

by K. Bushing

## DOGNUTS

Remember, you heard it here first. Certain Conservative backers have been told to gear up for the February or March Provincial election. So expect to see handouts, similar to the \$136 million beef producers got this week, coming fast and furious after Christmas. I do think rumors that two more seats being added to the legislature (82 in '82) are somewhat speculative, but the Edmonton Real Estate market has declined in expectation of a decrease in land deals during the election period.

Gee, maybe if the Uni-administration gets on the stick even we can collect on the upcoming goodies. By the way,

Peter (if you're listening), how about March 15?

Canadian Cabinets.

Aren't we lucky to have such protective governments? Right now we are being protected from knowing whether or not Marc Lalonde gave orders to Mounties in Quebec to treat it like any other (hostile?) foreign government. Just think - all those policemen in Quebec will be spared the inconvenience of trial and jail terms since the cabinet documents we are being protected from supposedly prove their innocence - and our government wouldn't give orders to spy and then let

these guys hang out to try to save their own asses, would they??

It's also not in the interest of Albertans to know why the newly-elected Lougheed government decided to expropriate the land of a well-known supporter of the previous government and turn it into a park. Fred Mannix is taking the case all the way to the Supreme Court to try and make the cabinet documents involved public.

A similar case is going on in B.C. A number of developers are trying to get WACKY Jr. to release the minutes of the cabinet meetings where it was decided to put a land freeze on around Vancouver.

Just think of all the things we might have to worry about if all these National Security type documents were made public.

Edmonton

Pavel Kozak, the Rumanian-born skin specialist, has caused quite an upset here. Toronto doctors think he's the greatest thing since malpractice insurance while Edmonton doctors are quite sceptical. In fact they've called for a number of Province-wide study sessions to think about it. Local Albertans have expressed surprise at this turn-about, since it's always been the Ontarians who have tended to be more sceptical in the past about the potential of non-proven resources - like grain, beef, coal, oil, gas and competition. One theory put forward for this phenomena is that "maybe they don't have to invest this time".

## THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Jens Andersen

Dipping into Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* the other day, I came across this passage:

*It's queer how out of touch with truth women are. They live in a world of their own, and there has never been anything like it, and never can be. It is too beautiful altogether, and if they were to set it up it would go to pieces before the first sunset. Some confounded fact we men have been living contentedly with since the day of creation would start up and knock the whole thing over.*

Marlowe, who utters the lines, was prompted to make the remark by some idealistic comment from a Christian lady, but looking at his words now one would suppose that Marlowe was referring to feminist idealism, so perfectly to the words apply to the dreams of today's liberated ladies.

I suppose when the revolution occurs Conrad will be bowdlerized and the passage deleted, along with any other obnoxious suggestion that the lovely dreams of the egalitarians might just be unattainable.

Quote of the Week: "If any department has ever had a vital interest in protecting the wild lands of Alberta for present and future generations it is the Department of Energy and Natural Resources."

The speaker was PC MLA Gordon Stromberg (as quoted in the Nov. 9 Alberta Hansard). Do you suppose it is just a coincidence that the allegation is made in the past tense?

Next week: Jens gets off his butt and finally writes his long-awaited essay, "A conservative rationale for hating William F. Buckley's guts."



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by P. Prince

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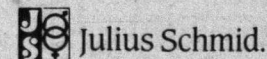
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