

# We must become masters in our own house

## When You See Him on the Frontispiece

in pinstripes and highlights  
set down by Yousuf Karsh of Ottawa  
the plump hands in plump pockets  
the bright lights where his sharp eyes are  
you remember the seances in London  
and in Washington  
his desire to live among ruins  
which he worked patiently to produce  
in his own country  
for most of his life

and you remember the delusions of grandeur  
the delighted name-dropping  
the fur coat  
covering a shapeless failure of nerve that came  
after Industry and Humanity and fumbling cunning  
brought him what lay behind  
his theory of the Law of Blood and Death  
striving to undermine  
the Law of Peace and Health

and the plump little face with its uncertain jewels  
and used-car eyes faces away from you  
in the picture  
as if surveying all that he sold out  
and bartered away  
and gave up to impress  
and betrayed to get even with  
or to flatter  
or to seem to be important internationally

and you thank God history doesn't repeat itself  
and you thank God men are not reincarnated  
and you thank God that Mackenzie King is gone forever

and you open to another frontispiece  
and you look into the plump little face  
with its uncertain jewels  
staring from the Karsh formula  
and you see the shapeless failure of nerve  
written across the indeterminate features  
and the faint eyes surveying a wasteland of sell-outs  
and betrayals  
and nervous self-deprecations

and you almost believe in reincarnation  
in metempsychosis from man to man  
at least

because you are sure  
at first that this is the same man  
except his pudgy fingers close around  
(for the sake of photographic history)  
the Nobel Prize for Peace

**By Robin Mathews**

**T**HE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS is hiring Canadians to snoop out information for them about waters in Northern Ontario.

J.J. Greene, federal minister for energy, mines and resources, is pushing for U.S. direction of Canadian development in energy resources.

The Liberal Party of Canada is about to implement a Canada Development Corporation which would be a perversion and a castration of everything recommended in the Watkins Report on foreign ownership of Canada's economy.

The prime minister is selling out Canadian sovereignty in the Arctic.

Policies of austerity are destroying Canadian broadcasting and the National Film Board.

We are being invited to believe that the international unions, (that is the U.S. unions), have a divine right to oversee the development of Canadian labor movements.

In the universities, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has been trying with a kind of incoherent desperation to deny that the de-Canadianization of the universities exists.

Pressed last year, it applied for \$50,000 from the Canada Council to conduct a study in the whole range of Canadian studies wherever they should be or could be.

The Canada Council turned them down. I was talking with a senior official of the Canada Council and I asked "whatever happened?" He said the AUCC hadn't filled their form out right.

I replied that I was just a humble Canadian boy without any elegance or sophistication, but wasn't it possible for the Canada Council to sit down with the AUCC and fill out the form TOGETHER?

And he said: "Yes, we are taking that under serious advisement, just now."

I have heard a rumor that this show is on the road again, that the AUCC is getting together with the Canada Council to do this major and necessary research.

I have also heard, by the Ottawa grapevine, that they had invited Ramsey Cook to do this study and he had refused.

And we know that Ramsey Cook, like Pierre Elliot Trudeau, believes that national communities are a thing of the past.

We know that Ramsey Cook has said that our concerns with this issue were simply an extension of Black Power in the United States, and that I

should be censured nationally for unprofessional behavior in discussing this issue.

So you can see that the AUCC is seeking a really dynamic, outgoing, and adventurous person to do its study.

The Committee of Presidents of the Universities of Ontario has been doing what it can to bury the issue.

You will remember that Claude Bissel, president of the University of Toronto, said a long time ago that "there is some cause for concern about the number of American teachers in Canadian Universities. What was a natural and healthy influx has now become a major invasion."

Last September, the Committee of Presidents of the Universities of Ontario recommended that all presidents assure that all jobs be advertised in Canada.

None of them has done it, including President Bissel.

After our 'Waterloo Study', President Howard Petch of Waterloo called us "academic racists."

When the Windsor graduate students did their special study, President William Leddy said that they were "irresponsible."

The latest statement in Campus and Forum which is the production of the Committee of Presidents of Universities of Ontario says this:

"Suggestions that quotas should be imposed for non-Canadian faculty have been rejected by the Committee of Presidents on the ground that scholarship is universal and that citizenship is not a meaningful criterion."

There is the position of Ontario University Presidents.

## Scholarship universal?

But what does that mean — that scholarship is universal?

No one in any higher educational institution in the world denies that scholarship is universal.

However, no country in the world presumes that because scholarship is universal, it means that you hand over the policy-making, the teaching, and the research in your universities to people who come from other countries.

You bring your own scholars to excellence and they do 'universal scholarship' with the coloring of their own community and for their own community.

Canada is the only country that says that the doors are open and that citizenship is not a meaningful criterion.

Speaking this way of the nation, the politics, the



Carleton's Robin Mathews speaking on Americanization of our universities. Excalibur -- Harry Kitz

land, the universities, and the people who administer them, we should be depressed.

And we are depressed.

But I don't think that we need to be totally depressed because the Canadian people are moving. I think that the Canadian people recognize now, as they haven't realized for 25 years, that they are a colony and that they must discuss their existence in terms of colonial existence.

They have begun to realize that they must examine their psychology in terms of a colonial psychology, and in so doing pave the way to liberate the Canadian imagination and liberate the Canadian communities.

I think we are moving towards Canadian liberation.

## The Liberal sellout

But we must look at liberalism in Canada and at Liberal philosophy. We must face the clear political position of the present government of Canada.

I am going to read you a quote from Peter Newman's book, *The Distemper of Our Times*, in which he says:

"The two main streams of Canadian Liberalism are these — the party's concern over social reform and its barely suppressed desire for economic integration with the U.S."

We must face honestly the fact that liberalism and Liberal policies mean the destruction of Canada.

We were told for the last 30 years that we could lose our economy and it didn't matter, so long as we maintained our Canadian culture.

That was a lie — but it convinced.

Now we know that we are losing the culture as well, and we are losing the culture because the economy is so intricately tied to the culture that we cannot lose one without losing the other.

To translate from French a statement of Pierre Trudeau.

"I am against nationalism in general. I oppose economic nationalism in the strict sense of the term. An excessive doctrine to my view, which tends to the enfeeblement of the country, and I believe a country like Canada, which is a trading country, must give the example and not practice nationalism."

When speaking about Quebec, Trudeau has said he is against nationalism because "a nationalist government is by essence intolerant, discriminatory, and when all is said and done, totalitarian."

Trudeau has been interviewed in Ottawa by Jay Waltz of the New York Times. The interview was such a smashing success that it was read into the Congressional Record.

The U.S. Congressmen danced around with glee saying 'here is a fine upstanding NORTH AMERICAN'.

I will take one of the low lights from the interview to read to you.

## Trudeau not worried

"Question: Are you worried by the influx of American capital investment in the sense that this investment might result in an American economic domination of this country and do you plan any restrictions on American capital investment in Canada?"

"Trudeau: I think the problem of economic domination is somewhat inevitable, not only of the U.S. over Canada, but perhaps over countries of Europe as well, and the problems of the economic domination of Japan over some countries in the Far East and the problem of economic domination of the Soviet Union over some of the small countries around it and so on. These are the facts of life and they don't bother me."

So, I want to get through your heads, whatever your politics, that this is where we are at with the present Canadian government.

Economic takeover means cultural destruction. It teaches the people of Canada colonial-mindedness.

It teaches them to think that everything good comes from the Imperial centre.

It teaches them to think they cannot initiate, they cannot invent, they cannot discover.

Canadians tend to believe they are followers, mimics, imitators and a second-rate people.

But let us not hate the colonial-minded in Canada, because it is perfectly understandable that most Canadians would be colonial-minded now.

When some of the colonial-minded Canadians have lashed out at me for being terrible and vicious. I have not been terribly angry at them. I have even gone and prayed for them.

They are Canadians and we must love them — just as we must love the strangers in our house.

God has created them and they are beautiful in his sight.

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