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Canada - united we must stand

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Three months ago, Martin Jansen of Milton couldn't care less if Quebec separated from Canada.

Now, he's waging a one-man battle to keep Canada together with a sweatshirt bearing the slogan "These colours won't separate."

It's his way of fighting to keep Canada a unified country and because he believes this country needs to stay together to survive.

"My parents fought for this country during World War II and if it was worth fighting for then, it's worth fighting for now," says Mr. Jansen.

He admits that four months ago, he was like many other Canadians who "didn't give a damn" if Quebec separated from Canada.

Now, he's fighting to keep Quebec from separating and has the french equivalent to "These Colours Don't Separate", "Ces Couleurs Ne Se Separent Pas" on his sweatshirts.

What changed his mind? The fear that what is now happening to the former Soviet Union, with the break-up of its states and economic strife, could happen to Canada.

"I don't want Canada to become another Russia," he said. "In my business as a restorer of Austin-Healey cars, I talk to a lot of people outside of the country and they ask me what is going on up here. They tell me Canada is no longer a good place to invest because of the unity crisis."

He believes if Canada's provinces remain unified, foreign investors will see Canada as a stable country and begin to invest here again.

As he began to believe how beneficial Canada's unity could be, he decided to broadcast his opinions. He decided the sweatshirt with its unifying theme would be the perfect way to spread the message and began marketing the sweatshirt to stores in November

last year.

Expecting others to jump on the bandwagon to save Canada, he was shocked when store after store refused to carry the sweatshirts.

"I never believed promoting the idea of a unified Canada would be a problem," he said. The refusals began with the Hudson Bay company, then Footlocker and then the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute student shop.

Mr. Jansen believes they all said no because they're afraid to offend anyone.

Seeing as he wasn't getting anywhere trying to market the product in stores, he approached Halton MP Garth Turner and the wheels began rolling.

Mr. Turner took the sweatshirt to Ottawa and gave one to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Minister responsible for constitutional affairs, Joe Clark. Then, he wrote a column in local newspapers telling readers how one man was being stonewalled in his attempts to promote Canadian unity.

Soon, the calls came ringing in. Over 100 people, inspired by Mr. Jansen's message, began calling and ordering the sweatshirts.

Mr. Turner said he's inspired by Mr. Jansen.

"Here is a man who makes cars, who's not a politician, who has no personal agenda. His agenda is a unified country," said Mr. Turner. "Politicians wouldn't succeed at all without guys like Martin. I want to support him because he lets me do my job."

Mr. Jansen's goal is to sell 100,000 sweatshirts.

"100,000 people is less than .2 per cent of the population. I feel that if I can't motivate .2 per cent of the population, the government just won't be able to solve the problem," he said.

The sweatshirts cost \$26.95, including tax, and can be ordered from Martin Jansen's business



Martin, Gayle (left) and Katie (right) Jansen, listen to calls on the answering machine from people ordering the sweatshirts worn by the trio. Mr. Jansen designed the sweatshirts and created the slogan 'These Colours Don't Separate' in order to promote his idea of a unified Canada. (Herald Photo)

'Jule Enterprises' at (416) 876-4303 or (416) 4491 after hours. Orders are also being taken at Garth Turner's constituency office at 976-4303.

Until he reaches his goal, it seems Mr. Jansen is one man standing alone to preserve Canada's unity.

In his words, "when you're one person, it's a bitch to change the attitude of a country."



Volunteers honored

The staff at Acton Social Services and Information Centre hosted an appreciation day for its volunteers.

This group represents a portion of the many people who donate their time. Assic would like to extend their appreciation to all its volunteers. They are: Jane Adshead, Brendan Adherne, Elizabeth Anderson, Doug Anderson, Rena Arbic, Pearl Baker, Harry Besley, Nino Braida, Alma Braida, Penny Bristow, Lloyd Broostad, Karen Brozic, Marjorie Chase, Lorna Clark, Rosemary Cook, Allen Crawford, Barbara Crawford, Donna Cripps, Tom Cullen, Lily Dee, Harvey Dewhurst, Mary Dick, Lorne Doberthien, Helen Dubeau, Peter Dubeau, Bill Fitch, Ed Footitt, Wes Fountain, Pat Giguere, Wally Gordon, Eleanor Grammick, Lonnie Harkins, Margaret Hellwell, Jean Hilborn, Jeanette Hisaki, May Hoare, Henry Kroes, Leonie Holmes, Lil Howson, Eleanor Hurley, Mary Irwin, Pat Ivory, Jean Jackson, Klaus Kamminga, May Kennedy, Virginia Lessard, Maureen Krasznal, Marjorie Louffet, Walter Lamb, Pat Lane, Helen Little, Lois Mackenzie, Gloria Marcel,

Fran Marcoux, Bob MacArthur, Dorothy McClure, Mary McKenzie, Isobel McDonald, Grace McEnery, Kerwin McPhail, Joyce McIsaac, Margaret Chapman, Christina McMillan, Peg Mills, Helen Near, Edna Nellis, Mansell Nellis, Greta Moreau, Betty Oakes, Pat Omeara, Helen Otterbein, Mary Papillon, Pete Papillon, Ruth Payne, Frank Pfingstl, Amanda Prendergast, Norm Price, Jessie Price, Herbert Pursoo, Dot Redekop, Joyce Rennie, Gerald Rennie, Bill Riddle, Barbara Robinson, Christine Robertson, Fred Sander, Pauline Symon, Joe Snoek, John Royds, Pat Thibeault, Frank Thompson, Yitzen Verbeek, Nancy Vidler, Gail Willems, George Williams, Rose Wilson, Trish Woloshyn, Steve Woloshyn, Alma Zachris, Lydia Curr, Janet Buffer, Anna Spiteri, Liz Bailey, Val Kimantas, Joanne Copper, Maxine McBride, Robin Peregrine, Mary Ridley, Sue Walker, Elizabeth VanderEyken, Brenda Basinger, Cathy Johnson, Carolyn Artem, Patti Knapton and Sandy Bassie. (Herald Photo)

Lions Club is seeking Citizen of Year nominations

1992 marks the 20th year the Lions Club of Georgetown has been honoring citizens who have unselfishly given of their time and talents to help their community and neighbors.

The Citizen of the Year will be honored at a dinner and awards night to be held in the Georgetown Lions Hall on Tuesday March 3rd 1992.

Past Citizens of the year have come from a variety of endeavours from clubs to chairites: 1972 Peggy Treahy - involvement with developmentally handicapped; 1973 Georgetown Volunter Fire Department; 1974 Rev. Peter Barrow - helped establish North Halton Contact Centre; 1975 Georgetown Volunter Ambulance; 1976 Connie Nieuwhof - best known for work with Red Cross; 1977 Walter Gray - launched Christmas Welfare Fund that evolved into the Good Neighbor Service; 1978 Joy and Irwin Noble - extensive work with Childrens Aid and Cancer Society; 1979 Karen Harrison - best known for directing and organizing of Minor Hockey Tournaments.

1980 Vi Haines - work with hospital auxillary and especially the Girls Pipe Band; 1981 A.V. (Ab) Tennant - waived fees to build Ronald McDonald House and several town recreation facilities including the Dick Licata Pool and the Library Cultural Centre; 1982 Esme Ball - revived Guiding in Georgetown in

1955; 1983 Ralph Ursel - helped found the Arts Council and the Halton Hills Legal Clinic; 1984 Steamer Emmerson - co founder of Esquesing Historical Society and a Cancer Society Booster and long time volunteer; 1985 Jean Layman - long and dedicated service to Scouting; 1986 Georgetown Girls Pipe Band; 1987 Ted Gorth - long time community volunteer and Cancer Society booster; 1988 Tom Ramautarsingh - involved with many community projects, the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary; 1989 Jessie Hayes - staunch support of Children's Aid Society and best known for involvement with Bantam Hockey Tournament.

1990 Siena Van Hoekelen - behind the scenes in many organizations from Red Cross to Seniors.

Citizen of the Year is selected from nominations and resumes submitted by the public and reviewed by a special committee of Lions Club members. The decision of the committee is not based on the number of nominations but on the individuals merit. If you know someone or group who should be nominated mail your nominations to the Georgetown Lions Club, P.O. Box 73, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 4T1 all nominations must be postmarked no later than January 31, 1992. For further information contact Lion Carl Hansen 846-6130 or 458-2615.

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