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The "Bait" Bites Back

Toronto police have laid charges against 16 black students in the case of a white teenage girl who alleges she was repeatedly harassed and sexually assaulted at her high school. Over the course of a year-and-a-half, the girl was repeatedly pushed into stairwells or followed into washrooms where sexual demands were made of her. Between bouts of servicing her tormentors she was bullied and intimidated. The scene of all this misery was **James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School**, a small (just over 600 students) high school drawing on the notorious Jane-Finch corridor. What makes this ugly account even remotely interesting is the race angle: When the miscreants were arrested, police went to extraordinary lengths to spare them embarrassment. There were immediate shrieks of outrage -- zero tolerance for bullying unfairly targetted Black youth -- just as zero tolerance for violence unfairly targetted Black youth. When the accused were called up to the courtroom, there were howls that the judge should refer to them as prisoners. "If the kids came from a different community, the conditions would be much different," said one man, referring to strict bail provisions handed down by a justice of the peace. [They] were released to house arrest on bail ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000, and are not permitted within 500 metres of their accuser, her friends, a staff member who heard the girl's complaints, or their former school. [They cannot report to any part-time jobs.] They are permitted to leave their homes only to attend classes -- provided they can find schools willing to accept them -- and they are forbidden from having cellphones or pagers. One mother, speaking loudly outside the court in explosive, staccato rhythms, as other family members gathered and nodded their heads in agreement, said the police and justice system are racist, and that they're responsible for criminalizing Black youth. "This is wickedness, wickedness," she said." (**Globe and Mail**, November 16, 2005) "Another woman and her son, an accused who also cannot be named, maintained that racism is to blame. ... She suggested that the school is using the allegations to rid itself of a few disruptive students. ... She said she has warned her son in the past not to talk to White girls. 'I tell him not to talk to those White girls, because they are bait,' she said." (**Globe and Mail**, November 17, 2005) Bait? Detective constable **Peter Duncan** told **CBC Newsworld**, "Quite often the people who are chosen are people who are extremely vulnerable." How insensitive. Surely this is a story about the suffering of the accused? Who cares how "the bait" felt?

A Million Ways To Get In

Another amnesiac has turned up in Vancouver: "believed to be between the ages of 18 and 22 ... the man's photo and physical details have been sent to police forces but police have been unable to match him with a missing persons report. ... Police say he has a noticeable accent. ... Five years ago, another mystery man who claimed his name was **Philip Staufen** arrived in Vancouver saying he woke up the previous year in a Toronto hospital and had no memory of his past. ... Mr. Staufen, who had a noticeable British accent with an underlying foreign accent, ... tried to have the **BC Supreme Court** declare [that he] was born in Vancouver ... which would have allowed the man to obtain a birth certificate. The court denied his application [but then the cavalry arrived. When] federal **Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan** granted the stateless individual a special minister's permit so that he could work ... he applied for welfare. ... The **CBC's Fifth Estate** investigated and aired a segment titled **Mister Nobody** that

interviewed people in England who recalled the supposed amnesiac had worked in 1998 as a gay porn model named **George Lecuit**, who held a French passport. The same year, a Paris man named **George Lecuit** reported to police that his passport had been stolen during a break-in. The **CBC** programme speculated that the former gay model originally may have been from Romania. ... Last year, calling himself **Sywald Skeid**, he was detained in Nova Scotia by immigration officials. ... He was released after a 10-day hunger strike." (**National Post**, November 9, 2005) Last spotted in Victoria, it seems that **Mr. Staufen/Lecuit/Skeid** means to stay.

Joe Volpe, Cock-Eyed Optimist

The immigration minister has a novel remedy for 30 years of steadily worsening immigrant performance: "What this country needs is more immigration -- a lot more!" Financial burden apart, in a recent **Innovative Research Group** sounding, 63% said Canada is having increasing trouble with ethnic groups bringing problems with them from their home countries -- a rate that climbed to 70% among 2nd generation immigrants: An impressive 83% of respondents said the country needed stricter immigration standards to control the presence of known terrorists. Hey, fuggedaboutit. We took in 221,000 in 2003, 236,000 last year, we're expecting 245,000 this year, 255,000 next year; and anticipate an annual stampede of 330,000 in the near future. In a letter to the **National Post**, (November 3, 2005), **Martin Collacott** points out that "almost the entire increase planned for next year will go to family class immigration. Immigrants who come in through the family class category are not required to have any education, occupational or language skills and, overall, are a huge burden to taxpayers." Significantly, this class is also exempt from even minimal health requirements. Not bad enough? Volpe has promised to treble admissions of aged parents and grandparents. "Despite claims from Ottawa that two-thirds of immigrants are economically self-sufficient, really only about a quarter are, once ageing parents, minor children and dependent relatives are taken into account. These dependants qualify immediately for social programmes. At a cost of \$6,000 per capita, the 190,000 dependent immigrants admitted every year consume over \$11-billion annually." (**National Post**, November 3, 2005) And to think that as recently as 30 years ago, immigration represented a net gain to the country, of course, that was before Canada went into competition with the **Salvation Army**. So, how does the man responsible for maintaining the integrity of the programme respond to the emergence of a permanent immigrant underclass? In the grand tradition of **Liberal** immigration ministers, **Joe Volpe** is all bluster and defamation: "There doesn't seem to be an immigrant that they've seen that they wouldn't send back," he said, and "dismissed as 'anti-immigrant' a new study by the **Fraser Institute** which, citing numerous studies from groups ranging from **Statistics Canada** to the **CD Howe Institute** [showed] that immigrants since 1980 are lagging far behind other Canadians. [But facts, even facts from **Statistics Canada**, cannot sway our Joe] 'Within five years they do catch up and surpass them.' [he insists. Not a chance, says economist] **Herb Grubel**, author of the **Fraser Institute** report and a former **Reform Party MP** ... 'If reports are correct that Minister Volpe claims immigrant incomes on average catch up with the average incomes of other Canadians within five years of their arrival, I am shocked about his ignorance or blatant distortion of facts. ... The minister should re-examine his proposals for the 40% increase in the number of immigrants in the light of the true facts and the serious negative implications they have for Canada's

taxpayers.' Economist **Christopher Worswick**, who was hired by **Citizenship and Immigration Canada** to produce a 2002 report on why new immigrants are struggling, said the 'vast majority' of immigration experts would refute Mr. Volpe's statement. 'That's a long way off, like 20 years, not five. And some studies say they *don't* catch up.'" (**National Post**, November 4, 2005) So they don't catch up -- they vote Liberal, don't they? But not everyone's impressed by the minister's fanciful version of reality, the **Commons Immigration Committee** cited Volpe's "arrogant" and "evasive" demeanour in their 6-5 decision to block \$168-million in new departmental funding. Volpe's response to this setback was more of the same: "The **Conservatives** and **Bloc Québécois** were anti-immigrant for voting against the new cash. 'The first chance they had to show support for an immigration plan that is comprehensive ... for settlement and integration programs and they said *no*. They shut the door down,' Volpe said. 'The Conservative party's attitude to immigration is keep those people out and send them back.' ... Conservative **MP Diane Ablonczy** (Calgary-Nose Hill) said Volpe was quizzed on how the department missed its target for skilled workers by 6,000 last year, at a time when there were 700,000 people in the backlog waiting to be processed. 'The system is in such disarray, it would be irresponsible as a committee to just shrug our shoulders ... and let these votes go through *pro forma*,' Ablonczy said. 'That's not responsible when you know the problems are so deep and so widespread.' [Volpe called the committee hypocrites and liars, and, as a final irony, complained] 'I don't know how we can spend money we aren't authorized to use.'" (**Toronto Star**, November 3, 2005) Now, when has that ever stopped his party? In fact, Volpe has been caught out in a blatant lie: "Documents circulating through select government departments and obtained by [the **Toronto Star**, November 17, 2005, suggest that] a ruling party concerned more with national interests than electoral advantage would put immigration increases on hold. Research by his own department blows a gaping hole in Volpe's claim that within five years those who choose this country match the economic performance of their Canadian peers. The grim statistical fact is that it now takes more than 10 years to catch up, and some new immigrants, particularly those in the most politically sensitive family reunification class, are too often left behind forever. ... No matter what Volpe claims, the bottom line is that in major urban centres, the ones that attract most new arrivals, low-income rates rose between 1990 and 2000 for one big reason — increases in immigrant poverty. ... Since 1980 the percentage of dirt-poor immigrants has risen from about the national average of 17 per cent to over 20 per cent, while the trend for non-immigrants is happily tracking down to 14.3 per cent. [Immigrants] must be able to contribute more than keeping wages low and re-electing Liberals who lean on them to control hotly contested candidate nominations and win constituencies with high ethnic concentration. ... Volpe's stories are so out of whack with his department's research and Canadian realities that voters should be putting tough questions to **Paul Martin**. A good first query would be why he gave one minister two jobs that should be kept far apart — immigration and political responsibility for Ontario, the province Liberals must hold to keep power?" Canadians should also demand a full accounting of the real costs of immigration -- not just within immigration's departmental budget -- but the overall price for welfare, medical, **ESL**, education, retraining, housing, settlement, legislation and policy revision, correctional and court services, lost productivity, jobs lost through preferential hiring, and so forth, at federal, provincial and local levels.

Don't Blame Us - Blame Racism

"A woman [42] and her son [25] who produced three children together during a hidden, incestuous relationship were denounced by

an Ontario judge yesterday as 'the manifestation of evil and corruption.' [Justice **Pat Flynn** of the **Ontario Superior Court** called the mother "a monster" after the court suffered through] incredible tales from the woman of her being the offspring of an African empress and a grand priest. ... After being found guilty [of incest and the fabrication and use of false documents] the woman told an incomprehensible story of great-great-grandparents and the intolerance between her many ancestors of many different races. [Almost as endearing, when the son was found guilty, his lawyer suggested his client would not have been charged if he had not been Black and a male. ... The hidden life of the couple began to unravel in June, 2001, after the death of one of their children, a two-year-old girl, whom the man brought into a hospital emergency room. The baby died of an infection that was made worse by [adrenal gland atrophy] a genetic condition often associated with children produced through incest. In an attempt to avert suspicion in the hospital, the man, who had at first identified himself as the woman's son, disappeared, changed his shirt and pants, and then reappeared claiming to be the woman's husband. [For good measure, he identified himself as a prince and put on a fake English accent.] The court also saw two driver's licences -- one in the name of the woman's son and one in the name of her husband. But for a pair of cheap eyeglasses the person in both pictures was clearly the same. [Irrespective of the, er, mounting evidence, the woman] maintained her eldest son was not the man on trial with her; *his* ashes lay at the foot of a volcano in Africa. [He had died, she claimed, *in* a volcano in the Congo.] It was her husband and not her son who was sitting beside her in court, she insisted. ... 'The justice system has done me and my family wrong,' she said. Her son, however, finally confessed to their relationship after being found guilty. The judge said the woman largely remains a mystery. 'We do not know who she is. What really is her background?'" (**National Post**, October 29, 2005) Fortunately, her future is a little clearer: "Mum" was sentenced to 43 months behind bars while the son/father/husband wiggled off with 19 months of community service. Their surviving children are, naturally (or rather, unnaturally), the taxpayer's responsibility. As for the woman's past, all we do know is that, at some point, the matriarch of the incestuous family circle chose Canada as the country best suited to meet her specialized interests.

Ethnics Squabble Over Spoils - Canada Shoots Self In Foot

Despite the \$25-million ethnic grievance fund mushrooming to \$50-million in less than a year, ethnics are feeling short-changed and excluded in exciting new ways: **Margaret Parsons**, Executive Director of the **African Canadian Legal Clinic** grouches, "The so-called redress plan conspicuously omits African Canadians and the fact that it was announced during **Black History Month** made it all the more offensive." [Oh, the insult: heads must roll for this!] What's offensive to **Victor Wong**, head of the **Chinese Canadian National Council**, is the fact that the government treats -- not with his group (which has lobbied for compensation in the \$1-billion range for years) -- but the upstart **National Congress of Chinese Canadians**. Wong gripes: "You do not just work with a group who is willing to sign on to your preconditions." Meaning, of course, preconditions of which Mr. Wong does not approve. If this sounds like the **Judean People's Front** versus the **People's Front of Judea** versus the **Judean Popular People's Front** from **The Life of Brian**, read on. Across the arena, "a lawyer representing the **Muslim Canadian Congress** sent a letter to **Mohammed Elmasry**, head of the **Canadian Islamic Congress**, demanding that he apologize for 'false' accusations that those who criticize *sharia* are 'smearing Islam, ridiculing the Koran [and] badmouthing Muhammad.' The **MCC** says that, in effect, Mr.

Elmasry is accusing the group of blasphemy, a crime that carries the death sentence in several Islamic countries. **MCC** members now fear they will be arrested if they travel to Pakistan or Egypt, where some have relatives. ... **Tarek Fateh** of the **MCC** [says his organization] will ask the **Attorney-General of Ontario** to amend the hate-crimes legislation to include the *accusation* of blasphemy and apostasy." (**Globe and Mail**, October 26, 2005) Among Ontario Moslems, the prospect of *sharia*-based arbitration proved so divisive, the beleaguered premier cancelled all existing faith-based tribunals. Let's take a moment to celebrate our diversity then, shall we? While disgruntled ethnics squabble over cash and concessions, Canada goes down for the third time. Fearing that a full apology to Italians, Ukrainians, Chinese, et al might expose Ottawa to lawsuits, the usual bribes have been offered and pocketed, leaving taxpayers \$50-million the poorer. So far. Faith based arbitration has been proscribed across the board, although it was evidently a perfectly workable alternative to costly court actions among the un-Islamic. The demand that Ontario expand freedom-hating hate crimes legislation to include accusations of apostasy also puts us another step nearer mediaevalism. If this spectacle of back-biting in-fighting is meant to showcase multiculturalism's promise, point taken.

A-List Immigration

"The class of economic immigrants is the cornerstone of the system and best reflects the intent of its designers, which was to allow entry into Canada *only* immigrants likely to make positive contributions to the economy and to pay taxes commensurate with their claims on social benefits. [Since they increasingly achieve neither, one might conclude the programme has failed, a view Ottawa cannot bring itself to entertain. **Robert Birrell**, director of the **Centre for Population and Urban Research** at **Monash University** in Melbourne, Australia, said it best:] 'We are in awe at the ineptitude of the Canadian immigrant selection process.' ... In practice, economic immigrants are chosen on the basis of a point system. It assigns up to 25 points for applicants' educational attainment, up to 24 points for their ability to speak English or French, up to 10 points for age that is favourable to a long labour force attachment, up to 10 points for having a job waiting in Canada and up to 6 points for what is referred to as adaptability. The maximum total points obtainable are 100. Since September 2003, only 67 points are needed to obtain a visa, down from 75 points needed previously. ... The applicants who pass the points test are recorded as 'principal applicants.' [According to 2002 immigration figures,] economic immigrants account for 60.5 percent of the total. The latter figure is often used to suggest that Canada's immigrant selection system is successful in allowing into Canada only immigrants with characteristics considered officially to lead to economic success. However, the use of this latter statistic is highly misleading since it is based on the inclusion of spouses and dependent children who are automatically allowed to accompany the principal economic immigrants when they come to Canada. In 2002, these family members represented 30.5 percent of all immigrants. [In other words, it functions as a front-end family reunification programme in which taxpayers are beguiled into believing that unschooled spouses and dependent children somehow make a useful contribution.] One other subcategory of economic immigrants is noteworthy: 'live-in caregivers.' These individuals are employed by disabled Canadians in need of personal care in their home and by parents who are financially able to afford full-time help with care for their children at home. This class of immigrants represented only .9 percent of all immigrants in 2002. However, these immigrants ... typically have low educational achievements and their work experience does not qualify them for high paying jobs. [Moreover, they] tend to bring to Canada a substantial number of additional immigrants because after they have been in their jobs for two years, they are granted status as landed immigrants. At that point, their

spouses and dependent children may join them as immigrants without having to pass the points tests. ... Clerks responsible for administering the program in the Vancouver office revealed that the applications for admission under this program are scrutinized only superficially so that some individuals in Vancouver have been able bring into Canada as many as 10 nannies each within a period of two to three years. In 2003 alone, 4,313 caregivers came to Canada" (**Grubel, Fraser Inst.**) While the points test is meant to cherry pick candidates able to move seamlessly into the Canadian labour market, an October 13 **Statistics Canada** study points to another flop: Family-class immigrants, those perpetual anchors dragging immigrant outcomes down, are finding jobs at very nearly the same rate as the carefully-selected economic class dynamos: About 80% of immigrants aged 25 to 44 worked at least one job within two years of arriving in Canada, although only 30% of those worked at their intended occupation within a year. With such dismal outcomes, why keep a demonstrably useless points system on life support?

Clueless On The Rideau

In 2002, refugees "made up 3.3 percent of all immigrants. Private agencies also sponsored refugees in numbers equal to 1.3 percent of the total. Most contentious are individuals who land in Canada and are successful in claiming they are refugees. In 2002, they represented 4.6 percent of all immigrants, or equal to about 20 percent of the principal economic immigrants. Refugees represented 11 percent of all immigrants to Canada in 2002. This figure includes dependants of refugees who live abroad, totalling a surprising 1.8 percent of all immigrants. ... *It is curious that, in effect, Canada has a substantial number of permanent immigrants who live abroad and often have never set foot on Canadian soil and may never do so.* [And, incredibly] there are no official statistics on the number of spouses and children allowed to enter Canada after the refugees have been granted asylum and landed immigrant status." (**Grubel**) So, in effect, anyone on the planet capable of concocting a semi-credible tale of persecution can ultimately bring in an unknowable number of professed "relatives," and, whether from terror-producing states or not, Ottawa does not actually trouble to count heads? Hey, if it ain't broke, why fix it?

The Triumph Of Jean-Marie Le Pen

French Interior Minister **Nicolas Sarkozy** unveiled, in July, a series of proposals for regulating immigration to France. He demands of his immigration services a 50 percent rise in expulsion rates of 'illegal' immigrants—to 23,000 in 2005. Marriages will be assumed to be for convenience, to get around legal obstacles, unless otherwise proved. Procedures will be tightened and documentation more carefully scrutinised for those seeking to live in France from non-EU countries. Sarkozy also wants tighter controls on tourists coming from 'high-risk' countries. He has adopted the slogan 'Chosen immigration, not inflicted immigration,' saying that from now on, 'it's a question of accepting the people that we want.'" (**World Socialist Web Site**, August 18, 2005) There might be a lesson here.

RIME WATCH

More Yves Bourbonnais

Canadians will have to wait another year for "details behind a corruption probe that triggered 97 breach of trust and other charges against former **Immigration and Refugee Board** judge **Yves Bourbonnais** and 278 charges against 11 people. [February 20 is the date set for] a pre-sentence hearing for **Franco Macaluso** ... a former tailor to Mr. Bourbonnais, who pleaded guilty to 22 corruption charges in September. Five others who have also pleaded guilty will get their pre-sentence hearings in the same block of hearings. Judge Bourbonnais, who denies wrongdoing, will not be tried until

September. Authorities say the kickback scheme offered refugee claimants favourable decisions in exchange for cash bribes ranging from \$8,000 to \$15,000." (**National Post**, November 5, 2005) Mr. Bourbonnais will be remembered as the **Quebec Justice Department** lawyer who was disbarred and imprisoned for an entrepreneurial sideline selling off antique courthouse furniture that did not actually belong to him. He was miraculously pardoned just in time for **Lucienne Robillard** to appoint him to the **IRB** patronage posting in 1996. He was investigated by the **RCMP** over three-and-a-half years, during which time his **IRB** appointment was renewed. In October 2001, a year after the investigation began, he was suspended with pay. He was eventually charged in March 2004, with 36 counts of defrauding the government, 18 counts each of breach of trust, obstructing justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice, four firearms offences, additional fraud charges and one charge of forging a Canadian passport. A **Montreal Gazette** investigation discovered "that 32 of 58 refugee board appointees had ties to the federal or Quebec **Liberal** parties, and were often defeated candidates or relatives of Liberal office holders. [Mr. Bourbonnais, for instance, belongs to a well-connected Quebec **Liberal** family] Fellow **IRB** judge **Roberto Colavecchio** [another subject of investigation, was also] suspended with pay in October 2001 [but] Mr. Colavecchio, who gave \$3,000 to the **Quebec Liberal party** in 2003 and has ties to former Quebec **MP Alfonso Gagliano**, was not charged." (**Montreal Gazette**, March 19, 2004)

It's Sticking To The Teflon Talibanis

During the fall of Kabul, teen *jihadi* **Omar Khadr** lobbied the grenade that killed US medic **Christopher Speer**. Bursting with compassion, Khadr's loud-mouth sister **Zaynab** has rolled just visible eyes and intoned, "Why does everybody say you killed an American soldier. Big deal." The Khadrs may expect unlimited free passes from Ottawa, but a Utah judge made it a "big deal" when he ruled for **Speer's widow Tabitha** in a multi-million-dollar lawsuit against the *mujahadin* family. While Mrs. **Speer's** intention was to disrupt the pipeline of terror funding, there is talk of a 2006 film based on the life of **Abdurahman (jihadi turned CIA operative) Khadr**. **Daniel Pipes** supplies a lost chapter chronicling one brief month of Khadr family fortunes: on September 14, 2004, "the **Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal** heard their case and a mediator ruled that the Khadrs should vacate the premises of the house they had rented and return the keys to the landlady, **Maria Fernandes**. ... She and her daughter own a detached three-bedroom house in Scarborough which they on Aug. 1, 2004 let to **Maha Khadr** [actually **Maha Elsamnah**, Moslem women do not adopt their husband's name on marriage] her daughter-in-law to be **Konstandina Voiadzis**, her wheel-chair ridden teenage son **Abdul Karim**, and **Voiadzis's** small children from a former marriage. Not on the lease but also resident at the house was **Abdurahman Khadr**, then affianced to **Voiadzis**. **Voiadzis** handled the transactions. Things started to go wrong on Aug. 17, when **Voiadzis** informed her landlady that she had split from **Abdurahman** and would be moving out. The house being too big and expensive for **Maha**, she too said she would move out. They would forfeit their deposit and leave as soon as the house was rented to new tenants. **Fernandes** had no idea until August 19 the infamy of her tenants, at which time she realized how **Maha** had 'completely duped' her, making up stories about **Abdul Karim** having been in an accident and her husband having died of a heart attack. New tenants turned up who wanted to move in. So, **Fernandes** asked **Maha** to move out by August 27. At that point, **Maha's** 'tune completely changed,' refusing to vacate the premises until the end of September, leading **Fernandes** to file a civil suit to evict the Khadrs. The hearing took place on Sept. 14. At the hearing, the mediator ruled the Khadrs should vacate the premises immediately and return the keys. Also of note is **Fernandes's** description of how her

tenants from hell lived: 'the kitchen was dirty and the sink was piled with dishes; empty pizza boxes and grocery bags full of garbage were lying outside; ... empty grocery bags and empty bottles, cans and cartons were dumped in the backyard; the toilets in both the basement and the main floor were not flushed and the entire place had a very unpleasant stench; the bath tubs were full of scum and hair, including pubic hair. Stinking **Pampers**, presumably used by **Abdul Karim**, were left in a grocery bag hanging from the door knob to the side exit of the garage.'" <http://www.danielpipes.org/blog/303> A month later, a portion of a letter from killer **Omar** (in Guantanamo) to the family was published (verbatim) "Tell them to stik to ther relugen very strong and read quran and do'nt forget ther oregonel language Arabic ... And do'nt forget me for ther pray's and that Allah braing me to you." (**National Post**, October 15, 2004) **Omar** was born and educated in Canada.



Zaynab Khadr (she was born here!)

But It Grinds Exceedingly Fine

"Vancouver businessman **Ripudaman Singh Malik** has been removed from the board of **Khalsa Credit Union** by government regulators because he has 'terrorist connections' and provided false or misleading information at a **B.C. Supreme Court** hearing. **Alan Clark**, the Superintendent of the **Financial Institutions Commission**, issued the order Wednesday and posted it on the agency's website. [Malik was acquitted of murder and conspiracy charges in the **Air India** farce last March, at which time he resumed his former position of credit union president.] **Clark** said Malik's removal comes after a report by **FICom** investigators found that Malik joined the **Babbar Khalsa** terrorist group in 1985, that he provided false information during a **Supreme Court** application for legal aid in the **Air India case** and that he 'has created false employment letters in support of mortgage applications.' ... The **FICom** report into Malik said **Clark's** staff received a statement from an unnamed person that says 'Malik provided financial support to the **Babbar Khalsa International** [and] that Malik provided funds to **Talwinder Singh Parmar**.' [Almost the only thing the **Air India** trial achieved was to confirm that **Parmar** had orchestrated the bombings.] In his conclusions, **Clark** said Malik has provided no evidence to **FICom** 'to demonstrate that he is no longer a member' of the **Babbar Khalsa**. ... The longest section in the eight-page report refers to Malik's own testimony and documents filed in support of his application to get government funding for his **Air India** defence team. Even though Malik said his net worth was more than \$11 million when he applied to get bail in December 2000, he claimed he was broke during the August 2003 funding hearing before **Justice Sunni Stromberg-Stein**. **Clark's** order cited **Stromberg-Stein's** decision against Malik, which said both he and his wife had 'manipulated facts to suit their particular needs. The evidence shows that Mr. Malik and his family have tried to arrange his financial and business affairs to minimize the value of his estate to render him insolvent,' **Stromberg-Stein** ruled. ... Malik's eldest son **Jaspreet**, a lawyer, resigned from the credit union board last year after **FICom** alleged he had been in a conflict of interest and lied under oath. ... The board of directors has had a specially-appointed supervisor for several years because of earlier concerns by regulators." (**Vancouver Sun**, November 17, 2005)