

# Canada: Yours, mine and ours

Mr. Tennant:

In your article "Don't bite the hand that feeds you" in last weeks Brunswick, you made the repugnant suggestion that Canada should become a political as an economic entity of the United States. In response I say, thanks but no thanks.

The United States of America has a history of expansionistic aggression which spans the American Revolution in 1776 to the Vietnamese War and current activities. In order to build their nation "from sea to shining sea" they butchered their way across lands peopled by North American Indians. To expand into the southwest they tramped over Spanish holidays.

American intervention and violation of the sovereignty of other nations has been far too frequent for me to expound upon here. A couple of examples of such activities in recent years are the installation of the dictator Shah of Iran in the late fifties and the assassination of Salvador Allende the democratically elected President of Chile. All this of course was done under the flimsy cover of the Central Intelligence Agency.

What about US relations with Canada. Well the "defender of freedom" to the south made an unsuccessful attempt to invade

our territory in the War of 1812-14. Having failed to take over our land by military force the US tried to coerce the settlement in Manitoba and the colony of British Columbia to join the Red, White and Blue. This also failed. The US then resorted to the diplomatic route and managed to sway the British arbitrators to lean States-side in US-Canada frontier boundary disputes. The most blatant examples are the Ruch-Baggot Agreement between Maine and New Brunswick and the dispute over the Alaskan Pan Handle which resulted in a give away to the Yanks.

Nowadays there is no great urgency for the US to have the map of North America all one colour with a big star signifying Washington DC. The American based multinationals are quite capable of extracting the oil and numerous natural resources of Canada to meet American demands.

How do they do it and get away with it? Simple, just check and see where the Tories and Liberals get their election campaign funds. I agree with your statement in this context, Mr. Tennant, "Why bite the hand that feeds you?" Really now, how can a Liberal or non-Progressive Conservative government pass legislation to get Canadian control over Canadian re-

sources. They must have campaign funds to fight the next election.

By the way there are also fringe benefits of having your party being the spokesman for the multinationals. Take Peter Laughheed of whom you spoke of with such great admiration, his brother holds an executive position with Gulf Oil. But the Tories aren't the only bedfellows of the large oil conglomerates, Donald MacDonald the uncrowned prince of the Liberal Party has just resigned (officially) from the board rooms of Shell Oil (Dutch)

I believe that PetroCan, which is owned by the Canadian people, is quite capable of taking a dominant role in the Canadian oil industry. As for our other natural resources it is essential that we develop an industrial strategy that goes beyond Tory dogmatism and Liberal short term fiddling. Intermediational long term planning would include development of secondary industry to manufacture the raw materials and create jobs rather than selling our resources wholesale to get money for unemployment cheques. This

does not mean foreign companies would be excluded from investment in Canada, what it does mean is that the control of our resources and economic future will be Ottawa and our elected representatives.

Right now the only political party with a detailed industrial strategy is the New Democratic Party. Democratic socialism is not a radical idealistic unpractical type of government. In eastern Europe it has been long proven to

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## Watered-down policies equal watered-down laws

Dear Editor:

I must disagree with last week's letter urging people to vote NDP and forget about the prospects of a majority government. All that results from a minority situation are watered-down policies which become watered-down law. The past government of Prime Minister Clark attempted to bring in a budget which was far from water-

ed-down. It is the type of budget that we are going to need sooner

or later. We, as students have an opportunity to take on a heavy burden of responsibility by bringing the Conservatives and their budget back on Feb. 18th. Before most of us were even teenagers our parents elected Trudeau who gave us 11 years of mismanagement. Do we wish to leave the same legacy for our own children?

If Trudeau is brought back into power in the upcoming election with a minority government we can be relatively sure of the situation when the Parliament sits.

The Liberals and the NDP will from another co-alition type administration, making compromises for the sake of holding on the reins of power, and nothing concrete will be accomplished.

We need a majority, a strong majority. A vote for Trudeau is a vote for uncertainty, a vote for an old leader with a bad record. A vote for the socialists is just as bad as a vote for Trudeau. As the TV ads say, "The Future Deserves a Fair Chance". Vote Progressive Conservative.

Brent Taylor

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&

York-Sunbury Liberal Candidate

Dan Hurley



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