

though it is a state founded TV, the ruling party does not run it, and sometimes the CBC is the state's biggest critic.

On the same day the Liberal convention was started with meetings of youth and women. Prime Minister Jean Chretien addressed the youth. It was very interesting for several reasons. He spoke simultaneously in English and French to liberal youth about issues they were interested in: employment; school system; student's credits; and the necessity for involving youth in the party's activities as an useful investment in the party's future. This party works on increasing youth and women membership to make it 1/3 of total number.

At the convention, in addition to elections for the national executive for the Liberal Party of Canada, elections were held for the separate commissions: the youth; the women; and the Aborigines. This gave us the opportunity see real campaigns complete with interesting materials. Each of 301 ridings sent delegates which would elect the party's leadership on the national level. That gave a chance for every member of the party on the local level to participate in the election process.

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After that, we visited Elections Canada. They do the similar job as OSCE in our country. This institution is independent financially and politically. The Chief election officer is elected traditionally by consensus of parliamentary parties and is accountable to the parliament. Their primary job is to organize elections and to update the national voters list, but they also do special projects as increasing the Aboriginal vote and the vote of new Canadians.

Another thing that doesn't exist in our political society are lobbying firms. Their job is to lobby for the interests of their clients (companies and organizations) within governing institutions, using extensive political experience and great knowledge of the system. This is normal in Canada, but it was really new for us. In this business, transparency is absolutely present. Everything is very well known, from who asked for assistance to amount of money have to be paid for representing their interests. The system of checks and balances exists in this job.

We visited the Canadian Human Rights Commission. In a country like Canada, with a long democratic tradition and extremely high level of democracy, human right's disrespect is problem that still exists. In Canada, within the law system there exists a special Tribunal whose basic work is the solving of cases which infringe human rights. For example, there is a problem with Indians in reservations. All of this information can help us to make a good definition of democracy. Democracy is not an instant formula for solving problems overnight, but a process of a society growing up which includes the recognition of mistakes and openness for solving them.

After lunch with the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lloyd Axworthy, we had very useful conversation with him about political events in our country and in Kosovo. He defined the position of the Canadian Government in Republic of Srpska and BiH Federation. He also expressed Canada's willingness to be active and involved in the