Jan. 12, Pearson announced his new policy of supporting U.S. nuclear weapons in Canada. In protest, Pierre Trudeau called Pearson the "defrocked priest of peace" and refused to run for the Liberals.

QUOTES:

– *"George Ball and I knocked over the Diefenbaker government by one incautious press release."*

(McGeorge Bundy, J. F. Kennedy's National security advisor)

– *"My brother really hated only two men in all his presidency.*

One was Sukarno [President of Indonesia] and the other was Diefenbaker." (Robert Kennedy)

– **On the U.S. press release, Jan. 30:**

"It was as deliberate an attempt as ever made to bring down a foreign government." (Ed Ritchie, former under secretary of state for external affairs)

The coup's final blow came when the U.S. State Department issued a press release which called Diefenbaker a liar on nuclear issues (Jan. 30). This tactic was suggested by Willis Armstrong, head of the State Department's Canada Desk in Washington. Butterworth added his suggestions and sent his senior embassy advisor, Rufus Smith, to Washington to draft it. "With Armstrong chairing, half a dozen officials from State, the White House and the Pentagon...shaped...the rebuke." The draft was polished by Under Secretary of State George McGhee and approved by acting Secretary of State, George Ball, and national security advisor, McGeorge Bundy.

The Canadian media had a heyday attacking Diefenbaker. Fights broke out in Cabinet. Diefenbaker recalled Canada's ambassador from the U.S. On Feb. 5, Defence Minister Harkness announced his resignation and Pearson called for a non-confidence vote. Dief's minority government fell, or rather, it was 'knocked over.'

Kisselyak was the U.S. embassy's contact to Pearson's election campaign. The Liberals had the strong advantages of a friendly media and Harris' state-of-the-art, computerized polling tactics. Diefenbaker, facing a primed hostile media, ran a stridently anti-U.S. campaign. Pearson's victory was ⇒

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hailed by newspapers across North America. Within days, the new External Affairs Minister, Paul Martin Sr., was approached by Butterworth to negotiate the acceptance of U.S. nuclear weapons. The warheads were deployed in Canada on New Year's Eve and there was partying in Washington. [... [SEE LINK BELOW FOR THE FULL ARTICLE](#)]

John Diefenbaker's "Made in Canada" Policies

"Diefenbaker promoted Canadian independence with evangelical zeal... 'We are a power, not a puppet,' the Chief thundered during the controversy over the placement of U.S. nuclear warheads in Canada. 'His rampant nationalism alienated the entire ruling class: Bay Street, Wall Street, his civil service and politicians from all parties. [George] Grant credited the Chief with the strongest stance against satellite status ever attempted by a Canadian. This stance came at a high price.'" [Source: Laurence Martin, [Pledge of Allegiance, The Americanization of Canada in the Mulroney Years](#), 1993.]

The Cuban Missile Crisis:

When U.S. spy planes showed missile sites being constructed in Cuba, Kennedy decided to blockade Russian ships en route to Cuba. Despite NORAD, the Canada-U.S.

Permanent Joint Board on Defense and NATO, Kennedy neither consulted nor informed the Canadian government until [two hours] before his TV speech on Oct. 22, 1962. The U.S. asked the Canadian government to move our military to an advanced state of readiness. Diefenbaker did not comply. Nonetheless, Canada's military moved immediately to advanced readiness without the Prime Minister's authorization. Canada's chief of naval staff ordered the Atlantic fleet to sea. Canada's Minister of Defense ordered the military's Chiefs of Staff to special preparedness.

General McNaughton's 1941 remark is painfully relevant: "The acid test of sovereignty is control of the armed forces."⁽¹⁾ Howard Green, Canada's anti-nuclear External Affairs minister, pleaded that cabinet reconsider "blindly following the U.S. lead, particularly since the President had not kept the commitment to consult Canada over the impending [missile] crisis. 'If we go along with the U.S. now, we'll be their vassal forever.'"⁽²⁾

ONLINE: <http://globalresearch.ca/articles/SAN303D.html> ♣

WHO TO VOTE FOR...?

Whether to laugh or cry...

Paul Grondin, Amherstburg ON

Maybe, someone out there will find humour and sadness in these comments...

Harper is an idiot and he is now showing a certain disdain for the electorate. I'm sure you heard about the two students who had their picture taken with the Liberal Party Leader and posted it on Facebook. Then they attended Harper's rally to get a picture with him, but Harper's people kicked them out of the place because "they were supporters of the Liberals." *Omigod*, is this where we are going with Harper? Obviously, since legally politicians in Canada no longer need to represent their constituents, but only their party.

I'm not a socialist, but the NDP makes the most sense, but they're never going to get in. The Green Party, according to their Euro counterparts, are a disguised One World Government movement. I once shared this with a Canadian supporter of the Green Party. If it would've been legal, she would've cut out my tongue. At least, we have some friendly laws still in place to protect the well-being of our citizens. Thou shalt not cut out the tongue belonging to a fellow Canadian. However, this anti-tongue cutting law is under scrutiny and "Harpermentary" review. It could be revised by the year 2021. (Isn't that the year Harper plans to be immortalized as "the Greatest Canadian?")

You gotta love that CBC show "The Greatest Canadian." Not one word about Lester B. (Mike) Pearson being a One Worlder. Not one word about Trudeau as a

student visiting China and studying with Mao.

Help, help, HELP! I'm a Canadian living among fools. No, that's not right. These guys like Harper are deviously cunning and treacherously corrupt. They're not manically stupid; they're just showing more and more of their true colors.

I would love to see Rick Mercer as our PM. Imagine that? A CBC political comedian and satirist makes the most sense and is most likely smarter than all the Canadian political leaders combined in all their chronic self-serving and self-aggrandizing glory. And if Ron James were a federal cabinet member, we would have a real reason to laugh. And when foreigners asked us why we thought Canadian politics was so funny, we wouldn't have to lie.

I am so sorry. Give my apologies to Penny (at *dialogue*) for excluding her. She would make a great *External Affairs Minister*. Then maybe, just maybe, we would get out of Afghanistan. Isn't it amazing how we supported the Afghan rebels..."Holy Warriors"... against the Soviets back in the 1980s, but now we are killing their children who are now adults?

But I will do my duty and vote for the lesser of the evils. What an insane way to have to make a voting decision when it comes to the future freedom of Canada.

Wait. Can we write in a candidate? I need to check this out. Maybe I will vote for Rick and Ron! They can't be that bad. I mean, after all, their initials RR stands for Rolls Royce. Who doesn't want one of those in their driveway? ♣

Political Mayhem...

The country is fed up with the chicanery, double-talk, duplicity and false promises of political parties

Russ Vinden, Errington BC

This is the third attempt to send you my thoughts on the current mayhem in politics -- I fear all the excitement will be over before I get the hang of e-mail! I enjoyed your last issue, and noticed (I think) a rise in the number of people trying to find better systems -- which indicates the sheer size of the problem. I find I am wary of over-complexity, or too much theory and abstract ideas.

Things have to be fairly easy to understand in order to be accomplished, and metaphysics doesn't quite cut it.

Like the man said, "I may be a fool, but I'm not stupid!"

The political events of the last couple of months stir me to ask myself what on earth is going on in our legislatures and Parliament? [...with two leadership races in B.C. (Liberals on Feb. 26 and NDP, April 17, 2011)] ... and with similar diversions in Ottawa where senior cabinet ministers Stockwell Day and Chuck Stahl have announced they are leaving for greener pastures (the rumour of Peter Mackay's departure proved to be premature).

With repeated reports of deep divisions appearing between these two factions in federal government, and the shutting down of Parliament itself last year rather than allow it to look into something that may have embarrassed him, the Prime Minister himself has shown a greater regard for his personal standing than for national causes.

Altogether, the picture is of disconcerting cracks appearing in the public image of politics -- never exactly bright and untarnished, but now openly dysfunctional as the attention of elected MPs and MLAs is diverted to these personality clashes, and the country's affairs slide steadily downhill

Asked about possible alternatives, people shrug, and say "What's the point? No Party seems to have policies which are distinctly different."

Undeniably, the Liberals and Conservatives have had almost identical major programs for ages. Privatization of government debt funding; selling off oil, national transport, hydro lines and other major assets to the US; the Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, the secretive Security and Prosperity Partnership, and now the desperate attempt at a similar major deal with the European Union -- which have all engaged Parliament one way or another since Mulroney first took office -- these have been standard policies of the two Parties which have ruled Canada for the last 35 years. While the latest mutually agreed affront to the nation has been government's quiet adoption with minimal publicity, of \$500 billion of the private banking system's toxic assets, increasing our national debt by some 50% in order to save their hides after their self-induced meltdown nearly broke

the world's monetary system two years ago. All done with the minimum of publicity of course.

Enough is enough. We have been going on a steadily downward path for decades now, and the vanished manufacturing industries, the rising poverty, homelessness and unemployment, tell the tale of a country clearly going in the wrong direction.

Would the NDP here or nationally declare for a cancellation of NAFTA? They do not say. Where do the Greens stand? We don't know.

Does either Party clearly intend to bring back government debt funding from the nation's own Bank, which would instantly reduce total interest payments by some \$50-\$55 billion a year and send every budget into balance or surplus, while properly funding crisis-ridden programs again? The silence is deafening.

Indeed the NDP was committed by its Party Conference to do just that, but the evidence is that this policy has been quietly dropped by the Party hierarchy. Do its members know? The public sure doesn't.

And what about the perennial clamour for an electoral system which reflects the votes cast? It goes on the back burner until an election arrives, when it is far too late to introduce and just disappears again. That any government can go right through its term in office and do nothing about this matter is reason enough to sling it out on its ear, never to surface again.

And all these matters get manipulated by intensive lobbying by guess who? The people who can really afford the considerable expense of course -- the ones who contribute somehow well beyond the private donation limits set by Jean Chrétien's Bill, and supply uncharged hotel suites and limo's and private planes and even their own CEO's, for weeks on end at no charge for vital jobs. "They can afford to, so why not?" -- is the thinking, and it is valuable help not well publicised.

These are the roots of the widespread cynicism that pervades politics in Canada.

None are outrageously difficult to correct --even the hugely important abandonment of the Bank of Canada, and the almost total private funding of debt which has led directly to our un-payable debts and crippling interest burdens, were introduced quickly and with a minimum of public awareness. The process could be reversed in similar fashion, so who could complain?

But it would take nerve and commitment by some Party -- whether under existing leadership or not is not the issue -- it is a diversion. I believe that if either the NDP or the Greens =>

Double-talk and duplicity, contd.

took the bull by the horns and came out openly and fully for these reforms, they would have to move smartly or be trampled in the rush of people wanting to sign up.

The country is so fed up with the chicanery and double-talk, with duplicity, lies and false promises. Give us something to vote for, not just the least of two evils. I believe a

revolution is called for -- not the war-in-the-streets-kind, but a Canadian type, with reasonable civility but determination. We have been locked down for decades by a manic belief in the over-riding benefits of privatization, which has just not worked. Take the blinkers off, and see what has is actually happening. But make it soon. – *Russ Vinden ♣*

"That's My Take On It"

John Shadbolt, Acton ON

Doting on my voting

The good old days – when I was young and stupid. I really used to think that when you followed the mainstream and voted, you were doing the right thing, not only by supporting what you believed in, but by supporting the party that best represented you.

Each and every election I would be a good boy, head off to the polls, and vote. This was something to be proud of, I was told. I was doing my civic duty I was making the non voters look bad – like unwashed idiots. They did not understand the importance of voting.

Well, I voted in the last election. It was the start of my personal renewal, because I voted for a party that would not truly represent me. Why ? Because I wanted my tax to support the small guy, not go to the old smoothies, with millions to spend.

Policy was important to me, but since none truly represented me I made a change. It was tough, believe it or not, to vote for someone that really did not represent you.

Since then I have woken up. Not that I have anything against voting for or working for small parties, I consider myself an expert – I used to be a Libertarian, and they do not come much smaller. Prior to that I was a PC supporter, til I got wise.

So recently I have been mulling over the revolutionary idea (for me) of not voting.

In Halton the elected MP is Mr M. Chong. He seems to have the locals believing he represents them. Ever time money comes from the feds – he is there, making headlines and with his smiling picture. No wonder he smiles a lot, anyone would in his position.

He no more represents me than I can fly. Hell, he never replies to any e mail, and now, because I ask questions he does not like does not even bother to reply to snail mail from me.

My last questions were about chemtrails – which the USA says do not exist (contrails) so Mr Chong ignores the information I sent. Another question was about food. No idea what his reply might say, since I did not get one.

Then a while ago I questioned him on fluoride. His reply was obviously a standard reply – probably direct for

HELLth Canada. And he expects me to believe this.

I could go on about Mr Chong, but this is not about attacking him. This is about voting.

So you can tell I will not be voting for the Conservative (CPC) party. The Liberals are led by, what I consider to be a third rate used car salesman. Would I purchase a used car from the Liberal Leader – not in this lifetime.

The NDP do not represent any of my thinking, socialism is not my thing.

Libertarians represent freedom of choice, which I love. BUT they think that business should be free to do what it wants, and I have come to the conclusion that big business is only interested in the bottom line – at the expense of the planet and humans. Just look at Monsanto, as one example. The Greens – well, I doubt they will ever make it, so why waste my vote – although that is what I did in the last election – to give them my tax money.

So, even worse is the promise by all parties of openness, being careful with my tax money. Well, forget that. Forget that most Canadians do NOT want to be in bed with the USA – we are getting closer every day. The SPP by the Liberals and Conservatives defy logic. Or at least my logic. Then there is the G20 fiasco – over a \$billion to enable the cops to behave like thugs. Tax payers money.

NOT VOTING the only option!

It seems to me that giving away Canada – sometimes for a few \$\$ is all that matters. Just think, we are lucky to *have* to send oil to the USA even if we need it. Just think – companies can sue us for not letting them rape and pillage. Wow, hard to beat these politicians. GM foods – our politicians think it is OK for this monstrosity to be welcome in Canada.

So after many months of deliberation I have come to the conclusion that no longer will I support these clowns in Ottawa. They do not represent me, have never represented me. So I will not let them con me into supporting their system.

I used to think it was a crime not to vote. Now I know that those who did not vote years ago were in fact light years ahead of me. I am finally waking up.

The Alternative...

So what is the way to get out of this mess ? The only way that I can see is the idea that O'Neil Brooks came up with, and I think that is brilliant.

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The idea – each riding association elects an independent to run. No parties involved. Each riding association elects an independent simply because they will ONLY represent their local riding. No one else. The reason why no political parties is that the way it is now when you elect a party member, when he starts, he represents the local population. Six months later he no longer represents you – he only represents the party. He/she toes the party line if he/she wants a position of power or at least to live in conjunction with the party. This has to be stopped, the local MP has to – and I do mean has to REPRESENT the local people who voted for them.

How would this work? No party dictators like Harper.

There would however be a leader who would be voted for by the elected MPs. The Leader would not be able to set any policies – he would be told by his/her MPs what they wanted. There could be combinations of elected independent MPs if the so desired, to make different political groups. However these MPs would be instructed by their voters what to do.

There are lots of ideas re this to be discussed – but I am just trying to give you an outline of a way to get me voting again, and I suspect many others. I have a solution. This is it: independent members of parliament!

That's my take on it. – John Shadbolt ♣

"Tough on crime" except in the PMO...

Rec'd from Erik Andersen, Gabriola BC

Here's one person's take on our government's peerless judgment. – Erik [Name withheld for obvious reasons]

My son-in-law is a regular member of the RCMP and he has just come up on his tenth year of service.

To maintain his position that allows him to carry side arms, provide security to VIPs etc he had to go through a security re-screen upon reaching this anniversary. That included background checks (again) on relatives (like me).

Meanwhile at the very top of our social food chain at the PMO's office they had a guy who served prison time for fraud in the 1980s and was convicted again in the 1990's. He was a trained lawyer but even that crowd didn't want him so he was disbarred.

He is older than a couple of the small planets but had a 22-year-old girl friend (described as a former escort).

So just what did Mr Carson the fraudster do for the Government?

He was a senior policy advisor!!! In other words one of the

very few people in the country who gave the Prime Minister advice on what direction the country should go and what guidelines should be used to get it there.

In total, we had an old man with 5 fraud convictions, a prison record and a hooker for a girlfriend (his first hooker friend, I am sure) and we gave him charge of our national, ethical direction.

How could anybody not notice a geezer with a bimbo fetish and a record like Jesse James sitting in a very high paid and influential position?

If you were to write this in a movie script it would be rejected because it would be unrealistic to think someone like that could climb to the top of the policy ladder in one of the safest countries in the world.

It makes you wonder exactly what the Conservative goal in taking a tough stand on crime is all about. Is it supposed to be tough on us?

Or is it employing the larcenous in such a way that they can earn more than they can steal?... ♣

Representation in the Houses of the Federal Parliament of Canada

John "Bing" Humphrey, London ON

In my opinion we have a government (representatives) in Canada that is much too large. Here is a comparison.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES COMPARED TO POPULATIONS

USA 2009 POPULATION: 305,529,327
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS = 435
REPRESENT (average) = 702,366 PERSONS
SENATORS = 100
REPRESENT (average) = 3 million+
3,055,293 PERSONS

CANADA 2009 POPULATION: 33,504,700
FEDERAL MPs = 308
REPRESENT (average) = 108,781 PERSONS
SENATORS = 105
REPRESENT (average) = less than 1/3 million
319,092 PERSONS ♣

No Recall, No Democracy!

P. White [lakehouse26@yahoo.ca]

Corruption has become so embedded in the minds of most of those who run for office that no matter how the numbers work out, they have no motivation to keep campaign promises if they have a guaranteed term and juicy pension even after 4 years. Therefore, I say and will continue to say:

When the idea of a 4 year term first came up the world was moving very slowly; they could not do that much damage. 4 years now is like 50 years in terms of the huge decisions and consequences (ie) tar sands, monsanto's gm seeds, fish farms, chemtrails, white collar crime, destruction of schools and hospitals and so on.

Since voters feel we have no choice but wait for our one ⇒

day every four years to put an 'x' on a piece of paper and call that our democratic involvement, we need to implement referenda on these very important issues as well as a simpler system to fire the ones who break their promises. Recall needs to be re-fashioned to make it a real way to get rid of fakes, phonies, opportunists, careerists, liars and cheats. **No Recall = No Democracy.** – *P. White ♣*

Electoral system change in Canada

from Shane Nestruck

Canada returning to a democratic system. This site will become something you will circulate, as it is now fantastically easy to understand, ONLINE: www.electoralchange.ca ♣

"The Fifth Columnist"

Man in the Moon or Man on the Moon

Thoughts on power and leadership and sold-out parties...

Michael Neilly, Dunrobin ON



Perception is a funny thing. For instance, when did you first look up at the moon and see a sphere instead of just a two-dimensional shape, a circle or a crescent? I can't tell you how many nights I saw just the shape, and then one night, for no apparent reason, and far more recently than I care to admit, the moon appeared to me as a sphere.

We see the progression of the sun across our sky, rising in the east, setting in the west, at least according to our perception, clockwise. But the reality is that the earth rotates counter-clockwise, and it isn't the sun that progresses from east to west, but we who progress west to east!

That said, I wonder if we really do grow from birth to death, or if it's actually the reverse. Imagine achieving consciousness as a senior, and devolving to perfection and creation.

Speaking of perception, how many times have Jack Layton and Michael Ignatieff mentioned democracy in this campaign? The word has been abused by all parties. Outwardly, democracy is the reason for this election – really it's about POWER! Politics is the pursuit and apportioning of power. Democracy is one citizen, one vote; it's rule by the people, for the people. If you look closely at our mythical Canadian "democracy", it resembles the early to mid-1800s, when the Family Compact and Château Clique, the elites that ruled Upper and Lower Canada, ran the show. You are a lucky person indeed if you get to actually meet your MP, much less speak to him or her. And even if 100% of us marched down to his or her office and demanded that they vote with us, they'll vote the way their party whip tells them to vote, most of the time.

I'm tired of being lied to. I'd like my Canada to be self-sufficient because I don't trust the robber barons who are extracting every precious commodity from the earth, and don't care who they hurt mining it, shipping it or burning it. I'd like the output of every industry and every machine to be non-toxic, because we all live in one gold fish bowl, and

can no longer afford to live the way we've been living for the past 500 years. I know that instead our government will give us bread and circuses, buy us off with government programs, or even offer us some of the money they stole from us.

It was impressive when John F. Kennedy said that America would put a man on the moon and they did it. For once I'd like to see from our Gang of Four that vision, that leadership. What would capture peoples' imaginations and motivate them? There is really nobody on the political stage here in Canada to galvanize our collective will and make 35 million Canadians think of something beyond buying a flat screen television or what's for dinner.

But if you vote for the Liberals, you will get their 'isms, government-created culture, official this and official that. If you vote Tory, you'll get more platitudes about the economy and the market. They've both sold us out.

As it stands now, what is Canada's goal? Stay afloat? Mind the deficit? It's hardly "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead". There is no hint of a direction other than to stay the murky course, stoke the fires and keep the belching machine going at all costs.

All we ask is that our leaders look to the future and set a goal for all of us. We are a resourceful people looking for a direction. It isn't subsidized day care, it isn't F-35 fighter jets and it isn't a bloody seat at the United Nations; it's the way forward for Canada: sustainability, self-sufficiency and sovereignty. At least that's my perception.

- Mike Neilly, Dunrobin ON

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A Chuckle from Don Parker Being Thankful

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!" ♣

Thoughts On The Government of Canada

The Role of Governments: Serving the Common Good

An excerpt from Eugene Forsey: Canada's Maverick Sage, by Helen Forsey, to be published this spring by Blue Butterfly Books.

"Governments in democracies are elected by the passengers to steer the ship of the nation. They are expected to hold it on course, to arrange for a prosperous voyage, and to be prepared to be thrown overboard if they fail in either duty. This reflects the original sense of the word 'government,' as its roots in both Greek and Latin mean 'to steer.'"

- From the introduction to
How Canadians Govern Themselves.

There's a line in a Newfoundland folk song that reflects the proper order of things aboard Canada's ship of state. It says: "The captain's below making tea for the crew."

Likewise, in my father's view of government, the captains are there to serve the passengers and crew. The fundamental duty of every government is to pursue the public interest, and every government, whatever its stripe, is ultimately responsible to the people.

Eugene Forsey spent his life sailing Canada's political waters, and he had a master seaman's knowledge of governmental navigation and the law of the constitutional sea. His understanding of the role and purpose of government provides an important basis for public discourse at a time in our history when too many people treat "government" as a dirty word.

The principle that the state exists to serve the people is part of a longstanding Canadian tradition in which governments play a wide-ranging and creative role in our national life. This view stands in sharp contrast to the notion—prevalent in the United States and increasingly being pushed on Canadians—that the less "government" there is, the better.

Dad had no use for that approach. His definition of political economy was "the management of the public household, the community" and for him the ideal society was a "co-operative commonwealth," with all sectors working together for the common good. The business of government is to implement those concepts—a mandate as challenging as it is broad.

Speaking to a young audience in 1960, my father addressed an attitude that has become all too common nowadays, half a century later. "I find sometimes a tendency for people to think that if a public authority spends money it is a terrible thing, but if it is spent by some private body, then that is magnificent. [They think] that taxes are an unmitigated evil; that public activity of any kind is something to be cut down to the smallest possible proportion; that private enterprise is always good and public enterprise is always bad. These seem to me extraordinarily silly and irrational atti-

tudes, which may be disastrous for us."

Before Saskatchewan's medicare concept finally became a national program, Dad spoke at a meeting of the medical profession to push for a comprehensive national health plan. After outlining the crying need for such a plan, he addressed the arguments that were being used against it. One was that medicare would be "socialistic."

"My answer to that is, 'Oh! Fudge!' So are public sewage and garbage disposal, public water supply, public highways, the public post office, public education. The only sensible question to ask about any of them is not, 'Is it socialistic?' or 'Is it free enterprise?' but, 'Will it do the job, and do it better than any alternative plan?'"

The kind of government activity my father believed in is anathema to right-wing ideologues. They take the line that governments should exist only to maintain an army, a diplomatic corps, and a currency, all of which should be geared to serving corporate interests. In some circumstances, they would require a few other functions, such as providing public funds to bail out those same private corporations when their capitalist house of cards shows signs of collapse. But the vision they put forward is all about "free enterprise," with the state standing on the sidelines applauding the "invisible hand" at work.

One need not be a socialist to recognize the truth of what Dad and his League for Social Reconstruction colleagues had to say in 1935:

"Canadian business men are fond of demanding that governments should "let business alone." But while (for them) it would be delightful to get rid of workmen's compensation, factory acts, minimum wage laws and so forth, it would be anything but agreeable for business to be deprived of tariff protection, bounties, interest-free loans and guarantees of bonds and bank loans, ...or to be asked to repay the enormous gifts from public treasuries to private concerns. Any serious attempt to carry out such a program would throw the whole economy into chaos.

In practice, of course, our business leaders put a good deal of government interference water into their laissez-faire wine. Nowhere more freely than in Canada have business groups insisted on governmental aid in finding and keeping markets, in transporting goods to these markets, in financing business expansion."

These days, we could add many more examples to the list of government initiatives that serve private interests at public expense—"contracting out" and "public-private partnerships," tax breaks for domestic and foreign mining companies, "Team Canada" tours by public officials to promote business interests overseas, not to mention the billions in ⇒

The Role of Governments: Serving the Common Good, contd.
bail-outs handed over to industry when the cracks in the system begin to show.

Nonetheless, the disingenuous appeal for “less government” has again become a rallying cry for the right wing in Canada. A massive deception being perpetrated upon a weary people—ironically by governments themselves—in a multi-faceted campaign to favour corporate interests by denigrating “government” in the public mind.

The two decades since my father’s death have seen a serious diminishment of the role of government in Canada, in terms of both perception and reality. With the notable exception of whatever the powerful choose to define as “security matters,” there has been a relentless push to reduce the ability of governments to develop pro-active policies, implement regulations, build effective programs or own and control economic entities.

Many of the government functions that he fought so hard to win, and then to defend—policies and programs like universal medicare, unemployment insurance, affordable housing—have been picked away at, starved of funds, or stripped of effective authority. Almost all political parties now promote tax cuts in their election platforms, feeding the resentful ignorance that defines all taxes as infringements on personal liberty, rather than as payment for public services and investments in the common good. And far too

often, governments at all levels have put their authority and their resources at the service of global corporations and our own privileged elite. This is ultimately a betrayal of their oath of office—their responsibility to act in the best interests of the people as symbolized by the Crown.

As Canadians come to realize the consequences of what has been happening, we have the option of changing course. Although the government detractors, the “free enterprise” cheer-leaders, and the “province-worshippers” have indeed managed to undermine much of what we know as Canada, they have not to date succeeded in entrenching their destruction in the supreme law of the land. However battered and bruised our political structures may be, we still possess the essential framework for responsible government—a Constitution that allows us, if we so choose, to take back our country and restore the vital role of government in our lives.

Canadians need not go on maligning government as evil. We need not continue the downward slide of deregulation, privatization, and provincial power grabs. My father set an example, never ceasing to demand that governments fulfill their true role as the servants of the people, and implement our traditional shared values of equity and compassion.

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The Danger of a Reform-Conservative Majority Government in Canada

By Rodrigue Tremblay April 1, 2011

[www.thenewamericanempire.com]

“We respectfully point out that the opposition parties, who together constitute a majority in the House, have been in close consultation.” - Letter sent to the Governor-General and signed by Stephen Harper on September 9, 2004

“If Canadians do not vote for a majority [reform-conservative coalition] government, Michael Ignatieff will form a coalition [government] with the Bloc and the NDP.” - Stephen Harper, Mar 27, 11
“There have always been two Harpers. ...The real Harper always comes out when he thinks he can’t be heard.” - Michael Ignatieff, liberal leader

“As long as they work, parties will use [political attack ads], the only difference today being that the Harper party deploys more of them than any party in Canadian history.” - Jeffrey Simpson, Globe & Mail national affairs columnist, March 11, 2011

“You know, there’s two schools in economics on this. One is that there are some good taxes and the other is that no taxes are good taxes. I’m in the latter category. I don’t believe that any taxes are good taxes.” - Stephen Harper, Cdn. Prime Minister (Jul. 10, 09)
“I think all Canadians have to recognize that we have the smallest man on the world stage that it’s possible to imagine, and that’s Stephen Harper.” - Bob Rae, Liberal foreign affairs critic (July 10, 2009)

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I - A Majority Harper Government?

There will a general election in Canada on Monday, May 2, 2011. After a little more than five years (since Feb. 2006) of a disastrous Harper-Reform-Conservative coalition minority government that was finally defeated on a motion of *contempt of Parliament*, the overriding central issue during this election is whether Canadians really want to elect a Harper-Reform-Conservative majority government.

Because of a weak and divided opposition and an obsolete electoral system, that (majority) may be the outcome of the coming election – if Canadians do not wake up and consider the danger that would represent five years of a Harper-Reform-Conservative coalition **majority government**.

This blog will analyze the damage done by Harper’s Reform-Conservative coalition and will conclude on practical means for avoiding a repetition of previous elections when the democratic wish of the majority of Canadians was denied by abstentionism and by vote splitting among candidates, thus contributing de facto to electing Reform-Conservative candidates with a minority of votes.

READ ONLINE (with active links to referenced articles):
www.thenewamericanempire.com/tremblay=1136.htm ♣



"From Down the 401"

Lou Israel, Toronto

My fellow Canadians,

Election? Did someone say election? With the announcement that we will be going to the polls for the 4th time in less than 7 years, my feelings run the gamut from ho all the way to hum, and

with unemployment (for me) looming on the horizon, I am filling up with an increased sense of helplessness and futility. And no, my fellow Canadians, I would not presume to tell you how to vote in THIS election, especially since I am disappointed with EACH of the parties.

So I will give you this advice: MAKE YOUR CANDIDATE OR YOUR PARTY EARN YOUR VOTE! They do not win by divine right; safe seats, with time, become swing seats even after decades (ask Tom Mulcair in Outremont, or maybe Julian Fantino in Vaughan).

So make sure to hold their feet to the fire and demand the answers to the questions most important TO YOU. My suggestions are as follows: Firstly--- Why call an election now? Is there a better way to spend \$300 million considering many polls show yet another Tory minority projected? Or is this a Canada Action Plan? (I know I will be well paid working on Election Day.) Did you take the budget cynically to force the election?

On Quebec--- CPC: Why bribe French Quebecers with are-nas? Liberals: Will you promise more to (French) Quebec? Even more French programs? NDP: After Godin's idiot bill 232, Layton marches in a separatist parade, and the NDP emails me "English and French Canada are so over"? CPC scandals: Bev Oda? If an opposition MP faked a document, you would be clamoring for their head. Why is

Oda still in caucus? And Bruce Carson? He was convicted on five counts of fraud and received court-ordered psychiatric treatment before becoming one of Mr. Harper's closest advisers. Mr. Harper told reporters he knew some of Mr. Carson's background but not all of it. (THIS is your excuse? Again, the hypocrisy of "accountable government" stinks from Kemptville to Kamloops.

Spending: New F35 fighters? New prisons? All of this costs money. How much? And do we need them?

Some other questions Conservatives have to answer:

Perimeter of secrecy "security"? Are we giving up our sovereignty AGAIN to the US?

Conservative "open honest government"? Including refusal to talk to the press? Exactly what are your plans for health care? And privatization? And how about that Contempt of Parliament thing?

Who is for the protection of citizens from police abuse, e.g. G20 summit? Not one officer has been charged despite video evidence. For that matter, why was the G20 summit held in an area heavily populated instead of away in the boonies?

Are you for Net Neutrality or stifling bandwidth, meaning users pay more for less information and the telcos continue to crush the smaller companies?

And proportional representation? Why should 60-70% of the electorate have no voice? And speaking of which, PLEASE do not crap on a coalition government. If three parties representing 60% of the population want to try to govern rather than one party with 40%, then I say let them try.

Sorry this column is so short. Too many people speaking out this issue! And that's a GOOD THING! ♣

From the Canadian Action Party: re the Canada-US

Declaration on a Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness

Harper border deal threatens Canadian Sovereignty

Christopher Porter, leader, CAP

On March 13th, 2011 the Canadian Government announced a public consultation process of 29 working days for the Declaration made by Prime Minister and President Obama that will further merge Canada with the United States. Canadians have only until April 21, 2011 to submit their thoughts on the proposed integrated border plan that includes this statement,

"In order to promote mobility between our two countries, we expect to work towards an integrated Canada-United States entry-exit system, including works towards the exchange of relevant entry information in the land environment so that documented entry into one country serves to verify exit from the other country."

The Declaration on a Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness states four primary objectives: 1) Addressing threats early, 2) Trade facilitation,

economic growth and jobs, 3) Integrated cross-border law enforcement, 4) Critical infrastructure and cyber security

The full details of the plan are not available on the website, nor is there any mention on who comprises the "Beyond the Border" working group.

More information and more time on this important change must be made accessible & known to the citizens of Canada.

The Canadian Action party is concerned about the potential threats that this declaration has on our National Sovereignty and is demanding the following: 1) An extension of the public consultation process; 2) A list of the members that comprise the Beyond the Border working group; 3) The full text of the Declaration signed by Prime Minister Harper and President Obama

We are asking all Canadians to help make the public aware of this consultation process, to ensure it is not rushed ⇒

through without the input of the Citizens of Canada.

Declaration: www.bit.ly/beyondborder

Public Consult: www.bit.ly/beyondpublic

The Canadian Action Party is, above all, a pro-Canadian party dedicated to the principle that Canada can best serve its

citizens and the world by re-claiming and maintaining its political and economic sovereignty as an independent country.

ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/CAP15mar11>

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"Have Computer Will Write" ~ Jeremy Arney

The Privatizing of Canada



From: Jeremy Arney, Victoria BC

100 years ago this coming September, the conservatives won an election in Canada because under Borden they rejected the concept of FREE TRADE with the USA.

Today's Conservative leader is not only of the opposite position, but wishes to take it even further. He has already stated that the loss of Canadian sovereignty is inevitable under his government.

Our sovereignty has all but been given to Washington with a border around the North American continent controlled by the American homeland security.

His constant refrain is harmonization with the USA.

Our military has the right to fight the American citizens as does the American military to fight the Canadian people.

We are buying fighter planes (inadequate for our defense needs anyway), trucks for the army, and planes for search and rescue all from the USA, completely ignoring costs, Canadian workers and companies.

What companies we have left are up for sale and the EU is being invited to take over our basic needs such as sewage and water; and school boards will be forced to buy chalk boards from European companies through CETA or pay a "loss of profit" fine to the Europeans.

Our deficit and national debt is increasing daily, due to pathetic financial management, whilst we use compounding-interest, commercial banking instead of our interest free Bank of Canada. How can this make sense?

Health care will be privatized to benefit the insurance and pharmaceutical companies as in the USA, a huge step backwards but inevitable under this conservative regime.

The rule of law has already been completely altered by the Consumer Product Safety Act (*), an act which does absolutely nothing for consumer safety but which makes the Minister of Health the judge jury and executioner of any perceived wrongdoing, with no recourse to the courts.

The G8/G20 fiasco showed very clearly that peaceful demonstrating will not be tolerated in Canada, whilst the burning of police cars and smashing of windows by "instigators" is just watched by thousands of law enforcement officers.

We are now at war with Libya to destroy a dictator who has given his people a standard of living so far above that

which we have here in Canada, we should be learning from him not destroying him and bombing his people.

Finally the charge in Parliament of 'contempt of parliament' (for the first time ever in Canada) was treated by Harper with that same contempt – simply saying, "It is a good budget" – just an extension of his contempt for the people of Canada.

This is not what I want for my grandchildren, do you?

***The Canada Consumer Product Safety Act**

(CCPSA) received Royal Assent in late 2010, and it will come into force on June 20, 2011.

Fiscally (ir)responsible?

You may recall that in the fall of 2008, there was an election during which the conservatives under Stephen Harper proclaimed loudly and often that the impending financial storm would NOT effect us here in Canada. At the same time, there was a quiet move to bail out our banks through the CMHA to the tune of \$25 BILLION, boosted later to \$75 BILLION which Harper claimed would not cost the taxpayers anything: "At the height of the last election campaign, Prime Minister Harper stated emphatically that: "this is not a bailout... it will cost the government nothing." (CBC News, Oct. 10, 2008).

And then, as Minister of Finance, Jim Flaherty announced [March 29, 2011] "the Government will purchase up to an additional \$50 billion of insured mortgage pools by the end of the fiscal year as part of its ongoing efforts to maintain the availability of longer-term credit in Canada. This action will increase to \$75 billion the maximum value of securities purchased through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) under this program. [The Main Wire, Nov. 12, 2008] – and they were still trying at that time to say that there wasn't a problem!

So now today, two and a half years later, I would like the election reporters/journalists to please find out from the Conservative candidates just who did pay for this bank bailout if the government did not!

It does beg the question of just how fiscally responsible this last conservative government has been, and an answer to this question is needed by voters so they can decide on just who is the best person to represent them.

Jeremy Arney [EMAIL: iamjema@gmail.com]

CAP candidate for Saanich -Gulf Island 2008 ♣

MORE FEDERAL ELECTION TOPICS

National Campaign Launched to Unify Green Party, NDP

From: Green-NDP-United Canada

OTTAWA – April 6th 2011: A nationwide multimedia campaign has just been launched to inspire the unification of the Green Party of Canada and the NDP. Employing music videos, a comedy sketch, as well as conventional political rhetoric, the campaign intends to spark an eventual merger of the Green Party and NDP, with the short-term goal of forging an official alliance and cooperation between the two parties in the upcoming election.

The spearhead of the campaign is a music video, filmed on Parliament Hill called “Canadian Revolution” which uses striking imagery and lyrical content to illustrate the ecological crises, as well as severe poverty affecting hundreds of thousands of Canadians. “**Canadian Revolution**” - ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/CDNrevolution>

A second video, called “GREENDP: Canadians For a United Party” uses humour to playfully mock the continued division between Canada’s two leading progressive parties, with young children in green and orange t-shirts arguing over trivial and absurd matters, while footage of melting ice caps, deforestation, and poverty on Canadian streets are spliced in to remind Green Party and NDP partisans of the life and death stakes that are to be fought over in this federal election. “**GREENDP: Canadians For a United Party**” – ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/GREENDP> ♣

‘No Tanker’ Loonie decals!

DogwoodInitiative.org, BC

Send a “No Tankers!” message with every dollar you spend! **Dogwood Initiative** is distributing hundreds of thousands of removable decals. These decals can be applied to most smooth surfaces including plastic, glass and metal. Once applied, each decal will help spread the word about oil spills from proposed Tar Sands Tankers on the coast of BC's Great Bear Rainforest.

Have you spotted a notanker loonie? **Track your sighting** on our website (address below). You can also order your own decals to help us reach our goal of 1,000,000 notanker loonies in circulation...

Help put more notankers.ca loonies into action this election by taking advantage of our special election pricing. We'll send you 42 decals (2 sheets) for a donation of \$8. If you would like to get more involved, order a loonie party kit and invite friends and family to bring their loonies over to be decaled. [See Loonie image at the top of P. 2]

VISIT THE WEBSITE:

<http://dogwoodinitiative.org/notankers/loonie-project> ♣

A voting self-assessment

Don Parker, Georgetown ON

When you have a few minutes, there's a very interesting questionnaire to take about the election. It takes about ten minutes. You don't type in any personal information (unless you want to). You can abandon it at any time if you wish. It assesses the way you are thinking about the election and the candidates, and your political leanings; the results could surprise you, and mine did surprise me a little.

The questionnaire is at: www.cbc.ca/votecompass

(*This has been used in Europe for some years.*) ♣

Ways to Vote: ELECTIONS CANADA

You can vote at your polling station on election day, May 2, 2011. Or, if it's more convenient, there are other options.

You may vote: at the advance polls; at your local Elections Canada office, or by mail. Elections Canada also provides alternative voting methods for electors in acute care hospitals, electors in isolated areas, members of the Canadian Forces worldwide, Canadians employed outside Canada as teachers or as members of the administrative support staff in a Canadian Forces school and incarcerated electors.

Returning officers make special voting arrangements for institutions where seniors or persons with physical disabilities live. ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/ECvote2011> ♣

The Final Analysis!

From: TheTruthExposed blog (address below)

In the end after reading the majority of the material presented in (*TheTruthExposed*) Blog (all based on hard facts with reference links where obtainable), one has to come to the inescapable conclusion that we, the people, are being slowly “cooked” like the proverbial “boiling frog” and that: The ones that were once our “Appointed” administrators of our society or trusted commercial providers have become our overlords... due mainly to mankind's enormous greed and corruption and that...

“Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”

– **George Orwell**

We, the common man, are all to blame for giving them such unbridled power due to our own apathy and sloth

However, it can be reversed as evidenced by the **Wins by the People**.

VISIT THE WEBSITE:

<http://thetruthxposed.wordpress.com/the-final-analysis/>

[link from Beth Trudeau] ♣

BOOKS & MOVIES

"In war, truth is the first casualty" – Aeschylus, Greek tragic dramatist (525-456 BC)

The Truth about the break-up of Yugoslavia

From Global Research, Montreal QC

*The illegal so-called "humanitarian intervention" in Yugoslavia in March 1999 set an important and lethal precedent. Today, Libya has become the 4th sovereign nation in 12 years to crumble under NATO attacks. Learn the truth behind the devastation of Western military and economic interference in sovereign affairs, and understand the full impact of unjust wars. Watch **The Weight of Chains** to find out how it all began...*

"WEIGHT OF CHAINS" - The Truth about the NATO Intervention in the Balkans

This is a ground-breaking 2011 documentary film – by a 22-year old Canadian director, Boris Malagurski, who is called "*the Serbian Michael Moore*." It deals with the NATO intervention in the Balkans and the geopolitical and financial influence that lead to the break-up of Yugoslavia, some 20 years ago; a film made with \$20,000 in donations! The movie attempts to answer, not only what happened to Yugoslavia, which "was considered to be a success story of market socialism" (Michel Chossudovsky) – but most importantly, **why** it happened [beginning in 1984, with the secret targeting of their economy by Ronald Reagan].

"The Weight of Chains" ("Težina lanaca" in Serbian) deals with tough issues concerning the breakup of Yugoslavia and analyzes the role that Western powers played in the internal affairs of the former Yugoslav republics before and after the war: in a pattern that has been repeated many times since, in different parts of the world.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Boris Malagurski, Vancouver BC

"The Weight of Chains" (2011) is one of the very first documentary films that has been made thanks to hundreds of mostly small donations by contributors who sincerely wanted the given idea to be produced into a movie. The film was not supported by any big production company and didn't have any major corporate sponsors. This is the miracle of "The Weight of Chains" – that a simple idea about making an unbiased film dealing with the Balkans turmoil could spark such interest, and it shows just how thirsty people are for the truth; but also it's the strongest argument in support of the film's neutrality.

In my previous film, "Kosovo: Can You Imagine?" (2009), I documented what happened in Serbia's southern province after the supposed "democracy kicked in" thanks to a NATO "humanitarian" bombing campaign, and discovered ghettos and gross human rights violations in a land under international supervision. This time around, I am explaining **why** it all happened – not just the tragedy in Kosovo,

but all of the former Yugoslavia. My new film is also going a step further and analyzing the consequences of the colonial exploitation of the Yugoslav states by Western powers in the economic, political and military sense.

As a 22-year-old film student (aged 20 when I started working on the film), I found that many of the people I've worked with on this film were in disbelief that someone my age would undertake such an ambitious project. Considering that I made my last film at age 19, and the film was shown on the English-language TV channel Russia Today in over 60 countries around the world, I always found that anything's possible, while age is an illusion. **The idea and how it's presented are what counts**, not who or how old the director is.

I'm aware that there are many who will outright reject to watch the film, as I'm a Serbian Canadian and any argument that cannot be perceived as an attack on Serbs or presenting the Yugoslav tragedy in a black and white manner is automatically labelled as Serbian propaganda. But to them I say that if what TV told you was always true, we'd be praising George W. Bush for finding those WMDs in Iraq.

My message is also that the real heroes of the Yugoslav wars are not corrupt politicians, army generals or war profiteers, but rather **normal people who acted as human beings in inhuman times**. Some of these positive stories – people going above and beyond to keep the peace or protecting their neighbours regardless of their ethnicity – are presented in the film to illustrate why there are no such things as "evil nations". If you have any interest in the Yugoslav drama, do watch the film. Even if you think you know why it happened.

Boris Malagurski, Director, Writer and Producer of The Weight of Chains, lives in Vancouver BC.

MANY QUESTIONS...

Ever wondered why the U.S. meddles so much in the internal affairs of other countries? Does it seem strange that someone would want to crush a successful economic structure? How can a country supposedly invade itself? Curious what happens after a "humanitarian" bombing?

For the answer to these and many more questions, one needn't look further than Yugoslavia. You won't get much from the mainstream media or most politicians in the West, as their interests often come in conflict with the truth.

However, this film casts a different light on the Yugoslav tragedy that illustrates to what extent a country can still be colonized today.

"The Weight of Chains" explains how and why Yugoslavia broke up and who really had an interest in it dissolving in ⇒

Weight of Chains, contd.

a devastating and bloody war. Malagurski then offers a unique look into the current state in which the new Balkan countries are – powerless to choose their own government or write their own laws.

The film advocates the idea that the real heroes of the Yugoslav wars are not corrupt politicians, army generals or war profiteers, but rather normal people who acted as human beings in inhuman times. Some of these positive stories - people going above and beyond to keep the peace or protecting their neighbours regardless of their ethnicity - are presented in the film to illustrate why there are no such things as "evil nations."

Disunity and hatred among people in the Balkans, manufactured by outside powers who had an interest in conquering them, has always brought nothing but suffering. "The Weight of Chains" offers a way out.

The Canadian premier of Boris Malagurski's documentary film "The Weight of Chains" took place at in Vancouver, BC on Feb. 19, 2011: www.youtube.com/watch?v=v34gN9a3rQ0/ The Centre for Research on Globalization sponsored the Montreal premiere on Apr. 1, 2011.

WEBSITE: www.weightofchains.com

TRAILER: www.weightofchains.com/video.html ♣

The Corporation'

- An award-winning Canadian documentary
From Alexandra Bruce, San Francisco CA

This Canadian-produced documentary feature film directed by Mark Achbar & Jennifer Abbott is one of the best to come around in a long time. At 1 hr 45 minutes, it's long, so I've put in an intermission. *Watch it online:*

Part 1 - 'The Corporation':

www.forbiddenknowledge.tv/page/1258.html

Part 2 - 'The Corporation':

www.forbiddenknowledge.tv/page/1259.html

Here is the review of the film by Kenneth Chisholm: "Since the late 18th century American legal decision that the business corporation organizational model is legally a person, it has become a dominant economic, political and social force around the globe. This film takes an in-depth psychological examination of the organization model through various case studies. What the study illustrates is that in the its behavior, this type of "person" typically acts like a dangerously destructive psychopath without conscience. Furthermore, we see the profound threat this psychopath has for our world and our future, but also how the people with courage, intelligence and determination can do to stop it."

Bust out the popcorn and get ready to learn about this endlessly important topic. (And if Brazilian happens to be your first language, this version comes conveniently supplied with Brazilian subtitles).

Alexandra Bruce, Forbidden Knowledge TV
Daily Videos from the Edges of Science
<http://www.ForbiddenKnowledgeTV.com> ♣

1936 and the illusion of progress

Greg Felton, April 1, 2011- gregfelton.com

Seventy-five years ago, a head of state stood up before the world body to demand justice for his people, who had been terrorized and murdered by an imperial aggressor. All prior attempts to mediate the matter and appeal to the principles of collective security and equality of nations were deliberately ignored. The leader's name was Haile Sellassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia; the world body was The League of Nations; the aggressor was Fascist Italy.

Sellassie's address, delivered in June 1936 in Geneva, is not some arcane tidbit of long-forgotten 20th-century history. It is a highly meaningful document that depicts how Great Powers quickly betray their principles under the cover of law. The criminals and victims may have changed in 75 years, but the polite rationalizations we offer up to appease international crime today are pretty much the same. What Italy did to Ethiopia in 1936, Israel now does to Palestine and Lebanon, and U.S.-led imperial forces do to Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya—all with the active or tacit consent of the United Nations.

VIDEO ONLINE: <http://tinyurl.com/GregFelton08>

Greg Felton, an investigative reporter and author, spoke at the *Vancouver Public Library* on Feb. 25, 2008 about the influence the Zionist lobby has on the U.S. foreign policy. His 2007 book is called The Host and the Parasite. ♣

Living in the End Times

Book by Slavoj Žižek (2010)

Quote from the Introduction, (p. xv)

"The present book is thus a book of struggle, following Paul's surprisingly relevant definition: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against leaders, against authorities, against the world rulers [kosmokratoras] of this darkness, against the spiritual wickedness in the heavens" (*Ephesians 6:12*). Or, translated into today's language: "Our struggle is not against actual corrupt individuals, but against those in power in general, against their authority, against the global order and the ideological mystification which sustains it." To engage in this struggle means to endorse Badiou's formula *mieux vaut un désastre qu'un désêtre*: better to take the risk and engage in fidelity to a Truth-Event, even if it ends in catastrophe, than to vegetate in the eventless utilitarian-hedonist survival of what Nietzsche called the "last men." What Badiou rejects is thus the liberal ideology of victimhood, with its reduction of politics to a program of avoiding the worst, to renouncing all positive projects and pursuing the least bad option. Not least since, as Arthur Feldmann, a Viennese Jewish writer, bitterly noted: the price we usually pay for survival is our lives." [ISBN-13: 978-1-84467-598-2]

[Maurice King has just started reading this library book and thought other people might be interested in it too.] ♣

HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE OF CANADA

Protecting our Country from Quebec

Marguerite E. Ritchie, C.M. Q.C., Feb. 1, 2011

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Dear Friends:

This is an appeal to Canadians to stop the continuing destruction of this country by politicians who are not protecting Canada against being changed into a French country. In Canada now, French is the essential language, the Federal Government protects and advances Quebec domestically and internationally, and English is a secondary language instead of the basic language historically in Canada.

Before our Canada, the Indians and Inuit owned North America. France has had no settlements in Canada since the Treaty of Paris in 1763. That was when France gave Quebec and the other North American territories to England in return for various islands in the Caribbean and a slaving port in Africa. Quebecers knew that France had rejected them.

The same treaty included an undertaking by both French and British not to give assistance or protection to persons who would cause prejudice to the other regime. Quebecers agreed to be loyal to Great Britain. Now they demand the rights of an independent country while they are supported financially by Canada.

Many Canadians regret the waste of years of our lives in trying to find some way that Quebec politicians will work for the good of Canada. On Remembrance Day we remember the losses of Canadian lives, but also the fact that Quebec, which benefited from shipbuilding and other wartime activity, regarded Canada as the enemy and failed to help defend this country. Quebec still regards the rest of Canada as the enemy to be targeted.

So it is with regret that I see Federal politicians whose peoples came from around the world and built this country, caving in to Quebec. It is with regret that I see how English-speaking politicians today are prepared to hand over the freedom of their citizens and the political power of their Province to Quebec politicians who work for Quebec, not Canada.

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

Many Canadians think that we should obey whatever any law says. But Canadians do have voices and can speak out against the loss of the Canada they knew. Quebec does not speak for freedom. Citizens can protest against the giveaway of Canada to Quebec. As they did when Prime Minister Mulroney tried to impose the Meech Lake Accord on Canada.

WHAT CAN THE PRIME MINISTER DO?

He can refer any of the language laws to the Supreme Court of Canada. Or he can give the people a Referendum where

they themselves will vote on what they want. Premiers can do the same for their Province.

If Canadians want their voice to be heard in either way, they must organize groups and show them how the language laws are destroying the equality of Canadians. Their future depends on HOW MUCH PRESSURE CITIZENS PUT ON THE PRIME MINISTER.

WHAT ABOUT PARLIAMENT?

Parliament must not be involved. This must be a plea to the Prime Minister and his answer to the people.

I urge Canadians to get from Parliament a copy of the submission dated March 28, 1990, entitled "Presentation to the Standing Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons on Official Languages". It was presented by Ronald Leitch, extraordinary man, President of the Alliance for the Preservation of English in Canada.

Mr. Leitch dealt with the Official Languages Act. He described the injustices, the dishonesty, the shame of Government actions and the illegal actions carried out to expand French in every part of Canada outside Quebec. Quebec remains unilingual French.

Get a copy of his speech. Read about the behaviour of the Committee. Then start organizing to demand that people get their voice at last.

ENDING THE WASTE OF MONEY

Canada was created as an English-speaking country. It has been impoverished beyond belief by the decision by Trudeau long ago to make it a bilingual country with Quebec unilingual French.

The cost of the Official Languages Act alone, without including all the areas outside Government where it applies, is astronomical. Enclosed is a summary dated November 19, 2010 by Jim S. Allan, of Toronto. The title says it all: "CANADA'S NIGHTMARE. ITS 1969 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT." We have been bankrupted by bilingualism.

The goal must be to end forced bilingualism in Canada. Quebec is unilingual French. Other Provinces and Territories are destroyed by forced bilingualism. Please help them regain their freedom in any way you can.

Sincerely yours, (Dr.) Marguerite E. Ritchie, C.M., Q.C.
President, Human Rights Institute of Canada

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ONLINE: www.humanrightsinstitute.com/Feb_1_2011_Letter.asp

With attachments: Jim S. Allan Nov 19, 2010; STOPPING THE BETRAYAL OF CANADA

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Strongly recommended by Charlie Beaman of Unity, SK. ♣

Language Matters

A little Canadian language history

Sent to Ottawa Citizen. Response to Janice Kennedy's "The language of good manners," Ottawa Citizen Feb. 19, 2011

By Jim Allan, Toronto

Janice Kennedy mentions Ottawa as being a "skip across the river" from Quebec province. Yes indeed, and a large portion of French-speakers do skip across the river daily. I have noted myself the disproportion of Quebec licence plates on cars parked around our Ottawa Parliament Buildings. Their owners live in Quebec province. They pay Quebec municipal taxes; drive over the river daily; and disproportionately influence our federal government in senior positions that govern our country. This is confirmed by government statistics, broken down by official language, with first language French shown as disproportionately stacked in the more influential departments of our federal government. This, of course, is inequitable. It naturally produces resentment, and undermines our claimed democracy. Democracy requires control by the majority – lost in Canada since 1969.

Before P.E. Trudeau brought in his Official Languages Act of 1969, he was asked if it would affect jobs. His reply, without hesitation, which I heard, was "No!" What more devious political distortion of truth was needed to destroy our democracy? Per official statistics: only 17% of Canadians are officially bilingual, and most of that 17% live in Quebec! ... Thanks to Trudeau, our successful past Liberal socialist Prime Minister – a personal friend of Dr. Fidel Castro of Cuba, communist – and an admirer of Chairman Mao Tse-tung of China, communist, and his 1969 Official Languages Act, that 17% now controls Canada!

Trudeau's official bilingualism, now deliberately and craftily inserted at section 16 of his CONSTITUTION ACT, 1982, SCHEDULE B, of our Constitution of 1982, countersigned by Jean Chrétien, André Ouellet, and Pierre Trudeau, all three from Quebec (but not agreed to by Quebec province), is unofficially estimated to have cost Canada, so far, over \$1 trillion plus, and growing at the rate of \$19 billion per year! No government will give us audited figures to disprove these estimates, in spite of requests for it to do so! Furthermore, Trudeau's "Charter" now puts the 9 unelected Judges on the Supreme Court over and above our elected MPs in Parliament. This, also, further undermines democracy – and justice – in Canada! Before Trudeau, our federal Parliament controlled the law, and justice. As it should in a democracy.

Now Janice Kennedy, with classic quisling tactics, seductively seeks for the people in Ottawa to cater to French even further by offering more services in French because people in Quebec province are so friendly to English-speaking people (which I have indeed found to be true).

But, politically friendly! Friendly politically? When they have driven some half million people out of their province; some that had lived there for generations! And people want the municipal City of Ottawa to be officially bilingual per federal requirements, denying most Ottawa citizens, who are English-speaking, certain Ottawa city jobs in their own city! Where, when, and how will all this gross injustice end? To achieve what Janice Kennedy seeks, goodwill is required. To generate goodwill, created ill-will and injustice have to go. This requires that democracy be restored. This is the very problem that plagues the Middle East! Canada started the problem here by electing devious P.E. Trudeau in 1968!

Janice Kennedy speaks for "sensible proportions"! Where, in the above outline of our basic problems have we got "sensible proportions" since 1969? Before 1969 we had very sensible proportions, and a sound economy. We were a respected world leader. Now, in spite of all our natural resources, our debt continues to soar! Civility and courtesy are evaporating.

The writing is on the wall in The Middle East.

Canada – take heed! ♣

'English as a second language' in its truest form

Bill Bishop, Maple Ridge BC

In today's Canada, one has come to expect that the leader of the separatist party, the Bloc from the nation of Québec, when addressing any audience on TV, he would speak French first.

However, when the PM speaks to the entire country from the House of Commons, regarding an election and the first half of his speech is in French (followed by the leaders of both the liberals and NDP with the first half of their speeches in French) you have to wonder what kind of respect they (THE POLITICIANS) have for what's left of English Canada. Bilingualism has gone too far and we are now living in a French dominated country.

When there is such a long-standing record of lack of respect for the English language in Quebec (land of the anti English language police and after Quebec's lack of support in WW1 and WW2), "why," I wonder, do they now run the country, the military and national police force? Canada has lost its soul.

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Official Bilingualism in New Brunswick From Beth Trudeau, Embrun ON

Here is a video from New Brunswick, regarding the *Bilingual NB Today, French NB Tomorrow*:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKRawwhisJs ♣

The View from Eastern Ontario

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Totally Inappropriate

So, Justin Trudeau thinks that 'barbaric' is not the right word for things like genital mutilation, stoning, decapitation and other delightful aspects of Sharia Law. Apparently the words 'totally inappropriate' should replace this horrific word from our pamphlets sent out by the federal government to new incoming Canadians.

Vote buying has obviously reached another low point when statements like the above are made. No matter how sickening the idea may be to a liberal it seems that everything is fair play and any opportunity to grab a voter is more important than truly feeling the pulse of the people that pay the bills.

Political correctness rules the day while people like the Trudeau's who are so far removed from the citizenry make statements that truly put the cards on the table.

Mr. Trudeau's father's legacy is our very divisive and discriminatory languages act that is an affirmative action for French speakers while English speakers are shut out. He has also saddled us with multiculturalism that is fragmenting our country while the nation of Quebec becomes more powerful.

We also have been blessed with our Charter of rights and freedoms that limits our very rights and freedoms while minorities and immigrants are allowed taxpayer-funded legal services. None of my many friends & associates have ever had any free legal services for anything! Thank you Mr. Trudeau.

Multiculturalism is a complete failure in Europe and other western countries. The chancellor of Germany and the President of France have both stated this reality, but here in Canada we somehow think we're above what's happened in Europe. We think that we can do it better. We believe in the goodness of people to a fault, no matter how it looks when blatant distortions stare us right in the face.

If you come to Canada, leave your homeland at the door.

We all did! Yes, it is totally inappropriate to commit a barbaric act. It doesn't change the fact that it is a barbaric act.

I hope the voters in Mr. Trudeau's riding are paying attention. We do not need more political correctness. We need commonsense actions in response to a state of affairs that will ruin all of us if not addressed by our political masters. It seems that Mr. Trudeau and his ilk have totally lost the pulse of the people of this country. Perhaps he should witness someone having their head removed in order to understand that it is a barbaric act.

Working people who have never been blessed with a privileged lifestyle know a barbaric act when they see it and your request to change this term of reality is **totally inappropriate**.

Fiscal Insanity

The township of Russell just south of the city of Ottawa has had its share of battles between French and English speakers.

Most of *Dialogue* readers are aware of the lawsuit brought by Howard Galganov and Jean-Serge Brisson against the bilingual sign by-law that would have the government dictate that all new store signs be bilingual. The crying and the wailing by those that would believe that a sign would give respect can be heard all over Eastern Ontario.

The latest news from this township should have all of Canada become aware of the reality that is alleged bilingualism.

The township has built a new library at a cost of millions of dollars in Russell. Russell, of course, is sort of on the English side of the township while just a couple of kilometres down the road is Embrun which is mostly on the French side of the township. The library in Embrun is full of French books. The library in Russell is all English books. Councillors in the township decided it would be a great idea to amalgamate both libraries. This makes sense in a financially strapped area and hundreds of thousands of dollars could be saved.

There was no complaint from Russell. They would embrace amalgamation for fiscal and social reasons. French books beside English books in one new facility would actually show how we could truly embrace this so called bilingual nature of the township but guess what? The French totally object to this assault on their right to French only services.

At a time in history when economical sanity should rule the day, we still have groups that are so short sighted and arrogant that social-engineering policies overshadow the need for fiscal responsibility.

We are in a massive debt ridden economic downturn throughout the world. Two libraries about 2 kilometers apart in one township does not make any sense. The new library could house books from both and yet the hue and cry is so loud from Francophones that again commonsense is buried.

If we truly lived in a country where bilingualism was the goal, then a library with both language books inside would truly be a good thing, n'est ce pas?! We would have a meeting place for both groups to actually share and commiserate their cultural experiences.

Unfortunately this is just another incident that proves once again that the whole enforced language thing is not about bilingualism. Rejection of the combination of libraries by Francophones, particularly at this time of economic downturn and increasing debt, is socially irresponsible and once again shines a blinding light on the realities of our enforced language policies. The official languages act has never been about bilingualism has it? – **Jurgen Vollrath**

One country, one language, one anthem. Save billions. ♣

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