# Bringing it back home

by Jim McElgunn

The federal government's unilateral move to patriate the rights guarantees are the main Canadian constitution is necessary selling point in the constitutional because "if we waited for unanimity we'd never achieve anything," package, but "I cannot help but shake my head sadly, because I according to political science don't want — and I don't think professor Garth Stevenson. most Canadians want — a bill of

about 45 people at a Political ago invoked the War Measures Science Undergraduate Associa- Act against 22 million people tion (PSUA) forum on "the because of 35 criminals. constitutional dogfight.'

been using the federal because "the opportunity is there government's desire for a Cana- now...it's our last best dian constitution to try to win an chance....bitterness will be more unprecedented degree of decen- prevalent among provincial

The federal proposal has general public.' thus caused great indignation this game being put to an end."

Stevenson said he favored the federal plan for a national referendum on constitutional amendments. The same complex combination of provinces would have to approve any changes, but it would be the voters in the province who decided rather than their provincial governments.

This would not mean bypassing the provinces but bypassing the provincial governments", he said.

Professor Fred Engelmann. speaking at the forum, said bringing home the constitution is a worthy goal but the federal government's unilateral actions

### Axworthy

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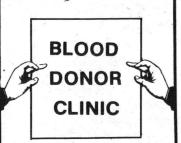
we're getting into.

'As long as this psychology of fear is perpetrated ... we can't take advantage of the kind of exciting opportunities available to us now," he said.

He pointed to the work of the Western Cabinet committee as evidence of the representation Western Canadians were getting at the federal level. Its initiatives, he said, including approval of the Alaskan pipeline prebuild, brought relief to farmers, and an industrial blueprint for Western development prove Westerners are not being shut out of Con-

"But response is a two-way

street," he said.
"Many of the recommendations for the constitution put forward by Western ministers were accepted," said Axworthy. "It's not one man pulling the



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Engelmann said human most Canadians want — a bill of Stevenson was speaking to rights from a man who ten years

Professor Stevenson said he He said the provinces have thinks it is important to act now governments than among the

He said fears the Prime among many provincial Minister would use referenda to governments because "they see change the constitution at will are nonsense. This can be seen in

Australia where almost 34 of the federal proposals for con-stitutional changes have been defeated, often because of opposition in the smaller more conservative states.

He thinks the proposal will have no trouble passing the British Parliament. There might be some backbench dissent but "I couldn't see the British connection surviving a refusal (to pass the

Engelmann agreed a refusal is unthinkable, but predicts the British will stall until the Supreme Court of Canada rules on the challenge of six provinces to the proposal.

According to Engelmann, the biggest obstacle to bringing home the Canadian constitution is Pierre Trudeau.

'After Trudeau,....yes!"



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