

# We can buy back Canada

We often read in the newspaper or see on TV commentary about how much of our country is owned by Americans, British, Japanese or other "foreign" investors.

Why is it true?  
I think I know the answer. It goes back to a friend of mine who once explained: "Give a Canadian a dollar and he'll say...where can I invest it safely? Give an American a dollar and he'll say...where can I invest it profitably?"

It's because we think "safety" first, that we have sold our birthright. We want to know that everything is covered by "Deposit insurance", we want to know that our investment is "Guaranteed". We are plain and simply afraid to invest.

Blame it on our school system? Blame it on a political system which has emphasized a social safety net? I don't know, but we typical Canadians are afraid to take the controls of our own destiny.

Worst part of it is that others, Americans, British, or other "foreigners" come over here to our banks, and borrow our money (that we have put away "safely") to buy our industries and develop our natural resources. We end up working for them and because they took the risk, they have the right to keep the profits, and even take them out of the country. Yet government statistics indicate that we save over 10 per cent of what we earn. And, if we took these savings and "invest them" in ownership of companies operating in Canada, we could "buy back" all the business and have everything 100 per cent Canadian-owned.

You say that you don't know



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anything about "investing" and "shares" and things like that. Well, neither do I, as I have never bought a share that trades on the market. I don't know the first thing about it.

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## Book review

# Women can help solve labor shortage problems

By ANNE MONTAGNES  
Thomson News Service

Upbeat projections by three University of Toronto sociologists about Canadian women's potential contribution to the labor market have already been brought into question by the federal government's latest budget. In a collaborative effort, *Lives of Their Own: The Individualization of Women's Lives* (Oxford University Press, paperback, 218 pages, \$12.50), Charles Jones, Lorna Marsden and Lorne Tepperman argue that the "individualization of women's lives is the answer to any labor shortage that Canada may experience now or in the near future, if we are willing to pay the price: more spending on education, more spending on day care, and more spending to counter discrimination against women, especially aged women and mothers."

But are taxpayers willing to pay the price? Already, since the painstaking research and clear if not actually page-turning writing of this detailed and scholarly book, women's centre workers are finding that reductions in funding have resulted in cutbacks in networking and job source programs for disabled women and women of color.

Budgetary trends against social services indicate future cuts or freezes that will affect women generally, not just the obviously disadvantaged. The authors' analysis of copious surveys and statistics suggests such cuts and freezes would be counterproductive to employers and to industrial capitalism.

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

They say employers benefit from the kind of significant changes that are now taking place in women's lives. These changes make women more available for work when needed, able to move out of the workforce when they are not, and

eager for professional development. Employers will benefit even further, they say, as women's work lives individualize even further.

In individualizing, women show increasing variety, fluidity and idiosyncrasy.

This means that instead of settling into one job, a woman will move among various workstyles: staying home with her children; going out to work, either full- or part-time; engaging in full-time education. She will move between these roles, or combinations of them, with increasing frequency. The number of factors influencing her will grow even beyond the usual predictors: age, marital status, number of children, family income, religion or region of residence.

Sure as they are that these changes will occur, and benefit employers, Jones, Marsden and Tepperman are not so sure that they will improve women's lives.

### DEPRESSING

Their research shows depressing results. Women pay the price of bringing up the next generation. One out of four women will be a single parent at some time. Access to child care is difficult in Canada, especially for low- and middle-income women. While the cost of child care eats into married women's salaries, the vast majority of women in Canada - married or unmarried - earn about two-thirds the wage of a man with the same skills.

The sociologists wrote this book "to help legislators determine what policies will ensure an adequate supply of labor in Canada's

future." They also wrote it for undergraduate women.

Current legislative trends against providing funding for social services for women make even more poignant their warning to young women to be alert to the gap between fantasy and reality: the dream of marriage, care and support from a man; and the probability of pauperization if they lack education and property.

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**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "They are not royal. They just happen to have me as their aunt." — Queen Elizabeth II, on children of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between last quarter (April 18) and new moon (April 25).



**ON AN AVERAGE DAY:** Lobbying groups spend \$174,301 trying to influence Congress.  
Source: "On An Average Day," by Tom Heymann (Fawcett Columbine)

### TODAY'S BARBS BY PHIL PASTORET

Things change. These days, if your watch begins to tick you take it in to be repaired.

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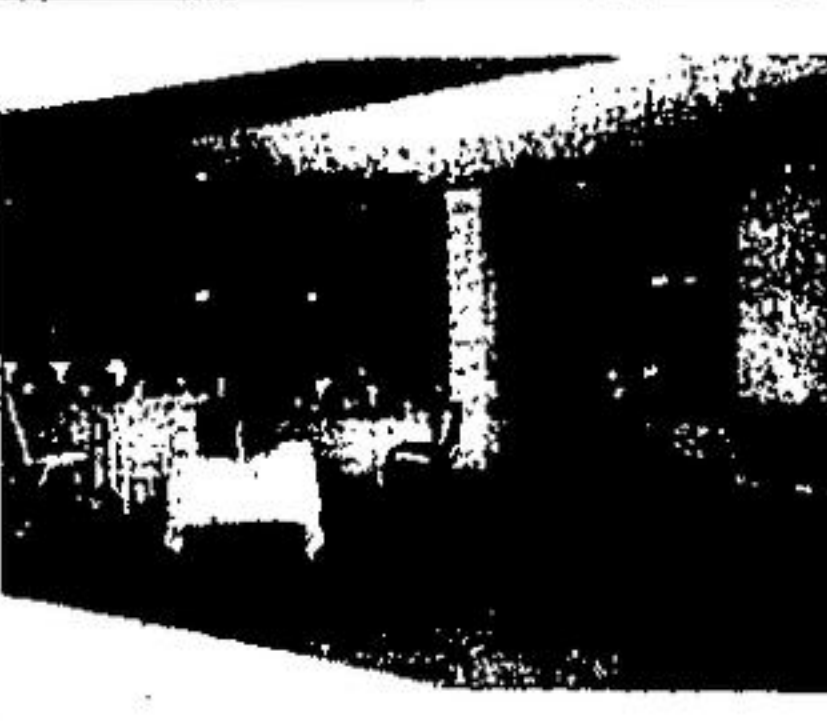
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