

'Sweetheart deal'

Dear editor:

A couple of years ago, it was announced in the federal budget that cuts would be made in the number of civil servants in a number of departments - great fanfare about efficiency and savings.

Late last year, the Auditor General gave his report. True, quite a number of civil servants were given handsome severance packages to leave the civil service.

So what happened? A very large number of those same people were either rehired by other departments, often doing the same job and many others were rehired on contract by the same department to carry on their previous occupations.

What a sweetheart deal! A chunk of cash and your job back, often at higher pay.

Neither the Liberals nor the NDP complained about this arrangement. Why?

There is a huge civil service vote, especially in Ottawa and the last thing a politician wants is a noise in his own house. For the Liberals, Conservatives and NDP, it is more important to give the civil service what they want than to give the country efficient government.

People retired from the civil service or given generous severance allowances should not be rehired by government.

Rod Pinkney,
Georgetown

NAFTA should wait for election

Dear editor:

I am quite worried about the free trade agreement. My government members seem to want to really push this through. January 1, 1994 is the date (NAFTA) North American Free Trade Agreement is to be actually passed if everyone agrees to this. I am afraid all the Canadian people I know including myself feel it should not be passed. I have good reasons. USA workers are paid much less wages than Canadian workers and Mexico workers are paid less than USA. Put those three together, how can Canada benefit with free trade? Canadian products naturally will cost more than USA-Mexico products. Common sense tells me Canadian companies will find it hard to sell anything at all that USA and Mexico companies have to sell.

May I suggest my government wait before deciding on free trade. We do have an election

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coming along, most likely November. I know it has to be this year. With Ms. Campbell and others vying for the position of prime minister in June this will be completed. As of July 1, 1993 a Canadian Prime Minister will be presented to us, the Canadian people on this date I understand. How about waiting until election day before we decide NAFTA, who wins by July 1 doesn't mean he or she will actually be elected to be our Prime Minister on election day.

May I suggest Canada's parliament members and Prime Minister give us the benefit of the doubt. Canada has far too many people out of work. Free trade will increase the size. We really can't afford this to happen, can we? Maybe more people can let it be known how they actually feel about NAFTA, this is how I feel.

Sincerely,

Kathleen (Molly) Crowhurst

'Killer cards' a concern

Dear editor:

I am the Halton Board of Education trustee for Oakville, and I recently attended the board of directors' meeting for the Ontario Public School Boards Association, of which I am a voting member. Killer cards are a concern to all parents and responsible members of our community. Reflecting this concern, OPSBA has supported the following resolution:

That OPSBA write to the Secretary of State and Federal Minister of Revenue requesting that the federal government quickly undertake the appropriate steps to institute federal controls leading to blocking the entry of "Killer Cards" at all custom depots across Canada.

As a trustee and a parent, I was happy to support this resolution to prevent popularization of human pain and suffering. Victims' families and friends suffer sufficient pain and loss without the aggrandizement and profit by unprincipled individuals and companies.

Lynne Clark
Halton Board of Education trustee

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