

Editor's Mail

Disputes claims

Dear Editor:
In reply to Adam Johnstone's letter of Aug. 27, with the caption Reverse Racism: Mr. Johnstone seems to be truly upset because the Mulroney government decided to give temporary landed status to 155 Tamil refugees who were found adrift off the coast of Newfoundland.

What he failed to recognize is the federal government found itself in a rather unique situation, which it has never been in before. From my point of view it was the only human and decent thing to do. However, he won't collect any brownie points from me because each and every move he makes is very calculative.

Also, Mr. Johnstone seems very worried about the migration and presumably preferential acceptance, from his point of view, of Third World immigrants to this country. I think Mr. Johnstone should take his blinders off for a moment and he will realize that Canada today is not an 18th Century British or European colonial outpost, where immigrants from the 'mother' country moved quite freely back and forth without too much paperwork.

No Mr. Johnstone — Canada is not setting herself up for another invasion of refugees from Africa, Asia or the West Indies, where according to your observation, 'conditions are sub-standard and civil war is a way of life.'

Just remember that everything is relevant. It just depends on whose viewpoint and whose standards you are comparing.

I do not think any precedent has been set in allowing these Tamils to settle in Canada, so long as the federal government quickly and clearly defines who qualifies as a refugee and how they may be allowed in the country. When this is done, any group whether they be Tamils, Africans, West Indians, or even Europeans, I will join you and say send them back in a humane way.

It is quite obvious from Mr. Johnstone's quote, "What is so objectionable to the government about the white man's culture and education to make it so difficult in comparison with other countries?" He is not comparing apples and oranges here — obviously, like music, art, culture, pornography, beauty and educational standards, are all in the eyes of the beholder.

Also, whose perspective is being touted. There is a place by the name of South Africa where people of your thinking, Mr. Johnstone, may feel at ease, but being outnumbered five to one will surely make you feel ill at ease.

Sincerely,
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11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	No Bounce	No Bounce	No Bounce	No Bounce	No Bounce
12:10 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Advanced	Beginner	Advanced	Beginner	Advanced
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	No Bounce	No Bounce	No Bounce	No Bounce	No Bounce
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner
4:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate
5:30 p.m. - 6:40 p.m.	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced
6:40 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	Beginner	No Bounce	Beginner	No Bounce	Beginner
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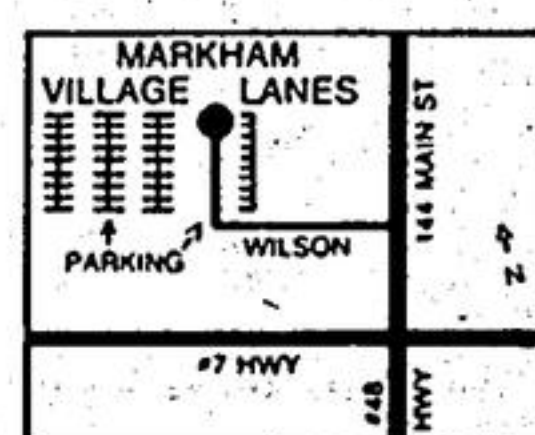
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