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Tax Money For Anarchists

Responsible Canadians were shocked and dismayed by the decision of an agency of the federal government to grant avowed Marxist and Quebec Separatist Stanley Gray a \$5,500 grant. Mr. Gray received the money from the tax supported Canada Council in order to complete his thesis for a PhD at Oxford University. It is ironic to say the least that an individual who preaches the violent overthrow of the federal government and the destruction of Canada as a nation should be granted public funds to continue his education from the very government he seeks to destroy.

On more than one occasion Mr. Gray, who is a lecturer on the staff of McGill University, has publicly called on the radical left-wing element in this country to take to the streets, to burn and pillage — in other words create a Communist type revolution. Mr. Gray and the hippies and yuppies that support him are openly dedicated to the violent overthrow of our government and institutions. They are the enemies of a free democratic society where the ballot box is the accepted vehicle of change. Mr. Gray was the chief ring-leader in the recent abortive attempt by left-wing radicals and French-Canadian nationalists to destroy Montreal's English-speaking McGill University.

Instead of curtailing their activities, Ottawa adopts the unbelievable attitude of giving them tax monies from the public treasury to carry on their work of sedition and rebellion. World Communism must feel its future victory is assured when

they read that the Canadian people are being called upon to subsidize a known Marxist preaching violent revolution.

The Canadian people aren't going to allow the Trudeau Government to wash its hands of this whole messy business by adopting the political dodge of saying the Canada Council is an independent body responsible for its own decisions. The salient fact remains that its members are appointed by Ottawa and it is financed by Parliament. Last year this same Canada Council handed out some \$3,000,000 in public funds — your taxes and mine.

Most Canadians would agree it is about time the government took a second look at the background and philosophies of its appointees to this agency and their qualifications for handling such large sums of tax money. The Canada Council isn't the only agency of the federal government openly supporting the cause of the world Communist movement. Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker last week harshly criticized the tax supported CBC for again inviting U.S. Yippie Leader Jerry Rubin to appear on a one-hour TV show.

The Trudeau Government which often seems disposed towards state socialism in many of its decisions should show its ultimate faith in the Canadian democratic process by bringing an immediate end to the practice of allowing public funds to be used for the support of individuals who are openly bent on the destruction of our way of life.

Finch Subway Best For Us

At the suggestion of Councillor John MacDiarmid, Richmond Hill's Mayor Thomas Broadhurst will write to the proper authorities expressing the town's interest in having the Yonge Street subway extension's northerly terminal located at Finch Avenue, rather than at Sheppard Avenue.

All residents of this area will agree with Mr. MacDiarmid's statement that "the further up the subway can come, the better it will be for this area in the long haul". Councillor Lois Hancey added, "I would like to see it come all the way to Richmond Hill", and no one will argue against this wise suggestion. However, Finch or Sheppard Avenues is definitely a much more realistic objective at the present time.

The northern part of Metro, beyond Sheppard, is the area of fastest population growth. If the subway is to tap this great potential source of customers, it must run at least to Finch.

A grant of \$4 million for the extension, announced last week by the Robarts Government, gives reason to hope that Finch will be the northern terminus, if Metro can raise the rest of the \$23 million price tag.

The mile and a quarter extension to Finch Avenue was first suggested last year by North York Controller Gordon Hurlbert, who as a member of the Toronto Transit Commission has been a vigorous advocate of the northern extension. He was prompted by realization that provid-

ing even minimal parking at Sheppard Avenue would be a very expensive proposition. At Finch Avenue almost unlimited parking has been assured on the Ontario Hydro land.

Extensive residential development in the Yonge Street corridor has already occurred and will continue in the Thornhill area. The proposed BAI development between Yonge and Bathurst Streets in Vaughan Township will house 1,500 people when it is completed. Industrial development and housing in Richmond Hill will also provide a potential source of subway customers.

Reynolds Aluminum plant alone will employ 500 people.

Location of the subway terminal at Finch would permit a better public transportation service on Yonge Street for the area north of Steeles. The present 40-minute interval between buses and 40 minutes to the city limits was established by the Metropolitan Railway which ran up Yonge Street in the early years of this century, and hasn't changed with the increasing population, except at rush hours. Although numbers of passengers served has increased, the potential is much greater.

The slow and tedious 50-minute journey to Eglinton has been a discouraging factor for commuters. When this time is cut in half, more people will be attracted to the public transportation system, relieving traffic congestion and parking problems.

Educational Trips Are A Must

I suppose I visited Niagara Falls a dozen times during my youth, but it was not until I went to that beauty spot a few years ago, armed with a booklet prepared in a Richmond Hill Public School for the use of its grade 8 pupils, that I learned much about the physical aspects of the falls and the gorge which are readily apparent. This convinced me that so-called "field trips" can be delightful learning experiences and must be encouraged.

Learning by experience is taking our young people far afield these days and one whose school days are long over cannot help but be envious of the educational opportunities being offered to those still in school.

This year's trips by secondary school pupils have included a 10-day trip to the British Isles and Europe to study history and geography on the spot and to put the students' knowledge of French to practical use. Another trip is planned to the Appalachian region, Washington and New York to study geography and prepare the students for the study of urban geography next year.

Other groups have visited Quebec City to improve their French, Ot-

tawa to study economics and world politics and Algonquin Park to study winter safety and survival, trees, animals in their natural habitat and ecological relationship.

Another group will be taking a canoe trip in Algonquin Park in June which is being planned by the geography, science and physical education departments.

Although the former York Central District High School Board's policy has been to pay up to 50% of the cost of such trips, the pupils participating have been required to contribute — in some cases up to 100% of the cost. They have been encouraged to earn this amount — another valuable lesson.

These trips are open to all who desire to go and who are willing to work to earn the necessary money — not only to those whose parents can afford to put up the necessary cash. No student has been prevented from participating because of inability to pay, it is reported.

The knowledge gained from experiences such as these, not from dry textbooks or from the droning voice of the teacher in the classroom, is the knowledge which will remain with the individual for his lifetime.



Stanley Gray — A Deserving Recipient?

In the Spotlight



By MARY MONKS

One of the newest features on the changing face of Richmond Hill is the renovated Post Office on Arnold Street. The federal government, recognizing the need to cater, not only to the utilitarian, but also to the aesthetic needs of the people, allots one percent of the total cost of its public buildings to some kind of artistic embellishment.

The only stipulation is that the material used should have a durability of at least ten years, and require a minimum of upkeep in the way of painting or cleaning.

In the case of the Post Office the decoration takes the form of an abstract in stainless steel by the sculptor, Raymond Spiers of Newmarket. In striking contrast to the red brick and copper used in the building, the work represents communications across the country, an ideal theme for a post office.

It is achieved by a series of horizontal bars, representing lines of communication stretching across the continent, connecting oblong blocks of steel arranged in groups, which stand for the urban areas. These "boxes" can also be seen as the millions of packages carried by the post office every year.

Raymond Spiers worked closely with Architect Douglas Allen, of the local firm of Allen, Brown and Sherriff, and this co-operation is evident in the successful marriage of design and materials.

Mr. Spiers, who came to Canada from England fifteen years ago, studied for a time at OCA. He has had a one-man show of his work at the Mazelov Gallery, and has had two exhibitions in conjunction with his wife, sculptress Patricia Fulford. He has worked on the interior ornamentation of churches, including the functional design of church furniture in contemporary materials.

Fifty percent of the construction of "Communications" was accomplished by the artist himself, while the large units were pre-fabricated from his design in Toronto. The completed assembly, weighing approximately 600 pounds, was then erected by block and tackle and attached to the wall of the building.

The St. Matthew's Players are in the spotlight again, this time with their musical revue "The Roaring 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's", which they are presenting April 24 and 25 at the George Bailey Senior Public School, Keele Street South in Maple. Originally called "The Roaring Twenties", the title was elongated when material from later decades started to sneak into the script. Composed of skits, songs and dances performed by a cast of sixteen, the revue is directed by Jean Wolanski, who has had

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1 Voter Per 1000 Answers Questionnaire

(John Roberts MP, York Simcoe has received several surprises in the response he received to his recent presentation to his constituents of three contentious questions. The questions appeared in the March 27 issue of "The Liberal" — and here is Mr. Roberts' report on the letters he received. Mr. Roberts' riding covers the northern part of York County and the southern part of Simcoe County. There are approximately 46,000 voters—Editor)

By JOHN ROBERTS MP, YORK SIMCOE

Several weeks ago I posed three questions for my readers and asked them to send me their views. Here is the report I promised giving the results.

Forty-five people have replied so far, about one letter for every 1,000 voters in the

riding. Some letters came from outside York Simcoe Riding — from Thornhill, Brampton and Toronto. A quarter of the letters came from King and Vaughan Townships, one quarter from Aurora, and the rest divided fairly evenly between Whitchurch, Newmarket, Innisfil and Gifford.

Not everyone answered all three questions. Some suggested other questions to ask. Many people wrote at great length about the problems, — and about other problems equally important to them. Quite a few people included a short biography describing themselves. Several declared that they were Conservatives, no one admitted that they were Liberal or NDP.

Question 1 — Do you believe that the baby bonus should be cancelled for the first child in a family thus saving \$350 million of government expenditure? YES: 11 NO: 19

The interesting thing here was that quite a few people suggested we leave the bonus on the first child, untouched but remove it on the subsequent children, especially the 3rd and 4th child, in order to discourage large families. I was surprised that the "no" vote — that is those in favor of the bonus was so large.

Question 2 — Do you believe that government policy should take as an objective that every family should own its own home? YES: 17 NO: 13

Again I was surprised. I thought attacking home ownership was like attacking motherhood. Yet almost one third of our responses denied that this should be a gov-

ernment objective. I find this result all the more remarkable in the face of the enormous publicity the housing problem has received.

Question 3 — Do you believe that university students should pay the full cost of their university studies — receiving government loans, if necessary, but not government subsidies? YES: 27 NO: 8

A thumping majority against taxpayers supporting university students. It seems probable that the recent student riots had something to do with this result. Many correspondents argued that if students paid for their education they would be more sensible, not riot, destroy computers, etc.

Another factor influencing this result was that not many young people replied to the column. (Which puzzles me.)

Bell Tax Basis Needs Revision

Changing of assessment in the County of York to a market value factor, now in progress, has created another area of concern for municipal council.

Under the present system Bell Telephone Company each year pays to a municipality a sum based on a percentage of the company's total receipts in that municipality applied to the current mill rate.

Under the new system assessment will be increased considerably, with the result that the mill rate will be substantially reduced. As a result of this decrease the amount of taxes assessed against The Bell Telephone Company also will be drastically decreased.

Richmond Hill Council therefore, on the instigation of finance chief Reeve Donald Plaxton, will petition the federal and provincial governments to amend the appropriate legislation, regulations and/or agreements to ensure that revenues received by municipalities from The Bell Telephone Company will not be reduced as a result of such a change in assessment procedures.

Mr. Munro Is Mad At Us

(Hamilton Spectator)

We are somewhat bemused — and even a little hurt — at Health Minister John Munro's precipitate departure from his post office building office amid charges that The Spectator was somehow harassing him.

Surely one so politically competent, and so deservedly successful, as the Hamilton East MP should be able to cope with such harassment.

Since Mr. Munro's furious telegram, the more relevant and less vivid portions of which were published the other day, scarcely touched on the facts of the situation, perhaps some clarification from those accused of so successfully menacing a minister of the Crown would be in order.

Some little time ago, (we aren't sure of the exact date) signs blossomed on office doors along that main floor corridor of the King and James post office through which one passes when using the King Street entrance. "John Munro, MP interview rooms" or words to some such effect.

Members of the public on their way to buy stamps were intrigued and phoned the paper. What, they asked, was that all about? A legitimate question, we thought.

(The queries, it might be added, came from ordinary members of the public and not from Conservative supporters of Lincoln Alexander, MP, in whose riding the post office rests. Mr. Alexander, who seems to remember more clearly than Mr. Munro our support of Trudeau and not Stanfield last June, conducts his politics without our connivance, just as we conduct our paper without his.)

So, anyway, a reporter was assigned to phone around and see what was going on. And phone he did, around, and around, and around, in that particular quicksand of official vacuity into which all must fall who dare inquire about the activities of Very Important Persons in the federal service, and who works for them and where, etc.

Finally, the answer began to emerge. Cabinet ministers, it seems, are allowed to have offices in public buildings in or near their ridings as one of the perquisites of office. One may agree or disagree with the policy, but a straightforward enough one it is.

Or so we thought until Mr. Munro suddenly rushed pell-mell and officeless into the street proclaiming his Simon Purify in the first breath and our intrusiveness in the second. He will now take quarters elsewhere, at his own expense. So be it. If the minister wishes, at his own considerable cost, to react with emotion and violence to an accusation which was never made that is his business, although we think it rather a shame. However, public offices are public business.

Letters to the Editors

SAVE OUR POOL

Dear Mr. Editor:

On Page 8 of your issue of April 17 you recorded the interesting information that the Richmond Hill Centennial Pool cost \$13,988.70 to operate in 1968 and had a revenue of \$13,830.24.

After yet another winter of driving down to Willowdale each week for a swim, I am wondering just how long it will be before our town council wakes up to the fact that they have something good going for the community, and stop letting it go to pieces during the wintertime!

They are now zoning another 35 acres residential and more people will be moving into town. For their sakes let us hope they are all keen hockey players!

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Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

Off To Sample Europe

The York Central "sample study tour of Western Europe" began March 12 and came to a successful conclusion, March 26. The fast moving tour was organized by the International Goodwill Fellowship. The express aim of the fellowship is to "enable students to travel abroad intelligently and to gain a wider knowledge of countries and their inhabitants."

Under the leadership of Mrs. Gail McLeod, Bayview Secondary School, Norman Lemaire of Thornlea and Russell Rees of Langstaff Secondary, 66 students representing all high and secondary students in the York Central system set off on one of the most unique experiences of their collective lives.

Details of the trip observed through the eyes of Pam Kelson from Thornhill Secondary are the subject of this column. Needless to say, this is the way Pam saw it and other students may have their own impressions.

OFF TO PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND

All members of the tour met at Langstaff Secondary to travel by bus to Guildwood Station to catch the train for Montreal. They boarded a BOAC plane at Dorval Airport for a non-stop flight to Prestwick Airport, Glasgow, Scotland.

The trip was quite smooth except for hitting a couple of air pockets, according to Pam. At Prestwick everyone had to set their watches ahead six hours. They were met by two coach drivers who by their consideration for their charges won the affection of the students who soon addressed them as "Wally" and "Billy".

"I don't think 66 kids ever had two greater friends than these two bus drivers," said Pam. "They really helped to take the rough edges off the trip."

ON TO SOUTHPORT

On the way to Southport, the buses stopped at Lover's Leap and the students had lunch. Lover's Leap is in Gretna Green, famous for eloping lovers. Southport, a Lancashire town bordering on the Irish sea is a vacationland par excellence and a golfer's paradise.

"When we got to Southport," said Pam, "something happened to our reserved lodgings so we had to go to a hotel called Creevy More. It was a beautiful house with a lovely staircase but you could see your breath in that building, it was so cold. You had to pay a shilling for any heat you got out of the gas meter."

"We were due at a welcoming party in Southport, so we went there for an hour before settling down for the night at cold Creevy More. We were all tired because we'd been travelling for quite a few hours."

One observation made by Pam was that English boys are friendly and easy to talk to and there was no danger of having to sit out a dance.

THE GATEWAY TO EUROPE

From Southport the buses driven by Wally and Billy headed toward Dover. Pam remarked on the lovely English countryside. "The grass is incredibly green," she said.

They arrived at Dover at night and boarded one of the Townsend ferries.

"Once they found you spoke English you got chips at every meal," said Pam. "We got off the ferry at Calais, called the gateway of Europe and headed toward Amsterdam. Wally and Billy and the buses came over on the ferry too and we were glad of that."

HOLLAND

Pam thinks that Amsterdam must be one of the cleanest cities in the world. Also the food was cheap and one could live there quite comfortably. They stayed at Hotel Cok which caters to young international travellers. It is a typical Dutch building but equipped with modern, convenient fixtures, it was situated close to Vondelpark, a short distance from the main shopping centre, entertainment, (Continued on Page 14)

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