

Chretien had 'educational epiphany'

Dear Editor,

Finally, some good news about Ontario, and Canada. Seems Mr. Chretien, is interested in Education. Interested in pumping money into education.

Interested in lots of educating things, things that educate like crazy but no where is there a mention of more or better trained teachers.

That'll be a relief to Mike the Knife. He's just got the precious 160 through the legislature and the last thing he wants is to hear from the Feds he has to hire more teachers. The teachers are useful, it's true, but not for teaching. I know it's a far stretch, but let's assume all politicians are not honest and fair and concerned for moral integrity, that some of them don't sit around reading the Paideia Report as an evening's entertainment.

Let's assume some even want, I blush to say, MONEY. If this improbable case scenario is remotely true; the true function of the teachers is their pension plan. Teacher's pension plan in Ontario is worth some reputed 51 billion dollars. Recently, in response to a suggestion that Harris and the Hatchet guys might be mildly stimulated by the thought of enough money to pay down the debt, not just the deficit, enough money left over to buy Lamborghini's for all the cabinet members and still enough to suggest the Feds might

approach Ontario Ministers sometime next year, through a snowstorm, and on their knees, our man in the room stated with great sincerity, taking money from the pension fund would be against the law.

Our man has not been paying close attention.

But Harris and the Happy Hooligans (as in, those who not only don't obey the laws of the land, but rewrite them according to whim, see Filibustering as an antiquated mode of parliamentary entertainment on that) have been paying close attention, very close attention to the bottom line of all those teachers who go to sleep at night contentedly sure of a few more years in the sawmill before a very lucrative retirement. Harris might, just might, want to get his hands on some or most of, even, stay with me on this one, ALL of the pension fund of the teachers of Ontario.

And smack dab dang me if he hasn't about done it.

But today I find out Mr. Chretien has experienced an educational epiphany on the road to the bank and he too wants to preside over, take more charge directly in, the future of our country, our citizens, our children's education and of course the more, much more than 51 billion the combined provinces of Canada have in reserves for those no longer necessary or important parasites on gov-

ernment funding for education, the teachers.

Well, here comes Chretien, and even if he doesn't go directly after the bottom line, he'll have Harris' bottom in a sling. Harris, having downloaded all other apparent responsibilities of governing the province outside of compulsory service on golf courses and expensive important retreats with family and a few close friends in Boco Ratan to those miserly, mean municipalities who now snap and growl at the mention of his name, having divested himself of everything from ambulances to fire trucks in exchange for education may find the Feds walking in, swiping up most of whatever remains as education in Ontario, (with an eye of course to improving and increasing) leaving Mr. Harris swinging a golf club and shouting FORE down the vast empty, echoing corridors of Queen's Park.

With so little left to do for the Office of the Premier and with the taste of Harris fresh in their minds, the people of Ontario vote: to eliminate the Office of the Premier altogether. The Feds rule education and the municipalities are in feudal rebellion against the province so who needs a leader?

Our only problem then would be that Harris might go for a job, a real job: one like teaching.

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