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Challenge Leftist Radicals

How long are the Canadian people going to countenance the rantings of the Communist-led radical left? This irresponsible minority, openly preaching the violent overthrow of our democratic institutions, should be pulled up short once and for all.

These people treat the cold-blooded murder of Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte in comic vein. Last week one of their followers, Quebec Leftist Jacques Larue-Langlois, addressing students of Carleton and Ottawa Universities in the nation's capital, had the sheer audacity to refer to Mr. Laporte's murder by saying, "I have not killed any minister — not yet".

The Ottawa students, who like so many students in our universities are out of touch with the real world outside their ivory towers, loudly applauded Mr. Larue-Langlois' remarks. The murder was no laughing matter to Mr. Laporte's widow or to the members of his family. In the audience cheering every emotional outburst of this Quebec terrorist were two members of the Socialist New Democratic Party — Mrs. Gayle Nystrom the wife of a New Democratic MP serving in the House of Commons and Michael Cassidy, an Ottawa alderman and a recently

nominated NDP candidate in the next provincial election. This further proves that the Socialist New Democratic Party which seeks a mandate to handle our affairs is riddled with adherents and sympathizers of the radical left.

Radicals of Mr. Larue-Langlois' stripe, while pretending to abhor Mr. Laporte's murder, actually defend such bizarre acts. Again let us quote from Mr. Larue-Langlois' Ottawa speech, "that the Laporte killing was not necessarily bad, tactically, since the average Quebec worker identified Mr. Laporte as the enemy, a member of a corrupt, repressive capitalist elite". It would be interesting to know just what, if anything, Mr. Larue-Langlois and his ilk have contributed to society. Mr. Laporte was a devoted family man, a working newspaper man and a minister of the crown — all solid accomplishments.

The Communists and their fellow travellers feed on weak governments who are afraid to act and assert the basic rights of the majority. Canada today needs strong, right-wing leadership by men of national stature who are not afraid to act and bring a quick end to these wandering "salesmen" who openly advocate a policy of murder and the mass destruction of public and private property as the first step in the planned introduction of a rigid Socialist society.

Why Not Open Committee Meetings?

There are apparently a number of King Town ratepayers who are under the impression that their municipal council no longer holds council meetings open to the public. At least this was the suggestion broached at the last open council meeting by one of the councillors.

It was also suggested that this impression had been conveyed by press reports which have been criticizing council for holding closed committee meetings. Not for closed or non-existent council meetings.

It's hard to believe that anyone with the least possible knowledge of municipal affairs could conceivably be so gullible as to believe this.

The crux of the matter is that King entered 1971 under the new regional government setup with re-drawn boundaries as well as a mostly new council. Only returnee from 1970 was Ken Mactaggart who moved up from deputy-reeve to become the municipality's first mayor.

King, as a few municipalities in York County had been doing, decided to conduct most of its business in committee. As a result, council meetings tended to be formality sessions with a stamp of approval or disapproval with a minimum of the in-fighting usually involved in reaching a decision. All the in-fighting to date has been mainly confined to the committee meetings — closed to the press and public.

This newspaper, of course, feels that the "why" of council decisions (as well as the individual's reason for reaching his opinion) should be revealed to the public. This means the press (which is the only voice for the majority of ratepayers) maintains it should be allowed to sit in on committees.

It agrees that private matters relating to personnel decisions, or any other personal matter not immediately affecting the public, should be taboo as far as reporting is concerned.

But all else should be fair game. Public business is public business. The councillors are directly responsible to the people who put them there and their decisions, the "why" of their decisions, should be made public knowledge.

It is only too convenient to air dirty laundry in private where no particular council can become embarrassed and perhaps, heaven forbid, lose its popularity. Closed meetings are a temptation, whether or not it is so, to bury unpleasantness if possible.

One particular sore point as far as this newspaper is concerned lies in the fact that planning boards under the old council were open to the press. Now that the boards have become a committee of council they are closed. Why? Good question. Such is not the case in the new Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville which conducts planning meetings in the public eye. Council meets as a planning committee, in public, reaches decisions and then goes into a meeting of council and approves or disapproves decisions just made in planning committee.

Does this not seem much more democratic? Why doesn't King do this? Have planning matters changed so much that they no longer can be discussed before the press?

Would it not be so much simpler, really just a case of public relations? And, really, when did politicians, even municipal politicians, start caring little or not at all about public relations?

One more point: Vaughan Town also meets in committee (which they say is open to the public and press) but presents clearly documented reports to the press as to what went on in committee.

Copies are made available to the press. In King, to date, one hears only skimpy remarks as to what happened and for the most part is left wondering what it's all about.

If council insists on meeting in committee in private, would it be asking too much that complete reports be made available to the press which could then provide ratepayers with more complete information on what had transpired? Second hand, but still more complete. Public relations alone (which at the moment seem to be shaky) would be better served. What is wrong with public relations — good public relations?



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Help For Learning Disability Clinic

Recently Richmond Rose Chapter IODE was happy to contribute a cheque for \$350 to the York Educational Clinic, for Children with Learning Disabilities, Richmond Hill.

The clinic offers a varied program for the learning disabled child. It is a parent co-operative clinic established in donated space in the Richmond Hill United Church. The clinic supplies remedial help in the areas of academic, language development and motor skills.

In the above picture Chapter Regent Mrs. James Outred is shown presenting the cheque to Chairman Phil Nimmons of the trustees of the York Educational Clinic.

Thief Under Every Bed?

(Brampton Daily Times) One often gets the impression, listening to security and investigations officers talk that they've long ago come to the conclusion that there's a thief hiding under every bed.

A good case in point was the address by a Toronto investigator to the local industrial management club.

He said among other things: • That more than 90 per cent of all whiplash claims in automobile accidents are fraudulent to some degree.

• That "thievery" from industry and business by employees is running at an all time high.

• And that an industrial thief can get away with thefts for an average of three years and two months before being caught.

• We're tempted to conclude that it takes a suspicious nature to be an industrial investigator. The statement on whiplash injuries, for example. The reason that anyone would pick a whiplash injury to defraud an insurance company is because it is so difficult to disprove.

Using the same yardstick, we wonder just how an investigator can conclude that 90 per cent of claims are fraudulent. How do you prove it?

If there is any substance to the statements, we are drawn a frightening picture of every business, every industry, being infested with plotting, scheming employees, half of whose income is derived from petty thefts from the assembly line or removals from the cash drawers.

Somehow, it's just a bit tough to accept, but the speaker did warn that commercial thefts are hard to trace and that nobody wants to get involved when they know a fellow employee is bilking their company.

So, of course, commercial and industrial firms rely on people with suspicious minds to get involved on their behalf.

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In the Spotlight



By BONNIE SHEPPARD

If You Don't Hold Yourself Together, You'll Explode Into A Million Pieces

Noise! The first thing that hits you as you enter the territory of the Curtain Club Junior Drama Class, is noise. It hit me and as I stepped up to a good vantage point, I could see the source of this high decibel level. Sixteen youngsters, ranging in age from nine to thirteen, were bouncing around the stage in frenzied joy. Then came the order "Hold onto yourselves. You're a volatile mass and if you don't hold yourselves together you'll explode into a million pieces."

With this, all the young actors clenched themselves and one we boy lay down on the floor in a perfect fetal position, another girl wrapped her arms about herself and shut her eyes tightly. For about thirty seconds all was quiet and the exercise came to an end.

Art Sinukoff is the man behind those directions and he seems to be in four places at once through all this. In charge of junior drama at the club this year, he takes his job very seriously and devotes many hours to it. But the thing that impresses me about him is — he didn't lose his patience even once — and believe me there is ample opportunity. What does he get out of it? First, he says it keeps him young. Second, he feels someone must tell young people to be themselves. There is a place for each of them and he wants these youngsters to understand that.

What do the children get out of it? When I asked that question — wow — all sixteen started to answer at once. "It's the one place I can be me and nobody gets mad at me" or "Relaxation, I just feel so good when I'm here" or "I want to be an actress and this is really helping". It sounds to me as though Art is getting through.

Among the many things done in the hour I was there, was a sketch by two young lads, Jim and David. This sketch was spontaneous and about five minutes long. David located the setting as a pub and Jim came in to order a beer. As the bit unfolded

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Letters to the Editors

HIGH COST REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

(Editor's Note — In the following letter addressed to Minister of Municipal Affairs Dalton Bales at Queen's Park, Mrs. Ann Brooks, 41 Birch Avenue, Richvale, calls the new Minister's attention to some inequities between ratepayers in one municipality as the result of having regional government forced upon this area.)

Dear Sir: As you know, the Hon. Darcy McKeough of Ontario's corn belt of Kent County, in his great wisdom, saw fit to remove us from Vaughan Township and leave us as foundlings on Richmond Hill's doorstep, without the privilege of making a choice by vote.

Now certain inequities are in evidence:

• Water Rates (three months billing) Town of Richmond Hill Forty-five cents per thousand gallons on first 10,000 gallons then thirty-five cents per thousand on balance, plus \$2.00 per meter.

• Annexed portion of Vaughan Township (Richvale District) Minimum \$10.00 for 9,000 gallons, next 50,000 gallons at forty cents per thousand, balance at thirty-three cents per thousand. In addition we pay and have paid frontage charges to cover maintenance, interest on debentures, etc. We also paid for our meters when installed.

• Garbage Collection Our pickup is performed by a private company for \$7.00 quarterly.

Richmond Hill — on tax bill rate of \$5.50 per capita. These are only a couple of items that show the differences that arise when a section of one municipality is handed to another without adequate intelligent pre-planning. After paying taxes since 1942 to a township, it is like Pandora's Box — the deeper one digs, the worse the mess becomes.

I am writing to you as this was initiated by a Conservative Government and our member is now a Liberal, and is therefore divorced from the formula used by Mr. McKeough and the cabinet to put this system into effect.

Possibly with a provincial election we may get the affairs straightened out.

Your views on the matter will be appreciated.

ANN BROOKS, 41 Birch Avenue, Richvale.

FREEDOM AND SOCIALISM

Dear Mr. Editor: While citizens reel beneath the continuing assault of internally provoked conflict, we are also intimidated by the very establishment that proclaims freedom and democracy while moving closer and closer to the Big Brother bureaucracy of Socialism.

How did it happen? Largely because we forgot that freedom is not free — that the cost is eternal vigilance. We have forgotten that freedom is not a gift of government — but a gift of God; that it does not mean freedom from responsibility but the freedom to stand as a man accountable for his actions.

It does not mean the freedom to push other people around or to elect public officials to do the pushing for us! Freedom is not an abstract or an ideal, but a human right which must operate from the premise of doing what we ought to do because we want to do it, not because we are ordered to do it.

The free man recognizes that his freedoms are restricted by his own nature, temperament, intelligence, abilities and inclinations; that his freewill permits him to wallow in the gutter or to reach for the stars. That while justice demands that we yield a measure of our freedom to the State when it can better maintain the good order of society, it cannot be bought at the expense of any man's freedom — by government equalization, government philanthropy or government redistribution.

Freedom means the right to whatever we please; to vote as we please; to dissent and to dissent against the dissenters. It means non-violent freedom of assembly; freedom to travel at home and abroad; to own property and dispose of it as we choose; to work to the extent of our own ability, desire and capability for commensurate rewards; to bargain for goods and services in a free market and to "build a better mousetrap" without arbitrary government interference and limitation of our resourcefulness.

Freedom means the right to handle our own earnings and assets; to select our own friends, partners and associates; to direct the education of our own children and the medication of our own bodies.

Freedom springs from the soil of eternal and unchanging truths which are not subject to human pragmatism. Unfortunately, when man becomes apathetic or indifferent to his heritage of freedom, his enemies move in quickly with the shackles of slavery.

Today, we stand at the crossroads of courage and confidence, and cowardice and captivity. One can only wonder which way we will choose.

PATRICIA YOUNG, 1030 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

CLASSROOM NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HOME

Dear Mr. Editor: As an interested parent and taxpayer, I could not agree more with the fact brought out in the letter, published in the March 4, edition of "The Liberal", entitled "Educational System Needs Changes"; that children at large are woefully lacking in public conscience; something that is best taught in the early, most formative years.

However, I do not think that this instruction should come largely from our schools. If an accusing finger should be pointed, let it be at the many parents who are shirking their moral and private duties to their offspring.

Our schools should rightly be, and are, academically oriented. Social problems, health attitudes, moral and public problems do play some part in school education. However, what kind of a battle can be waged in the schools against indifference in the home? When attention is focused at school on discipline, social responsibility and respect for others, just to have the child return to a home environment where a like focus is absent, why blame our school systems? And it is precisely because of the apathy at home that there is a growing need for schools to play a larger part in teaching children what should come from their parents, even before school age.

A classroom can never be a substitute for a good home. Anyone who believes that all teaching outside the sphere of academics, from health to social awareness, from drugs to sex should be taught in the schools and not be touched upon in the home, is, of course, abrogating their responsibility as a parent. The reverse should be the norm; that is, the school should only have to play a supporting role.

Again, field trips, visual and other resources are a wonderful opportunity to show our children another aspect of life that many, unfortunately, do not get from the home experience. Any method by which children's minds and enthusiasms can be stimulated should be encouraged. There is no way understanding on the part of teachers can be equated with lack of discipline. From what I have seen of the school which my children attend, and I have three, in grades 3, 4, and 5, I would say that the majority of teachers give more than is required of them as teachers. Further, I do know that when discipline is required, there is generally no lack of it. Most children do tend to respect their teachers who are fair; a person with a rigid attitude to discipline is feared, not respected. As a consequence, a rigid disciplinarian is not

likely to elicit a good response from his charges. On the other hand, when a good relationship is established between teacher and classroom, with the reward for good work being the teacher's pleasure (and consequently the child's) and the response to poor effort an urging to do better, school becomes a challenge and yes, mother, even a pleasure. While I do not mean to imply that all teachers fall into this blessed category, I do believe that most do, if only because it has proven to be a better method of reaching students.

On the whole, I can sincerely say that my husband and I believe our children to be in pretty capable hands while not at home, and when they are at home with us, we will continue to teach them to the best of our ability, to be worthwhile and happy members of the society in which we live.

In conclusion, then, while I do agree that discipline and social awareness seem to be a growing problem, and a concern to all, I disagree with your writer's contention that responsibility for this problem lies with our educators.

RITA ROSENFELD, 216 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill.

"THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE"

Dear Mr. Editor: Having just read Geoffrey Mitchell's review (your issue of February 25) of the Curtain Club's production of Dore Schary's "The Devil's Advocate" I feel that he is making heavy weather in his criticism of the sets.

The playwright does request a mere suggestion of locale as regards the different scenes but I think the club was wise to elaborate on this somewhat. "The Devil's Advocate", as Mr. Mitchell himself appreciates, is a terribly difficult play to "keep moving." I think the sets helped the play to keep moving, the backdrops were very fleeting after all, and the backdrop certainly created the requisite atmosphere for the scenes in which it was used.

In any case, if, after the previous play with its tedious dialogue and sparse set, "The Devil's Advocate" had been produced with sparse sets, we would have begun to wonder whether the club set and property department were flat broke or on strike.

Whilst accepting that the physical restrictions of the Curtain Club's present location are necessarily a limiting factor, I do not agree with Mr. Mitchell that they should adopt a policy of restricting their productions accordingly. Had this policy been adopted in the past we would have missed such gems as "The Beaux Stratagem,"

STANLEY CHURTON, 493 Roswell Avenue, Toronto 310.

FEDERAL TAX PROPOSALS

Dear Mr. Editor: I was interested in the reprint of the article from the Regina Leader-Post in your February 25 edition in which it is suggested that the tax reform proposals intend soaking a single person earning \$3,900 a year. I don't have the figures for \$3,900 a year but under the proposals, the increase for a single person with an income of \$4,000 will be \$13 more than at present.

It might be interesting to note that a married couple with two dependent children with the same income will have a decrease of \$127 a year but if that income were doubled to \$8,000, the decrease would only be \$83 a year.

To be fair myself, I must also say that the single taxpayer with an \$8,000 income will have his taxes increased by \$124 a year. This all assumes, of course, that the legislation is the same as the proposals. I am personally convinced that there will be some substantial differences as a result of the many representations to our committee, which was the object of presenting the reform in proposal form in the first place.

What I wanted to highlight was that there are two sides to the story and the government has taken the position that families with dependent children and low incomes, ie under \$10,000, are most deserving of any break that our tax system can provide.

BARNETT J. DANSON, MP, York North, Ottawa.

Sap's A-Running And There Will Be Maple Syrup At Bruce's Mill

Even though the weather man has chosen to ignore it, spring is on the way. The sap is running in the woodlots of the Region of York. Public demonstrations of "sugaring-off" began at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area last weekend and will continue daily from Saturday to the end of the school's winter break, March 28.

There will also be demonstrations on the two weekends following. The area will be open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm on these days, and maple syrup and pancakes will be available, weather permitting.

The Metro Conservation Authority has arranged two schedules, one for the general public and another for school groups.

Maple syrup and sugar were being made by Canadian Indians long before the first white man came to North America, and it was the common source of sugar until after the American Civil War when cane sugar became cheap enough to use.

The sugar maple beech woodlots in the Bruce's Mill area is typical of woodlots throughout the region. While the main tree species are sugar maple and beech, others such as hemlock, ironwood, basswood, white ash and black cherry are common.

The sap flows in all trees in late winter and spring, and syrup of a kind could probably be made from most types, however maples produce the tastiest sugar, with sugar maples being the best followed by black maple, red maple and

silver maple.

Tapping is done when the days are warm and sunny and the nights are cold. The sap may continue to flow intermittently for a month, or it may last for only about ten days.

Trees are tapped by drilling a hole about two inches into the tree, with a slight upward slant. A spile, or spout is tapped into the hole, and on a good sap day, sap will flow almost immediately.

The sap may be caught in a bucket hung on the spile, or fed into a network of plastic tubing which carries it to the sugar house. It takes about 40 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup.

The Bruce's Mill area is named after the Bruce family who operated the grist mill there from 1843 until 1962. It is located two miles east of Don Mills Road on the Gormley-Stouffville Road. Parking fee is \$1.

Visitors may observe both modern and old fashioned methods of sap collecting and syrup making.

In the old fashioned method, sap is collected in wooden buckets, then thickened by boiling it in a large black iron kettle. In the modern method, sap is carried to a central point through a network of plastic tubing, then processed in a modern evaporator to produce a high quality of uniform taste and color.

For further information contact the conservation authority offices at 630-9780.

Easter Seal Campaign For Crippled Children Underway

Once again Richmond Hill Lions have undertaken the task of distributing Easter Seals in Richmond Hill. The seals, with an accompanying self-addressed envelope for your donation to this worthy cause, are already in the mail. This year the responsible committee is headed by Lion Gerry Stehouwer.

A portion of the money raised in this campaign remains in the community to aid children who are suffering from physical disabilities. The remainder goes to help the work of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, which stretches forth strong hands to help the weak and the unfortunate.

This society offers one of the finest rehabilitation programs of the world. There was a time when little or nothing

was done for a crippled child unless his parents had the money to pay for his treatment. The Ontario Society for Crippled Children, with your help, has changed all that. Nowadays no crippled child need go without the help that will make him into a person capable of leading a useful life.

The Society of Crippled Children came into being in 1922 when 10 Rotary Clubs got together to assist 75 handicapped youngsters. Today, 230 service clubs in Ontario are assisting more than 14,500 crippled boys and girls throughout the province.

The campaign runs from March 11 to April 11. There is no better way of making the miracle of spring than to contribute your dollars to the kind of work which is each year performing the equally joyful miracle of placing a formerly helpless youngster on two strong legs.

Support Easter Seals and see what your dollars can do.

Cheque out a crippled child today.

See what your dollars can do. Support Easter Seals.

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York County Branch, Canadian Mental Health Association