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Only You Can Stop My Boozing

"A former Polish farmer has come up with a new reason for claiming asylum: dangerous drinking buddies. 'The Applicant states that he is a severe alcoholic who will relapse should he return to the friends in Poland who encourage him to drink,' reads a **Federal Court** decision released last month. In his refugee application, **Tadeusz Jasiel**, 50, states that, if he can't get political asylum in Canada, he'll probably drink his way into an insane asylum in Poland. He argues that such 'cruel and unusual punishment' would be tantamount to 'a danger of torture.' ... Mr. Jasiel, who arrived in Canada last year, has been denied refugee status twice, but has not exhausted the chances offered by the system. [Not by any means -- refusal only opens new pleading vistas.] Negative rulings are frequently appealed at the **Federal Court**. 'There's a tiny percentage of people who would not get a hearing,' **IRB** spokesman **Charles Hawkins** said. 'You can be excluded for serious criminality, but you would not be excluded because your case, on the surface, doesn't seem like a very strong case.' [That frivolity loophole is welcome news for Tad, because even with the broadest possible reading of "asylum," he shouldn't be our problem at all.] He left Poland as an unemployed farmer a decade ago. From 1996 to 2004, he lived without status in the United States, washing dishes at a hotel. [And strangely, chose not to pursue his precedent setting claim there. Well, never mind, as his lawyer cheerfully observes] Canada's definition of a refugee 'is changing all the time.' ... His client, he added, ought to be allowed to stay 'for humanitarian reasons.' [As for the scheming dipsomaniac], he says the notion of returning to his homeland is enough to drive him to drink. 'The idea that I am unable to earn a living in Poland makes me depressive and turns me to alcohol abuse.'" (*Globe and Mail*, September 23, 2005) But being unable to earn a living in Canada is okay. This preposterous case emphasizes the importance of our demand that all potential immigrants and refugees apply and be vetted abroad. It's only Jasiel's presence in Canada that allows him to clog up and ratchet up the costs of our immigration system with his ludicrous appeal.

Post 1980 Cohort Doing Worse and Worse

Earnings of Immigrant Men as a Percent of Earnings of Canadian-born Men (StatsCan figures, March 11, 2003)

| Years since Immigrants' Arrival | 1980 Census | 1990 Census | 2000 Census |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | 72 | 63 | 63 |
| 5 | 92 | 77 | 77 |
| 10 | 100 | 90 | 80 |

"For immigrant cohorts before the 1970s, 10 years was enough to learn the language and otherwise adjust to Canada sufficiently to have earnings equal to or even slightly exceeding those of Canadians. This fact suggests that the relatively low earnings of the recent cohorts after 10 years in Canada are due to factors other than the need to learn the language and adjust to labour market conditions. [Recognition of plummeting immigrant outcomes is so widespread that a recent report prepared for **Statistics Canada** was entitled] -- **Will They Ever Converge? Earnings of Immigrant and Canadian-born Workers Over the Last Two Decades**. [The authors concluded:] 'their earnings will have to grow at an *abnormally* high rate in the coming years in order to converge with Canadian-born earnings.' ... Consider the bottom row [of the chart] -- in the 1980 census, their earnings were equal to those of Canadians. In 1990 the 10-year immigrant men had reached 90 percent of the earnings of their

Canadian counterparts. Crucially, by 2000, the figure had fallen to 80 percent. Gaps of 20 percent in the mean income of immigrants means that numerically a large proportion of them have incomes below the average. [It remains an article of faith among immigration-boosters that immigrants continue to pull their weight and even represent a net gain for Canada, despite the fact that] immigrants in recent years have had lower incomes than other Canadians. As a result, the progressive personal income tax system, as well as other taxes that are related to income, requires the average immigrant to pay fewer taxes than do other Canadians, while both groups absorb roughly the same value of government services. [Or, put another way, in 2000, so few immigrants were paying high tax rates that] whereas other Canadians had incomes at levels that required the payment of taxes that added up to 100 percent of all taxes collected, the immigrant cohort had members with levels of incomes that required tax payments that would have been equal to only 21.3 percent of all taxes collected if the number of immigrants had been as large as that of the other Canadians. [Taking into account just those who arrived during a one-year period --1990,] transfers from other Canadians to the average immigrant in the 1990 cohort were \$6,294 in 2000. ... This basic number can be used in a number of calculations designed to put the value of the transfers into useful perspective. First, there were 216,396 immigrants who came to Canada in 1990. Multiplying this number by the fiscal transfers of \$6,294 comes to \$1.36 billion [over a single year. Now, let's be optimistic and say immigrant performance will *not* continue to decline; by projecting current demands over a lifetime,] transfers from other Canadians to the average immigrant from the 1990 cohort over his or her [average] 45 years in Canada comes to \$282,800 (\$6,294 times 45). For the entire cohort this adds up to a total of \$61.2 billion. [And remember, that applies to just one year's worth of entries, when immigrant performance actually took a nose dive around 1975, just about the time Canada liberalized admission standards] Now consider the value of the transfers received in the year 2002 by immigrants who had arrived in the 13 years from 1990 to 2002. Assume that each of these immigrants [there were 2.9-million of them] received a transfer of \$6,294 in 2002. ... Multiplication of the number of immigrants (2.9 million) by \$6,294 results in the estimate that the total bill for the transfers was \$18.3 billion [in one year!] To put this number into perspective, consider that program spending by the federal government in 2000/2001 was \$116 billion. This means that the fiscal transfers to immigrants that year came to about 16 percent of that federal spending ... more than what the federal government spent on health care ... almost twice as much as the federal government spent on defence. [Projecting those figures over immigrant lifetimes works out to a staggering \$823-billion. And that's just immigrants admitted between 1990 and 2002: The disappointing outcomes that started around 1975 worsen every year. And **Joe Volpe** has announced plans to expand Canada's pool of loyal **Liberal** voters by up to 40% annually. In his paper, **Discomfort of Strangers**, **David Goodhart** says:] 'A generous welfare state is not compatible with open borders. ... If welfare states demand that we pay into a common fund on which we can all draw at times of need, it is important that we feel that most people have made the same effort to be self-supporting and will not take advantage.'" (**Immigration and the Welfare State in Canada: Growing Conflicts, Constructive Solutions**, **Herbert Grubel**, **Fraser Institute**, September 2005) Mr. Grubel's complex prescription -- merit-based immigration based on temporary work visas to fill labour market needs with frequent reviews of files and mandatory deportation after a three-month employment gap, elimination of the

family reunification programme, delayed rights to status (deferring access to full benefits) and the possible posting of bonds or annuities in order to bring parents or grandparents into the country, etc. will be dealt with in more detail next time. Unable to see how any of this might increase Liberal votes, the immigration minister was dismissive, "There doesn't seem to be an immigrant that they've seen that they wouldn't send back," Volpe said. Yes, well Mr. Volpe, in **Benjamin Disraeli's** novel **Sybil**, one character, **Mr. Kremlin**, was described as being "distinguished for ignorance, for he had only one idea, and that was wrong." Like Volpe's -- more immigration is the answer?

Chinese Take Out

In the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2002, Michigan-based US border agents reported that they'd intercepted twice as many Chinese sneaking over the border from Canada than in 2001 (73 vs. 37). These are underwhelming numbers given the massive security upgrades implemented that year, but surely the most enduring talking point post-9/11 has been -- not immigration or loyalty -- but racial profiling: How many Irish nuns, Oklahoman newlyweds and **WWII** vets can you cram into secondary investigation booths before you can inconvenience an 18 to 35-year-old male of Middle Eastern mien? While it sounds like a bar joke, there's nothing very jolly about a vaguely hostile official pawing through your underwear. Sadly, a handful of Michigan clucks have just strengthened the case for harassing native-born Americans and Canadians: On August 16, "**Marion Rouse**, a Wayne County juvenile detention officer, was charged with immigrant smuggling, [a charge that] carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. Investigators said Rouse was in uniform when he tried to cross the bridge from Windsor, Ont., to Detroit on Aug. 1 with four illegal Chinese immigrants in his trunk. Rouse told authorities he was being paid \$4,000 US for delivering them to the United States, officials said. Also charged [that day] with immigrant smuggling was **Roderick Smartt**, 28, of Detroit. Authorities say he was caught [the day before] with a Chinese woman and her son in his trunk." (**Associated Press**, August 17, 2005) And then, "an encounter with a Middle Eastern man in a Canadian bar ended with smuggling charges filed against a Wayne County Michigan woman in Detroit. Twenty-one-year-old **Delecia Carter** is the third person this week to be charged with trying to smuggle Chinese immigrants into the United States from Canada. Carter was arrested early Thursday [Aug. 18] after customs agents found four Chinese women hiding in the back of her **Cadillac Escalade** as she drove from Windsor, Ont. into Detroit. Carter told investigators she was offered \$4,000 by the Middle Eastern man to drive the women into the United States." (**CBC**, August 19, 2005) No indication anywhere that Canadian authorities were remotely interested in tracking down the Middle Eastern fixer. Then, on Aug. 22, "**Cynthia Renee Smith** and **Antoinette Hobbs** crossed the **Ambassador Bridge** from Windsor in a 1994 **Honda Accord** [and] ordered to undergo secondary inspection by a U.S. inspector. **Customs and Border Protection** found four Chinese nationals hiding in the trunk of the Accord: three women and a boy." (**Detroit News**, August 24, 2005) Clearly, the US is the real deal; Canada's welfare state may be good enough for granny, but, if you're fit enough to be stuffed into a trunk along with three others, it's USA or bust.

ESL Dunce Cap

"Canada has settled 3.3 million immigrants during the past 15 years, an average of 221,000 a year. The immigrants, 60 per cent of whom come from Asia and the Middle East, are less likely to speak English at home than previous waves of newcomers. Those speaking English as a second language make up 20 to 60 per cent of the student populations in large cities such as Toronto and Vancouver. In the **Vancouver School Board**, for instance, only 39 per cent of students reported English as the primary language spoken at home. ...

[According to the 2001 census,] in the Greater Toronto Area, 40 per cent of residents told **Statistics Canada** that they spoke a first language other than English. Toronto is made up of more immigrants (44 per cent) than Los Angeles (41 per cent), Vancouver (37 per cent) and New York City (36 per cent). In British Columbia, 1 million people -- more than one quarter of the overall population -- said they were foreign-born. The vast majority lived in Vancouver and other cities on the Lower Mainland, where fewer than half the residents consider English to be their mother tongue. With more immigrants landing in Canada with fewer English skills, the demand for English as a second language classes has skyrocketed. In Calgary, **ESL** enrolment has more than tripled since 1992 ... in Coquitlam, B.C., the number of students enrolled in **ESL** jumped 580 per cent during the 1990s; ... in Vancouver and Surrey, almost one-quarter of the entire school population is now studying **ESL**. ... Since 1997-98, ... the number of immigrants in Ontario has increased annually by an average of 13.5%. [At **Armada** and **Coppard Glen** schools in York Region] more than 80 per cent of the student populations at the schools, built in what used to be mostly White neighbourhoods, now speak English as a second language. [Not surprisingly, Ontario] will spend \$225 million on **ESL** services in 2004-05, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year. But it's not simply **ESL** programs that school boards finance. With the influx of **ESL** students come demands for translation services so that parents can be informed of school events; bilingual tutors to help **ESL** students in their first language; *cultural liaison workers* to bridge cultural and religious divides; and *new classroom materials* comprehensible to those who have not grown up in Canada. School boards have also been forced to wrestle with unusual problems. In Richmond, B.C., so many Chinese immigrants have enrolled in some schools that the ability to absorb English by listening to native English speakers has been lost. Students are being sent into the community to learn English. [Just *telling* them to speak English is evidently out of the question.] In Toronto, the board had to develop a program to assist older high school students, oftentimes refugees, who were arriving without *the most basic of academic skills*. [At some point, you might expect someone to wonder what kind of education the Canadian-born are receiving in this chaotic cacophony. Do parents really welcome] the transformation of schools in *affected neighbourhoods* into front-line settlement agencies. **Mat Hassen**, assistant superintendent of the **Burnaby School District**, where about half of all homes report speaking a language other than English, says governments have yet to recognize the *challenges* faced by these schools. 'We end up feeding people,' he says. 'We end up trying to link up social services; we end up dealing with families who have been kicked out of a place because they haven't paid the rent for three months; we deal with family turmoil; we deal with the teenage sister who has now gone hooking; we deal with the drug consequences.' [Ontario's] **York Region Superintendent Vicki Bismilla**, who is in charge of equity issues, ... says the board has had to launch a series of schoolbased workshops aimed at parents in areas with few immigrants, highlighting the need to make schools more inclusive. Bismilla says she has talked to parents in the mostly White neighbourhoods of Stouffville, for instance, who do not mask their reasons for moving. 'In Stouffville,' Bismilla says, 'when we even try to talk about race relations, we've had people openly say to us: *We ran away from Markham because of multiculturalism. Don't come here and talk to us about multiculturalism.*' ... 'ESL learners are consistently over-represented in dropout statistics, failure and enrolment in non-academic track programmes in both Canada and the United States,' [University of Calgary professor **Hetty**] **Roessingh** wrote in a recent study. ... 'The parents are having a really hard time integrating into the economy because credentials aren't being recognized because of higher language thresholds and a lack of Canadian experience. So, the next

big hope is for the immigrant kids to make it in school, but the evidence suggests that by and large, they're not.' [And the occasional feel-good success story aside, professor Roessingh notes:] 'For every one of the ESL kids who makes it, there are hundreds that don't.' ... Roessingh co-authored one of the country's most detailed studies tracking ESL students between 1989 and 1997. Her study of one Calgary high school pegged the dropout rate for ESL learners at 74 per cent [ESL students who arrived as beginners in English were the most likely (93 per cent) to drop out]. ... In Toronto, home to the largest population of immigrant students in the country, the analysis of their academic achievement [has] all but stopped. ... **Elizabeth Coelho**, a professor at the **Ontario Institute for Studies in Education** and the former coordinator of ESL services for the Toronto board, contends that few board officials want to know how ESL students fare, much less why. ... 'I guess people just don't want more bad news.' [Standardized] **EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office)** tests have repeatedly shown that the majority of ESL students do not meet provincial standards in reading, writing and mathematics. [Of course, anyone can sit down to write a standardized test and realize only some minutes later that they've inadvertently swallowed pages 1 through 5. In fact, the performance of some few over-achievers are actually artificially inflating what would otherwise be an even drearier outcome:] Canadian research has shown that as a group, Asian students perform so well, particularly in maths and sciences, that they mask the achievement deficits for ESL students from other countries. [For instance,] 54% of Toronto Grade 10 students born in the English-speaking Caribbean are at risk of failing to complete high school within the next three years. ... **University of British Columbia** professor **Lee Gunderson** has recently completed one of the largest Canadian studies of immigrant scholastic achievement [which compares] the test scores of 2,213 immigrant students with a similar-sized sample of Canadian-born students in the Vancouver school district. The board is the most linguistically diverse in Canada. ... His study, for instance, recorded 1,576 immigrant students in Grade 8 math, but four years later, only 498 of them (31 per cent of the initial cohort) were enrolled in Grade 12 math. Only 25 per cent of immigrant students were still in Grade 12 science and 23 per cent were still in social studies. The [ahem] *disappearance rate* was highest for those who came to Canada as refugees; ... the students who scored poorest and were the most vulnerable to 'disappearing' were Spanish and Vietnamese-speaking. [US studies indicate that] more than 29 per cent of immigrants aged 16 to 24 did not have any kind of high-school qualification. Among Spanish-speaking immigrants, that number rises to 46 per cent. ... Some critics, however, point to earlier waves of immigrants -- those who came after World War II from places such as Italy, Portugal, Germany, Poland and Ukraine -- [that's Europe if you were recently educated] to argue that ESL classes are an unnecessary luxury. Those newcomers made the transition to life in Canada by being thrown into mainstream classrooms, so why can't the new generation do the same? [Because, laughably, Canada began specializing in the acquisition of immigrants with inexhaustible remedial needs at the very moment a digital and electronic revolution would impose whole cosmologies of complex new literacies.] Circumstances have changed for more recent immigrants, especially those to arrive during the past 20 years. High-school education is now considered a bare minimum qualification by most employers [and note that] while a teacher at **Queen Elizabeth High School** in Northwest Calgary, Roessingh was disturbed by how many immigrant students had stalled in their language development at or near a Grade 5 level. [So, given poor outcomes, degraded curricula and grab bag of cultural headaches, why do schools remain so enamoured of foreign students? In a word -- money!] In the complicated world of education financing, the province grants school boards money based on the size and the

make-up of their student population. Supplementary grants, for instance, are issued for students who require special education, French immersion and ESL. In Ontario, the province gives boards \$3,960 for each elementary school student and \$4,771 for each high school student annually. Each ESL student now attracts an additional \$7,847 over four years. [What might outcomes be if gifted students merited such largesse? Meanwhile,] an award-winning teacher and ESL researcher from Toronto, **Mary Meyers**, has authored a scathing criticism of the handling of immigrant students' educational needs. Her report, **Myths and Delusions: The State of ESL in Large Canadian School Boards**, contends governments and school boards have sold to the public a false bill of goods: that the wholesale integration of ESL children into regular classrooms *is* appropriate to bring their language skills up to speed." (**The Atkinson Foundation, Class Struggles: Public Education and the New Canadian**, January 2005) The authors of the study suggest that ESL outcomes could be turned around if more money was just thrown at the problem -- claiming that ESL programmes are routinely cannibalized to serve other, lesser, educational needs. To our way of thinking, if this is so, it only underscores how susceptible of corruption every last aspect of the multicultural experiment has proven to be. One particular sticking point is the maddening fact that no one has forbidden immigrants from hiring private tutors or even tapping the ethno-specific talents of established *immigrant volunteers* -- but it all, perpetually, devolves onto the taxpayer's deep pockets doesn't it? When **CIC** suggested that it might brighten the optics if newcomers contributed some small (largely symbolic) pittance toward their own language upgrading costs, immigrant pressure groups reacted as though meat hooks and cattle prods had dominated the scheme. The report asks: "Are we in danger of creating an immigrant underclass in Canada, one fuelled by persistent dropouts?" We'd like to know if we are going to be pulled out of retirement homes to work until we die in harness to subsidize an underclass that seems brilliantly capable of falling ever father behind.

What Other Marriage Debate?

Once again, reality finds itself at odds with official torrents of gibberish: The standard line is that, while no one actually approves of coercive marriage, at least those marriages last. Well, once again, the party line is a lie: "Saudi clerics took an unprecedented stand yesterday against forcing women into marriage, saying that fathers who try to do this should be jailed until they change their minds. The kingdom's mufti, or Muslim scholar, **Sheikh Abdul-Aziz bin Al al-Sheik**, issued a statement saying the board of top clerics ruled that coercing women into marriage is 'a major injustice' and 'un-Islamic.' The high number of forced marriages is believed to be the main reason behind the sharp increase in divorce. According to the Saudi newspapers, about half of all marriages end in divorce. A Saudi woman's family typically chooses her husband." (**Globe and Mail**, April 13, 2005) According to **Statistics Canada (The Daily**, March 9, 2005), in Canada, "the proportion of marriages expected to end in divorce by the 30th wedding anniversary inched up to 38.3% in 2003."

The Case of The Biting Congolese

"A Congolese asylum seeker managed to prevent his deportation from Belgium recently by biting the officers escorting him on a flight back to his home country. The incident — which took place on 25 June at the **Zaventem Airport** — saw the Congolese man bite the hand of a police officer before he had even stepped onto the plane. The man was then placed in handcuffs and placed onto the plane, ... but, shortly before take-off, the man got out of his seatbelt and again bit escorting police officers. One of the officers received bite wounds to his arm, leg and back. ... the **Liberal** government union **VSOA** said justice officials are giving the 'wrong signal' to refugees. **VSOA** chief **Jan**

Schonkeren warned if the decision not to prosecute the asylum seeker becomes known among other rejected asylum seekers, the attack could become an example and similar incidents could follow." (Expatica News, July 6, 2005) And guess what? "Despite protests from police and unions, the asylum seeker was not prosecuted and instead, was placed in detention to simply wait for another flight to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Federal police again tried to deport the man on Thursday 28 July by placing him on an **SN Brussels Airline** flight to Kinshasa. This time, the man waited until the other passengers were on the plane before he started to bite and kick. ... One of the officers was bitten and another was kicked in the groin, newspaper De Standaard reported. ... Brussels Court has ordered the arrest of the man on charges of violence against police officers." (Expatica News, August 1, 2005)

The China Syndrome: The Tour Boats Are Coming

Why suffer steerage in a rust bucket plowing across the Pacific when you can bask in luxury on a cruise ship (out of Le Havre, France), saunter off board in Halifax and board a Toronto-bound train? Seventeen Chinese nationals did just that, but. "word of the illegal immigrants emerged [only] when immigration officials said that *four others* from China -- two women and two men who attempted to leave the **Celebrity Cruises** ship *Constellation* on Sept. 20 -- were in jail. One of the men, the English-speaking escort for the group, was charged with aiding and abetting illegal entry to Canada. Immigration officials believe the man's name is **Jin Sin Woun**, although they noted in court documents he has attempted to use other identities in the past. Immigration officials confirmed that the earlier group of 17 used fraudulent South Korean passports and managed to leave the cruise ship on Sept. 9 by either claiming they were seasick or saying they wanted to temporarily get off. 'They just said they were going off because they weren't feeling well,' said **RCMP** spokesman Sgt. **Phil Young**. 'Instead of going back on, they hopped a train for Toronto.' Police said they don't know the whereabouts of the group, other than they were heading to the country's largest city. Young noted it's quite common for poor young people from China seeking a better life in Canada to attempt to enter the country and claim refugee status, using forged passports. The Korean passport is a common choice because South Koreans do not require a visa to enter the country. ... He said the group that has travelled to Toronto don't pose a security or terrorist risks. 'These are Chinese individuals who are trying to find a better life in Canada.'" (Canadian Press, September 27, 2005) Hoodwinked at every turn and utterly clueless as to the vanished passengers' whereabouts and real identities, our police seem remarkably well informed about their security rating, motives and ambitions. It's a good thing too, because less than a month later, four more Chinese nationals were nabbed pulling the same stunt when the cruise ship *Star Princess* (Copenhagen to Fort Lauderdale) docked in St. John's Newfoundland. Once again, their "English interpreter" was arrested and charged with aiding and abetting. To add to the surrealism, a spokeshingey at **Canada Border Services** said the agency could not release any information on the detainees because of privacy legislation. [Since when are foreign illegals entitled to "privacy"?] When slack-spined officials shield and alibi illegals, it sends a message: Forget France, Denmark, the US and all other ports of call; pull your con here and a craven government will cover for you. At present, the only Chinese eligible to visit Canada are those who would seem least likely to jump ship -- business people, government officials and the very affluent or well-connected. All that's about to change: During his recent visit to Ottawa, Chinese President **Hu Jintao** said China is about to grant Canada "approved destination status," an instrument that controls to which countries ordinary Chinese citizens may travel in organized tour groups: Estimated number of annual visas, 700,000. The **Canadian Tourism Commission** -- not **Immigration Canada** mind -- has expressed

concerns at the high incidence of travellers claiming asylum in other "approved destination" countries.

Children Smuggled For Benefit Fraud

In its annual UK threat assessment, the **National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS)** said "children are being brought into the UK to allow adults to carry out welfare fraud, such as claiming the £17-a-week child benefit allowance. And criminals are using illegal immigrants to make money by aggressive begging and pick-pocketing, particularly in London, it said. ... The 75-page document also said human trafficking gangs are using low-cost airlines to import illegals to Britain. Using smaller airports away from big cities helped 'spread the risk' for the gangs, it said, and they were also turning to ports where security is 'less stringent' after controls were tightened in France and Belgium. Drug traffickers are also using regional airports because they believe there is a reduced risk of being caught, it said. ... Today's **NCIS** report said the overall risk from organised crime was 'high.' It said there were shortcomings in current systems regarding the influx of unaccompanied children arriving in Britain, who often claim asylum. 'The lack of a national system for tracking unaccompanied minors after arrival means that trafficking cases relating to children are not separately captured in official statistics,' it said." (Ulster Television, August 3, 2005) Just to review then: The use of smaller, regional areas to carry out infiltration programmes -- drugs or illegals related -- sounds very much like Ottawa's immigration dispersal scheme, while the reliance on dozing, not-very secure ports brings St. John's and Halifax to mind.

HEALTH (CARE) WATCH

AIDS Stakes A Claim In Asia

"According to a new **UNAIDS** report ... the Asia-Pacific region is now home to over 8 million people living with **HIV**, the second largest number world-wide after sub-Saharan Africa. East Asia is facing the fastest-growing epidemic in the world, due to the rapid spread of **HIV** in China, Indonesia and Viet Nam. ... In South and South-East Asia in 2003 targeted **HIV** prevention programmes reached ... no more than 2% of men who have sex with men. ... Given that countries in Asia and the Pacific make up 60% of the world's population, even **low HIV** prevalence rates (below 1%) translate into millions of **HIV** infections. For example, India, with an adult **HIV** prevalence just under 1%, has nearly as many people living with **HIV** (just over 5 million) as South Africa where prevalence exceeds 20%." (Medical News Today, UK, July 6, 2005) And, yes, Asia just happens to be the major source of our annual immigration flood!

CRIME WATCH

Viva Estupida!

"About 200 Cuban nationals, some with serious criminal backgrounds, are becoming 'de facto Canadian citizens' and will likely remain in Canada despite being legally inadmissible. Canadian officials blame Cuban policy and the intransigence of **Fidel Castro** for steadfastly refusing to issue travel documents to citizens who flee Cuba, paperwork that is needed before Canada can send them back. [Canadian officials blame a second Cuban policy revoking residency rights of nationals after just 11 months abroad. Result?] Concerns for public safety -- Because there is no reasonable prospect of resolution to the cases of Cubans initially ordered detained, the burden of proof needed to convince an **Immigration and Refugee Board** adjudicator to keep them jailed indefinitely becomes exceedingly high. [Make a refugee determination *and* obtain and execute a deportation order in under a year? Preposterous!] 'We can't keep them locked up forever,' said an official with **Canada Border Services Agency**. 'We can't remove them,' the official said. 'Eventually we have to release them. Sometimes all we can do is alert the police and let them go.'" (National Post, September 17, 2005) Why not just rename Pablo **Ernst Zundel** and he'd be turfed in a jiffy?