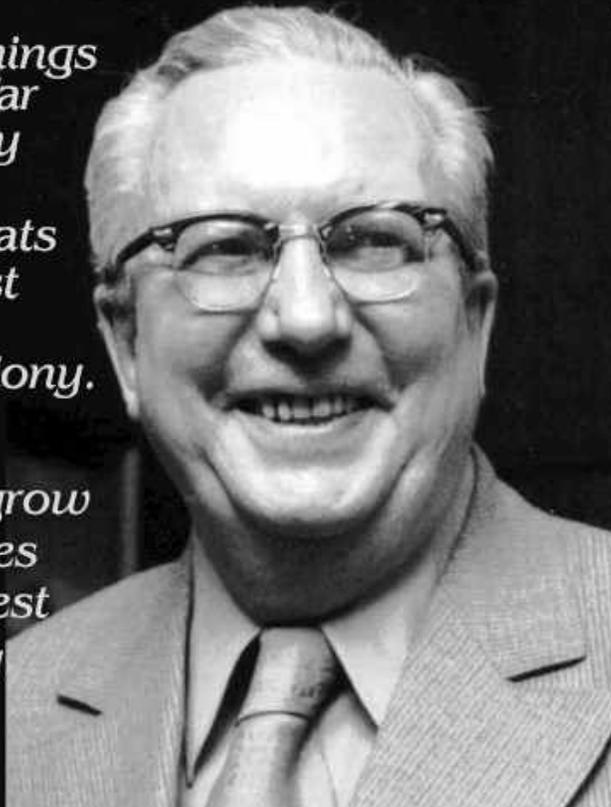


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Our cover: This month's cover continues our series featuring Western Canadian separatist folk heroes with Carl Nickle. See page 2 for more.

The Dogs That Didn't Bark

by Richard McBride

At the beginning of April, dozens of bizarre emails began appearing in my Inbox. They claimed that the House of Commons had passed a law that would compel the appointment of "fully bilingual" justices to the Supreme Court of Canada. This would mean that henceforth only jurists as fluent in French as in English could sit on the highest court. I was sceptical, to put it mildly.

It wasn't just that this would be a stupid law. The House passes all manner of these. The problem was that I hadn't heard a peep of it until then. Not that I consider myself omniscient, by any means. It just seemed that a law as contentious as this would have been all over the newspapers, TV and talk radio and that the outrage of Western Canadian and other Anglophone MPs would have been fearsome to behold.

Frankly, the whole business smacked of the paranoia of J.V. Andrew's 1977 underground bestseller, *Bilingual Today, French Tomorrow*, which claimed that Pi-

erre Trudeau had set in motion a conspiracy to “convert Canada from an English-speaking country into a French-speaking country.” This, according to Andrew, would “shortly lead to a Canadian civil war” in which “many lives will be lost, and much of eastern Canada will be laid waste.” QED, ha ha ha.

But on April 5, the *Globe and Mail* confirmed that Bill C-232, a private member’s motion by New Brunswick MP Yvon Godin had been passed by the House in March, was awaiting confirmation by the Senate and did indeed compel all future SCC nominees to be fully bilingual. C-232 was then roundly condemned by the *Globe* and by the *National Post* and the other CanWest newspapers. It was also, no surprise, lauded by Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff. Stephen Harper had no reported comment.

Examination of the passage of C-232 on March 31 demonstrated that Ignatieff had seemingly ordered his MPs to vote for it. As had Gilles Duceppe and Jack Layton. And Stephen Harper. (Not that he bothered to vote himself.) In other words, this had been a whipped vote. And a close one: 140-137. And yet no word about C-232 appeared in the *Globe* until April 5, in the *National Post* until April 20 and in the *The Star* until April 23. Why?

Readers of this space will be familiar with my belief that Canada’s media is the worst in the English-speaking world. But it was not as if CanWest had not paid attention to this issue in the past. The *National Post* informed us of a previous attempt to enforce Supreme Court bilingualism in 2008, and in 2009 the *Vancouver Sun* informed us that Heritage Minister James Moore was opposed to the concept. And yet in 2010 not a single Conservative MP, let alone any cabinet ministers, spoke out against C-232.

It’s not hard to guess why. Conservative MPs were ordered to stay silent. If they hadn’t,

tremendous pressure would have been put on Liberal and NDP MPs in the West to vote against C-232, and it might not have passed. In other words, this was a stitch-up. Stephen Harper was perfectly content for Quebec to gain even more power. He just didn’t want you to know about it, and our courtier media, including the “right-wing” *National Post* was perfectly happy to play along.

So Western Canadians, the question is, how do you like your Conservative Party and your stooge MPs now? It was about 25 years ago that the West began its revolt against the Quebec-first policies of Brian Mulroney. This begat the Reform Party, which begat the Canadian Alliance, which begat the merger, which begat the leadership of shy dictator Stephen Harper. Which has brought us full circle. What Quebec wants, Quebec gets. Rectifying the mythical “fiscal imbalance”? Check. A separate seat for Quebec in UNESCO? Check. Official recognition of Quebec as a “nation”? Check. What’s next? A separate team for Quebec in the Olympics? Wait and see.

James Moore is ever so anxious to let us know how bilingual he is. Yvon Godin, on the other hand, presents to his constituents (15% Anglophone) a unilingually French website (yvongodin.npd.ca). And so long as Western Canadians continue to vote for the Conservative Party, Western Canadian politicians will continue to cringe before the Quebec vote and beg for the privilege of being robbed.

Western Canada has all the attributes necessary for a strong nation. All that it lacks is courage. Politically, all it needs to do is to destroy the quisling Conservative Party.

Carl Nickle

A short article in the *Globe and Mail* newspaper on November 1, 1980 caused a huge response in contrast to its size. It simply said that “the threat of separatism in Western Canada intensified yesterday when Calgary oilman Carl Nickle came out in support of a separate

Western Canadian nation. As a man whose family helped pioneer a major oil discovery in Alberta in the 1930s, and as editor emeritus of the Daily Oil Bulletin, Mr. Nickle is a respected and well-known figure in the Calgary business community.”

For awhile, Mr. Nickle was very active speaking for and supporting the Westfed organization, and many believed him to be the hope of the West, then he dropped out of sight. A later article suggested that the reason for this abrupt abandonment by Mr. Nickle. According to Ruth Gorman, a lifelong friend, “[he] was told by certain parties to either quietly and immediately desist from his western advocacy or go to jail for tax delinquency.” (Source: Byfield, Mike. Citizens Centre Report. Edmonton: June 2003. Vol. 30. Iss. 10; pg. 39)

The Cost of Confederation

Bill C 232: Linguistics Above Knowledge

The following questions and answers are from an exclusive interview that the Saskatoon *Star Phoenix* held with Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff when he recently visited Saskatchewan, and which was published on April 24, 2010:

Star Phoenix (SP): Your party has advocated for a requirement that Supreme Court justices be bilingual. Wouldn't that leave out a lot of great candidates from Saskatchewan and Alberta, places where bilingualism isn't that strong?

Michael Ignatieff (MI): First of all, there's a French fact in Saskatchewan, which is important. It's not the case that French isn't a part of the cultural heritage of the West, just look at the place names.

SP: But it's relatively minuscule . . .

MI: But I can't believe that these great law schools in the West can't produce great lawyers, men and women, who have the capacity to serve on a bilingual court. I don't think it's more

of a challenge than it is for Ontario or the Maritimes. Let's not single out the West as some kind of problem. We've got some great western justices — Justice Marshall Rothstein is a great guy. The West wants in . . . to these great national institutions, but we are a bilingual country. And this is not a minor matter because a quarter of the cases come from Quebec. This isn't me creating a new obstacle that the West has to overcome. This is our country and I want the West to participate and I want our law schools to be sending out the message: ***“You want to get on the Supreme Court? You might want to study a little French.”***

Late They Come....

The following are excerpts from excellent commentaries on this bill and its repercussions. Unfortunately, these commentaries took place too late to alert the citizens of Western Canada to the implications of Bill C232:

Lorne Gunter, in the Edmonton Journal, April 25, 2010:

“If the Senate does not defeat it, Bill C-232 will amend the Supreme Court Act to insist that all future appointees to our highest court be fluently bilingual, and ***not just fluent in conversational French and English, but in both official legalistic languages.*** It will make it a prerequisite for justices to be able to hear all cases without the aid of translation.

“In practical terms, the bill will restrict appointment to ***a very small number*** of bilingual legal scholars and lower-court judges. It will make it ***difficult for Canadians outside a narrow strip from Ottawa, through Montreal and Quebec City, and into Moncton, to ever be appointed to the court that has the final say over how the Charter will be interpreted and what rights we may have.***

“It will make it difficult for English speaking Canadians to sit on the Supreme Court and ***almost impossible for Western Canadians.***

“Century-old conventions that call for one justice from British Columbia and another from the Prairies will be swamped by the Liberal, New Democratic and Bloc desire to impose a symbolic, but unnecessary level of bilingualism on future justices.” . . .

“Just 10 per cent of English Canadians claim to be bilingual, and that number is likely high. It comes from the latest census, but is self-declared. To be counted as bilingual, one merely needs to tell Statistics Canada that one considers himself — or herself — to be fluent in both official languages. No vocabulary test is required.

“What’s more, that 10-per-cent claim is for conversational fluency, not for the much higher legal standard presumed by Bill C-232. It’s one thing to be able to order a non-fat, no-whip, half-sweet, fair-trade mocha in the other official language, *it’s quite another to be able to listen to complex legal arguments, often containing arcane terminology, in one’s second language.*

“The number of English Canadians who possess the language skills necessary for selection to the highest court would be *a tiny fraction of one per cent.*

“Conversely, about 42 per cent of French Canadians claim fluency. This number, while also undoubtedly inflated, is likely closer to the truth because French Canadians are surrounded by English culture and live in parts of the country where they are able to use both official languages often enough in their daily lives to develop and maintain functional fluency. . . .

“...making it necessary to possess fluency in both official legal languages first, before one’s legal resume can even be considered, would reduce the number further to a few dozen inside Quebec and perhaps just a dozen or two outside.”

“Bill C-232 may be intended as nothing more than a seemingly meaningless attempt to make the Supreme Court look as bilingual as

the rest of the federal bench, but *its real-world impact will be to exclude great swaths of the country from having representation on our highest court as it increasingly makes society-altering rulings.*” [end of excerpts from Lorne Gunter, emphasis added. Editor.]

And More....

The inimitable Ezra Levant, on his blog at www.ezralevant.com writes:

“That level of bilingualism would exclude at least seven of the nine current judges on the court, including the Chief Justice herself.

“It would immediately reduce the pool of candidates from the West. To have such a command of both languages so as to abandon the aid of interpreters, would even rule out many Quebeckers whose English is not perfect. In other words, it would make language skills more important than legal skills.

“But from Ignatieff’s point of view, that’s not a bug in the program, that’s a feature. Under the Graves Strategy, *it would ensure that the West, the fastest-growing region in Canada, is shut out from yet another national institution.* And any Westerner who objected could be called a bigot and a rube and “anti-French”, to the delight of those more cosmopolitan ridings where Ignatieff might have a chance. In other words, pit Toronto against Saskatoon; pit Montreal against Calgary. That’s the Graves Strategy. Sort of like Keith Davey’s Liberal strategy that he articulated for Pierre Trudeau: “Screw the West, we’ll take the rest.” [end of Ezra Levant excerpts]

More Regional Parties

Eastern Canada has recently seen the development of the Atlantica Party, which shows many of the same signs that Western Canadian protest parties have exhibited in the

past, for example the following excerpt from their website, www.atlanticaparty.ca:

Who is the Atlantica Party?

We are a group of unaffiliated citizens concerned about Nova Scotians' future. We founded The Atlantica Party four years ago to propose and investigate new and exciting ideas for Nova Scotians, many ideas you will not hear about from the other parties. Although the party is a provincial party we have a regional outlook and we are planning to seeking official status in each of the four provinces of Atlantic Canada.

Why should I support the Atlantica Party?

If you agree with even a few of these proposals for change then supporting the Atlantica Party is the surest way of getting something done. It is a maxim that throughout history political elites have always regarded their system as the epitome of political management and have regarded substantive reform as laughable or even dangerous. However from time to time the people have risen up and refined the system, it has occurred various times in Atlantic Canada in the last 250 years (the last time in Nova Scotia was in 1847 and the most recent was 1949 in Newfoundland & Labrador), that is how we have progressed to our current system. We are overdue for the next step forward. Only the Atlantica Party is committed to taking that step!

Why did you use the name Atlantica?

We choose the name quite a few years ago and we did not pick it up from free trade zone rather we use it to mirror the concept of Cascadia on the west coast. . . .

Why are you provincial and not federal?

Simple. Our intent is substantive reform for Atlantic Canada and it is easier to form a provincial government rather than go up against Ottawa and the vested interests at the national level. However this does not preclude us from forming a regional federal party in the future based in Atlantic Canada.

A Separatist Speaks

by Douglas Christie

Doug Christie Speaks to the "Cranky Old Men from Alberta"

The following is a transcript of Doug's video that was posted on YouTube in response to the Frank Graves affair:

The one thing you can never do in a corrupt society is tell the truth. It appears that one Frank Graves has made the mortal sin in Canada. He told the truth: there is a culture war, and the West, and rural Canada, is on the outside.

What he told the Liberals apparently was -- and I quote now: "I told them they should invoke a culture war, cosmopolitanism versus parochialism, secularism versus moralism, Obama versus Palin, tolerance versus racism and homophobia, democracy versus autocracy." Then he said, "If the cranky old men in Alberta don't like it, too bad. Go south and vote for Palin."

You know what I have to say? People like Kory Teneycke are really upset. No doubt the Conservatives are really upset because their game is almost up. They pretend that there is no culture war in Canada and that they can win in Ontario and Quebec by still being true to their values, and they can't.

They can't because Central Canada is Liberal. And what Frank Graves said is true about Central Canada on every one of those issues. They're for cosmopolitanism; they're for secularism; they're for Obama; they're for tolerance of anything and everything; and they also look upon Western Canada as a bunch of cranky old men. They always identify it with Alberta, but if they talk to the average person, they'd find that those Alberta sentiments exist in most of rural Western Canada at least.

So why don't Western Canadians get honest with themselves? Don't go about denying all those accusations! Face the truth. Those strategies that would polarize the Central Canadian cosmopolitan majority against the Western Canadian minority will always be lost by Western Canadians. We will always lose in the culture war.

Our culture is being eliminated in Western Canada, and you should face the fact that if you don't want to see it eliminated you have to separate in Western Canada and build a new country where your culture can survive.

The Conservatives are basically trying to be as good at dissembling and being a pretence of what they are, so that the Liberal voters of Central Canada will still buy them. That's the strategy of Stephen Harper: Keep quiet about your core values; don't talk about abortion, don't talk about homosexuality, or the immigration policy. Be quiet about everything that really matters. So that we can convince those smug Central Canadian voters that incidentally rely on and live off Western Canadian resources in their affluence and their tax-spending ways. Maybe we can con them into believing that we're not really Conservatives, that we're really Liberal progressives like them.

That's the Harper strategy and it's a sell-out. And he knows it and he's simply got to face the fact that when the truth is told, a culture war that will result in the Liberals winning at all costs, every time. And so either it's the same strategy as the Liberals, that we have to deny who we are and pretend we aren't who we really are, or alternatively, we have to surrender our culture, our heritage, our language and everything else that we are to the Central Canadian mafia that rules from Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

And it doesn't matter whether Frank Graves supports the Liberals or not. He's telling the truth about how the Liberals can win

and how they have won in the past. And how if Stephen Harper wants to win, he has to really become a Liberal. He has to become the culture enemy of Western Canada to become the culture friend of Central Canada. That's how Canada works.

So Frank Graves has done a great service. He's told the truth, in a world of lies, and the Central Canadian establishment, Liberal and Conservatives are trembling that the average Western Canadian might catch on.

Well of course, not too many will see this video, but if they did, they would realize that it's "separate or surrender" -- our future, our culture, our resources and everything that matters.

So you make the choice! You can ignore what I say, and live in the lie that the Conservatives have established for themselves, and pretend that you can win in Ottawa when you know you can't, and you're wasting your time, and you're wasting your future, and you're selling your children into a cultural slavery.

You can do that. Or you can build a nation of Western Canada where we will have our own culture, and be proud and free and true to it. That's what I want to do. That's why I built the Western Block; that's why I started the Western Canada Concept, and that's why I'm proud of what I did for Western Canada that was honest and true to who I am and who you are, in the main, in Western Canada.

Thank you. Free the West!

The comments that this video has received follow:

"What was said of Western Canada in this video would hold true for Quebec as well, to some extent. To get the best results for every side involved, Quebec should secede first."

"If Western Canada forms an independent country, I'm there."

“I really like Doug Christie. He is a man of great intelligence, compassion and truth.”

“The culture war has been raging in Canada for decades, but the statist (of all major parties) refuse to openly acknowledge it. The elected government in Ottawa is nothing but window dressing.”

“We are having the same type of problems keeping out the EU.”

“I’m a cranky old man and I am a maritimer. It astounds me how many people vote against their values and continue to support the Liberals. But I think it is more a matter that for decades these values were served up as an overbearing enforced conformity. Oliver Cromwell achieved what no king could...then he turned around and alienated his support by trying to eliminate “sin” by making it a crime. The right in North America keeps shooting itself in the foot by insisting on repeating this mistake.”

More Truth-Telling

I have said before that in a corrupt society the worst thing you can do is tell the truth. It upsets the established order. This is what Frank Graves did in telling the Liberals how to win an election by declaring a culture war against Alberta, the symbol of the West. But when a politician tells the truth in a corrupt society, it’s rather like the fox advising chickens where to sleep at night. It’s particularly revealing when a “multiculturalist” like Ujal Dosanjh speaks about the progress of “multiculturalism.” He suggested Sikhs who want an independent Khalistan should “buy land in Alberta and make their own country.” He made these comments very on Radio India which is located strangely enough in Surrey, B.C. and was broadcast in the Punjabi language.

Why is this then like the fox telling the chickens where to sleep? Why is this true at all, or revealing? Simply put, Surrey is already a growing Sikh country. There is little assimila-

tion into an English-speaking, secular society, as the Liberals promote for the rest of us. The Sikh community is actually “making their own country” in Surrey. And why not? How should Mr. Dosanjh complain? He used to advertise himself as the first Sikh premier, which didn’t hurt him, politically. I am not deprecating ambitious, hard-working people who value and assimilate into the Western Canadian culture. But the reality appears to be more like the so-called racism Western Canadians are accused of.

And it’s not just Sikhs but Tamils, Vietnamese, Cantonese and many other groups that are creating their own country here. This is supported by Liberals, Conservatives and N.D.P. Eventually the country that is already here will be dispossessed.

Mr. Dosanjh and Mr. Graves have one thing in common. They both told the truth about what’s really going on. Mr. Graves hasn’t backed down much. He was just “giving advice.” Mr. Dosanjh says he was just being sarcastic. Many truths are told in such jokes.

The question is what are we able to do about it? Don’t rely on Stephen Harper who must win Toronto, Montreal and Surrey. For us in the West it is separate or surrender. Become a rootless cosmopolitan or be a dispossessed minority in your homeland. Doing nothing is a choice but the consequences are obvious.

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