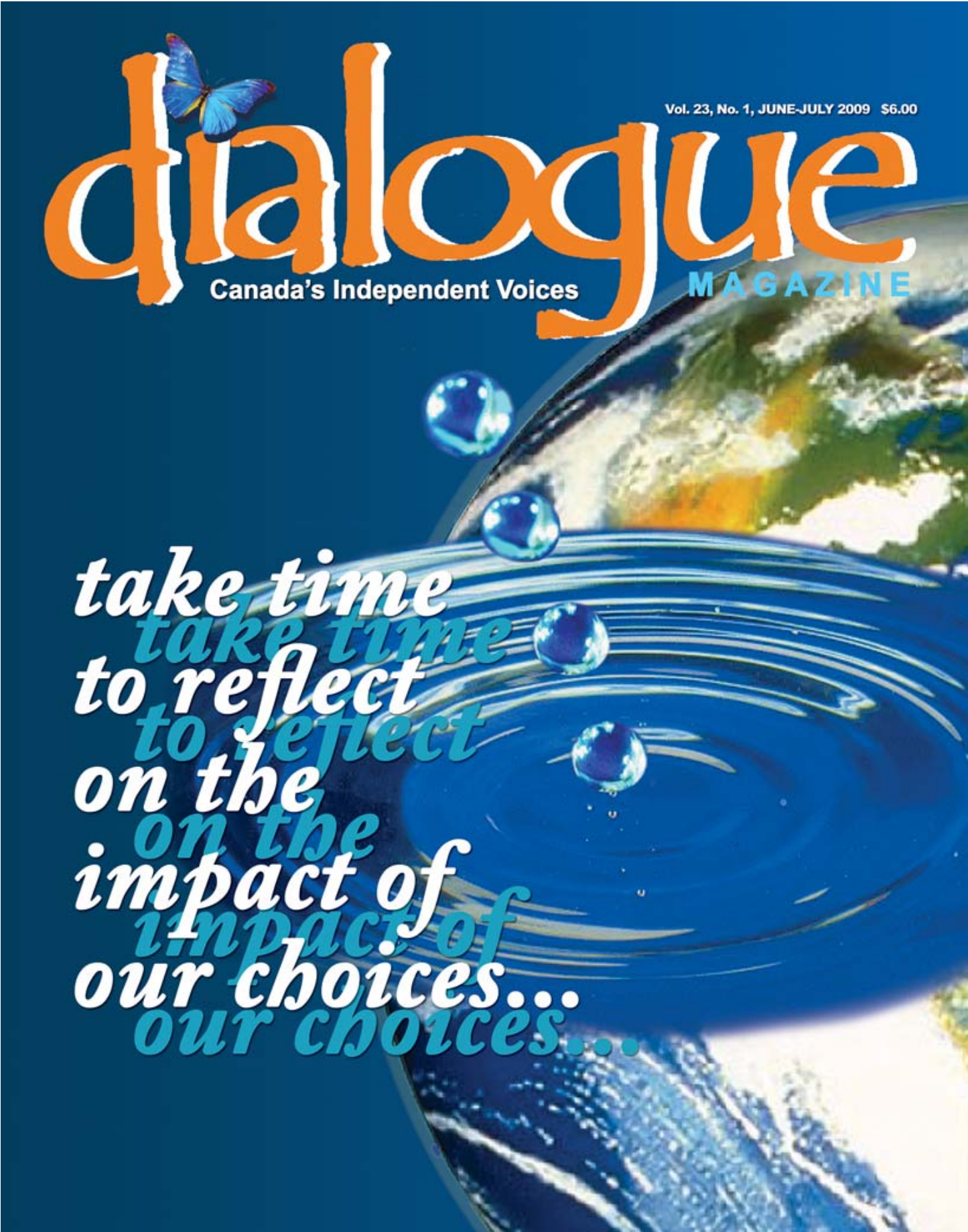




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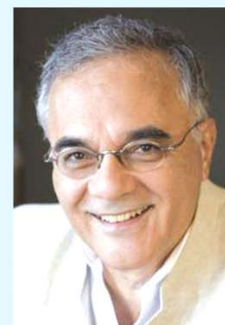
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Larry Vaincourt, 1923-2009



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John Woodsworth of
Ottawa, translator of the
Ringing Cedars books, p.22



Sydney White elicits fairy tale
answer from ex-PM Martin on Bank
of Canada's needless borrowing

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A word from the publisher and editor...



Maurice, Janet & Penny

How often during our busy days do we stop to consider the impact of what we are doing... on ourselves, those around us, our community, our ecosystem, our planet – and future generations...?? And just how well do we really understand our relationships – as individuals and as a collective, ‘humanity’ – with everything else? Metaphysical contemplation is no longer part of our everyday ‘Western’ way of life. But it once was ~ and if we are to restore ‘right relationship’ between ourselves and our Earth, it is time for us to renew our capacity for identifying and reflecting on key questions.

One man who spent the last two decades contemplating many issues facing mankind was Larry Vaincourt. Sadly his voice fell silent in April, but his words will live on. Please see the tributes to Larry on pages 4 and 5.

Many articles in this issue touch on ‘the big picture’ – and one, in particular, tackles it head-on, discussing what the writer calls, “a chronicle of ideas – ideas on (a) the history of humanity’s relationship to everything outside itself, (b) the clouds ... of mistaken belief that have, over the years, hid this relationship from our sight and comprehension and (c) where to begin – once we have caught a glimpse of this relationship – the necessary journey to reclaiming the whole picture.” This quote is from the Translator’s Preface (in the book “*Anastasia*”) written by John Woodsworth of Ottawa, who translated into English the best-selling series by Russian author Vladimir Megré. Our thanks to John and the *Ringling Cedars Press* for permission to share this article with *dialogue* readers (p.22). May it inspire you to make “*time for reflection*” a part of every day...

You will also find in this issue: articles discussing Canada’s relationship with the world, many ideas on sustainability and new economic models (pp. 17-21), and thoughts on the far-reaching impacts that will follow the recent BC election and referendum results (pp. 43-44).

Dialogue is written by its readers – but there are always more contributions received than there is room for in each issue. So choices have to be made. One such choice in this issue is to *stand down* from the “Responses” re WWII. Instead, we recommend that those still interested in defending their country’s war record watch a re-enactment of a real speech given by Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler, one of the most decorated U.S. soldiers of WWI (see ‘*War is a racket*’ link, p.41, along with some readers’ book suggestions and a WWII anecdote).

As *dialogue* begins its 23rd year, we have challenges to meet in order to remain viable. We have recently prepared a questionnaire for readers regarding the challenges and opportunities. It is being sent out with renewal letters; but if you would like to receive a copy of the questionnaire now, please let us know and we will mail or e-mail it to you. **If you have received your renewal letter, please understand that we rely on your subscriptions and donations to continue!** [If you truly cannot afford the annual subscription fee of \$30, but really want to continue receiving *dialogue*, please let us know.]

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. Remember that we will happily send a free introductory issue to anyone in Canada that you would like to suggest – to help the magazine grow! If you are not yet receiving our (free) monthly e-newsletter, please send an e-mail to: maurice.king@dialogue.ca

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Remembering Larry and his “Rhymes and Reflections”

Farewell, Old Friend

Sadly, our long-time friend and *dialogue* “Poet Laureate” and columnist Larry Vaincourt passed away, on April 20th. Larry had been writing in the English Quebec media for many decades and was published in papers across Canada and the U.S. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and loyal readers.

Larry was born in 1923 in Upstate New York and grew up as a farm boy, in the rural setting of Covey Hill in south-west Quebec, where he lived until he joined the Air Force in World War II. After serving as an aircraft mechanic and part-time entertainer, he returned to Quebec in 1946.

Larry and his wife Doreen were married in Smiths Falls, Ont., on Labour Day, Sept. 1st, 1951 and they raised five sons: Larry, Wayne, Mark, Randy and Scott. The family gathered to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2001. A photo of the couple graced the cover of *dialogue* in Vol. 15, No. 2 (July 2001). An article in that issue by Randy noted, “A sense of family, a love of music, a respect for nature; these are the gifts our parents gave us.”

Larry had a varied career, which included working as a logger, news photographer (ABC News Pictures), circulation manager (*Montreal Standard*), civil servant, and metallurgical photographer (Rolls Royce, Canada). In 1963, Larry opened his own camera store and photo studio, which he operated in Pointe Claire (West Island of Montreal) until 1983. For several years after that, he had a photo studio in Two Mountains, during which time his writing career began to take shape. He first became a regular columnist with the *Lachute Watchman*.

Larry's poetry, especially, was often read on Bill McNeil's “Fresh Air” program on CBC. Mr. McNeil commented about Larry's writing, “He can write like an angel and kick like a mule. That's Larry Vaincourt. When I first discovered him in the Quebec weeklies, a few years back, I was truly excited. Time and numerous columns later, I still feel the same way. In prose or verse, Larry proves time and again that he's one of a kind. He's a breath of fresh air.”

With the help of *Dialogue*, Larry's first volume of prose and poetry, entitled “*Rhymes and Reflections*,” was published in 1991; his second volume, “*Don't Burn the Biffy*,” in 1995.

One of Larry's poems, *Just a Common Soldier*, caught the imagination of thousands of people around the world and was published in many venues world-wide. This poem was first published in 1987 in Larry Vaincourt's newspaper column in the *Lachute Watchman*.

Larry received the “2004 Column of the Year Award” from

the Quebec Community Newspaper Association. In July 2004, he published his third book, “*Just A Common Soldier and Other Poems*,” a collection built around his most popular poem. The original poem is featured on his website, where his third book can also be ordered:

<http://vaincourt.homestead.com>

As one of the comments in the Guest Book on Larry's website noted, on February 14th, 2008, “As We say in The Marine Corps of a Soldier or comrade in arms, ‘Semper Fidelis, Frater Eternus.’ God Bless You and may The Gates to Heaven be open to You By My Fellow Marines standing Guard at The Pearly Gates. Love You and May We Meet in Heaven Someday, My Brother.” - Larry [Lawrence Oakes, SSGT USMC (VET)]

~ Janet and Maurice at Dialogue ♣

The Words Live On

By Randy Vaincourt, Deux Montagnes, QC



Doreen & Larry in 2001

My father was known by a few different names. To his parents and siblings he was Amos, most of the world knew him as Larry, but to his family he was Lucky, a name he gained while boxing during his Air Force days. In first grade the teacher asked me to draw a picture of our family, and write each person's name underneath. I drew myself, my four brothers and our parents, then dutifully printed their names below. My mother, Doreen, and my father, Lucky ...spelled in my 7-year old manner as L-U-C-Y. When the teacher asked, “Isn't that your mother's name?” I assured her that

no, it was indeed my dad. She seemed confused but let it pass. Only years later did I realize how much on the cutting edge of modern relationships I had been that day.

Dad was a Depression-era farm boy, born and bred. He never lost his love of the outdoors, and instilled that same feeling in his children. His family was French Catholic, and Dad believed his surname was the more common “Vaillancourt” until he entered the Air Force in World War II and discovered the Priest had actually written “Vaincourt” on his baptismal certificate. When Dad was only four years old, he lost his own father in a tragic accident. Eventually his mother remarried a wonderful man named Dennis McCarthy, who raised Dad and his siblings, so by the time my brothers and I came along our French grandmother had become known as Grandma McCarthy. Multiple name spellings and families full of unrelated accents – all part of life in Quebec.

His childhood was poor, but he was blessed with the greatest richness in the world; the love of music. Dad learned ⇒

guitar and harmonica and as a young man he played in dance bands; it seemed my father could play just about anything with strings on it. He passed that love on to his children, with all of us playing at least one, and some several, instruments. Dad used to play albums of French-Canadian fiddle music, loudly and with great enjoyment, which once inspired our mother to exclaim, "And your father says Rock and Roll music all sounds the same!!"

Dad served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, where he wound up performing in a musical review entitled "Ham and Legs." As he said to me years later, "Guess who the ham was?" Thinking back now I'm rather relieved that he hadn't been the other part of that duo.

After the War he returned to Montreal, became a photographer and eventually met our mother, Doreen, who became his wife of 58 years. 58 years – now that's a testament to love. A French Catholic boy married an English Protestant girl, which was the 1951 version of a mixed marriage. When I was little I asked my father what the difference was between the two faiths, and he said, "I don't know. I always thought there was only one God." A simple, easy to understand philosophy that I carry with me to this day.

In 1976 my brothers and I threw them a 25th Anniversary party, then a 50th Anniversary party in 2001. It seemed to me that no time at all had passed between the two events, which I'm certain is how they felt about their almost 6 decades together.

Dad once told me that because of his work schedule, he felt he hadn't spent enough time with us when we were growing up. The strange thing is that we never felt that way. Sometimes he would sing us to sleep with his guitar. I can see him standing next to our bunk beds, strumming and singing funny songs that remain in my memory to this day. Every kid enjoys a lullaby, but we had an actual concert performance to send us to sleep.

When I was small I remember being amazed that my father could fix absolutely anything. From toys and bikes right up to appliances or cars, Dad seemed to know how to make them right again. As I grew up I came to realize that in most areas, my Dad was self-taught. Always fascinated by how things worked, he could dismantle, examine, learn what he could about something, and then apply that understanding to the next thing he worked on. He also kept every piece of equipment he ever owned or dismantled. We once found a carburetor for a 1930 Chevy out in our shed, which I'm certain he kept just in case they ever started making that model again.

Dad enjoyed driving, and in the past few years he became a common sight on our local streets, zipping around on his electric scooter. He'd head up along the bicycle paths and often be gone for hours, causing our mother to become frantic. He decided that the scooter's horn wasn't loud enough, so he installed a car horn instead, which no doubt

he found out in our shed. I often thought he did it just to watch the reaction of bike riders when he'd sneak silently up behind them and give it a blast.

After Dad retired from the photo business, he developed a new passion: writing. He quickly became a columnist for the *Lachute Watchman*, where his columns ranged from heartwarming stories about farm life and anecdotes from his military experiences, to attacks on one of his favourite targets, Quebec politicians. His writing soon ended up in other papers and magazines, including of course, *Dialogue*. His columns resulted in three published anthologies of poems and short stories. Over the past year he had been writing a novel, entitled "*Harper's Hill*." No, it's not a satire about the government in Ottawa, but rather an exciting murder mystery set in the early 1950's. I'm pleased to say that about a month ago, Dad sent me the finished manuscript to proofread. It's his final offering to the literary world. Unless you count the poem he wrote just a few weeks ago which we found in his office the other night, entitled, "*When Grandpère Cut The Cheese*."

Then one fateful Remembrance Day in 1987, he decided to write a poem to honour all veterans. Entitled "Just A Common Soldier," it was published, then soon consigned to one of his many scrapbooks. A few years later I was shocked to read several stanzas of the poem in Ann Landers syndicated column. Upon closer research we discovered this poem had somehow been reprinted hundreds of times around North America. The American Legion had picked it up and was putting it on display in their branches. Suddenly it was being read on national radio broadcasts every U.S. Memorial Day, an event that continues to this day.

Britain and Australia followed suit on their Remembrance Days. Since then the poem has appeared in countries around the world, as far away as India, New Zealand and South Africa. Requests for reprints continue flooding in; one British university uses it as required reading in a literary course. Its words have been altered slightly to better reflect different countries of printing, and "soldier" has been changed to "sailor" for that arm of the military. Last July 4th, 2008, it was permanently engraved into a marble monument at West Point. The poem's reach has been both staggering and a lasting legacy to my father.

Dad shared his laughter and thoughts with the world, and the world continues to respond through letters and emails. What greater gift could he have left our family than the knowledge that his words have brought joy and comfort to people all around the globe. He made us all so very proud and we will miss him forever. He was my inspiration, my friend, my father. – **Randy Vaincourt** ♣

[We look forward to reading Larry's final poem, "*When Grandpère Cut The Cheese*," in the next issue.]

Our thoughts and prayers are with Doreen & her family ♣

Canadian Politics

Where has my Canada gone?

Jurgen Vollrath, Embrun ON

My father arrived in Canada in spring of 1955. He was 29 years old and had about \$50 in his pocket. He worked at several jobs and by September of that year was able to send for me and my mother.

Jobs were something that you could get on your way home from your job. Jobs had no restrictions of language, colour or ethnicity. There were no quotas for jobs. The only quality required was a willingness to work and dependability. People were interactive and appreciative of commitment to hard work and life was tough but enjoyable. No matter what language you spoke, you managed to communicate with your co-workers through the common thread of being industrious. It was fun to work out language differences on a personal level. No government involvement was required. The old adage that you worked hard and you played hard was lived out and although nothing was easy, there seemed to be a much stronger work and play ethic.

Everyone looked forward to Friday night as the start of the week-end and we knew that Sunday was a day of rest from the toils of the week and perhaps the overindulgence of that Friday and Saturday.

True democratic elections, where all the parties were diametrically opposed in opinion and thought, were talked about with vigour. Our political system, although not perfect, was a beacon of hope for people throughout the world. People left oppressive regimes to come to Canada where they could feel a part of the process to a better life.

When the citizens went to the poll booths they had a clear choice. The CFF (currently the NDP) were clearly to the left of the political spectrum. Strong union support and distinctly socialist, you knew who they were. The Progressive Conservatives, on the other hand, were the party of individual responsibility and capitalist to a fault. The Liberals were very clearly the party in the middle. They appealed to the "light" conservatives and "responsible" socialists in our country and won a lot of power based on that appeal. That was then and this is now.

There has been a shift, over the last 40 years where the quest for power has totally diluted our failing political system. There is no more talk at the dinner table about the qualities that differentiate the parties in power. There is, however, plenty of talk about not voting because there is no more clear choice of direction. The pendulum has swung so far to the left that, the electorate, can no longer establish a distinction between the parties.

That is not to say that there are no differences in platforms, as there certainly are, however, those differences are no longer as far apart as they once were. All of them might as well wear red ties.

Endless lies, disappointment, thievery and the ultimate quest for power has destroyed what once was active involvement and replaced it with lethargy and apathy. We now hear, more often than not, "don't know who to vote for, they're all the same."

The rise of socialism and the decline of our democracy are what face the children of today. There is no loyalty as there once was, only confusion and anger. There is a massive push of political correctness at the expense of common sense and there isn't a politician out there who would dare to tell the truth.

The puppet masters who control it all are diluting our thoughts with social engineering, all the while pulling the strings to ensure the dumbing down of the general population. The masses are more apt to watch TV than be involved in making their thoughts known.

I have attended many political gatherings. I have asked many questions at various debates between those that would garner my vote. The common thread that I can no longer dismiss is that you never truly get an honest answer, only party rhetoric. There is also no willingness, once elected, for any politician to truly listen to a legitimate complaint. Letters are no longer answered; you only get some tepid response sent out en masse by an electronic answering system.

There is only an unquenchable thirst for power at all costs. The cost to all Canadians at this point is our fundamental freedoms. Freedom of choice and freedom of speech, in particular. Freedoms that, for some reason, we are fighting for in other parts of the world, while we're losing them at home. This is definitely not the Canada that awaited us in 1955. ♣

A letter to the Prime Minister about GM foods in Canada

From: S.McDowall, Nanaimo BC

To: HarpeS@parl.gc.ca ; CrowdJ1@parl.gc.ca ;
IgnatM@parl.gc.ca ; LaytoJ@parl.gc.ca

Re: Doctors Warn: Avoid Genetically Modified Food

Genetically Modified Food has been of deep concern to me and thousands of other Canadians. It is difficult for me to comprehend why our Government, which is supposed to keep Canadians safe, has folded so quickly to the demands of the agri business and Monsanto. You are not considering the health of Canadians. Instead you are giving in to the demands of the Corporations to the detriment of Canadians.

Meanwhile babies, pregnant women and children are seriously at risk from GMO foods. Please ensure that proper labelling of all genetically modified food is available to all Canadian consumers across Canada. It is your responsibility to Canadians to do this. ♣

Read about GMO Moratorium: <http://tinyurl.com/ppqp7c> ♣

Canadian Politics

We are losing privacy in a stealthy fashion

CLIPPING FROM THE OTTAWA CITIZEN

Forwarded by John McCullough

Re: The Surveillance Society, Jan. 31 to Feb. 5

Congratulations to (*Ottawa*) *Citizen* writer Don Butler for explaining so vividly the dangers of modern surveillance technologies.

Whether the goal is to deter crooks and terrorists, enhance marketing efforts, ensnare cheating spouses or control wayward teens, proponents of the surveillance society offer many justifications for monitoring and tracking the lives of the others.

The technology to scan and record people's identities and movements exists, so why not use it to enhance the safety, comfort and convenience of Canadians? By extension, defenders argue, those who have nothing to hide have nothing to fear.

In fact, as the *Citizen* series clearly showed, nothing could be further from the truth. Ordinary Canadians going about their daily lives have everything to fear from governments and other organizations that monitor and record their day-to-day activities.

Privacy is an important human right that is tied to personal

autonomy, freedom of thought and speech, and liberty of movement and assembly.

If we were to lose that right in one cataclysmic instant by government decree, for example - there would be revolution in the streets.

The unfortunate reality is that we are, indeed, losing it, but in a stealthy, incremental fashion that most people barely notice, let alone protest.

Unlike Nazi Germany, Soviet-era Russia or fanciful fiction, there is no single Big Brother with unfettered oversight of our lives. Instead, the threats are less obvious and originate from all directions.

The excellent series (in the *Citizen*) underscored that the threats to privacy are real and the dangers imminent. As individuals and as a society, we cannot afford complacency.

It is urgent that we become more informed about who is collecting information about us, when and why, and that we question any surveillance activities that encroach on our profoundly valuable right to privacy.

JENNIFER STODDART, Ottawa
Privacy Commissioner of Canada

Read online: <http://tinyurl.com/p9b7b5> ♣

Sydney White speaks out in Toronto



"The best thing about owning a mind is that you can change it" - Sydney White

Sydney White is a Toronto-based investigative journalist who has been speaking out, on radio, in print, at Canadian rights demonstrations, in speeches – and, last fall, from September

to December 2008, in a lecture series on Studies in Propaganda, at the [Free University of Toronto](#). The weekly sessions at the St. George Campus, Sandford Fleming Building, covered topics including:

- **America - A History of Violence:** presidential assassinations and the ownership of the money supply;
- **9/11 Revisited:** Scientists and engineers proved to us that this mass murder was an inside job; in the U.S. the truth is ignored, in Canada, it's no defence.
- **Citizen Lab Rat.** Sprayed viruses, chemtrails, altered food, contaminated vaccines, HAARP, Fluoride and brain damage, Electro frequencies. "Stayin' Alive" in a corporate chemical world
- **Mass mind Control...** Cradle to grave Behaviour modification, Psych drug and Homicides, suicides and mass murder; planned trauma-based control.
- **Bio-ethics and depopulation:** the destruction and Control of natural medicine by big pharma. The "no intervention" rules of "health" care by the "experts"
- **War and the "Glorious Dead":** Who starts the wars,

ends them and makes the profits from both sides. How errors and omissions become "history."

- **Our Hidden History:** Why we are doomed to repeat it. out-of-Place Artifacts, and why they are ignored. Present Technology & its effects on ancient language translations.
- **Debt and Depopulation:** Why "modern technology" has not increased our leisure time as promised. Why our children will inherit a mortgage and not a home.
- **Religious myths and their influence in politics.**

After obtaining her B.A. in Sociology from U of T (1974), **Sydney White** spent six years traveling in England, Egypt, India, Sri Lanka, Australia, New Zealand, Panama and the U.S. Her experience includes being a member of the Australian Delegation to the U.N. and a reporter at the General Assembly; Editor of Press Releases at the Press Dept. of the U.N. Secretariat, N.Y.; a reporter on Media for British Information Services, at the Rockefeller Center, N.Y.; advisor to public plaintiff groups at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Ottawa & Toronto; a member of the Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform (www.COMER.org), deputations to the Ontario Legislature and City of Toronto; Host of "Undercurrents" investigative reports, CIUT Radio (U of T, 1996-99); contributor to "Discourse & Disclosure" (1997-2005); Lecturer: Studies in Propaganda (since 2000) at the Free University of Toronto; news analysis and commentaries on www.natradio.com.

[*Dialogue* readers can look forward to hearing from Sydney White in a future issue. Photo p.2.] ♣

“Prévoyance”

Presentation to House of Commons Finance Committee re the CPP

Subject: A review and appraisal of the investment model and practices used by the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP IB)



By Erik Andersen, Economist

[May 7, 2009, Ottawa] The formation of the CPP IB as an independent corporation had to have occurred after representations were made that monies surplus to the immediate needs of CPP could be invested in other than government bonds

to the significant financial benefit of plan members.

Its (CPP IB) legislated mandate is “to act in the best interests of CPP contributors and beneficiaries, to maximize investment returns without undue risk of loss, and to take into consideration the CPP’s funding status and ability to meet its obligations” (CPP IB, 2002a,p.9).

Beginning in 2002 I began expressing my concerns to the Finance Ministers of the day. In point form my worries then and now are:

The CPP IB has or might become an “investor of last resort” for failing companies.

Equity investments represent an elevated level of risk incompatible with the “mandate” and not understood nor accepted by the contributors/beneficiaries.

Private equity investments (more correctly described as speculations) have no place in the CPP Fund as valuations are not determined objectively when either purchased or valued.

Liquidity of many of the investments at the CPP Fund will be compromised and often unavailable.

Attached under Tab 1 are copies of my representations, predominantly to the Ministers of Finance and beginning with a letter dated January 14, 2005 to The Honourable Ralph Goodale and finishing with a letter dated February 18, 2009 to The Honourable James M. Flaherty. In each letter the theme is the same but I have introduced examples of inappropriate investments (speculations in my judgment) which support my concerns.

Attached under Tab 2 are copies of articles and notices of these inappropriate investments. To help appreciation of the nature of a financial investment and a speculation a short definition is included. A speculation is where there is no promise of safety of principle and a financial return on the money such as interest.

Posted February 28, 2007 was a report titled “CPP Investment Board dips toe into US real estate market”. The US\$500 million was characterized as a “first major bet”.

In contrast, and well before this transaction, the Governor of the Bank of England publicly cautioned British banks

to be prepared for a 40% rollback in real estate values. Additionally the CPP IB would have had knowledge of the US based Case-Shiller housing index. In early 2007 the index value was at an all-time high of 210 when the steady state is around the 100 mark.

Posted in the *Globe & Mail* on May 5, 2008 was a story about the CPP IB speculating on the prospect of building a very controversial power transmission line in Patagonia.

Posted by accident on August 18, 2008 in the *Globe & Mail* was a comment about the CPP IB speculating by trading in ABCP and some New York crafted toxic paper.

Posted on March 30, 2009 by the CPP IB was notice that it **intends to acquire 100% of issued shares of the Macquarie Communication Infrastructure Group**. This takeover is to be at A\$2.50 when the open-market valuation has been under A\$1.00. If that isn’t bad enough, the CPP IB intends to stay in a business relationship with the Macquarie management who has been singled out for serious criticism by RiskMetrics Group in New York.

This has all the appearances of a seller in search of a foolish buyer. Making matters even more troublesome, the CPP IB has concurrently announced its intension to finance this and other speculations with borrowed money.

Conclusions

The CPP IB engages in speculations that are incompatible with the legislated mandate. In the future these speculations will visit more losses on the CPP Fund than its beneficiaries wish to tolerate.

Accountability to the beneficiaries is minimal to non-existent. Reliance rests entirely on the practice of full disclosure. There is virtually nothing the beneficiaries can do to effect changes to the investment practices of the CPP IB. The use of non-publicly listed assets sabotages confidence in the financial statements of the CPP Fund, particularly when they are “unaudited” for quarterly reports. The disclaimers etc used by the annual report auditors, Deloitte & Touche, do little to improve confidence in valuation accuracy.

Suggestions

Initiate a request to have the CPP IB suspend new investment projects and seek to have equity assets sold.

In the likelihood that a less assertive action is preferred, the Committee could conduct a test. It could ask the CPP IB to volunteer 20 private party investments. After creating a short list from those 20 then ask the CPP IB to canvas for verifiable and unconditional bids for each asset on the short list. It might even be useful to accept the bids as final proof.

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By this exercise the Committee would be in a better position to judge the veracity of the about to be released financial statements.

Thank you for this opportunity to present my concerns and ideas. Please appreciate that I am representing more beneficiaries than just myself.

- Erik Andersen, Gabriola Island BC

Some observations by Erik, following the Committee meeting:

[EXTRACT] I was disappointed when I heard Mr. Menzies suggest that everyone was caught by surprise when financial conditions turned sour and pension plans were adversely affected. I think the whole of my end of the room as a person said "not true". For myself, I began expressing my concerns in 2002 by letter to our government. On May 5th Mark Brandly posted an article titled "Should People Just Ignore Economists?" on the Von Mises site. His article was in reply to a BusinessWeek article of April 27th titled "What Good Are Economists Anyway". After a long lead in, Mark gets to his main point. "BusinessWeek has done us a favour by pointing out that most economists continue to accept the very theories that prevented them from anticipating the financial collapse. However, the magazine errs in concluding that we should now listen to those same economists. It would make more sense to ignore those economists that not only failed to predict but also had a hand in creating the crisis."

I would say it is entirely logical to suggest that in the absence of giving warning that is on the record, those economists that failed to meet *best practices* professional standards should consider doing other work they maybe better suited for.

Another missed opportunity (at the Committee) was to broaden the discussion about actuarial best practices. The Committee was fortunate to have Mr. Bernard Dussault at

the table. This is a very knowledgeable person to ask about the assumptions made that lead to an estimate of the soundness of the CPP Plan and others.

It was my sense that all those appearing shared a huge passion for the topic of pensions. This passion did not seem to be shared by the Committee.

I was grateful to Mr. Robert Carrier for his understanding that the CPP IB system design is flawed and will produce distasteful results. The way the CPP IB functions it is isolated from the contributors/beneficiaries so it cannot meet the standard investment rule of "know your client". The CPP IB design is also flawed by the fact that it both selects and values the investments to be made and then has dominion or influence over the subsequent valuations. A very questionable practice that needs correction.

Postscript: The only new development is the delay in reporting the year end results. The CPP IB web site still indicates mid May but the CEO says it will be end of May. We all maybe in for a "Nortel" experience and the delay may be driven by the timetable for the sitting of Parliament (i.e. when in recess). Erik

Editor's Note: At the suggestion of Committee member, (NDP) M.P. Thomas Mulcair (and after intense lobbying by many people), Mr. Andersen was called as a witness before the Finance Committee regarding the Canada Pension Plan Fund.

Biographical Note:

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Declaring the Times on Parliament Hill, April 29, 2009

by Kevin D. Annett, Nanaimo BC

I committed treason last week, in front of a throng of RCMP and CSIS goons outside what is called the Canadian Parliament.

I've had it, you see. I've had it with something called "the Crown" getting away with mass murder, fraud and land theft. I've had it with its partner in crime, the Christian churches, absolving themselves of the torture and slaughter of little kids in their "residential schools".

So I figure it's time to get rid of the whole mess.

Picking up the megaphone from a Mohawk elder who stood with me and a score of others, I shouted directly at the Mounties,

"You men are defending murderers and pedophiles. You're standing on stolen land, awash with rivers of blood. You have to ask yourselves what you're defending, and who is

profiting from what you do, and who is suffering from it. I tell you, it's time for a new nation, a republic. We need to get rid of the Crown and create a republic where we can finally be equal with the native nations."

I paused, and added,

"I just committed treason here. So arrest me! You say you want to bring me in for questioning. So here I am! But I have some questions for you, too: like why you refuse to bring known criminals to justice for the murder of 50,000 aboriginal children!"

None of the cops responded. They even looked vaguely embarrassed. But the sightseers seemed shocked.

It was like that on April 29 in Ottawa, on the illegally occupied and never-treated Algonquin land where Parliament perches.

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It was the same day that a guy who calls himself the Pope was pretending to be sorry for what his church did to innocent children, and dishing out lies to his deluded followers. A bunch of us thought it was a good day to respond.

The sun smiled on the twenty or so of us, mostly Mohawk traditionalists from Kahnawake, as we crossed the river into Ottawa from the Quebec side. Under a banner that declared, "All the Children Need a Proper Burial", and held aloft by three Mohawk children, our little army descended on three of the architects of genocide in Canada: Indian Affairs, the "Supreme Court", and Parliament itself.

Our first stop, at Indian Affairs, featured us trying to speak to manicured ex-Indians in fancy clothes who gaped at us from behind their office windows, or hurried past us lest their white masters spotted them listening. Two of them stood in the doorway and smirked at us. But many others stared soberly at the words on our banner, and at the little ones clutching it.

It was these children who drew all the quiet stares all along our route. The kids led us down the street and over the bridge. Police cleared the way for us, lights flashing, as we were accompanied too by so many spirits.

"Assholes!" yelled a white cab driver at us, as Stuart Miyoh of the Mohawk Traditional Council exhorted those nearby to remember the disappeared children. The silence that echoed back at us was deep, as from a grave.

"Truth" and "Justice" were the words emblazoned on the edifice of the Supreme Court as we fanned out on its steps. Taking them at their words, one of our people, a young native woman, said through the bullhorn,

"All we want is justice, and not to be criminalized whenever we defend our sacred mother earth. But this court makes us the wrongdoers and lets logging companies rape our mother. We'll never get justice in Canada's courts."

I asked her for the bullhorn and began to name the names of the judges who had been accused of pedophilia in Canada. One cop gawked at me, shocked.

"That's the bravest thing I've ever seen" the woman told me, as the cops looked troubled. But one of them approached me as we neared Parliament and said,

"People can hear you better if you're right up on the steps". Smiling, I felt the whole shaky edifice crumble a bit. That's when I launched into my call for a new republic in front of the phalanx of mounties.

Stuart was busy speaking to a group of high school students

on a Parliamentary tour, declaring,

"You kids should know that people your age were murdered every day in the Indian residential schools, 50,000 of them! Learn what your country is really like. Read hidden from history dot org and stop supporting murderers in high places ..."

An outraged teacher began shooing the dumb struck students away from us, his arms stretched out like a panicking



mother hen. But the crowds were forming around us by then, and for a half hour we stood and waved our banner and showed the country its lies and its crimes.

I was flying by then. During one of my speeches, when I got to the part about the Crown being a fictitious body with no jurisdiction over us, one of the bald-headed suits in shades with a wire in his ear sauntered over to me and said that I

could expect to receive a warrant for my arrest soon.

And so it goes.

Near the end, we all decided to return to the same spot in even greater numbers on June 11, the first anniversary of the Hollow Apology of Steven Harper to survivors of the residential schools genocide.

Carry it on.

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"Kevin is more deserving of the Nobel Peace Prize than many who have received it in the past."

*- Dr. Noam Chomsky, Professor Emeritus,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

"A courageous and inspiring man." (referring to Kevin Annett) - Mairead Corrigan-Maguire, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Belfast, Northern Ireland

The very lands we all along enjoyed
they ravished from the people they destroyed
...All the long pretenses of descent
are shams of right to prop up government.
'Tis all invasion, usurpation all;
'Tis all by fraud and force that we possess,
and length of time can make no crime the less;
Religion's always on the strongest side.

Daniel Defoe, Jure Divino (England, 1706) ♣

"Politics From The Far Side"

Peace, Order, and Good Government?

Chris Shaw, Vancouver BC



I came to Canada as a young man and not having grown up here found the phrase used to describe the Canadian system, "*peace, order, and good government*", sort of odd and charming at the same time. How modest, just like Canadians, I thought.

That was before I'd been here long enough to know some Canadian history and realize that within this phrase was a world of political realities not spoken of in polite company. The wars against Native peoples, for example, combined with the cultural genocide of the residential schools seemed to be forgotten by most citizens and government alike. But for the victims, the phrase had a bitter irony. Part of the irony is that the oppression of Native peoples is not an historical mischance or ancient history, but a continuing pattern highlighted by unleashing the RCMP and military against Native protests at Oka, Quebec, and William's Lake, British Columbia.

The phrase seemed to me to be getting a bit shopworn as I learned more: the internment of Germans and Ukrainians in World War I for the crime of being German and Ukrainian; the obscene Chinese "head tax"; more internment, this time for Japanese-Canadian citizens in World War II; the seizure of the Doukhobor children in the 1950s; the War Measures Act of 1970... and the list goes on.

A political acquaintance finally put it all into perspective. What it really means, he said, is this: "You keep your *peace*, we'll give the *orders*, and we'll call that *good government*". I laughed the first time I heard this. If you're white and middle class or higher up the food chain, it's still easy to think that our government exists to serve us. Try, however, telling that to the 3,000 or so homeless on Vancouver's streets, or the thousands more across the country. Try telling that to Native peoples living in housing so encrusted by mould that they run the risk of deadly fungal infections. Or how about the hundreds of so-called "illegal" migrant workers recently scooped up in Toronto, or Tamil-Canadians who have watched their government remain silent as the Sri Lankan army slaughters their former countrymen and women, or the Lebanese-Canadians or Palestinian-Canadians who saw the same government's stark indifference to Israeli massacres of civilians? So much for the "peace" part of the phrase.

How about "order"? Stay tuned to next year's Olympic Games which will feature 15,000 police and soldiers locking down Vancouver for the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) circus extravaganza. There will be "order"

alright, complete with preventative arrests, continual harassment of anti-Games activists and Native peoples, more homeless "red zoned" and swept aside and all so that the party for the developers and their political buddies can go on. Tens of thousands of ordinary people, unable or unwilling to celebrate this corporate invasion will find their lives massively disrupted for 51 days. Do you need to keep your business running, or get your kids to school or the doctor? Tough beans. "Work from home", the Vancouver organizing committee for the Games tells us. Take your vacation, whatever, but the Games count for far more than you and your petty problems and will go on regardless of how much it messes with your life.

This brings us to "good government". Want to know just how good it really is? Try a simple exercise to find out: send a Freedom of Information request for anything you think you deserve to know about to your local municipal or provincial government or an Access to Information request to any federal agency. Good government, after all, is supposed to be open, transparent, and accountable government, right?

Do it if you haven't, because in this simple act of citizenship lies a stunning surprise: the governments don't really work for you and they have no intention whatsoever of letting you peer behind the curtain. I've done dozens of requests to every level of government over the last few years in an ongoing quest for information about Olympic security costs. Every time, from every agency, the same pattern plays out: endless delays, attempts to get me to pay for "staff time" to find the relevant records, more delays, and when material eventually arrives, page after page blacked out (or the new trick *whited out* since it doesn't look as bad on TV). Every last agency, every last one does this. Two recent examples will make the point: RCMP, after a year, finally released to me some documents showing that they have been hiding the security costs for *almost two years* after then realized that the original security budget for the 2010 Games was a utter fraud perpetrated by Vancouver's Olympic Bid Corp in 2002. Three levels of government literally conspired to prevent this information from coming out and discussed how to manage pesky questions from the media.

And here is the latest: I had written to Fisheries and Oceans Canada some 22 months ago asking them to please tell me what the Coast Guard's budget would be for 2010. They refused to release anything, citing Privy Council confidentiality. I complained to the Federal Information Commissioner and here is what finally came back from them: Fisheries and Oceans gets a complete

pass under subsection 69(1) of the Access to Information Act because, for reasons we'll never know, the agency thought what they had planned was so secret that the Privy Council could know but the rest of us couldn't and the simple act of waving the information past the Council made it off limits forever. Remember, I hadn't asked where the Coast Guard was going to put their boats, merely how much it was going to cost.

When you can't even find out how your own government is spending your money, I'd say there is a fundamental breakdown in democracy.

So there you have it: No peace (unless you are amongst the privileged like the IOC and their hosts), no order (unless you do precisely as you are told), and certainly no good government (unless you think that governments that operate in secrecy are good).

This brings us back to my friends joke: "You keep your peace, we'll give the orders, and we'll call that good government". I thought that was funny once. I'm not laughing now, but I am thinking of ways to make governments actually act in ways that serve the interests of all, not just the elite.

More to follow on this in the next installment.... ♣

Canada: Open for Global Business

Canada's Free trade deal with Colombia

Alan A. Macdonell, Williamstown ON

Canada's recent signing of a Free Trade deal with Colombia, of all places, should lift more than a few eyebrows. In Canada, in the aftermath of the Free Trade deal (1988), a controlled press and lavish propaganda disguised the reality of the loss of 400,000 manufacturing jobs as well as the disappearance of much of our industrial facilities. Most of our exports now are basic and nonrenewable.

Colombians, on the other hand, are well-acquainted with the pitfalls of free trade in South America, and may not be in the mood for any more of it. It's important to remember that civil war has been a fact of life in Colombia for generations. It is possible the main reaction to the imposition of free-market philosophy will be to rejuvenate the F.A.R.C. (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.)

Colombia has a horrendous human rights profile. One report cites the assassination of over 2600 union activists in the last thirteen years. It is currently estimated that up to four million displaced and homeless Colombians exist within the country. This may be a recipe for peace and prosperity, but it's not likely.

On a more positive note, I was pleasantly surprised recently to learn of a common sense suggestion by Prime Minister Harper on the subject of the long gun registry. I believe he correctly identified the registry as useless and recommended its elimination.

The March 22nd version of CTV's question period had an interview with Michael Ignatieff, leader of the official opposition in the House of Commons. When asked for his opinion on the gun registry elimination, Mr. Ignatieff stated that police chiefs made use of the gun registry on a daily basis to assess the hazards in a home invasion, if required. I'm no expert on the matter, but doubt if I could muster up much faith in police chief who trusts the Canadian gun registry to be accurate. I'd have even less faith in a politician who recommends the custom.

P.S. The original version of the enclosed letter has a somewhat embarrassing history, in that I mailed out a couple of

dozen copies, including a dozen or so to Federal politicians, before learning that Colombia is not spelled Columbia. The Conservative caucus might think I'm attacking their Holy Grail, Washington D.C. ♣

Europe and Canada and the Global Business Agenda

In a NYTimes.com article, published May 5, 2009, **Bill Emmott and Roy Maclaren** reported: "Amidst dark mutterings about the rise of protectionism in global trade the good news is that the European Union and Canada are today launching 'comprehensive trade and investment negotiations,' leading to a free-trade agreement."

The article affirmed that the European Union and Canada "are on the move" in their negotiations. Following the 2008 announcement of a joint study of the trade and investment benefits of further liberalization and harmonization between them, it seems that what is in the works is the "negotiation of an ambitious trans-Atlantic agreement that would go beyond the terms of more conventional free trade agreements (such as the E.U. already has with Canada's NAFTA partner Mexico). In addition to the removal of all tariffs, the new agreement will take in a wide diversity of influences on trade. These will include the free movement of skilled workers, the opening up of government procurement, and the elimination or harmonization of a range of regulations..." The authors note "the reasonable expectation that the talks will go forward promptly, outstanding issues having been identified if not settled in advance. One such question, now resolved, was Europe's need for assurance that, in the Canadian federation, all levels of government would implement the agreement. The conclusion of that question had meaning beyond the bounds of the E.U.-Canada agreement. It will arise again when Europe embarks upon negotiations with the federations of Australia and the United States."

Canadians may find themselves wondering just how their federal government could have committed "all levels of government" in Canada to implement the clauses they are

negotiating. Have all other jurisdictions – provincial, regional, municipal, etc. – in Canada become totally powerless? Or have the provinces, perhaps, already been persuaded to agree in advance?

Another question Canadians may ask themselves: Is the EU-connection one of the reasons being used by the federal government to persuade provinces to adopt more support for and use of French?

One thing is certain, Canadians at large are not being asked for their opinions on the continuing emasculation of our nation's ability to put the needs & aspirations of Canadians ahead of the demands of global business interests.

Bill Emmott is a former editor of The Economist. Roy MacLaren is a former Canadian minister for international trade. They are co-chairmen of the Canada-Europe Roundtable for Business. Read the article, NYTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/dmqj3s> ♣

Canadian Foreign Policy

Canadian Government Policy re Israel

From Jim S. Allan, Toronto ON

To The Honourable Peter Kent, Conservative MP for Thornhill, Ontario [Appointed Minister of State of Foreign Affairs (Americas), by P.M. Stephen Harper]

This is in response to emails received from Georganne Burke of your office regarding the State of Israel and a National Post (Apr. 28 09) op-ed piece by MP Pierre Poilievre (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): 'Canada vindicated at Durban II.' [<http://tinyurl.com/c7pub6> - *praising Canada and Prime Minister Stephen Harper "for leading the world in staying away from Durban II."*]

The claims made by Mr. Poilievre are patently false per the following facts:

The mistreatment of the Palestinians by Israel/Zionists, starting with the theft of Palestinian land since and shortly before 1948, constitutes the worst cases of injustice anywhere in the world since WWII, and, in my opinion, not excepting Darfur, Cambodia and Rwanda. These injustices have been devious and unrelenting for over 61 years, in the face of strong UN sanctions and condemnations notwithstanding! (E.g.: UN Resolution 194, 'right to return'. 242, vacating occupied land. And others.)

If Canada treated Jews the way Israel treats Palestinians – e.g., no Jews in the Canadian armed forces; no Jews in certain Canadian university courses; no Jews owning certain buildings and lands in certain areas of Canada; no Jews farming certain lands and working crops in certain areas of Canada; Jews restricted only to certain Canadian roads; Jews cut off from the very basics of economic survival (some centuries old); Jews having to pass through numerous restrictive military check points in Canada – Canada would surely be considered undemocratic and racist, practicing Apartheid-type policies, such as are practiced by Israel!

Therefore, the claim that Israel is democratic, and does not practice racism, is patently false!

Israel is believed to have weapons of mass destruction.

Israel is anti-Semitic against the Semitic Palestinian People.

Discrimination by the Jewish State of Israel, in this way, contravenes both the Geneva Conventions and the Charter of the United Nations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 3.

After the treatment by German Fascist Nazis of Jewish

people, the way Israel, of Jewish people, is treating the Palestinians, with atrocities such as recently in Gaza, defies all conceivable interpretations of "the Golden Rule".

Fortunately, I know of at least one redeeming feature here. That is, there are some Jews, of whom I know, that deplore this incredible double standard and hypocrisy by Israel's fascist-like unjust policies.

"Never again!" do the Jews cry. Yet, Jewish Israel is repeating it again and again, daily. This time, in a slow motion, deliberate, semi genocide against the Palestinians! Israel does NOT, as Mr. Poilievre claims, practice what the world body's (e.g., the UN's) Declaration of Human Rights basic standard of liberty, etc, claims we should and must achieve. Israel, positively and exactly, does the very opposite!

Sir Winston Churchill (quoted by Mr. Poilievre), did indeed, initially, support the ideals of Zionism. But he later recognized its double standards and evil consequences, and then spoke against them. (I can quote for you, if you wish.) One, possibly THE, main root cause of the worst disturbances ⇒ of peace around the world since 1948, for example, September 11, 2001, the invasions of Iran and Afghanistan, and now being threatened in Pakistan, can be traced back to the way Israel has been allowed to get away with its terrible inhumane treatment of the Palestinians and the theft of their lands, in the face of the UN's inability to stop it, due to the USA's repeated negative votes in the UN General Assembly and its veto on the UN's Security Council, contrary to the votes cast by the vast majority of UN members.

If it is acceptable for Israel, on land stolen from the Palestinians, to have weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, why is it unacceptable for Iraq and Iran, or for anyone else for that matter, to have them on their OWN land, in the Middle East? Furthermore, I understand Israel has not signed the Non-Proliferation (Nuclear) Treaty, while Iran has.

These double standards are so painfully obvious. But you, Georganne, and the Canadian Conservative Party support them, with Georganne claiming in her email to me, that such support makes her "proud" to be a Conservative! What a travesty to be proud of. No wonder the Conservatives are having difficulty getting a majority. And now, it

seems, they have even lost a lead to the Liberals in a poll. Unless their hypocrisy is dramatically reversed, openly and publicly, what hope for the Conservative Party in Canada?

Attached, for your information, is my letter to Jason Kenny on this subject, exposing Canada's hypocrisy, to which I have had no reply. *[appeared in the last issue of dialogue]*
All peoples should have the right to exist in their own

Canadians and most MPs in the dark about our foreign policies

Stephanie McDowall, Nanaimo BC

I do not believe that most of our MP's are paying enough attention to matters such as the Pakistan situation described by **Eric Margolis** (at www.ericmargolis.com/).

Nor do I believe that Canadians are properly aware of everything our military is doing re air raids in Afghanistan, the activity of our Navy in the Gulf, overall Canadian military activity in the Middle East.

Are we being kept informed about prisoners captured by our military and where they are being sent for rendition? Are good records being kept of prisoners taken by Canada? Not likely.

What about our activity in Haiti? This has been shameful to date and all for the benefit of Corporations – certainly not the people of Haiti.

I find these escalating wars by the U.S. highly disturbing, morally wrong and more and more often involving crimes against humanity.

I wonder how many dark-skinned innocents are going to die & have died? People who obviously do not count much in the West.

Someday we are going to reap what we sow and we will only have ourselves to blame because we are mostly silent.

country, but not in one stolen from someone else or on land stolen from them. Nor, should they be allowed membership in the UN if they violate the Geneva Conventions and the UN Charter of Rights. Anything less supports double standard hypocrisy.

Justice for the Jewish people should not be at the expense of injustice to others! – **Jim S. Allan, Toronto ♣**

Too bad we do not have a government that will take an independent ethical stand instead of being an apologist for the U.S.

Too bad we do not have a media anymore that does its job properly. Now it is all propaganda, manipulation and suppression. Just like Goebel's Ministry of Propaganda. Truly our media is not much different in matters that really count... in matters that criticize the corrupt system under which we all now live. Canadians know this and many have stopped buying our newspapers. ♣

Hear Eric Margolis on July 7 in Toronto

From The Real News Network, Toronto

For all Torontonians, mark July 7, 2009 in your calendars. Eric Margolis, journalist and author will be our guest at the next Real News Cafe.

Margolis was previously slated to speak on Afghanistan in March but was called away at the last moment. Registration for this July event will be open soon. July's Real News Cafe will also be live streamed to our international guests as well.

The Real News Café is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, at 7pm, at the Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St West, Toronto ON.

[More at: www.therealnews.com / TRNN, 360A Bloor Street West, Toronto; Tel. 416 916-5202. ♣

A Vietnam Veteran discusses Canada's role in Afghanistan

"The integrity of this mission for Canadian Forces has been lost"

These remarks were prepared for public delivery to the "Kamloops Walk for Peace, Environment and Social Justice," on May 2, 2009.



John McNamer, Kamloops BC

I am a Vietnam veteran, having been drafted and sent to Vietnam to serve with the U.S. Army's 4th infantry division, so my particular focus these days is on matters of war and peace.

After years of personally wrestling with the tragic consequences of having been involved in the horrific

violence of aggressive warfare – that is, the invasion and occupation of another nation to accomplish someone's political objectives – I am happy to be able to tell you that I

have been able to find a personal peace; and part of that has come through my work as an advocate for truth and non-violence in my own life, in the life of my community, my nation, my world.

When it comes to war and peace, the principal issue we must deal with today in Canada is our nation's involvement in the war in Afghanistan.

It's kind of spooky, for I find the parallels with the Vietnam war to be quite remarkable -- perhaps the most notable exception being that Canada once had the moral and intellectual integrity to resist being bullied into invading and occupying a dirt-poor third-world nation half way around the world.

Afghanistan, like Vietnam, was invaded with the flimsiest of legal pretexts. And the unrestrained brute force in the

conduct of the war is responsible for the wholesale destruction of countless living and breathing human beings, war crimes, and destruction of much of the country.

Apparently the U.S. learned nothing from Vietnam or from Russia's previous invasion of Afghanistan. But perhaps even more sadly, Canadian officials also came up blank. Thus our wonderful modern-day tradition of being an enlightened leader in the community of nations, through the pioneering of peacekeeping and effective hard-working diplomacy to resolve conflict, has been effectively squandered so our leaders can take us down the path of violence in a misguided belief it somehow increases our security. This I know: they are wrong, for aggressive violence produces only more aggressive violence.

Sadly, we learn more in the headlines each day about violations of the Geneva conventions, the widespread scope and the truly horrific nature of the torture and abuse of countless detainees in Afghanistan and elsewhere – many of whom are thought to have been wrongly detained.

If you, like most Canadians, have been operating under the illusion that torture, torturing detainees to death, and other violations of international human rights laws have been limited to places like Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay, prepare yourselves to be very upset. For new information is coming out every day that tells us that Bagram air base in Afghanistan is home of the new Guantanamo bay scandal – only worse – for it has long been hidden away out of the glare of public attention and been allowed to operate with total impunity.

Did you know that the disgusting degradation and torture we were shocked to see in the photos at Abu Ghraib only arrived there after it had been perfected as a matter of routine procedure by U.S. forces in Afghanistan? This was recently documented in the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee inquiry into the treatment of detainees in U.S. custody, which was released December 11, 2008.

Did you know the abuses in Afghanistan were happening at a time when Canadian Forces were routinely and unquestioningly handing detainees over to U.S. forces – the sole detaining authority at the time? Handing detainees over to possible torture is a violation of the Geneva conventions. I first complained to the Canadian government years ago, after known abuses were reported in the 2005 Report of the

independent expert, on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; and I continue to complain – but these complaints have landed on deaf ears.

And how many Canadians are aware of the extent of the carnage and death being inflicted upon helpless civilians by NATO forces, which are primarily U.S., British and Canadian troops? President Harmid Karzai actually broke down and wept at one point, not too long ago, while speaking on Afghan national television about his inability to stop NATO forces from the continuing unrestrained slaughter of civilian women, children and men.

I can tell you without hesitation that Canadian Forces have violated the Geneva conventions right alongside their U.S. counterparts, but our government leaders won't acknowledge that. They want to cover it up and move on.

That just doesn't work for me, and I continue to document violations to Canadian authorities and make formal requests for a public investigation into violations.

I feel it is important to now insist that Canadian Forces be immediately removed from this horrible situation. It's a quagmire and no matter how much they try to redefine the purpose of the mission, I can tell you that the integrity of this mission for Canadian Forces has been lost and it is time to just say that.

There have been gross violations of the Geneva conventions, and Canada has full legal obligations to comply with the Geneva conventions.

I personally will never again have faith in the integrity of a Canadian Forces mission of any sort until something like a full-scale independent inquiry into what went wrong in Afghanistan is undertaken, followed by implementation of necessary procedures to make needed corrections.

And if we truly are interested in peace and security in our world today, we will also figure out a way to have Canadian Forces and all representatives of the Canadian government begin to work truthfully, in non-violent ways, to finding resolution of conflict in our world.

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Sustainability Issues

Three Potent Steps to a Sane Economy

by Mike Nickerson, Lanark ON

Amidst today's uncertainties, is an historic opportunity to secure our lives and the lives of those we love. First we have to recognize the common cause of the financial and ecological crises - that human activity is touching planetary limits.

In order to achieve a balanced relationship with the Earth, we need to picture a new order in our hearts and in our minds.

Then, each time we buy food, pump gas or have a conversation with a friend, we can advance long-term well-being.

Two different types of economic activity are identified below, followed by three potent steps we can take toward a sane economy. Together they provide a foundation for imagining what can be. As enough minds ripen the images, change happens. *[Please pass these details around.]*

Two types of economic activity:

"Economics" is a somewhat mysterious word for "mutual provision." While, individually, we have limited ability to provide for our needs, we produce abundance in societies. Each person gets good at certain tasks and we trade with each other. There are two types of economic activity. One type requires continual inputs of non-renewable resources and produces problematic waste. Transportation systems and disposable consumer goods are examples. The other type consists largely of human creativity and good-will, like education and most health care at the preventative level. While there are almost no physical limits to the amount of education and preventative care that we can have, there are serious limits associated with resource-intensive industries.

For the things that we do need from the resource-intensive line, the first two of the following steps can reduce our impacts on the Earth dramatically. All together, these three steps can usher in a long period of ecological stability.

Three potent steps:

- 1) Shift the imagination and creativity that presently goes into designing for obsolescence and use it, instead, to design goods that are durable and easily repaired.
- 2) Instead of using our persuasive communication abilities to encourage people to throw things away and to buy new stuff, we could use those same talents to reclaim an appreciation for durable and familiar products.
- 3) Finally, if we search for personal fulfillment in what we can do with our lives, such as learning, love, laughter, friendship, art, music, dance, sport, service, and the like, rather than by accumulating and consuming material goods, we could have more real satisfaction while minimizing re-

source exploitation and waste.

While such steps would do wonders for securing the future, they would be disastrous for a growth-based economy. We either have to increase the size of the Earth, or reorganize mutual provision so that we can all share in the necessary work and revel in the new security.

There are many ways to reorganize mutual provision to serve a mature (post growth) civilization, but it is getting harder and harder to stretch the Earth. Do we want to grow until we drop, or develop the economics of sustainability?

It is a Question of Direction.

More about the Question of Direction and how we can co-operate to have the answer heard can be found at:

<http://www.SustainWellBeing.net> / Note the introduction at "The Challenge and the Goal."

Civilizations don't change direction easily. They must either suffer catastrophe, or exercise an extraordinary redirection of will. By launching a public discussion about which direction offers the better future, millions will come to imagine the options.

Together we can then make a major contribution toward redirecting society's will.

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"There is a tradition in some societies, whenever decisions are being made, to consider the interests of the next seven generations. For the modern world to do the same would mark our passage to maturity."

<http://www.SustainWellBeing.net>

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John Woodsworth also invites you to visit his own website at: <http://kanadacha.ca> ♣

We look forward to hearing more from John in future issues. ♣

DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY... Ideas = action: When the rubber hits the road

'Literature is, in some profound sense, about the shape of language and words, but it is also about character, action, social and political consciousness'

By Ken Gewertz, Harvard News Office

[April 13, 2006] When Antanas Mockus [the only son of a Lithuanian artist] became mayor of Bogotá, Colombia, in 1993, it looked like a job nobody in his right mind would want. Bogotá was corrupt, violent, and, in the opinion of many, ungovernable. But Mockus' approach to civic problems was not that of "normal" politicians. A mathematician and philosopher ... Mockus kicked off his administration with a series of outrageous stunts, like hiring 20 mimes to direct traffic and ... walking around Bogotá in a spandex bodysuit and a cape and calling himself "Supercitizen," and addressing TV viewers from his shower as part of a campaign to conserve water. But by the end of Mockus' two terms as mayor, it was clear that his unorthodox approach to government had worked. The homicide rate had fallen by 70 percent, traffic fatalities were down more than 50 percent, water use had dropped by 40 percent, and tax revenues had tripled, due in part to a program in which people voluntarily paid extra taxes.

For Doris Sommer, the Ira Jewell Williams Jr. Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, Mockus' success not only proves that innovative strategies can produce good government, it is also a testimony to the power of art and the humanities to effect positive social change.

"Art has a capacity for unclogging stale systems. What Mockus did was to employ risk-taking creative ways out of dead ends. When you're an artist, you're never paralyzed."

Article online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/paksx5> ♣

Everything's rosy, right?

BrasscheckTV

Stocks are up...great news, right? Everything's going to be OK. Optimism is a lovely thing. Realism is better.

Few on the boob tube are capable of being realistic about the real state of the credit system and thus the economic system and thus society. **Here's the reality:**

Wall Street created exponentially more paper assets than there are hands to hold them and it can't sell off all these assets at the same time without causing mind-boggling deflation. (Imagine an auction where only one person shows up and there is no minimum price.) Lower prices are not a bad thing, but lower prices with a massive overhang of super-inflated debts that have to be paid back is. A very bad thing.

Two serious economists who warned about the current calamity well in advance ... explain the potential scale of the consequences facing the world. Fooled by globalization: A sobering discussion on the nature of the current economic crisis and why this one may be very different from ones in the past. ... These aren't two hippies railing against the system. This is one of most insightful mathematicians and one of the most accomplished options traders of our time.

Details: www.brasschecktv.com/page/542.html

John Harris, It's An Illusion

Politics is not what you think it is... What you are really electing is Directors of a Corporation.

For years, people have been trying to explain the difference between a natural person and a legal person to me - and why it matters. I have to confess, I don't entirely get it, but this presentation makes a certain amount of sense. It is possible that the ONLY purpose of modern law and government is to convert free human beings into captive revenue sources? It sure seems that way sometimes and it may not be an accident.

Details: In 5 parts, about 10 min. each

www.brasschecktv.com/page/608.html

BOOKS ON ECONOMICS

A suggestion from Erik Andersen:

A Tiger by the Tail by F.A. Hayek

Read the Introduction to the Third Edition of *A Tiger by the Tail* by F.A. Hayek: "The small book you are holding in your hands is unique. It is perhaps the finest introduction to the thought of a major thinker ever published in the discipline of economics. [Free audio file available also].

Read online: <http://mises.org/story/3417> ♣

Buddhist Economics by E. F. Schumacher

Extract from "Small is Beautiful, Economics as if people mattered" by E. F. Schumacher

"Right Livelihood" is one of the requirements of the Buddha's Noble Eightfold Path. It is clear, therefore, that there must be such a thing as Buddhist economics.

Read online at:

www.smallisbeautiful.org/buddhist_economics/english.html

Global Issues

The Weimar Hyperinflation? Could it Happen Again?

By Ellen Brown, Global Research, May 19, 2009

[webofdebt.com]

[EXTRACT] ... In Britain, the Bank of England (BOE) is buying 75 billion pounds of gilts [the British equivalent of U.S. Treasury bonds] over three months. That's 300 billion pounds per annum, 65% of British government spending of 454 billion pounds. Thus, while the United States is approaching Weimar German policy (50% of spending) quite rapidly, Britain has already overtaken it!"

And that is where the data gets confusing. If Britain is already meeting a larger percentage of its budget deficit

by seigniorage (merely printing money.²) than Germany did at the height of its hyperinflation, why is the pound now worth about as much on foreign exchange markets as it was nine years ago, under circumstances said to have driven the mark to a trillionth of its former value in the same period, and most of this in only two years? Meanwhile, the U.S. dollar has actually gotten stronger relative to other currencies since the policy was begun last year of massive "quantitative easing" (today's euphemism for seigniorage).³

Read in full, with footnotes: <http://tinyurl.com/owa28c> ♣

You Are Being Lied to About Pirates

Some are clearly just gangsters. But others are trying to stop illegal dumping and trawling

From The Wisdom Fund

By Johann Hari, The Independent (UK)

[EXTRACT] Who imagined that in 2009, the world's governments would be declaring a new War on Pirates? As you read this, the British Royal Navy backed by the ships of more than two dozen nations, from the US to China is sailing into Somalian waters to take on men we

still picture as parrot-on-the-shoulder pantomime villains. They will soon be fighting Somalian ships and even chasing the pirates onto land, into one of the most broken countries on earth. But behind the arrr-me-hearties oddness of this tale, there is an untold scandal. The people our governments are labelling as "one of the great menaces of our times" have an extraordinary story to tell and some justice on their side.

READ ONLINE AT:

www.twf.org/News/Y2009/0411-Pirates.html ♣

Pipeline-Istan:

Everything You Need to Know About Oil, Gas, Russia, China, Iran, Afghanistan and Obama

By Pepe Escobar, Tomdispatch.com, May 13, 2009.

This article explains the Great Game that is playing out among the big players over oil and gas reserves in Eurasia. **Nothing of significance takes place in Eurasia without an energy angle.** [EXTRACT]

As Barack Obama heads into his second hundred days in office, let's head for the big picture ourselves, the ultimate global plot line, the tumultuous rush towards a new, polycentric world order. In its first hundred days, the Obama presidency introduced us to a brand new acronym, OCO for Overseas Contingency Operations, formerly known as GWOT (as in Global War on Terror). Use either name, or anything else you want, and what you're really talking about is what's happening on the immense energy battlefield that extends from Iran to the Pacific Ocean. It's there that the Liquid War for the control of Eurasia takes place.

Yep, it all comes down to black gold and "blue gold"

(natural gas), hydrocarbon wealth beyond compare, and so it's time to trek back to that ever-flowing wonderland -- Pipelineistan. It's time to dust off the acronyms, especially the SCO or Shanghai Cooperative Organization, the Asian response to NATO, and learn a few new ones like IPI and TAPI. Above all, it's time to check out the most recent moves on the giant chessboard of Eurasia, where Washington wants to be a crucial, if not dominant, player. [...]

Now that's as classic as the New Great Game in Eurasia can get. There's NATO vs. the SCO. With either IPI or TAPI, Turkmenistan wins. With either IPI or TAPI, Russia loses. With either IPI or TAPI, Pakistan wins. With TAPI, Iran loses. With IPI, Afghanistan loses. In the end, however, as in any game of high stakes Pipelineistan poker, it all comes down to the top two global players. Ladies and gentlemen, place your bets: will the winner be Washington or Beijing?

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Read online at alternet.org: <http://tinyurl.com/ooj337> ♣

"Your Health Matters"

GOOD NEWS FOR DIABETICS



The importance of Thiamine (B1) and its derivatives

Derrick Lonsdale, M.D.

A physician by the name of P. J.

Thornalley has published some articles on thiamine metabolism in diabetics. He discovered that diabetics excrete thiamine (Vitamin B1) in the urine in much greater

concentration than non-diabetic subjects. This led him to experimental use of a vitamin B1 derivative known as Benfotiamine and he has reported clinical improvement in diabetic complications. [...] **PLEASE READ THE FULL ARTICLE IN THE PRINT EDITION OF DIALOGUE!**

If readers wish to find out more about the clinical use of thiamine, they can read my book that is now out of print but is available free on line. It was originally called "A Nutritionist's Guide to the Clinical use of Vitamin B1" but its name has been changed to "A Monogram of Clinical Research: Presentation Of A New Medical Model."

A link to it can be found at our website, at: www.prevmедgroup.com/lonsdale.php – (scroll down to the Publications section). The book was written for doctors but it has enough information to interest anyone that is looking

for Alternative Medicine news. My book entitled "Why I Quit Orthodox Medicine" is also available under Publications – and in the medicine section of the library.

The Soil and Health Library at www.soilandhealth.org is the wonderful work of Steve Solomon in Tasmania, who has built the library to publish useful books that have, for one reason or another, gone out of print. [Listing alphabetical, by author]

The role of nutrition in medicine is still poorly promoted and there are major blocks to its acceptance, not the least of which is **Codex Alimentarius** that ordains the curtailment of therapeutic doses of nutrient supplements in Europe. This pernicious organization is powerful and their drug protective policies may spread to the American continent. Run by a group of drug company executives, this organization is limiting nutrient supplements to the RDA doses. Larger doses have to be by prescription from a physician and it is an obvious way of limiting health freedom and protection of the drug industry. As in the Clinton campaign, "It's the economy stupid".

Everything is connected to everything else.

– **Derrick Lonsdale ♣**

Derrick Lonsdale is a Fellow of the American College of Nutrition and a Certified Nutrition Specialist ♣

Health - Books

Alzheimer's and Statin Drugs

"Lipitor, Thief of Memory" – Book Review

Roberta Histed, L'Original ON



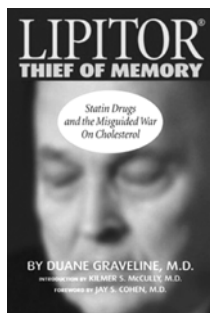
A few weeks ago, on the CTV evening news, I heard a brief mention that Alzheimer's had reached epidemic proportion in North America and that health officials had no explanation for this. I then recalled reading a book review on Lipitor, Thief of Memory by Dr. Duane Graveline and decided to purchase the book to learn more.

Dr. Graveline is a former astronaut, aerospace medical research scientist, flight surgeon and family doctor. He talks about his own experiences with Lipitor as well as others that have been reported to him, and examines the science behind, and use of, anti-cholesterol drugs. I found his book very educational while being easy to read. I will here quote a couple of snippets:

With the experience of the past few years we have come to expect statin side effects such as liver damage, muscle pain, nerve damage and heart

failure. Even the dreaded and formerly rare rhabdomyolysis – a condition that occurs when inflammation of the muscle cells is sufficiently severe to cause rupture of the muscle cells and potentially fatal blockage of the kidneys – has come to be expected from statins... But the ever-increasing cognitive side effects from statins are new and completely unexpected by both patient and physician. ...thousands of cases of...extreme forgetfulness, disorientation and confusion have been reported to statin drug researchers. Most of these cases do not make it to the emergency rooms and are, undoubtedly, extensively under reported.

Dr. Graveline describes the way the body utilizes cholesterol and why it is so vital to the healthy functioning of the human system. The brain cells, for example, depend on cholesterol to function. Although cholesterol is found in atherosclerotic plaques, he points out that it is not the active ingredient in them and that attacking cholesterol does not solve the problem. With his medical training, he believes he should have recognized sooner that there was a disconnect between the



hype about controlling cholesterol and the significant contributions of cholesterol to the body. But, he says:

...with both the American Medical Association and the American Heart Association actively promoting rigid cholesterol control, who was I to doubt?

He notes that, although cholesterol control has been diligently pursued for many years now, obesity has steadily increased. Also, although more heart patients are surviving now due to new surgical techniques, the incidence of heart disease has not diminished. It is time to abandon the received wisdom about cholesterol control and look to other sources to promote human health. Researchers are zeroing in on what trans fats, over-consumption of Omega 6 fats, oxidants, platelet malfunction and deficiency in CoQ10 are doing. There is also evidence that deficiency in certain B vitamins needs to be addressed.

The pharmaceutical companies have a strong vested interest in continuing to try to persuade us all that we need

to reduce our cholesterol using their products. After all, these anti-cholesterol drugs are raking in billions of dollars for them. Unfortunately, many doctors can't seem to find the time to look beyond the industry propaganda and seek different approaches to keep their patients healthy, or to recognize the side effects such as dementia-like behaviour. It is therefore incumbent upon us to educate ourselves and such books as *Lipitor*, *Thief of Memory* can help.

The brain cells absolutely need cholesterol to function properly. Deprive them of that vital ingredient and cognitive functions will assuredly be impaired.

I recommend that all those who would like more information purchase *Lipitor*, *Thief of Memory*. The author also provides the titles of other sources of information for further enlightenment.

Roberta Histed, L'Original ON ♣

The Swine Flu Swindle

Tamiflu developer says swine flu possibly man-made

May 14, 2009: Adrian Gibbs, a scientist on the team that developed Tamiflu, has submitted a report today stating that swine flu may have been man-made. The WHO is reviewing his claim.

An ABC News article published (May 14) on this revelation states: "Adrian Gibbs, a scientist on the team that was behind the development of Tamiflu, says in a report he is submitting today that swine flu might have been created using eggs to grow viruses and make new vaccines, and could have been accidentally leaked to the general public."

What would cause one of the developers of the medication that is recommended as treatment for swine flu to come out with such a bold statement? Why would he risk his reputation in writing such a controversial report? Could Gibbs know something that is being hidden from the public? Could he possibly feel some remorse about the way his research and development with Tamiflu is being used?

The ABC article does not mention the prime suspect in this case, Fort Detrick, Maryland. For decades, Fort Detrick has been a center of research into biological defense and warfare. On the official website, Fort Detrick is described as "home to the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, the National Cancer Institute and 37 mission partners. The primary missions include biomedical research and development, medical materiel management and global telecommunications. We are also home to a National Interagency Confederation for Biological Research and National Interagency Biodefense Campus."

Numerous researchers of these matters have long claimed

that biodefense research centered at Fort Detrick has been actively developing and testing highly dangerous viruses which, if released, could spread deadly pandemics around the globe. A few researchers, such as Dr. Leonard Horowitz, even believe that rogue elements of government may have already released some of these dangerous viruses into the public to forward their own hidden agendas. Could this be what Tamiflu developer Adrian Gibbs is referring to?

A webpage posted by the highly respected Dr. Mercola on his popular health website mercola.com is titled "Critical Alert: The Swine Flu Pandemic – Fact or Fiction?" This excellent webpage has received over one million visits since being posted on April 29th. In this informative essay, Dr. Mercola states, "[The swine flu] has a noticeable subplot - preparing you for draconian measures to combat a future pandemic as well as forcing you to accept the idea of mandatory vaccinations." He mentions the previous swine flu in 1976 when only one person actually died, yet fear-mongering by the government led to massive vaccinations, which in turn caused at least 30 deaths as a direct result of contaminated vaccines.

Dr. Mercola, Dr. Horowitz, and many others have pointed out how the fear generated by the media and government with the avian and swine flu has made some individuals very wealthy. Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld alone added \$5 million to his investment portfolio thanks to massive sales of Tamiflu during the avian flu scare, which never materialized. Note that Tamiflu is also being recommended for the current swine flu scare.

How much of the swine flu scare is real and how much is fear mongering? Could it be that certain members of the power elite profit handsomely when fear is spread around the globe through exaggerated alerts such as the avian flu and swine flu scares? Could there actually be deadly man-made viruses created at Fort Detrick and elsewhere, which if released could cause a true pandemic killing millions

around the globe? These are important questions worth exploring.

For more, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/qv4456> ♣

See also: **Political lies & media disinformation...by Michel Chossudovsky** (www.GlobalResearch.ca):

"The swine flu pandemic constitutes a corporate bonanza for a handful of BioTech conglomerates."

Online at: <http://tinyurl.com/dj39wr> ♣

MORE BOOKS

Sheeple – by Garth Turner

Here is a link to an excerpt from Garth Turner's book "Sheeple" -Apr.29/09 ("Me vs Stephen Harper" in *The National Post*). *Comment from S. McDowall: 'Although Garth Turner is now a "man from the past" re politics... this is an interesting insider's look at a thoroughly unpleasant, unethical man, Stephen Harper.'*

"It was clear that a political staffer, unelected and unaccountable, answering directly to the Prime Minister, had just tried to gag a Member of Parliament, threatened to throw him out of the party he'd been elected by the people to represent and ordered him to make a false statement

More at: <http://www.garth.ca/weblog/> ♣

The Black Book of Canadian Foreign Policy – by Yves Engler

From *The dominionpaper.ca*

Author and frequent *Dominion* contributor Yves Engler is now on tour with his new book, *The Black Book of Canadian Foreign Policy*. (The tour, launched on May 7th in Toronto, is sponsored by the *Dominion* and *The Media Co-op*). *The Black Book* looks beyond the myth of Canada as a peacekeeping, humanitarian country. It delves into unknown aspects of Canada's history and present, including Canada's role in the devastating war in the Congo, gunboat diplomacy in the Caribbean, diplomatic support for Augusto Pinochet's killing spree and South African apartheid, and much more. It's a must-read for anyone who wants a full understanding of Canada's role in the world.

For more information and full tour schedule: <http://blackbook.foreignpolicy.ca/>

Also check out: <http://www.mediacoop.ca> ♣

The True Story of the Bilderberg Group – by Daniel Estulin

From Richard K. Moore, Wexford, Ireland

I'm about half-way through reading this well-researched book on the Bilderbergers... The material below gives a good summary, taken from the publisher's website and from Wikipedia.

Daniel Estulin, *The True Story of the Bilderberger Group*, TrineDay LLC, 2007 (www.trineday.com).

Delving into a world once shrouded in complete mystery and impenetrable security, this investigative report provides a fascinating account of the annual meetings of the world's most powerful people – the Bilderberg Group. Since its inception in 1954 at the Bilderberg Hotel in the small Dutch town of Oosterbeek, the Bilderberg Group has been comprised of European prime ministers, American presidents, and the wealthiest CEOs of the world, all coming together to discuss the economic and political future of humanity. The press has never been allowed to attend, nor have statements ever been released on the attendees' conclusions or discussions, which have ramifications on the citizens of the world. Using methods that resemble the spy tactics of the Cold War – and in several instances putting his own life on the line – the author did what no one else has managed to achieve: he learned what was being said behind the closed doors of the opulent hotels and has made it available to the public for the first time.

Daniel Estulin is an award-winning investigative journalist and has been researching the Bilderberg Group for more than 14 years. He is the host of two radio shows in Spain. You might want to take a look at some of these video interviews and lectures, featuring Daniel Estulin:

<http://bilderbergbook.com> & <http://tinyurl.com/cdeee3> ♣

From R. K. Moore:

Politics and humanitarianism

Extract from interview by Anna Mundow | March 22, 2009, in *The Boston Globe* (boston.com)

Mahmood Mamdani, a third-generation East African of Indian descent, grew up in Uganda, studied at Harvard, taught at various African and American universities, and is currently Herbert Lehman Professor of Government at Columbia University. A political scientist and anthropologist, he is best known for "Good Muslim, Bad Muslim" and "When Victims Become Killers." His latest book, *"Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics, and the War on Terror"*

(Pantheon, \$26.95), meticulously exposes the tangled roots of the current conflict and the global forces at play in Darfur. Mamdani spoke from his home in New York City.

Continue reading online: <http://tinyurl.com/r4zsy2>

[Photo of Mahmood Mamdani on P.2] ♣

A VIDEO AND MORE BOOKS

"War is a Racket"

From: Brasscheck TV, San Francisco, CA

A re-enactment of a real speech given by Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler, one of the most decorated combat veterans in US military history... but you'll never hear his name. Here's why: <http://www.brasschecktv.com/page/624.html>

If you know your history, you know that in 1934 there was an attempted coup in the United States that was thwarted largely due to the efforts of U.S. Marine Corps Major General Smedley Butler (ret.). Look it up.

Among other things, Butler was only one of 19 people ever awarded the Medal of Honor twice and the only person to be awarded a Marine Corps Brevet Medal and a Medal of Honor for two different actions.

After it dawned on him how his heroism and the heroism of the troops under his command had been misused, he wrote a book called "War is a Racket" which I can virtually guarantee you never heard about in school.

Butler concluded there are only two reasons to ever take up arms: 1. To defend the country against real – not manufactured – attacks; 2. To defend the Bill of Rights. ♣

Churchill, Hitler and the Unnecessary War by Patrick J. Buchanan

Erik Andersen, Gabriola Island BC

I am just starting a new book titled "Churchill, Hitler, and the Unnecessary War" by Patrick J. Buchanan.

I have been told this is an interesting read and that dark forces caused the Second World War. Corporations on both sides of the Atlantic played less than honourable parts in this war business. If you read Anthony Sutton's books*, he describes the enormity of the conflicts of interests existing then.

* such as *Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler* (2002). Books by Anthony Sutton (1925-2002) became classics in the study of covert politics and economics in the twentieth century. ♣

Journey to the Inner Circle, and Beyond

**One Man's Search for his True Self
Review by Beverly Paterson, Victoria BC**

This compelling 'stream of consciousness' journal draws the reader into a warrior's quest for his own truth. It is a true story, filled with remarkable experiences both real and illusionary- from walking on coals, to shape-shifting into the form of a cougar, and much more. There are deeply insightful dialogues with a colorful array of inner teachers. Through it all, there is a man's driving need to trace his being back to its source, using only his own inner knowing and his experiences in the natural elements as a guide. This is a refreshing and empowering



Blaise Eagleheart

look at what it means to be aware of, and responsible for, one's own life - not by sifting through academic references or existing philosophical schools of thought, but through personal experiences and the lessons they provide. In exploring the depths of Blaise's mid-1980s experiences, readers are creatively moving through their own personal life journey. "Be prepared to enter into a world of illusion, of feeling, of question, of sensitivity, of awareness, and of truth" says first-time author Blaise Eagleheart. "Be open enough to seriously question the realities that exist and circulate within your current life concept and belief structure." The method is simple: listen to the inner wisdom that we are all born with as the Body:Human; create, embody, and learn the lessons that life's experiences provide. It is a powerfully positive book, offering both a challenge and an opportunity. It awakens in the reader the possibility that he already has within him the guidance needed to consciously create the life he chooses to live. "By taking the gifts that these self-created lessons presented, I was able to form new ideas and create new unfolding experiences that eventually evolved into an enlightening inner journey of a special and unique kind. It is a journey filled with feeling and with awareness, that had its beginning in a very vulnerable time in my life on the physical plane and moves through a wide array of experiences filled with illusion and truth." Blaise has always been a warrior, consciously confronting illusionary beliefs to find his own experiential truths. He physically trained as a fanatic through his twenties, challenging his self-imposed beliefs in order to find the endless possibilities of his creative potential. Using unorthodox training methods, he played and coached rugby at club, Island and Provincial levels, before immersing himself in the martial art of Chien Lung. He also studied Eastern healing arts and other energy-based disciplines. He then opened a dojo with his Teacher, where he taught biomechanics of movement, and life skills, as well as martial art classes for children and adults. Blaise continues to incorporate his martial art philosophy in his work at Natural Movement Centre in Victoria, teaching his clients about holistic integration of the physical, emotional and mental bodies to awaken the creative consciousness in order to achieve optimal health and physical performance.

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On the B.C. Election

It Hurts, and Here's Why

Rafe Mair, Vancouver BC In TheTyee.ca

The election was a big win for Gordon Campbell and the Liberals and, yes, it hurt and this column is a tad personal. As spokesperson for **Save Our Rivers Society**, I travelled the entire province except the Peace River and I can't begin to count the speeches and other happenings. I obviously wasn't able to get out the message about private river energy and for that I must accept responsibility.

Last night (May 12th, election night) was a terrible one for the environment. Alex Morton, who has laboured so hard to save our salmon from the predation of fish farms must be bitterly disappointed, as am I.

I want to examine the election itself but I must touch upon the rivers matter for the record.

Private power generators will increase dramatically. The Bute Inlet project, larger in environmental impact than Site "C," will be approved shortly. When that happens, there will be no turning back. The message I tried to get out and failed in was getting people to understand that BC Hydro is compelled to buy that power at hugely inflated prices that it cannot come close to getting on the market. At present, Hydro has given out contracts amounting to \$31 BILLION dollars, rising with each new private power licence and, here's the rub, for energy we can't use because it comes with the spring run-off when BC Hydro has full reservoirs thus lots of power. The private power will go to the U.S. and the process, unless reversed, will spell the end of BC Hydro.

One of the critical points in the election was the Campbell government's steadfast refusal to debate this issue despite all the provocation I could provide. This is a sad commentary on the election process but was a very smart move by Campbell for our case is unanswerable. I suspect that Richard Neufeld's departure for the Senate was contrived as Premier Campbell knew his energy plan couldn't withstand even mild cross examination while the new minister knew nothing about the real issues and would be able to duck debate.

Victories for fish farms, river power giants

The big winners were Marine Harvest, the fish farm giant and Warren Buffet, the largest shareholder of General Electric, partners with Plutonic Power Corporation Inc, the promoters of the Bute Inlet project. The big losers were those who care about fish and rivers.

In addition to refusing to debate the fish and power issues, Campbell skillfully painted himself as the steady hand on the tiller needed in these perilous economic times. He was able to do so because NDP leader Carole James could not avoid dealing with the NDP's traditional issues -- social issues -- thus blunting her attack on the economic front.

Campbell knew that his natural constituency did not, at this time at any rate, give a fiddler's wind passing for the homeless, the sick and the lame. His playing the economy card over and over again while refusing to get into other issues, except in a perfunctory way, had the effect of making Ms. James look like a bleeding heart while Campbell appeared as the white knight leading the province out of the economic wilderness.

Will fudged budget melt?

It's hard to criticize James because she obviously had to let her natural constituency know she was carrying their issues onto the battlefield. The end result was that Campbell had absolute control over the issue people wanted to hear about most -- the economy.

What comes next?

We'll see a new budget, which will remind many of the "fudget budget" of the Clark government in 1996, and we'll see a legislature more fractious than ever, which won't matter at all to Mr. Campbell who has, under our system, a four-year dictatorship ahead -- and none play the role of dictator better than he. We will have civil unrest over the rivers issue and when, not if, BC Hydro is broken up and sold. The polarization of our community will match if not exceed those days when Bill Bennett and Dave Barrett spat endless streams of venom at one another.

Finally, STV. What went wrong?

I can only relate to personal experiences. As a supporter of STV, I was asked to make a speech on its behalf, which I did -- it was before about 100 supporters in a room in the SFU downtown campus. Supporters! I was spending valuable time and energy for nothing!

The STV campaign was obviously taken over by the Bay Street crowd. The last thing British Columbians wanted were lectures from the likes of Andrew Coyne of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*.

I was asked to do an endorsement for the "yes" side and did so thinking it was for radio ads only to find out, to my horror, that I became part of a telemarketing exercise. I hate that stuff and so, my mail tells me, do a lot of people.

I feel desperately sorry for former MLA Nick Loenen who has put so many years on this project and can only speculate that if he had remained in control it might have turned out differently.

Bottom line? This issue is dead for a decade.

The election itself? History tells us that in bad times people often turn to the right. Yesterday was no exception.

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