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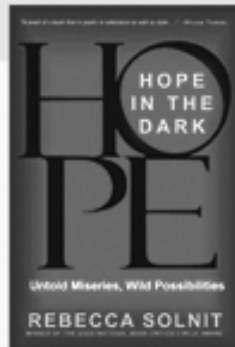
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[Above] Allen Rolland, & Keiko Okuba, whose story, The Eagle & The Hummingbird, is on p. 55; and Keiko's painting is on the on the front cover, at the top.



[Above] Francis Ayley explains his community currency, p.31; he will be in Nanaimo on Feb. 17 [250-758-9877]



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A word from the publisher and editor...



Janet, Maurice & Penny on the beach, Vancouver Island

Dear Reader,

On the cover of this issue, Janet is attempting to portray the electric (*and eclectic!*) mix that is human Life on Earth ~ as we begin the year 2008. And in this issue, you will find letters, essays and stories (and photos) reflecting the inspiration, ingenuity – and mayhem – that arise through our thoughts and actions, at home and around the world.

But the cover also reminds us that our ultimate destiny – whether it be near or distant – is Love and the true brotherhood of mankind. And our understanding of ourselves and the world helps us rise above our apprehensions. Many writers in this issue help deepen our comprehension of world events that are unfolding in theatres of war, failing economies and environmental challenges. Some remind us, too, that we are most effective when we work *for something we want*, rather than *against* something we don't want!

Regarding monetary issues, we congratulate John Dempsey for his successful work with the **Sovereign Trust** (his report is on p. 26). And if you have an interest in learning more about **local currencies**, see the article on p.31, from Francis Ayley, who, with Susan Boskey (p.30) will be making a presentation in Nanaimo, BC, on Feb. 17th (contact Janet, here at *Dialogue*, for meeting arrangements, 250-758-9877).

And don't miss the many **inspirational articles** – which discuss growth and change from a variety of perspectives. A special thank you to Allen Rolland for his parable of growth and love – *timely for Valentine's Day* – in the story of the **Eagle and the Hummingbird** (p. 55), with the beautiful painting by Keiko Okubo, featured in colour at the top of the front cover. And many thanks to everyone for sharing their wonderful photos on the back cover (p.59-60).

There is a wealth of insights available through the **books** and **videos** recommended in this issue. Internet links to the videos are provided; and most of the books are listed in the **Amazon.ca "store" on our website** – www.dialogue.ca [We make a small commission if you purchase from amazon.ca through our website! And we can add any books that you are interested in – just let us know! – dialogue@dialogue.ca]

The **Dialogue website** also now features a "pdf" extract of each issue. And if you are not yet receiving our monthly "**e-mail newsletter**" (prepared by Maurice), send an e-mail – to maurice.king@dialogue.ca – and we will add you to our e-newsletter list. [Please note: the e-mail address for submissions to the printed magazine is still: dialogue@dialogue.ca]

Just a note about the subscription cost in 2008... Although the GST rate was lowered by one percent on Jan. 1st, our bookkeeping process is greatly simplified by keeping the total cost at \$30 (including GST) [This 81-year-old bookkeeper appreciates your understanding! – *Maurice*]

Thank you for your letters, encouragement, subscriptions, gift subscriptions and donations! Without your support and your voice, there would be no **Dialogue!** Your help in finding new readers is so vital – and greatly valued.

Our prayers and best wishes go to Ron Bezant who is battling cancer – and to all of our readers who are coping with illness. God Bless.

Maurice, volunteer publisher

Janet, volunteer editor

P.S. Penny is already wearing green for St. Patrick's Day! ♣

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Potent messages for 2008...

Until one is committed,
there is hesitancy,
the chance to draw back,
always ineffectiveness.

Concerning acts of initiative (and creation)
there is one elementary truth,
the ignorance of which kills countless ideas
and splendid plans:

That the moment one definitely commits oneself
then Providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one
that would otherwise never have occurred.

A whole stream of events issues from the decision,
raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents
and meetings and material assistance
which no one could have dreamt
would come their way.

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.
Begin it now.

Goethe

(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 1749-1832) ♣

"The Story of Stuff"

Ian Gartshore, Nanaimo BC

It is rare that I see something that I want to send to everybody. This documentary is an exception to that rule. A friend just sent it to me, and I think it very worthwhile to view what we are doing to ourselves and planet, and a hopeful note about how we can change for the better.

While the 'story' is based on US situation, Canada is really no different. In fact we are increasingly being treated as a 'third world' supplier of the raw materials. I hope that you find it helpful, and pass it along to others.

"The Story of Stuff," encompasses years of research and advocacy compacted into a concise, 20-minute movie that premieres today online. In the film, the author intends to simplify the "materials economy" – extraction, production, distribution, consumption and disposal – and convince us that although the system seems easy enough to understand, it is full of flaws and globally damaging effects. (Lots of "stuff" to download from the site too!) View at:

www.storyofstuff.com/

Ian Gartshore is president of ESVI (Energy Solutions for Vancouver Island) and founder of Shore Counselling Society, a non-profit society, whose goals are to assist persons to improve their relationships.

The liberating power of truth

Connie Fogal, Leader CAP/PAC

The video below is a great summary of what CAP has been exposing for years. It is an important listen, most especially for its message of hope at the end. NORTH AMERICAN UNION & VCHIP TRUTH is a nine-minute video to see...
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuBo4E77ZXo

The ultimate message is this: An important truth for all people to realize is that we possess an incredible liberating power within our selves. That power is rooted in our relationship with nature and our being a part of nature.

All we have to do is focus on this energy within us, to know that it is there, and reach for it, each of us separately - as we are in our homes, in our cars, in our gardens, in our dreams, in our work. Then we will be a mass of human consciousness that will recognize deceptions, that will say no to totalitarian control, and yes to our sovereign selfhood.

Then we will be able to say NO, each of us individually, and as a result collectively, to such obscenities as forced vaccinations, tracking devices, no fly lists, tasers, torture chambers and all the manipulations that steal from us our earth's heritage.

Let us look inside ourselves to our unique glow of human goodness. Let us focus on what we want the earth and life to be. Then, the universality of our collective consciousness will reign, pushing aside the black way, and people will emerge (including you) who will assert the leadership required to redirect our path to the fulfillment of a joyful destiny that can be ours.

We can say NO to the black New World Order and YES to a golden age of justice, freedom, and full bounty for all. ♣

Happy New Year...

From J. C. McCullough, Richmond ON

Dear family of friends,

Once again, I wakened up this morning, took a deep breath, and it still worked. The Lord has blessed me with another day, and the older I become, the more grateful I am to this incredible creator we, as Christians, call God.

We must all remember that the unconditional love this creator showers upon each of us is really not ours to keep. It only works for us when we share this love with every person we meet in our daily lives, in fact with every living thing, --- so --- my hope is that we all work hard in 2008 to make this year THE ONE to remember, where the "light" side won over the "dark" side by a huge margin.

May God Bless you and give you what you need throughout the year.

[sjmccullough@sympatico.ca] ♣

From Near and Far

Concern re Uranium Mining, hazards, and property rights

George D. Rennick, Miramichi NB

As a Canadian-born citizen (on Sept. 24, 1923), I am concerned, as a registered property owner, regarding something that is presently taking place in my area of rural New Brunswick.

Mining concerns are drilling to find uranium, and I have been given to understand that this can take place on my property, without anything being given to my notice. Should this material be found on my property, I am to be given six months to reach an agreement, with the said company, to come to an agreement, monetarily, with regard to any disturbance of my property that such a mining venture may entail. I am told that our government has given carte blanche that this has been agreed upon.

I am well aware that our province and our nation are deeply in debt. So I can understand that money is the bottom line, at all levels of the parliamentary structure. I feel that wisdom has no place in what our elected bodies may decide to do. This is a very sad commentary on what our so-called democratic system has become.

I don't think citizens have been fully made aware of the hazard that building heaps of uranium slag can mean to the well-being of humans and all other life forms around us. I am deeply concerned that our leaders have allowed their concerns for monetary debt to ignore the truth about the hazards of uranium. I hope I shall be heard. ♣ [More on p.16]

The Taser death of Robert Dziekanski: aged 40, at Vancouver Airport

Denny Petrik, Clearwater BC

I sent this to Gordon Campbell as I feel that this is not a matter that should be allowed to fade in the fog of political games.

Thank you for launching the much needed public enquiry into the matter of the unfortunate death of a Polish man at Vancouver Airport. However, the complete issue needs not be examined at the same time, such examination likely taking a long, perhaps forgetful time.

The most critical question lies in why could four policemen not subdue an agitated and confused man without the use of brutal force? And if their actions were improper, what is to be done – to them and about the use of similar brutal force, in the future? That is the question, I am sure, the Polish community and all decent Canadians wish to have answered – shortly – not at political convenience.

How to accommodate future immigrants at the airport, language-wise? - How the airport security group should be improved? – Should tasers be used at all? Those are questions that can wait a month, two or six to receive an answer.

But what went wrong in the matter of unnecessary death of an unarmed man and who or what was to blame – that should be answered – without delay. ♣

And from Kenneth T. Tellis, Mississauga ON:

[EXTRACT]The issue concerning the death of Robert Dziekanski, is one where the RCMP tried vainly to hide the facts and were exposed by the video tape. Why did the RCMP take away a private tape from a Canadian citizen, even if momentarily. Could they have wanted to doctor the tape, to cover the death? All these questions have to be answered by the RCMP to the Canadian public, and those responsible for the death of Robert Dziekanski should be charged with manslaughter, even if they wore the RCMP uniform in the commission of a felony. ♣

[NOTE: thorough discussion of the incident available on Wikipedia]

Ideological government versus the public interest

Gerry Masuda, Duncan BC

Governments, which are driven by an ideology based on tax cuts, smaller governments, deregulation and privatization, are 'bad' for the public.

We have been mesmerized by mantras repeated by the corporate controlled media to convince us that tax cuts and smaller governments are good - but good for whom? The public suffers from 'smaller governments' resulting from cutbacks of government services and programs. The resulting budget surpluses have been used to give tax cuts to wealthy individuals and corporations. This represents a massive transfer of wealth from the public to the already wealthy.

Deregulation and privatization benefit whom? Regulation is required for setting health and safety standards as well as rules under which business operates. There is a fundamental need for regulation. But the precautionary principle for public protection is being sacrificed to risk management. This introduces risk to the public so business can start making profits sooner. Public safety is being sacrificed to profit making.

I also question the privatization mantra. Traditionally government provided water, sewage, and electrical generation as necessary services required by all its citizens. The (public) 'bottom line' is to provide these basic services to everyone reliably, to standards, at the cheapest cost. We are told that private industry could provide these services better and cheaper. Experience indicates that, when services are privatized, standards drop and prices rise.

Ideological mantras rarely stand up to reality. My question to you is: Why do governments continue to follow the mantras of tax cuts, smaller governments, deregulation, and privatization? ♣

Have we become a market-driven society?

Dale Perkins, Victoria BC



"The biggest challenge facing us now is knowing how to live in a market-driven economy without becoming a market-driven society"

– Ed Broadbent

Every evening, usually around dinnertime, our household phone receives several phone calls from telemarketers, trying to weasel their way into a conversation, which might land them a sale or donation. I harbour no personal malice against the young people doing the phoning (from the sound of their voices I guess they're young). It's just a job and they need the income. Nevertheless, they have become the new 'shock troops' of the modern-day marketplace economy. They scramble for the crumbs that fall from the corporate business table, and have become a common feature in today's brave new global economy.

I wish there weren't so many of them, or that I didn't feel sorry for them because they make me think of my children and grandchildren. In moments of sobriety I think I catch a glimpse of what is really going on in our over-hyped age. These phone 'marketeers' are simply an example of what living in a market-driven economy is now all about.

I was about to concede this reality and accept my reaction as another example of my pre-octogenarian attitudes, until I received an e-note from a friend linking me to a Bill Moyer's PBS show on September 28/07. His guest was the world-renowned financial wizard, John Bogel. Bogel is respected world-wide as the father of index funds and the founder of The Vanguard Group, one of the largest mutual funds anywhere, with over a trillion dollars in assets. *FOR-TUNE* and *TIME* magazines hail him as one of the world's 100 most powerful and influential people. Clearly, we weren't hearing from a financial 'lightweight' but an insider among capitalists. Therefore, I needed to pay attention to what he said.

What was startling to a self-admitted socialist is how Bogel essentially trashed modern-day capitalism. Moyer and Bogel pointed to a current story coming out that private equity firms were buying out major publicly traded companies, downsizing them (or to use the current 'inspeak' - "rightsizing" them) by cutting wages, pensions and health benefits of the employees who work there. As expected the services were reduced or significantly altered, but that only fattened the bottom line. And that, in turn, made the company ripe for re-selling at a huge profit. Since the equity fund operators have no interest in doing what traditional capitalists normally did, namely, serve the consumer by providing good products and services at fair prices, the en-

tire system was skewed and threatening to implode.

For Bogel, the culprit wasn't big government, or too many regulations and controls over capital. It is quite the opposite: governments have handed the reins of power over to the corporations, and the corporations now were controlled by the financial sector in the economy. He pointed to the reality that the financial sector (the banks, money-managers, insurance companies, annuity providers) had overwhelmed the productive economy to the detriment of investors and the detriment ultimately of the society. He convincingly detailed how the financial sector of the economy is the largest profit-making sector in US America. It makes more money than the energy companies, and the healthcare companies. It makes almost twice as much as the technology companies. Similarly, twice as much as the manufacturing sector. He estimated that the financial sector takes \$560 billion a year out of society. And where it goes was "into the pockets of hedge fund managers, mutual fund managers, bankers, insurance companies." As one small example, he claimed that if you didn't make a \$129 million last year you don't rank among the highest paid 25 hedge fund managers. His conclusion – it is unsustainable!

I have become somewhat skeptical of US American pundits, and duly cautious about leaping to conclusions as to what we can expect here in Canada. However, some of the worst-case examples used in the program are currently being implemented here, and no more so than in the province of British Columbia.

One example from the Moyer tape was a story in the *NEW YORK TIMES* of how thousands of nursing homes had been bought up by private equity firms. The profits increased by reducing costs, then investors quickly resold the facilities for big profits leaving residents at those nursing homes worse off, on average, than they were under previous owners.

Here in Victoria that story has a familiar ring to it, especially with facilities such as the Beacon Hill Villa home. This facility was purchased by Retirement Concepts, a private consortium with holdings in other jurisdictions. Retirement Concepts primary interest is the bottom-line: wages were cut at Beacon Hill Villa and personnel reduced which has resulted in drastic deterioration of the services provided. The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) finally was forced to step in and assume control of the management, but without the political authority by the provincial government to assume ownership of the facility with complete control of the operations.

What we are seeing at Beacon Hill Villa is the anomaly of a public authority running a private, for-profit operation, still with the mandate to make the corporation as much profit as before, but without significant improvements to the level of

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services. It's not possible to offer the same level of services and still make big profits. Family members and observers wonder how long it will be before residents are provided decent care and services they deserve, and how long it will be before Retirement Concepts sells the facility and runs.

Beacon Hill Villa is not an isolated example of how the same phenomenon reported in the Moyer program is re-enacted again and again in British Columbia and other

NAFTA Highway confirmed!

Manitoba legislature throne speech confirms NAFTA highway corridor CAN-USA-MEX
MEMO from Connie Fogal, leader CAP

Manitoba legislature throne speech confirms NAFTA highway corridor between CAN-USA-MEX. The Video (link below) juxtaposes the MB throne speech with lies of three national leaders.

This is a must watch for massive distribution. Those of you out there seeking advice on how to fight back, get this out and around. Show your friends. Hold meetings with it.

Take it to your MP and MLA and city councillors across the country. Do not let them off the hook. Confront them and then encourage them to join the people's movement to restore liberty - to be on the side of right and justice. Most of them do want to do what is right. We have to show them the way to truth. Watch the video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br31mdP8-Ug>

The NAU and the Police State North America are ratcheting up. Note reference in the video to:

1. Enhanced driver's licenses in Manitoba coming fall 2008. This means tracking devices and/or massive amounts of all your personal data imprinted on it. A "show your papers" step.
2. Continental Trade corridor running from Port Churchill through the United States to Mexico. This is the NAFTA superhighway we have been warning about, which media and all politicians have denied.
3. A North American Alliance between business, state and city, the project has been in the works for 15 years.
4. An inland port in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with pre-clearance in shipping.

We must apply the direction of Naomi Wolf in her book, *'The End of America,'* around which she presented a speech in Seattle USA in October 2007. She said that the founding fathers of the USA did not intend to delegate the protection of liberty to professional scholars. They intended for the people to do it. They intended that ordinary people would assume the patriotic fight, would see themselves as the leaders to restore liberty.

I say the same. As people we must believe in our own power, and stand up now. Continue your work by distributing this Manitoba throne speech. We must call these lead-

provinces. Where are the Canadian equivalents to John Bogel? And where are the prophetic voices warning against this mindless 'bottom-line' fixation that has captured the dominant attitude and behaviour in the USA?

Is Ed Broadbent's warning being re-enacted in our land? Have we become a market-driven society?

Dale Perkins is a writer, social activist, and organizer ♣

ers at all levels on their treason. We must not accept it.

Feel the excitement in the air that the truth is coming out. And remember, the truth shall set us free!! – **Connie ♣**

A Treasonous Conspiracy

Alan A. Macdonell, Williamstown ON

We heard a lot of negative comments about conspiracy theories in the wake of 9/11, but it seems we'll be denied the right to reject the ongoing conspiracy meant to lead us into "Security and Prosperity" as described by the neocons – or, more accurately, to a police state and colonial status, as described by reality. High treason is obviously being considered by our unworthy political leaders, but it might be better to investigate the depth of the plague before taking action. We can certainly suspend the use of the word "honourable" until we find out who deserves it.

Both of the major parties seem to be infected to some extent. I noticed an article by Michael Ignatieff in the local paper on Oct. 15th advocating investment in a military buildup so our troops can gallop around the world counter-acting human rights abuses. This, while NATO is so far from its original mandate, it is currently on an imperialistic binge, occupying countries, destroying governments, and stealing assets. I would guess the Ignatieff article was probably aimed at gaining a position of influence in the coming police state. It isn't going to happen, Michael.

Theoretically, Bob Rae's primary allegiance is to Britain, more specifically to the advancement of the Empire. I know nothing about Stéphane Dion. His heritage could be Québécois or he could be a transplanted Parisien.

The current U.S. dictatorship has been an unmitigated disaster. We won't get into the nitty-gritty, but Americans must realize this administration has been a dismal failure.

One item of interest to Canadians before signing any "treaties or agreements" is the amount of debt the Americans are carrying. They've recently acknowledged a short-term debt of nine trillion dollars, that is nine thousand billions of dollars. I have an article from the International Forecaster (Robert Chapman), dated December 2006, which alleges that U.S. long-term debt is several times the amount of short term debt being acknowledged. The U.S. dollar's reserve status is also being challenged from more than one direction. **Security and prosperity indeed! ♣**

COVER-RELATED STORIES

TASERS R-U

"For those who like a little music with their personal protection: the Taser that plays MP3s. US Taser company uses fashion and music to sell stun gun; public can buy the device in most American states." [www.taser.com]

- from: www.guardian.co.uk

From: TomDispatch [tomdispatch@nationinstitute.org]
A project of the Nation Institute

[EXTRACT] In November 2006, the Taser infamously broke into the news on campus when a student at the University of Florida, questioning Senator John Kerry harshly, was dragged off, Tased, and subdued by campus police. His plea, "Don't Tase me, Bro!" is now the stuff of bumper stickers, T-shirts, and cell phone ring tones. Thanks largely to him and the publicity the incident got, the New Oxford Dictionary made "Tase" one of its 2007 words of the year, the Yale Book of Quotations put it at the top of its yearly list of most memorable quotes, and the rest of us got a hint that something new might be happening in America's "ivory towers."

Michael Gould-Wartofsky's remarkable report ("Repress U-How to build a homeland security campus in seven steps") - a piece that the Nation Magazine and Tomdispatch.com are sharing -- offers real news about just how deeply the new homeland security state is settling into every aspect of our world. - **Tom Engelhardt**

More at: www.tomdispatch.com ♣

TERRORSTORM: ALEX JONES DVD

- Shocking video evidence and new interviews that reveal undeniable proof that governments plan and carry out false-flag events to manipulate the geo-political structure for their advantage.
- Smoking gun evidence that mainstream media was staging news coverage on 9/11—including false-start reports that Building 7 had totally collapsed over an hour before it fell.
- Powerful analysis of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta's testimony before Congress that VP Cheney was clearly in control of the air defense stand down on 9/11.
- Learn how the mainstream media is covering up the fact that the majority of living 9/11 victims and their families believe September 11 was an inside job... and much more.

Throughout history, criminal elements inside governments have carried out terror attacks against their own populations as a pretext to enslave them. TERRORSTORM reveals how, in the last hundred years, Western leaders have repeatedly murdered their own citizens while posing as their saviors.

In TERRORSTORM you will discover that September 11th, the attacks of 7/7 in London, and many other terrorist events were self-inflicted wounds. You will witness British Special Forces troops caught in the act of staging terror attacks in Iraq and see official US government documents laying out plans to hijack passenger planes by remote control. You will learn how the Reichstag fire, the Gulf of Tonkin, and the US-backed Iranian coup of 1953 are all interconnected false-flag terror events.

This powerful documentary explores the mindset of the average brainwashed Westerner. It delves deeply in to the systems of control which have been scientifically-crafted to imprison their minds and keep their eyes closed to the realities of the world around them. View trailers at:

<http://infowars-shop.stores.yahoo.net/tesped.html> ♣

RFID microchips in humans: high-tech helpers or Big Brother surveillance?

[EXTRACT] AP Aug. 2 07 - CityWatcher.com, a provider of surveillance equipment attracted attention a year ago, when two of its employees had glass-encapsulated microchips with miniature antennas embedded in their forearms. The "chipping" of two workers with **RFIDs – radio frequency identification** tags as long as two grains of rice, as thick as a toothpick – was merely a way of restricting access to vaults that held sensitive data and images for police departments, a layer of security beyond key cards and clearance codes, the company said... Innocuous? Maybe. But the news that Americans had, for the first time, been injected with electronic identifiers to perform their jobs fired up a debate over the proliferation of ever-more-precise tracking technologies and their ability to erode privacy in the digital age. To some, the microchip was a wondrous invention - a high-tech helper that could help identify wandering Alzheimer's patients, allow consumers to buy their groceries, literally, with the wave of a chipped hand. To others, the notion of tagging people was Orwellian, a departure from centuries of history and tradition in which people had the right to go and do as they pleased without being tracked, unless they were harming someone else...

Microchips are now fixed to car windshields as toll-paying devices, on "contactless" payment cards (Chase's "Blink," or MasterCard's "PayPass") & embedded in Michelin tires, library books, passports and a host of individual items at Wal-Mart and Best Buy. But CityWatcher.com employees weren't appliances or pets: They were people, made scannable. [See also book: "Spychips: How Major Corporations and Government Plan to Track Your Every Move with RFID."] ♣

Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories,

Wild Possibilities – by Rebecca Solnit

"Seemingly lost in the woods of deceit and banality, bereft of hope, we are confronted by Rebecca Solnit and her astonishing flashlight. In a jewel of a book that is poetic in substance as well as style, she reveals where we were, where we are and the step-by-step advances that have been made in human rights, as we stubbornly stumble out of the darkness." -- **Studs Terkel**

For an inspiring reading list of books suggested by Rebecca Solnit, google: **The Secret Library of Hope** ♣

Traitors, treachery & entrenched fascism in Canada since 1670



Jean H. Broeckx, Robson BC

The modern Canadian (of humble roots) despises the fascist idealism, yet it is that very idealism which is thriving and ruling over the entire country of Canada right now. The fascist right has always been in power here, but until the mid 1970's was imposing its power in a somewhat gentle fashion. Then, during the later 20th century AD, and on into the new 21st century, more and more, the method of gov-

ernance became the old, hated, fascist ideal of its historic past. The fascist ideal is clearly recognisable by a relentless imposition of class bias, which always favours the interests of the wealthy and powerful, while causing hurt, injury, harm and even death among the people of working class. [continued in the printed magazine] - Jean H. Broeckx, Canadians In Search of Justice [fair4all@shaw.ca]

"I love the land I was born in, but I detest the traitors who have ruled it, for they have brought my nation of brothers to ruin." – JHB ♣

Human Rights Institute of Canada LEARNING FROM THE PAST



Dear Friends,

I have not forgotten you. I am glad to say that my health has improved and I am again doing the research needed to fill in gaps in the information destined for the Archives of the University of Alberta.

Those gaps are made deliberately by Prime Ministers when they leave office.

They can conceal Cabinet discussions for years. We have now obtained important documents from Library and Archives Canada. They show that Trudeau's only goal in Constitutional negotiations was to keep Quebec in Canada by taking away rights in the rest of Canada.

All protests were overridden. Even the three Prairie Provinces, where English had unified people from around the world, could not stop what happened. The Federal Government, with its language powers, could send one French-speaking person to a small village and make it officially French-speaking forever. Trudeau used the massive powers of the Federal Government to impose the changes.

We also have 23 pages of proof that the British Parliament objected to Trudeau's demand that it pass the Constitution Act with the so-called Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We have Trudeau's reply that he had to have it passed by the United Kingdom Parliament because he would not be able to get it through in Canada. He wanted it for Quebec. And he succeeded.

WHAT IS CANADA NOW?

We have lost our freedom. Quebec decides who will be the Prime Minister of Canada. The rest of Canada has only a supporting role.

SEARCHING FOR A LEADER

Can we simply wait and hope for miracles to give us back the free speech and equal opportunity that were ended by Trudeau?

No. Quebec controls Canada by the threat of its votes.

Every Prime

Minister since Trudeau, has bought Quebec's votes by bribery and corruption and the illegal handover of powers to Quebec. Every Prime Minister supports expanding French power. Every Prime Minister enforces French inside the Federal Government and in Provinces outside Quebec, while ignoring the appalling discrimination against English within Quebec.

We have lost our Parliament, which is loaded with Separatists at all levels. We have lost our Public Service, whose oath of allegiance to the Queen was ended by Chrétien. We have lost Ottawa, the capital of Canada, whose freedom of language was destroyed by Ontario laws.

WHERE CAN WE FIND A LEADER?

Among the Provincial Premiers. They do have power. They should do the same as Quebec and refuse to be bound by the Constitution.

They must reject Quebec as part of Canada. They must stop sending money to the Federal Government under the Equalization provisions of the 1982 Constitution. They must begin the process of separation for themselves and begin to undo the Federal links.

Canada has been broken up twice before. This time it must be remade with Provinces that wish to participate but without Quebec.

And please help us financially. I am now filling in the gaps in the history that Prime Ministers have concealed from the people over the past twenty years. We must leave a record of the truth about this country.

*Thank you for your help and encouragement.
Do not give up.*

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The Language Issue in Canada

Canada's language crisis

Ernest Semple, Dollard-des-Ormeaux QC

Jan. 4 08: Last year, I published a short paper pinpointing the legislative source of Canada's present language crisis. What follows is the principal part of the paper, as given on the web site of The Coalition of English Speaking Canadian Organizations (CESCO) at: www.cescogroup.com*

Canada's de-emphasis of English



**Ernest Semple,
Dollard-des-Ormeaux QC**

[Apr 25 07] To me, the driving force behind "Official Bilingualism" hiring practices has been two people: Stéphane Dion and Lucienne Robillard.

You may note that as the new Leader of the Official Opposition, Stéphane Dion's seat mate has been Lucienne

Robillard. It is my contention that Lucienne Robillard, from her key seat of Westmount - Ville Marie is the king pin for the Liberal Party of Canada. She had been chosen above all others for a predominately anglophone safe riding by Jean Chrétien, and approved by Paul Martin as the key minister for discriminatory hiring practices.

Lucienne Robillard is the former President of the Treasury Board, who in 2003 oversaw the discriminatory and draconian wording of government hiring legislation based on a perversion of the Official Languages Act of 1969. If you wish to do anything effective to curb discriminatory hiring practices that use Official Languages legislation as the excuse, you must understand the weakness and patchwork nature of the legislation that exists, going far beyond the Official Languages Act of 1969.

It appears to me that the Official Bilingualism movement has been the biggest patronage football that the Liberal Party of Canada has had to kick around for over a decade. This OB program has undermined the operation of the public service. Its scope has been broadened to permit thousands of potential patronage appointments through and in at least six key ministries. The Liberal governments have circulated principal responsibility for Official Languages among many ministers and many ministries. It is difficult to follow such a moving target.

The key government players have been:

Canadian Heritage Ministry, Privy Council Office Ministry, Intergovernmental Affairs Ministry, Health Ministry, Economic Development Ministry, Treasury Board, Justice Ministry, Immigration Ministry, Industry Ministry, Human Resources Ministry, Public Works Ministry, Official Languages Ministry

You can obtain a superficial history of official languages policy development through the Proceedings of the Stand-

ing Senate Committee on Official Languages. The best weapon against discrimination has always been publicity. The best way to know who to approach in government is to follow all new cabinet announcements. ♣

English-speaking teachers: the latest victims of OB

Re an article in the Ottawa Sun (Nov 23 07): Job prospects limited for teaching grads, by Laura Czekaj

Kim Lian, Canadians for Language Fairness, Ottawa

The first victims of the Official Languages Act were unilingual English-speaking members of the Armed Forces - the number of horror stories of Armed Forces personnel who were shafted & cheated out of promotional opportunities are legion. Then the Federal Public servants were next - again the number of tragedies suffered by unilingual public



servants are in the thousands - all encouraged to retire and keep their mouths shut with early retirement bonuses and all kinds of sweeteners. In New Brunswick, the same thing has happened - thousands of well-educated but unilingual English speakers have had to leave that officially bilingual province for other provinces where job opportuni-

ties are not stymied by lack of French.

Now, the pièce de résistance, the teaching profession is next!! English-language teachers are not able to get jobs now - even in English schools!! How's that for an achievement of a group of people who were defeated in battle but who have, by using their political wiles, turned the table on the main language group and have achieved the position of superiority, able to dictate who gets jobs and who doesn't!! Sad to say, they couldn't have done this without the compliance of our English-speaking sell-outs who have decided that, rather than fight, life is easier if they just went along with the joke!! These "useful idiots" will soon find out that when their usefulness is past, they will be discarded and thrown away like old boots. In the meantime, though, they are celebrating their achievement in being part of the "elite" - benefiting from the fact that they are in the minority and chances of promotion are that much better. Why would they stop to think of the rest of the unilingual English-speaking Canadians who are denied promotions and have to leave the country because they are no longer considered "qualified." - **Kim ♣**

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BOOK REVIEW

INFIDEL by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Infidel* - FREE PRESS NY London Toronto Sydney 07

Review by J. M. Dubé, Nanaimo BC

There has been a phenomenal movement of peoples over the planet in the last fifty years. From migration by foot and animal power along established trade routes, we now scramble by land, sea and air for all sorts of reasons, some more compelling than others. Even for those who cannot travel, the world comes crashing into their consciousness via word of mouth, the news media, telephone and internet. How does this affect us as individuals? How do we react to such encroachments on our private space? How do we respond to the resulting challenges and opportunities?

INFIDEL is the story of one woman born in Somalia, one of the poorest countries of East Africa, under constant internal warfare. It is a Muslim country with strong cultural ties to Saudi Arabia. Ayaan Hirsi Ali's father is engaged in opposing the repressive regime, which is dedicated to the maintenance of a more fundamentalist interpretation of the Quran. Her mother, the product of a lifetime of cultural indoctrination, accepts the rigid interpretations of her religion. She is the upholder of customary practices and attitudes. The love between Ayaan and her father is very strong. However, in single-minded pursuit of his ideological and political goals, he travels to neighbouring countries and abandons his family for long periods of time, leaving them to fend for themselves, with occasional monetary remittances from him.

Ayaan attends the Muslim school for children; but even as a child, she shows the independent thinking - and questioning of blind obedience to the Quran - that would earmark her for a special destiny. Political uncertainties lead the family to relocate, first to Yemen and Saudi Arabia, and then to Christian Ethiopia and Kenya. Her description of life as an immigrant is a revelation to us who cannot imagine the tenuous nature of existence and the powerlessness that people feel is their lot.

She is exposed to some western values in Kenya and learns English, enough to enjoy the Harlequin romance stories. Till then she had never imagined that there could ever be any pleasure or happiness associated with sexuality, which was perceived as sinful in Islam, at best a source of male pleasure. The unspeakable horror of female circumcision - which she was forced to undergo by her grandmother, while her mother was away - is described in gruesome detail.

On her return to Somalia, her father arranges her marriage to a Somalian native who now lives in Canada. She acquiesces, but jumped ship in Germany on her way to Canada. A friend arranges for her to apply for immigrant status in Holland. As most refugee seekers do, she made some false statements on her application, which succeeded.

She is determined to start a new life in a new country where, for the first time, she experiences an organised and

humane society - buses run on time, one does not have to bribe one's way at almost every turn, immigrants are encouraged to train so that they can become employable. She takes the initial steps on the lowest rungs of the social and economic ladder and rises by sheer will-power, application and intelligence to obtain entrance to a university. She links with Somalian Muslim immigrants in Holland and is concerned to see that they are living in ghettos and appear to be untouched by a vision of a society where women and children are persons in their own right.

She studies political science at Leiden University. The ideas of the Enlightenment and the Renaissance in Europe blow her mind. She sees human history in a different light - old assumptions, dogmas, beliefs, customs are subjected to the rigorous scrutiny of reason, logical argument and public debate.

She begins to express views that are critical of the Quran and its interpretation and the way rigid adherence to the book stifle human development. She produces, with Theo Van Gogh, a 10-minute documentary film called Submission, using bodies of women on which are inscribed quotations from the Quran. The reception by the Muslim community in Holland is catastrophic. They are both put on a death list. She gets state protection; Van Gogh refuses this and as a result is murdered by an Islamist fundamentalist.

Ali is recruited by a Dutch political party and is elected to the Dutch parliament. Opposition forces demand the withdrawal of Dutch citizenship on the grounds that she had lied on her immigration application. In the aftermath of the political debate that ensues, the Government falls. She eventually accepts a fellowship by the American Enterprise Institute to study for her Ph.D.

Her book "Infidel" is her story of the forces that she had to confront as she makes a transition, in one lifetime, that in Europe has taken centuries. It is authentic in its matter-of-fact rawness. There is no suggestion that she is conforming to anyone's agenda but her own. Her description of the life of a poor Muslim in Africa in the 80's and 90's is vivid. Her assessment of the backwardness of Saudi Arabia as the Mecca of Islam is revealing to most westerners. She is full of praise for Dutch society, which, amazingly, supports her right to express her views, even when they do not agree with them. This is in great contrast to her personal experience of the intolerance of dissent in Islamic regimes.

Western nations have a history of centuries of struggle for human values, a past that includes shameful episodes like the hounding of heretics and infidels and the shedding of rivers of blood. Does our hard-earned tolerance require that we accord equal status to intolerance - a move that can take us back centuries? For anyone concerned about the present stresses of inter-cultural interaction at the personal, local, national and international level, this is a bold and honest story of one woman's experience. ♣

International Affairs

Assassinations: A line from the movie Casablanca says it all

Why is it that every time someone or other is assassinated by party or parties unknown, the immediate reaction is: "Round up the usual suspects," a la Casablanca? Is there no one else who could have killed Benazir Bhutto that comes to mind, but Al-Qaeda?

It's always Al-Qaeda that is involved in assassinations because the nut in the White House thinks so. We should not pay much heed to a man who openly espouses lying as the *moré* of American society. What we should be doing though, is looking at the death of Benazir Bhutto from all angles to solve the murder, not jumping to conclusions, or being lead by the nose by some person with a fanatical streak like George W. Bush or his Pakistani puppet Pervez Musharraf.

This assassination has the hallmark of the CIA, which has been in the cloak and dagger business since the end of World War II. It's not something new that the CIA has attempted to assassinate Cuban President Fidel Castro Ruz hundreds of times and failed. But it would seem that in the case of Benazir Bhutto, she had to be eliminated as she was a thorn in the side of U.S. puppet Pervez Musharraf. Hence, her untimely death, should not have come as a surprise to anyone. If the order had been given by the White House, there was no way that Benazir Bhutto was going to be allowed to survive.

George W. Bush's condolences aside, it is diplomatic policy to issue such a statement, so it must only be taken at face value. The U.S. also consoled the death of elected Chilean President Salvador Allende Gossens, after having him assassinated in 1973. So, nothing surprises governments that are involved in assassinations. Case closed. [letter submitted to the Toronto Star, Dec. 29 07]

The day I became a radio celebrity!

In mid-December, someone kept calling me on the phone, but I was not at home, so I was unable to answer their calls. The day before Christmas, I received a call asking me to be on a Christmas Special on AVRN and its 34 affiliated radio stations: to which request, I felt that I could oblige them since it was Christmas Day and I would be home.

I had absolutely no idea of what really was happening behind the scenes. So, I was on the show at 13:00 hrs. And the host John Sanchez had specifically asked the AVRN for me by name. We started to discuss what Christmas was all about, and what it meant in terms of the family. A few weeks earlier, I had written a few articles on Christmas and had sent copies to various people including John Sanchez, the host. John Sanchez then went on to talk about what I had written about the story and meaning of Christmas. We discussed the various aspects and the traditions that

From: Kenneth T. Tellis, Mississauga ON

were behind Christmas. It varied from country to country, but its meaning always remained the same. It brought together the family and there was caring and sharing, not just among a few but to those who were in need all around us. This, I felt, was an all-encompassing theme, which did not discriminate but united mankind. I don't mean in the sense of exploiting people as is done by those in the shopping malls and plazas, but among caring individuals. Since John Sanchez had read my articles on Christmas, he had opened his eyes, as he said to me. He had never looked at Christmas before in that light and it made him feel as if he had awoken from a long slumber.

As we went through the radio show, we discussed many angles that people needed to take, to make the world a better place, not just during Christmas but all year round. We ended up also discussing the Venezuelan Constitutional amendments that were not passed in the December 2nd Referendum; and then ended the show.

But, when the show ended, I was to get a very special surprise. I was informed that thousands of people had, over the last few months, after listening to me on the radio show, been sending in Emails and making phone calls, asking that I be put on a special show at Christmas; all of which I was unaware. That 'Christmas Special' by AVRN was to raise me to the status of a RADIO CELEBRITY. It was aired on 34 radio stations in the U.S. alone, and was on satellite in the U.S., but it was also on the TeleSur satellite in Venezuela, being translated into Spanish and beamed to all of Latin America. Talking about surprises, this was my Christmas Surprise! I did not have any idea that I would become a Radio Celebrity on Christmas Day (Dec.25 '07). That was the greatest gift I have ever had the honour to receive.-**Ken ♣**

The Phoenix Project

This project grew out of some discussions among a group of writers, activists, film-makers, and others, all of whom are deeply concerned about the state of the world, and the prognosis for the future.

The problems are obvious enough, but nowhere could we see any movement toward useful solutions. Everywhere people are applying bandages to symptoms, or trying to, leaving untreated the systemic sources of the problems.

We decided to join forces, as a loose-knit network of collaborators, to explore what we could do to spark new initiatives and new thinking...looking at our problems from a systemic perspective, and seeking systemic solutions.

As our first initiative we are organizing **The Phoenix Gathering – in June 2008** (at a retreat center in California). We are bringing together leading thinkers and visionaries to join us in this exploration, this search for new approaches to the crises that face humanity and the natural world.

We'd like to hear from you, whoever is reading this. You can contact **Richard Moore** at: rkm@quaylargo.com ♣

"Your Health Matters"

PARADOX AND NUTRACEUTICALS



Derrick Lonsdale, M.D.

Webster defines paradox in several different ways. The definition applied here is "a person, thing or situation, exhibiting an apparently contradictory nature". The reason for addressing this issue in reference to the shift toward nutraceutical therapy is because of an

observation that I, and others, have made hundreds of times.

Vitamins, minerals and some naturally occurring complex molecules found in food are referred to here as nutraceuticals because they are therapeutic and are almost completely harmless, even in the relatively large doses used. Unlike pharmaceuticals, they have a very wide "dose window". This means that they provide body cells with the nutrients that they require in order to produce the energy that is used for healing. This is quite different from pharmaceuticals (drugs) that merely treat symptoms.

Everyone is aware that pharmaceuticals may have side effects. They may be severe enough as to preclude further ingestion. They may even be lethal. In as many as a hundred thousand cases a year reported in the U.S., death occurs when a given drug is being used in the correct dose as prescribed by a physician. It is therefore quite natural for anyone to conclude that symptoms arising from ingestion of nutraceuticals are "side effects".

When I began to treat patients with nutraceuticals, I was disturbed by frequent calls with the fairly standard complaint that they felt worse than before their consultation. The various symptoms would occur almost immediately after starting treatment. In many cases, the patient had discontinued them under the impression that they were noticing a toxic reaction. This was very hard to understand since there has never been an official report of severe toxic reactions to these substances when properly prescribed.

Let me digress here for a moment. All essential nutrients, each of which is essential to life, are toxic in excessive doses. They have a "dose window". Absence of water and oxygen are both lethal but are just as lethal at the other end of the scale. Divers, for example, know this about their use of oxygen. Until 1957, selenium was regarded as a poisonous substance. We now know that it is a nutrient essential to life, but we need it in minute doses measured in micrograms (one thousandth of a milligram). Deficiency of this in the diet can lead to disease but exceeding the therapeutic dose over a period of time causes severe symptoms and can be lethal, at least in theory.

Few people know that lead has been shown to be a nutrient.

In animal studies a lead-free diet (very difficult to produce) resulted in failure of growth until microscopic doses of the metal were restored. This seems to fit the ancient Chinese philosophy of Yin and Yang and I believe that this is perhaps the most important philosophy ever conceived by man, for it rules everything that we can think of. Too little food is as bad as too much. Philosophically, too much money is as bad as too little. I have conceived the possibility that, in the end, we may discover that we need minute doses of the elements in the entire periodic table. That would make the formula used at burial services (dust to dust and earth to earth) entirely appropriate.

In treating sick people with nutraceuticals, we now know that the symptoms often become temporarily worse before they begin to improve. The closer the treatment is to the exact needs of the patient, the more likely is this to occur. We have called it "paradox" since it is the opposite of what the patient expects. The instinctive reaction is, of course, to discontinue the substances. That means that the patient would never realize the benefits that would follow from continuation. Nowadays I invariably educate my patients to expect a worsening of their symptoms and that the time that this takes is variable from person to person.

The explanation for this can only be conjectural because the underlying reason is unknown. I have, of course, given it a great deal of thought since it is so common and can easily damage the doctor/patient relationship. Many symptoms experienced are due to imbalance in the brain/body machinery that enables us to adapt to the mental and physical environmental forces that affect us continuously throughout life. The autonomic nervous system is the main "telephone line" that signals the body in making these adaptive adjustments. Its two components are known as the sympathetic and parasympathetic arms of the system and they oppose each other in their action. The control mechanisms are in the part of the brain known as the limbic system where the decisions are made automatically. For example, under any form of physical or mental stress a signal through the sympathetic arm accelerates the heart, thus providing the nutrients that are needed to provide the increased energy needs. After the exertion is completed, the parasympathetic system takes over and returns the speed of the heart to its resting state.

This is but one example of balance in these complex adaptive mechanisms. The limbic system, as I have explained previously in *Dialogue*, is highly sensitive to loss of metabolic efficiency. One of the results of this is that the essential balance of the autonomic system is changed. This system has to be in balance with the endocrine system of

glands, also controlled by the limbic brain and it is obvious that the essential balances of the brain/body relationships are very complex indeed.

If such an imbalance exists - as the underlying cause of many functional changes that cause symptoms, there must be a strong side and a weak side to the imbalance. For example, a person may have the symptom of an inexplicable racing of the heart, often due to an overactive sympathetic nervous system. The pharmaceutical treatment might be to provide a drug that blocks or reduces this activity whereas the nutraceutical approach might be to strengthen the opposing parasympathetic arm. If, however, the strong side of the imbalance is increased initially, the symptom will become worse until the opposing weak mechanism catches up and restores normal balance. In this simple example, the racing heart would become more noticeable temporarily,

only to be followed by disappearance of the symptom.

In closing, please notice that the automatic control mechanisms are sensitive to loss of metabolic efficiency. The easiest way for us to do this to ourselves is to indulge in high calorie malnutrition, particularly sugar. Many years ago, the great chemist Linus Pauling, wrote an essay entitled "Sugar is dangerous". He and other great scientists have repeatedly said this but the world has taken little notice. Although the ancient Roman civilization was degraded by lead poisoning, there were several treatises written that gave warning about lead. Nobody took the slightest notice!

Everything is connected to everything else.

– Derrick Lonsdale ♣

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Canine health tip:

If you have (or know) a dog, please note that the following foods are considered to be highly toxic for canines: onions, chocolate/cocoa, raisins, grapes and macadamia nuts. ♣

Share a kiss...

but don't shake hands

A recent report warns that you are at far greater risk of passing on an infection by shaking someone's hand than by sharing a kiss. - Mercola.com

From the Provinces ~ New Brunswick

Minority language tsunami in progress...

Ron Bubar, Douglas, NB

In response to a Nov. 16 (2007) article in the ***Fredericton Daily Gleaner***, by Kate Wright, entitled "New Brunswick needs cash to attract French-speaking immigrants," one might ask, why does our Provincial government find it necessary to target French speaking immigrants? We need not look far for the answer. As most should be aware, very few French New Brunswickers are adversely affected - as the English are - by the current discriminating language laws.

A large percentage of jobs, especially government but steadily increasing in the private sector, are being designated bilingual and at a level that very few English would qualify. This has led to the recent exodus of three thousand mostly young New Brunswickers and their families, over an eighteen month period, to western Canada, US and abroad.

This obviously means that these bilingual positions will be filled with French speaking immigrants, many of whom would not be qualified, creating an added expense to taxpayers for training. All the while, our English children and grandchildren are literally being driven out of the province, in order to pursue a meaningful career without the burden of learning and maintaining a second language: clearly a

form of ethnic cleansing, as has been happening to the English minority in Quebec.

We are witnessing similar situations in other parts of Canada, especially in the Ottawa region where hundreds of English employees are being replaced with French speakers from the province of Quebec, regardless of qualifications providing they are somewhat bilingual.

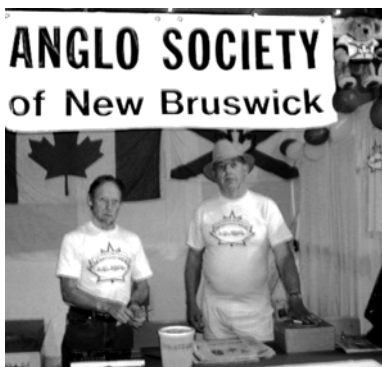
What Canadians are now witnessing is a MINORITY LANGUAGE TSUNAMI created by past and present spineless politicians bowing to the demands of an elite group of French, mostly from Quebec, who have infiltrated all levels of government. This does not bode well for the future of this province or Canada in general and has little or nothing to do with fairness and equality but is all about power.

Clearly the destruction of our once great nation is well in progress.

When will the sleeping majority wake up and realize what is happening right before their eyes?

A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has been destroyed from within. (William James Durant)

Ronald Bubar is Vice President Anglo Society of N.B. [Matthew Glenn (in the photo) is the President] ♣



Matthew Glenn & Ron Bubar at the Chipman annual Fair

From Quebec

AffiliationQuebec presentation in Ottawa

**Speech by AffiliationQuebec Leader, Allen E. Nutik
To Canadians for Language Fairness
Ottawa Citizen Hall, Jan. 15 2008**



Allen Nutik
Photo: www.uni.ca

Notes on Canada and Quebec

[EXTRACT] The greatest issue facing Canada in generations to come, that is - if Canada is even to survive intact as a country - is the manner in which we all are to live in this country, together. Let me explain:

Strange, isn't it, but the huge error in the creation of Canada, as we can see it now, in hindsight, in the clear light of modern technology of this new age of the telephone, fax, internet, the automobile, and the airplane, is that in 1867, when the British Mother of Parliaments created our dominion, Canada was considered to be so large a territory as to be essentially un-governable by their nineteenth century standards of the British Isles, that the legislators at Westminster in London added on an extra level of government to the British model in order to make Canada manageable. So came into being Canadian provinces - a political boundary not in use then, and still do they not exist now, in the British system.

As a result, Canada was created in a so-called federal model, under a formula of division of powers in 1867 terms, that the then legislators felt would ease the inherent problems of the excessively large distances, and other unique features of Canada.

While we can understand why it happened, living with the results, these many years later, should make legislators so much more respectful of the implications of their work, which can cause chaos for many years to come.

Had we known the full implications of the massive changes the Charter of Rights would impose on Canadian life, I wonder if the results have been what the legislators originally intended?

Now, I do want to talk to you for a moment about complicity, a word that certainly conjures up a negative connotation, especially when used in conjunction with Quebec's infamous language and sign laws, which I am not alone in considering to be illegal, although the Supreme court of Canada, in their wisdom, evidently does not.

Both the intent and the spirit of these language laws are counter to the Canadian constitution of 1867, which provided entrenched constitutional rights for Quebec and French Canada, as well as entrenched rights for English speaking Quebecers.

Now, contrary to what too many people think (because for the most part, they have never actually read the text of the Quebec sign law) signs in English or another language are perfectly legal for use on store fronts or on exterior signs,

provided that French is significantly more predominant than the second language.

So clearly, at this time, Quebec law does permit the use of English on signs. Likewise, contrary to most common thought, it is perfectly legal for signs placed inside business establishments in Quebec to be in English, as well as in the French language. Let no merchant or anyone else tell you that it is not legal to place any signs in the English language. That information is completely false. Just read the law!

But most large corporations, and indeed, many merchants have become so complicit with the intent of the French Language Act, and the ill-tempered spirit of Bill 101, that they provide no English signage at all, either exterior or interior. To name a few: PetroCanada, Shell, Esso, Second Cup, Tacobell, Burger King, almost all of Canada's banks (want me to name them?) and Bell Canada - wonderfully worst offender! The Bay, MacDonald's, and oh so many supermarkets and pharmacies, and others provide absolutely no English signage at all, in most cases. I will be pleased to stand corrected in any example where I am shown to be wrong, wherein I named names, and I will be happy to apologize. And that list is only by glaring example; it is by no means complete, and I offered it only to demonstrate to you how widespread the complicity extends. Collaborators, I call them...collaborators in the worst implied sense of that word!

In Chicoutimi or La Pocatière, or probably Joliette, I would have no problem with the absence of English text, because so few English speakers, if any, still live in those communities, but certainly in what I would consider to be the west end of Quebec, where in excess of a million and a half Anglophones and Allophones live and work, that these merchants should be so complicit with the heinous nationalist and separatist cause of Quebec by their full co-operation and complicity, is unthinkable, unacceptable, and downright un-respectful.

Not only have these companies become compliant with the enemy, to our adversary's greatest pleasure and satisfaction, because it incorrectly proves to the nationalists that they were justified in the intent of their illicit language and sign restrictions, in the first place.

Certainly, a simple law requiring, at minimum, French lettering of equal size on all signs, would probably have served the purpose, and would have been quite acceptable. But Equality, please be assured, was not, and certainly is not, the intention of the Quebec nationalist exercise. [...]

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Laughter & 'Lightenment

From John McCullough: Ironies & oxymorons...

1. I had amnesia once -- or twice.....maybe three times...
2. I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart.
Now what?
3. Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
4. All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.
5. If the world was a logical place, men would be the ones who ride a horse sidesaddle.
6. What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?
7. They told me I was gullible and I believed them.
8. Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the 401.
9. Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.
10. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
11. My weight is perfect for my height -- which varies.
12. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
13. The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
14. How can there be self-help "groups"?
15. If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
16. Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off..
17. Is it just me--or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?? ♣

Why, Why, Why...

- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?
- Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
- Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?
- How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?
- Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?
- In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?
- How come you never hear father-in-law jokes? ♣

From Ken Tellis:

My Exercise Program

Here is an exercise program for those of us whose wisdom exceeds our ambition. The doctor told me 'Physical exercise

is good for you.' I know that I should do it, but my body is out of shape, so I have worked out this easy daily program I can do anywhere. If I can do it, you can do this, too.

Monday: Beat around the bush.; Jump to conclusions; Climb the walls; Wade through paperwork.

Tuesday: Drag my heels; Push my luck.; Make mountains out of molehills; Hit the nail on the head.

Wednesday: Bend over backwards; Jump on the bandwagon; Balance the books; Run around in circles.

Thursday: Toot my own horn; Climb the ladder of success; Pull out the stops; Add fuel to the fire.

Friday: Open a can of worms; Put my foot in my mouth; Start the ball rolling; Go over the edge.

Saturday: Pick up the pieces. ♣

From John McCullough:

The Half-Wit

A man owned a small farm in Indiana.

The Indiana State Wage & Hour Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

'I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them,' demanded the agent.

'Well,' replied the farmer, 'there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board.

The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board.

Then there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally.'

'That's the guy I want to talk to -- the half-wit,' says the agent.

'That would be me,' replied the farmer. ♣

More One-liners

From Paul Winter & Sandy, Oakville ON

Correction: In the One liners in the last issue (Dec-Jan, p.56), #5 should have read: "Because pepper water makes them sneeze!"

1. I don't want buns of steel - - - I want buns of cinnamon!
2. A snowman's favourite breakfast is - Frosted Flakes!
3. I didn't hear my wife's question, but I instinctively knew the correct answer was yes!
4. A retired husband is sometimes a woman's full time job!
5. You know you're nearly broke when - Amex calls and says "Leave home without it!"
6. I used to wonder what was so Holy about Silent Night; now I have a child, I know!
7. Yield to temptation; it may not pass your way again. ♣

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A few ingenious inventions



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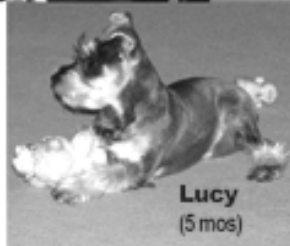


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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
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Snore-hat
Umbrella-shelter

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