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Students recieve Canada youth award

Shannon Long of Schreiber and Keli Turpin of Terrace Bay have been awarded the Canada Day Youth Award, an award designed to recognize and reinforce the outstanding achievements and contributions of young people to their community and to Canada. Recipients of this award are individuals who have contributed to the community through extensive involvement in an organization or through individual activity. Their involvement has resulted in positive benefits to other individuals, groups or the community at large. For example, coaching, tutoring, assisting with activities for seniors, for children or for home-bound individuals.

Both of these individuals are to be congratulated for their achievement and thanked for their contributions to their communities.

Belair defends FedNor programs

Hon.. Tom Hockin,

Minister of State, Small Business and Tourism.

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the March 31, 1992 expiry date of the mandate of the Federal Government Economic Development Initiative, FedNor.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to show my support for this program. Northern entrepreneurs have benefitted greatly from the business advice, information and financial assistance which has been provided by the Core Industrial Program and the Rural Small Business Program.

However, the economic decline that Canada is experiencing is magnified in small northern towns that depend on one industry or resource. The 15 per cent tax on softwood lumber has caused the closure of sawmills all across Northern Ontario and in addition to other related factors, has increased the severe economic distress being experienced in these one-industry towns. The region is now looking to other ventures, other opportunities that will help to bring economic stability to their area. To accomplish this, an increase in project funding by Fed Nor would provide the necessary assistance for new business undertakings and would help diversify the economy. Also, in some instances, more flexibility in the established criteria would allow for the development of unique projects.

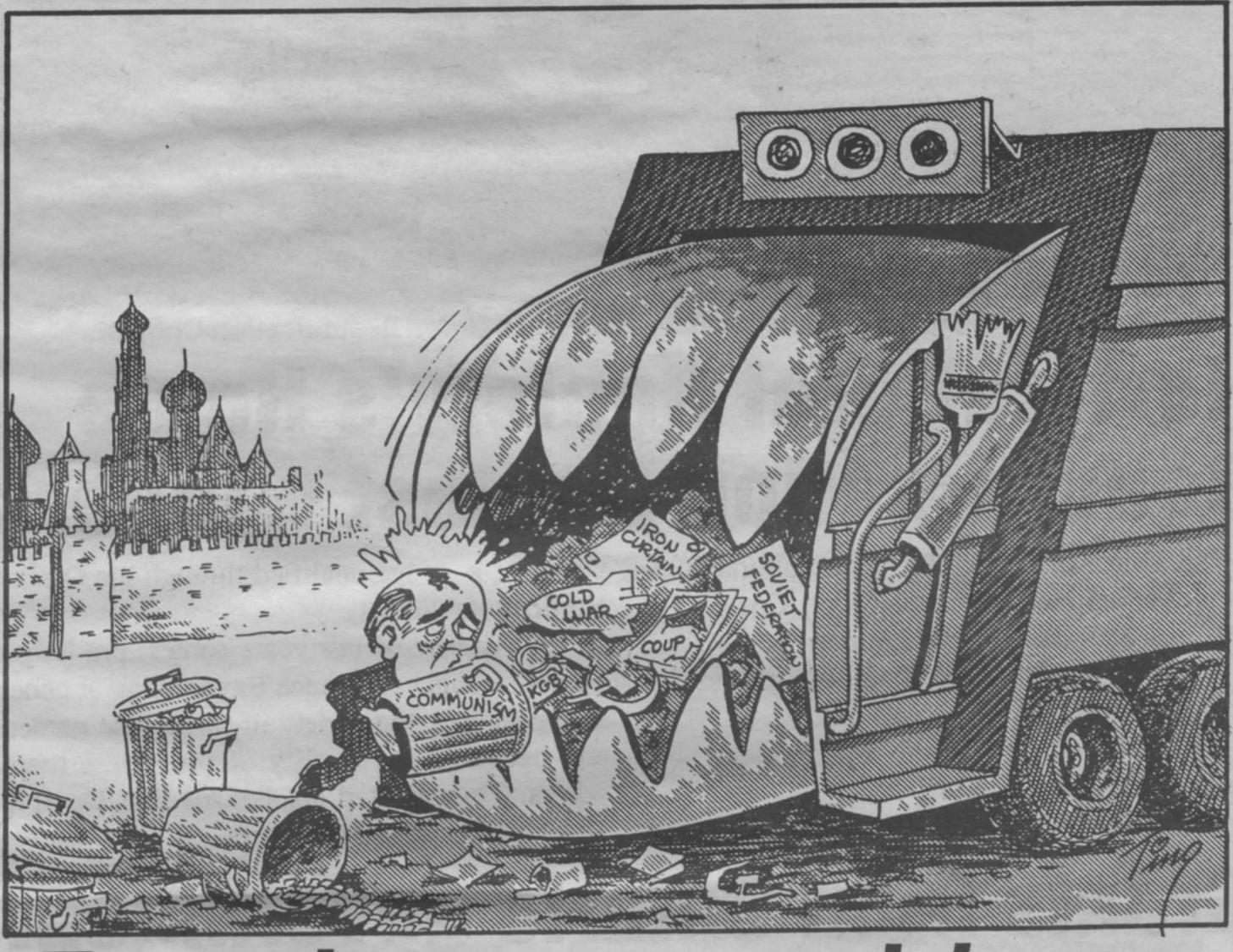
One of our main objectives is to create new employment opportunities for our young people. The north needs to develop challenging jobs that will be an incentive for northern youth to either stay or to return after completion of post secondary schooling, to build their future in these northern communities.

The elimination of the Canadian Exploration Incentive Program was a serious blow to northern towns that depend on the mining industry. Increased funding of business ventures involved in the exploration and development of mineral resources would be encouraging for mining based businesses.

The tourist industry in the north is suffering tremendous losses as a result of the high cost of gasoline, the introduction of the GST and other factors (e.g. cross border waivers) which affect the flow of tourists into our country. Rather than impeding the flow of tourists north, funds should be channeled to developing ventures which entice tourists to visit and enjoy our remote lakes and forests, for camping, hunting and fishing.

It is my hope that the present FedNor program will be enhanced, to counteract the elimination of other programs which directly affect the resource base economy of Northern Ontario. Northerners have demonstrated that they can produce a high quality product. With the adequate support from FedNor, this trend can continue and the economy of the north prosper

Reginald Belair



Royal name problems

Do you realize that if I'd been born in Spain, I'd be illegal?

That's because Spain has very strict regulations about what Spanish parents can call their children. The rule of thumb is that anything goes, as long as the name of at least one saint appears in the moniker. That's why so many of them answer to "Pedro," "Maria," or "Antonio."

Some Spaniards play it safe and "load up" on extra names -- such as Don Alfonso de Borbon y Borbon, the great-great-grandson of Carlos III. Don Alfonso died in 1934, possibly crushed by the weight of his own birth certificate which contained 94 Christian names.

Black, Arthur, Raymond doesn't cut it in Spanish circles.

A lot of nations take a proprietorial interest in the naming of their citizens. Until 1970, the names of all French children had to be chosen from an approved list at the Ministry of the Interior.

Americans, too, have certain rules about what people may and

may not call their children. You would assume that pretty well anything goes in a country which gives the official nod to 'Dweezil' and 'Moon Unit' (the real names of rock star Frank Zappa's kids) -- but that's not the case.

It took Ellen Cooperman three years of difficult and expensive litigation to convince the judges to allow her to shed her name and all the oppressive male chauvinist baggage that went with it.

She finally won. Send your congratulatory telegrams to Ellen Cooperperson, New York, New York.

Mr. Michael Herbert Dengler, on the other hand, was less fortunate. The Minnesota State Court unsympathetically quashed his attempt to change his name to, as his lawyer so poetically described it: "One that symbolizes his interrelationship with society and reflects his namonal and philocophical identity"

Mr. Dengler wanted to change his name to \$1069.

You would think that Great Britain, that mighty cradle of free speech, would let its citizenry name its kids just about anything they liked, but Audrey and Hugh Manwaring-Spencer have discovered differently.

Recently the Manwaring-Spencers, who live on the Isle of Skye, had a daughter. The

parents dutifully notified the British Registrar of Births what they wished to name their child. To wit: Princess Rosetta Dulcima Manwaring-Spencer.

A few months later the parents received a letter informing them that their daughter's name was illegal.

"Based upon an Order in Council," the letter huffed, "the name Princess is not a recognized forename in this country because it is part of Crown's royal prerogative."

In other words, the name Princess was verboten because it might tick off

the Queen. But the Manwaring-Spencers are a doughty tribe. They wrote to Buckingham Palace asking if, in fact, Elizabeth would be badly put out, knowing that a wee Scottish lass on the Isle of Skye answered to the name of Princess.

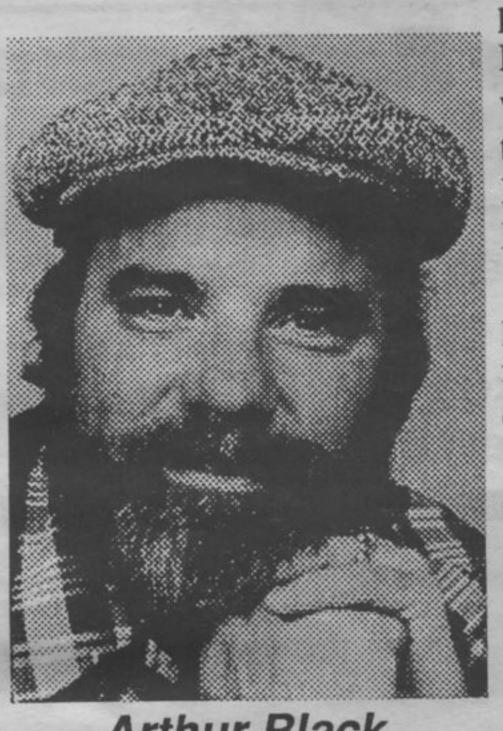
A royal aide wrote back: "You may rest assured that you have caused no offence to the Queen and you many continue to use the word as your daughter's Christian name."

Wonderful news for Princess Dulcima Rosetta.

Not to mention entertainers like Prince, King

Kong and the group Queen. And if anybody comes across the hero of that old Gene Chandler rock and roll classic,

tell him it's all right. The Duke of Earl can come out of hiding.



Arthur Black