

# 'Country should be run by businessmen' - reader

Submitted to The Herald for publication.  
A letter to Canadians:

We are a fat, smug, bitching bunch. We talk and rant, but still take the finger. Not just by Trudeau, in fact, but by everyone else in our so called government, and do absolutely nothing about it.

After four days in a library, I found some information, which, I think most people know, or should know. Our governing body in parliament consist of more than 60 per cent in the law profession. The hierarchy, or the nominees, by Trudeau. The ones using our money and ruining our lives, consist of closer to 80 per cent in the law profession. Does anyone really trust a lawyer. If there is a clause or a loophole in any piece of legislation, which they have put in. They will bypass it or make a new one, somehow.

Canada, or any country is a business. On a multi billion dollar scale. But still a business, and should be run by businessmen.

The members of our government are elected or nominated, at present. They are there for a four year period. Five years if they wish. The portfolios or jobs they hold mean nothing to them. In terms of knowledge they are ignorant. Whether it be industries in lumber, poultry, cattle, building, or go right down the line, they were never in these industries.

After one or more years of so called learning, it gets so messed up, almost past redemption, these people are still in office, and cannot be removed. For another two or three years at a high, unearned salary, we are stuck with them. I propose: Elect your top choice as Prime Minister. Put businessmen in the other jobs or portfolios, on contract. For one or two years. If after a period of time he produces, renew the contract. If not, fire him. Less harm will be done in this time than by someone there for four or five years, and cannot be removed. Recruit these people. From business or retired from business. Get people who have been in all these industries, all their lives and know it.

For example, Yemen. The earthquake they suffered. Not wishing to play down a tragedy, but where are the Forestry and Lumber people from British Columbia? Could we not sell them building products for their devastated villages and towns? The money is there. The people that take these fact finding trips all over the world, benefit themselves and no one else. These are not my conclusions but are in the Auditor's report.

Sorry, I forgot the Senators. They are an obscene, abomination. One hundred days for sixty thousand a year. An absolute disgrace. Abolish them, and elect men to a full time job.

We have three ineffective parties in Canada, run by three inefficient people. Ed Broadbent is a decent person. But should be on Fantasy Island. His policies are pure fantasy. Joe Blow can't run his wife. He can't run a country. E.T. is an arrogant, egotistical S.O.B. The best place for him is in outer space. He would benefit everyone from there.

The women in this country are as stupid as the men. Women like Erola and Camponola tell you what you are doing wrong. But don't do anything about it. For the same reasons that women should design kitchens, stoves and fridges so should you design your and your childrens lives. This includes abortions or not, or anything else that matters. You have more compassion than men have.

As an almost Senior Citizen who has seen most

of it. The good and the bad. The depression, at \$12.40 per week with a big increase to \$12.58 per week. No O.H.I.P., No W.C.B. help. No pensions.

Five years Army Service which includes overseas service. We got through it all, because somehow we cared. Somewhere along the way a sense of values has been lost. Respect for others or things belonging to others is gone. Our moral values are no long-

er there. I always believed in a line of demarcation. When that line is reached you back off, unless physically attached.

As to my final notation. I may have rambled a bit, but frustration causes one to be incoherent. I can't stand to see a country like Canada, a country like no other on earth go down the drain because no one cares. I'm fine, to hell with you, Jack, attitude. In my age group, there

are more than three million voters. This is one hell of a voting bloc. If we got together, call us Grey Power, if you wish, this could elect a man for Canada.

I've had my say, but somehow don't feel any easier. Not until we change things and people. We will. We must or go down the drain. Peter Pocklington, are you listening.

Syd Marder, Georgetown

## Letters to the Editor

### Third World stay changes viewpoint

To the editor of The Herald:

We are Americans who have made our home in Latin America for seven years. Lately, we are seeing much distorted news about the Americans coming out of the U.S. and would like to set the record straight for Herald readers.

When we first moved to Costa Rica bag, baggage, grandmother, teenagers and pets, we spoke no Spanish and knew little about the country. But, soon, our rural neighbors accepted us and graciously taught us their language, culture, and how a city-bred family could enjoy ranch life in a foreign land. Truly, our delightful adventures there merit a book, at least!

My husband's love for the sea (Pearl Harbor survivor, retired Navy), prompted a further move two years ago, to Colombia's Caribbean coast. We found a lovely, old coconut plantation on the Pan American Highway near Santa Marta, the oldest (457 years), most fascinating city in all of the Americas.

Imagine, green palms waving in gentle ocean breezes, blue sea and sky, pounding surf and golden sand and, towering 19,000 feet over all and snow-capped the year 'round,

majestic Mount Colombia. We feel we have much...incomparable beauty, fine neighbors, perfect climate, a stable, democratic government and a satisfyingly-low cost of living.

Like Columbus, we have discovered a new frontier, with a vast potential and, being human, are driven to tell others about our dream-come-true. If you are interested in the future of the Amer-

icas...and the Birds... write us by international air mail (35 cents a half-ounce) at Post Office Box 5222, Santa Marta, Colombia. It may take a while, but we promise to answer.

Now, from beautiful Santa Marta, we wish you salud (health), pesetas (wealth), amor (love) and the time to enjoy them all!

Juanita Bird (Mrs. Lewis Bird)

### Scouter appreciates our help

To the publisher of The Herald:

Dear Sir:

I would like to extend my thanks to you and your staff for coverage on the Boy Scouts of Canada, about which I have sent reports to your paper.

Special thanks to Paul Dorsey and the editorial staff for helping me. I am not trained for this work, but I love the Boy Scout movement, and hundreds of people mention how they like reading about it in your paper, especially the Acton people. Thankyou.

Sincerely, Jean Layman, Hewson Crescent, Georgetown



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