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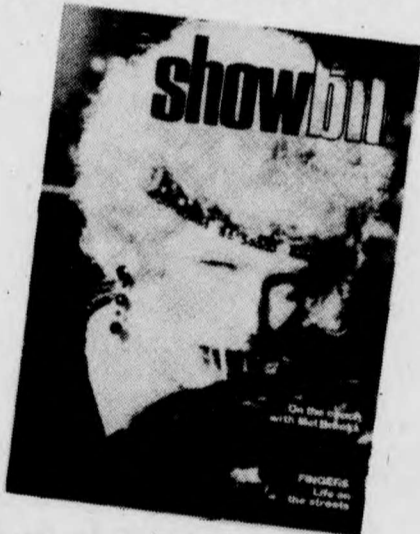
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The legacy of Canadian Liberalism

By Andrew Nikiforuk

"Let it be quite clear that foreign investment is welcome in Canada, that we need it, that we want it and that we will hope it will come."
Pierre Trudeau

"In Canada Liberalism has been a force for reconciliation. Its strength has been its longterm ability to reconcile Canadians to economic domination by multinational corporations, French Canadians to minority status within Confederation, and wage and salary earners to their role in a corporate economy."
James and Robert Laxer

This June a federal election will be held in Canada. This election will decide the economic and political futures of two nations, English Canada and Québec. Many English Canadians secretly confess that the ruling Liberal party is best equipped to make these decisions. They defend such a choice by claiming that there are no alternatives.

This is an erroneous and irresponsible view. It is a rationalization based on lies and subtle propaganda. It too, is a position encouraged by a media

largely controlled and manipulated by liberal sympathizers.

Why is such a view mistaken? Why is Liberalism not a viable alternative for the people of English Canada and Québec?

At the risk of seeming ridiculous, let me state quite unequivocally that if English Canadians and the Québécois do not defeat Liberalism, Liberalism will defeat us. The Liberal party is not a party for the people.

In Canada Liberalism means continentalism and continentalism means foreign control of the economy. Liberals argue that they do not care who owns our resources or industries as long as they provide us with a high standard of living.

In Canada 350 of the nation's 500 largest corporations are foreign-owned. Such key industries as computers, drugs, oil, petrochemicals, machinery, electronics, gas, and automobiles are dominated by American, West German and Japanese corporations. Individuals in New York, Tokyo and Frankfurt control the destiny of our land and forests and minerals. We are not masters in our own house.

We are a nation dependent upon

the whims and priorities of big multinationals. We are the laughing stock of the industrial world. Losing control of one's economy is now called "Canadianization."

Continentalism has given us a very unusual standard of living. More than one million of our people are unemployed. Our inflation rate is the highest among industrial nations. Twenty percent of the population receive only four percent of the national income while another twenty percent receive more than forty percent of this income. We pay a dear price for a Liberal and foreign-owned standard of living.

Liberalism in Canada means provincial poverty. There are no jobs in Newfoundland or on Cape Breton Island. Foreign ownership of the economy means high standards of living for some and no standards for others. The Liberal party has sustained the underdevelopment of the Maritime provinces. It funds the building of steel mills in Mexico but not in Newfoundland.

Liberalization in Canada means corruption. The following Liberals have broken or evaded the very laws they swore to uphold: Jean Marchand, Otto Lang, Francis Fox, Warren Allmand and John Monroe. All of these men are or were cabinet ministers. Honesty and common decency are not Liberal virtues.

Liberalism in Canada means contempt for democracy. Federal police spy on opposition members and raid newspaper offices with impunity. Federal troops have occupied a province and arrested 500 citizens to defend the life of a Liberal labour minister with underworld connections. To the Prime Minister the members of the opposition "are just nobodies" and the people just nonentities. Reason, and efficiency take precedence over the right of the Canadian people to participate in the affairs of their nation.

Liberalism in Canada means free trade with military dictatorships. Canada is the largest foreign investor in Chile and the second largest investor in Brazil. We sell nuclear reactors at a loss to a group of Argentinian generals whose contempt for life is a matter of professional honour.

Liberalism in Canada means denationalization. There is no such thing as a national identity, mythology or culture. These are "evil" primitive notions. There is only multiculturalism, bilingualism and pretty mosaics; there is only American culture and Liberal propaganda. The Liberal party has persistently denied English Canadians the right to be independent and to develop a national identity. English Canadians are not a cosmopolitan, bilingual, mindless classless mass. We will not be reconciled to being slaves in our own house.

Liberalism in Canada means there is no such thing as the nation of Québec. Liberals seek to deny and cover-up 300 hundred years of history, 300 years of oppression and compromise. English Canada is not Québec, and Québec is not English Canada. What every Liberal fails to understand is the "true meaning of interdependence: only if all of us are independent can all of us be interdependent".

Liberalism in Canada means promising one thing and doing another. Liberals promise no wage controls and then introduce such controls. Liberals promise a "just society" and then tell us to leave the country to seek work. Liberals wrestle inflation to the ground and then inflation wrestled the Liberals to the ground.

Liberalism in Canada means a dependent economy. It means the freedom to sell and buy labour, capital and land in a market place unhindered by petty national identities, by independence and by social justice. It means the freedom to be dominated by multinationals. It means the freedom to be unemployed, to be a useless commodity in a Liberal welfare state.

Ending the year on an uncertain note

By L. Andrew Cardozo

Last week, York President H. Ian Macdonald announced that Québec Premier, René Lévesque would be visiting York University on Friday, April 7.

This is a significant step by the Premier in many aspects. Most significant is the fact that this will be his first open forum outside Québec. In addition to this, it has been arranged on his own request. Why he chose York is also a matter of curiosity.

There are many hypotheses that can explain this scenario. There is no doubt that on Friday, Lévesque will be selling the concept of Sovereignty-Association. This time it will be to English Canada, and this time, more explicitly. Of late, the Parti Québécois has been defining the concept in more concrete terms.

Time is running out. With the next Québec election in 1980, the promised referendum will have to take its place before then.

Other events in Québec are also twisting his arm. The Québec Liberal Party, badly battered in 1976, has been making a comeback over the past year. This will be topped off by the selection of a new leader next week, and whether it be Claude Ryan or Raymond Garneau, it will mark the end of one party domination.

Sources from the Québec

Government Office in Toronto said that Lévesque's trip to Toronto is mainly because of his invitation to be chief speaker at the Annual National Newspaper Awards. His speech at York seems to be a symbol of the recognition by his government, that this University has been particularly responsive to the quest of the P.Q. and the Great Canadian Debate, as it has held several conferences. The personal friendship of H. Ian Macdonald with several P.Q. members, which dates back to his days in Intergovernmental Affairs, in addition to his Chairpersonship of the Ontario Advisory Committee on Confederation, can also be seen to be a contributing factor. The fact that we will not be seeing Bill Davis on this trip is also noteworthy.

The response by the York Community remains to be seen. Other than a small demonstration by the local Marxist-Leninist York Student Movement, it is likely to be viewed with appreciation as the single most significant political event at the university this year. It is unlikely however that he will get away with plum questions. He is coming to speak to a politically well-informed community, and he certainly knows he cannot bluff them. It is a significant way to end the academic year — on a note of uncertainty for the future.

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