

# Editorial

## Let's get on with Canada

Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa is playing a political chess game using the other Canadian provinces and territories as pawns in a contest where ultimate victory is not even the issue. In fact, Bourassa's machinations indicate a stalemate would prove the more desirable result.

Last week the governing Quebec Liberal party, with Bourassa at the helm, released the Allaire Committee Report basically proposing a radically decentralized Canada with the federal government in Ottawa being relegated mainly to the role of caretaker status in a drastically altered Canadian Confederation scenario.

The Allaire Committee report will go before the Quebec Liberal party convention in March for expected approval - with possible minor changes - then will be presented to Ottawa for action.

Mr. Bourassa hints broadly that if action on his suggestions from Ottawa is not satisfactory, he will call for a Quebec referendum either to ratify whatever Ottawa offers to Quebec or to approve sovereignty for Quebec.

This referendum is expected to be placed before the people of Quebec before 1992 - not coincidentally just before Mr. Bourassa must call an election.

Quebec wants autonomy over agriculture, energy and natural resources. Also, the environment, language, culture and communications, industry, commerce and regional development, housing, health, income security, family policy and unemployment insurance, education, manpower and research and development, recreation, sports and tourism, yet there is no mention of how that province would pay for these programs.

The Allaire report also proposes that Ottawa and Quebec share the responsibility in 10 other areas.

Mr. Bourassa is not to be taken seriously. Were he a farmer, the stuff he is laying down would give him fertile fields for decades.

What he and his party is attempting to do is spike the guns the Parti Quebecois will be firing when that political party releases its report on the status of Quebec vis-a-vis Canada.

In a nutshell, Mr. Bourassa has fired the first salvo in the political campaign for the right to rule Quebec and his enemy is the Parti Quebecois, not Canada or confederation.

Both the Quebec Liberals and the Parti Quebecois are hoping to use the rest of Canada as the killing fields in their internecine battle for control of Quebec.

If Prime Minister Brian Mulroney had any guts, he would call the bluff emanating from Quebec, launch a "Let's get on with Canada campaign," and let Quebec try to survive on its own.

Cut off provincial equalization payments; let Quebec pay its own welfare and unemployment insurance bills; let Quebec outfit, feed and arm its own military (including Coast Guard), make Quebec pay what it owes the federal government; make Quebec develop its own monetary system; pull the plug on federal loans and grants to Quebec; allow Newfoundland to unilaterally declare null and void the contracts that are allowing Quebec to rape Labrador; close Quebec borders to entry into the rest of Canada and finally, back up Indian claims to approximately 60 per cent of the province of Quebec.

What will Quebec do? Become part of the United States? Not on your Liberty Bell. The United States can't afford Quebec and would not want to sour relations with the rest of Canada.

Will Quebec become an extended province of France? Not on your Fleur-de-lis. France is committed to a united Europe and needs another bankrupt colony like it needs another Dienbienphu.

Call the bluff, Mr. Mulroney, and save Canada before it really is too late!

## Media lambasted

Dear Editor:

The discovery of a frozen body of a newborn baby, found outside of an apartment building last week in Toronto, has been defined by the major media as "disturbing" while thousands of bodies of babies found in the garbage cans outside of abortuaries and hospitals do not even make the news.

The bias demonstrated by the major media, in refusing to represent the rights of many thousands of human beings whose lives are terminated by abortion, is depressing.

Each one of the 32,000 bodies trashed every year in Ontario, whether dumped in one piece or with his or her broken limbs gathered in a plastic bag, is just as disturbing to me.

Apparently they are also disturbing to the rest of society, as recently a pro-life activist was charged with obscenity simply for displaying photographs of these bodies.

Sincerely,  
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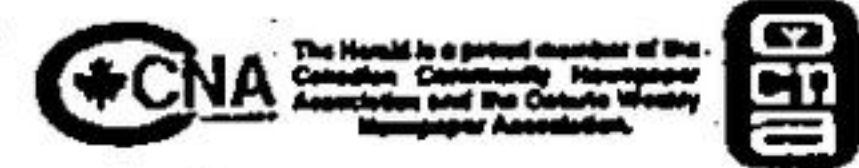
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## People's Forum Public debate on environment

Dear Editor:  
Massive concern for the environment is leading to a public debate. A debate which questions the central values and policies of our society.

This historic discussion boils down to one question. Will we make the effort to become sustainable?

A living thing is said to be sustainable when it goes through its life cycle without damaging the conditions on which it depends. Sustainability has always been the bottom line by which nature judges the creatures that live on Earth. Those that fulfill the requirements can live here for ages, those that don't, pass away.

There are rules in the natural world through which the judgement is made and there are problems and opportunities in the human character that will influence our chances of a favorable outcome. The Guideposts for a Sustainable Future listed below outline these considerations. They are being distributed in preparation for the decisions we must soon make as a society.

Activities are sustainable when they:

- 1 - use materials in continuous cycles.
- 2 - use continuously reliable sources of energy.
- 3 - come mainly from the potentials of being human, i.e. communication, creativity, coordination, appreciation, and spiritual and intellectual development.
- 4 - require continual inputs of non-renewable resources.
- 5 - use renewable resources faster than their rate of renewal.
- 6 - cause cumulative degradation of the environment.
- 7 - require resources in quantities that could never be available for people everywhere.

8 - lead to the extinction of other life forms.

These points were collected through an inventory of the aspirations and concerns motivating volunteers to work for a better world.

A growing number of people are indicating their agreement with the goal of sustainability as outlined here. Together we are asking you to consider the necessity of becoming sustainable and ask that you think about what it means to your life and to the future.

Are we really challenged to become sustainable?

Do we agree that a major effort is required to secure the future?

Should this effort be a priority for all sectors of society?

Do the 'Guideposts' accurately define sustainability?

If you feel the 'Guideposts' do not accurately outline the direction for an acceptable future, how would you amend them?

Do you feel that sustainability

should be a determining factor in the use of our tax money?

The debate is on. Your comments are welcome. Send them to this paper and/or:

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Guideposts for a Sustainable Future is a non-profit organization pursuing the issue of sustainability. Membership is open to all individuals and organizations in general agreement with the directions outlined above. Extensive materials have been developed to help explain environmental sustainability and to help individuals raise the topic with the people around them. If you feel sustainability is important, please get in touch, there is strength in our numbers.

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## Biblical prophecies

To the Editor:

There are many prophecies mentioned in the Bible (Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, Revelation, etc.). Some are being fulfilled today. Gorbachev has all but eliminated the threat of the Cold War - but let us not forget that he is still a Communist as is his chosen Second in Command. (They speak "Peace, when there is no peace" - Ezek. 13:10). He (Gorbachev) needs vast amounts of help from the Western world to help rebuild his nation, and as the saying goes - "you don't bite the hand that feeds you!"

The U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. have decreased their stockpile of deadly weapons, but don't let us be

lulled into a false sense of security, for they still have more than they need to blow the world into smithereens. The Gulf War (or some other war) will only be a prelude to a greater conflict. Prophecy tells us that a vast army will descend from the North, presumably the Soviet Union, to invade and destroy two-thirds of Israel's people (Zech. 13:8). But Yahweh (our Maker) will not allow His Holy Land to be completely destroyed. One-third will be saved - those who He hath chosen to be the mortal subjects of His restored Kingdom. So be it!

Shalom,  
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