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# Mordecai Richler says Canadian nationalism makes "cultural nonsense"

By MICHAEL BARRIS

Novelist Mordecai Richler speaking in Winters Dining Hall Thursday said Canadian nationalism made "cultural nonsense" because it subordinated educational foreign literature to inferior literature of "domestic importance."

The Montreal-born author said; "Educationalists overcome with ardour for Canada have dismissed (Ernest) Hemingway as a loutish cosmopolitan and repudiated E.M. Forrester."

The augmented Canadian literature program in schools across the nation displeased him because most Canadian literature evaded fresh comment on the "human condition," and had little more educational value than "village gossip."

The lecture, the Canadian novel, a consideration of standards, inferior and otherwise, was the final talk in a series of Canadian perspectives sponsored by the Vanier college council.

He had to field few questions from the 450 people in attendance. He said he would be an embarrassed writer if his work received critical acclaim in no country but Canada, where nationally accepted writers, he said, are "seldom heard of any where else."

Ironically, he had earlier indicated that gifted Canadian writers invariably must be praised by U.S. reviewers before drawing raves from Canadian critics.

"It is humiliating that U.S. critics should ordain what is significant in the Canadian arts," he said.

Moreover, he said, "Canada will be culturally dependant on the U.S. for years to come," even if it should "gain a larger measure of economic independance."

He urged the audience, "to stand up for and celebrate what works had been more enduring in the human condition."

"Let us not burnish any cultural wooden nickels even if they are stacked with the maple leaf," he said.

Earlier Richler stated, "Canadians are no longer engagingly self-depreciating." The quest of his generation for a "peaceable kingdom" ruled by "prime ministers world famous only in Canada," he said, had not been renewed.

Proud cries from separatist Quebecois that they were "a true nation and English Canadians quasi-Americans," he said, triggered a "sharp turning on our impatient American landlords."

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