

"Genuine anti-Americans are a small but shrill minority in Canada. If Americans do not want to swell their ranks, they must learn to distinguish between the predominant forms of nationalism in Canada and malevolent anti-Americanism."

[CANADA'S MOVE]

This paper is supposed to tell Americans what to do about the displeasure they inspire in this hemisphere, and my conclusion, in the case of Canada, is that there is very little the United States as such can do because most of the necessary steps to protect Canadian interests have to be taken by Canadians. We would like Americans — some at least — to change some of their attitudes and their habits, but these can't be legislated.

[THAT GREAT PINK BLOB]

I have even seen advantages in American ignorance of Canada because it has saved us from too benevolent an intervention. (I am more afraid of Americans doing good than Americans pursuing their national interest.) However, when the President of the United States can say . . . that Japan is his country's largest trading partner, apparently unaware that American commerce with Canada is larger than that with Japan and the EEC put together, I am tempted to shrillness and reminded of the danger to my country of such ignorance.

When I read the news in American papers or look at the curricula of American universities, I wonder if Americans ever look at a map of the world. What in God's name do they make of that great pink blob which is all over them and larger? When I find books on American foreign policy, even a recent book on American "imperialism," in which Canada does not appear in the index except in some historic references marked "See Great Britain." I wonder how Americans can understand anything of the history of their own country. It is curious and perverse that these histories talk much about Mexico, where the American record is infamous, and ignore Canada, the existence of which, it seems to me, inspires grave doubts about the proposition that imperialism is as American as apple-pie. Or maybe Americans still haven't noticed that a small band of Canadians outwitted them and copped more than half of their continent.

[FRIENDS AND FOREIGNERS]

What we need is a more adult relationship on both sides. We have to recognize that we are friends and foreigners and that foreigner is not a pejorative word.

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