

Abortion response

It truly amazes me that Jo-Anne Cocoran can say so little in so many words. Her letter is typical of those who are against abortion but cannot find any concrete reasoning to back up their opinion. She supports my point perfectly — that anti-abortionists refuse to face reality. The reality is that thousands of thirteen and fourteen year-olds are getting pregnant every year, not because they 'wine him, dine him and bed him' but because of various reasons which I shall not discuss, since I do not have the space nor the knowledge to do so accurately. The fact is they are. It is also a fact that a child born to a single, immature parent and the parent herself develop psychological problems and form a large part of our welfare society. But I can see that you, Jo, think it is better to "grow-up" by having a baby at fifteen, than to have an abortion. I don't think you know the difference between mothering a baby, living in a shabby apartment and making a minimum wage. How happy do you think a girl is in that situation? But then again, she's not supposed to be happy. She has what she deserves, right?

And Jo, how could you be so naive as to think that 'pregnancy is just nine months of our life'? Come on, now. You must be living in a different world than I. In this world, employers don't look too kindly on their single employees, or even married employees for that matter, becoming pregnant. It doesn't matter if you're twenty,

thirty or fifteen, pregnancy is much more than nine months of your life. If you can't see that, you'd better open your eyes and take a look at the world. I'm afraid that controlling your life is not quite as simple as you think it is. You say 'if a woman tries hard enough, she can find a way to control a situation.' That is your solution? You have essentially said nothing, but have in fact, betrayed an attitude of self-satisfaction and arrogance common to many anti-abortionists. Isn't it time that you and others like you came out from under your self-granted halo and recognized what reality is?

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P.S. The funniest part of Jo-Anne Cocoran's letter was the part about 'poor Morgentaler working overtime until some people tried to clue him in.' I'd check my facts if I were you Jo.

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Reader Comment

"Joe Clark's performance has been one to inspire confidence and a good deal of hope."

So thought an editorialist in the Latin America Daily Post; a rather refreshing foreign perspective on domestic affairs.

We're generally unaware of how foreign media view our domestic affairs; and thus we are losing a valuable perspective, another perhaps, to add to the views given us by our domestic media.

The Edmonton Journal makes some effort to give a foreign perspective on international events, and having borrowed from such respected sources as the Guardian, the Economist, the Christian Science Monitor, and the New York Times, the Journal is a better paper.

From time to time, but rarely, foreign views on Canada's domestic affairs are reprinted in the Journal too. For example, last year, in August, an article was reprinted from the Christian Science Monitor which reported the alarming rate of increase in Canadian investment in the United States. The report said there were rumblings in Congress about setting up a Federal Control Agency not unlike Canada's own Foreign Investment Review Agency (FIRA):

What is notable, and slightly amusing in all of this, is that the next paragraph read, "FIRA was formed in 1974 by the nationalistic former Trudeau government."

Considering Trudeau's negative disposition toward nationalism, this might be taken as an insult; moreover, FIRA has hardly proved to be in any real sense an effective agency to screen foreign takeovers.

More important, however, we see how not only a respected U.S. paper feels, but by extension how the U.S. public feels about Canada.

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and its affairs. This view may well be one simply misinformed; on the other hand, it may reflect to us some simmering nationalism which we unwittingly take for granted. In any case, we know the opinion exists, for better or worse.

Returning to the first quotation from the Latin American Daily Post (whose integrity is not spoken for), read on:

"Joe Clark has...demonstrated an ability to govern Canada with a quiet and simplicity that contrasts with the hoopla associated with Trudeau's hyped-up governing style, and that's comforting."

The 'nationalist' brand in the Monitor report may have been, and most likely was, an uninformed misnomer. The perspective in the Daily Post has more implication.

The contrast of styles given here between Joe Clark and Pierre Trudeau, one which now, seems obvious, is remarkable.

Remarkable, that is, for its common sense. It shows that the kind of irrational popularity and gimmickry which Trudeau relied on for support through his years is, to some, distasteful. Moreover, it implies preferences and perhaps rightly so, for a more respectable and ultimately responsible regime under one such as Joe Clark.

This must be qualified, however, for a regime such as Peter Lougheed's also appears to be run with a "quiet and simplicity." It is, of course, neither respectable nor responsible.

Finally, this perspective is remarkable because it is one largely ignored by the domestic media, which relies on, and thus prefers, "hoopla" for headlines, instead of a less conspicuous, but more effective government.

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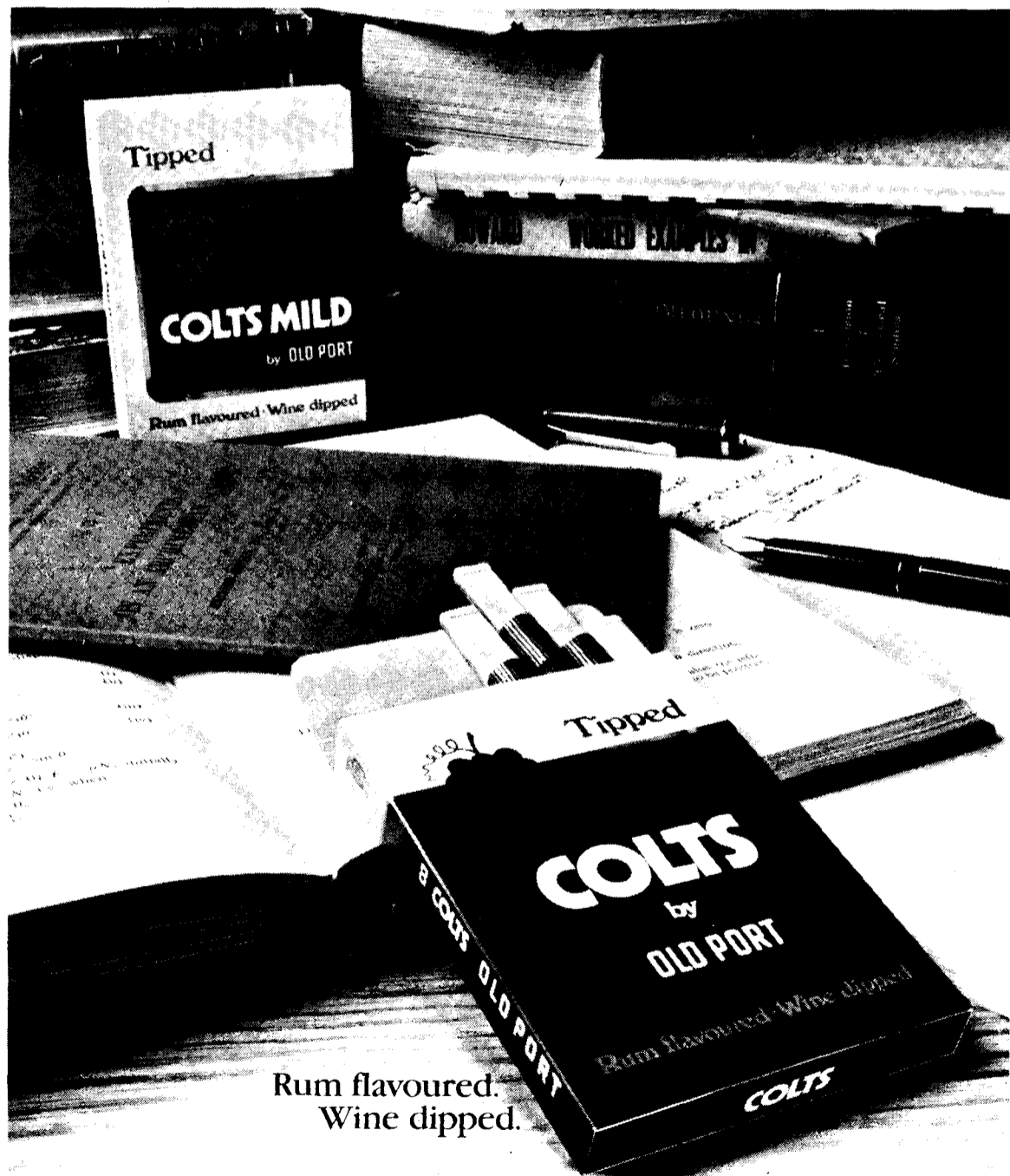
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