

Number 181

January/February, 2006

March Of Islam

The percentage of Muslims in E.U.-member populations is as follows: Greece 1.3%, Denmark 2, Slovenia 2.4, Britain 2.7, Germany 3.7, Austria 4.2, The Netherlands 5.5, France 5-10, Cyprus 18. World 19.9. (**C.I.A. World Factbook**)

Tapping Out

On October 5, the **World Bank** released the results of its [two-year] **Global Commission on International Migration**. ... Among its more interesting findings was the observation that 'International migrants send about \$240-billion [U.S.] to their home countries.' (**Globe and Mail**, October 8, 2005) So, \$240-billion taken out of Western economies at the front end and shipped overseas in the form of remittances -- \$240-billion that will never fuel our own economy, while we are incessantly browbeaten by geriatric rockers to give more.

Proudly Putting Canadians At Risk

So notorious was the **Clinton Junior Gayle** case (violent offender slated for deportation released by immigration official kills young police constable) that, against form, the media would disclose **Immigration Department** disciplinary protocols -- in this case the lax official was made to suffer a posting to sunny Trinidad. Bad judgement is something of a departmental specialty: "**Sergio Arana-Martinez**, a Nicaraguan citizen, lured an 11-year-old girl over the **Internet** to meet him, kidnapped her, gave her alcohol, stripped her and attempted to engage in sexual intercourse. He was convicted on charges of abduction and sexual interference. He had a prior criminal record in Canada for fraud and impaired driving and had been ordered deported in October 2000. The order was never carried out and, once again, immigration officials could not explain why. [Former] **Toronto Police Chief Julian Fantino** summed up what most Canadians must surely feel: 'This guy shouldn't have been here to commit this crime. The system has failed this young girl. The system has failed all of us.' Last year, Tamil refugee **Sritharan Kanthasamy** was convicted of sexual assault and unlawful confinement after he and three friends kidnapped and repeatedly raped an Abbotsford woman, first in a gravel pit and then in Kanthasamy's home where she was locked in a bedroom. Kanthasamy had two previous criminal convictions. Yet, the court shaved a day off his two-year sentence so he could appeal his deportation. Iranian drug dealer **Massoud Boroumand** was released from custody by an immigration board adjudicator in August despite his 1992 conviction for heroin trafficking and a decade-old deportation order which he avoided by simply not showing up for his flight to Iran. 'We have become so inefficient with deportations that we are just a laughingstock,' said retiring **Conservative MP Randy White**. 'Criminals know that.' The **Canada Border Service Agency**, which has assumed responsibility for deportations from the immigration department, said it deported 11,000 people in the past year but only 96 of these were considered too dangerous to stay in Canada. [We'll all sleep better tonight!] Neither the border agency, nor the **Royal Canadian Mounted Police** nor the immigration department seems able to locate as many as 30,000 people ordered deported but still living in Canada." (**Vancouver Sun**, December 1, 2005)

Three Year Free Trial Offer!

In the end, the **Judas Party** would pull out all the stops in an effort to buy back "popular" support with the usual bribes in the usual places.

Two weeks before the election, **Paul Martin** discovered a powerful urge to do away with the \$975 **Right of Landing Fee** "for immigrants as the Liberals move to shore up support among Canada's multicultural communities. [An intriguing tactic, given that the] fee was implemented in 1995, when Mr. Martin was finance minister. ... The commitment would cost \$225-million over the next two years, with a further anticipated loss of revenue of \$120-million annually. The fee would drop to \$600 a person in year one, to \$300 in year two and would be eliminated over the third year." (**Globe and Mail**, January 4, 2006) This is consistent with the juvenile conceit that, by their very presence, immigrants "enrich" us in mysterious, never quite articulated ways. For those still being crushed under the chariot wheels of federal taxation, the thought of anyone riding the gravy train from preliminary paperwork until the guaranteed pension kicks in, ought to be enough to send Martin to the family's shipping line. There are massive immigration backlogs, with hundreds of thousands already grumbling about slow processing times. What do the Ottawa geniuses suppose happens when word that the dummies are dropping the landing fee gets around?

Repatriate The Patriot

Thirteen years ago, **Leon Mugesera**, then a district vice-president of Rwanda's hard-line Hutu party (*Mouvement republicain nationale pour la democratie et developpement*), urged 1,000 party members to "stamp out the *inyenzi* (Tutsi, literally *cockroaches*)" and "dump their bodies into the rivers of Rwanda." Listeners were told "Anyone whose neck you do not cut is the one who will cut your neck." And, "Why do they not arrest these [outsider] parents who have sent away their children and why do they not exterminate them? Why do they not arrest the people taking them away and why do they not exterminate all of them? Are we really waiting till they come to exterminate us? If justice therefore is no longer serving the people, we must do something ourselves to exterminate this rabble." Pretty harsh language! An arrest warrant was prepared, but Mugesera, wife and five children were already making a soft landing in Canada (via Spain, the country that should, strictly speaking, have been saddled with the fellow). By the time Ottawa got wind of the refugee as a possible architect of the Rwanda genocide, Mr. Mugesera already had two years of Canadian permanent residence under his belt. It may be a "hate crime" to cite biblical scripture in Canada but the **Federal Court** clearly applies a different standard to transplanted African genocidists. As the court whimpered, "exceptional care and caution" was needed in judging Mr. Mugesera, adding, "Mr. Mugesera cannot be blamed if others used his words in preparing the genocide." More perverse was "the **Federal Court's** naive interpretation of a crucial paragraph in the speech [that] reads, in full: 'Recently, I told someone who came to brag to me that he belonged to the **P.L. [Tutsi Party]** -- I told him, *The mistake we made in 1959, when I was still a child, is to let you leave.* I asked him if he had not heard of the story of the Falashas, who returned home to Israel from Ethiopia. He replied that he knew nothing about it! I told him, So don't you know how to listen or read? I am telling you that your home is in Ethiopia, that we will send you by the Nyabarongo [River] so you can get there quickly. What I am telling you is, we have to rise up, we must really rise up.' The court finds it 'strange' that Mr. Mugesera would use the positive experience of the Falashas' return to Israel if he were intent on inciting violence. This seems a blatant misreading of the paragraph. The Nyabarongo River was a place of massacres in 1959; Mr. Mugesera said the mistake was to 'let you leave'; the example of the Falashas was a way of saying: We will send you home again, to your true home

in Ethiopia (the Tutsis were not seen to be true Rwandans), via the river." (**Globe and Mail**, September 11, 2003) Or, "We'll send you home all right, on the River Styx," but not, unfortunately, in terms simplistic enough for a judge of the **Federal Court** to grasp. Two years ago, "The **Federal Court of Appeal** [described] the theme of Mugesera's improvised speech as 'elections, courage and love,' the three-judge panel noted the former politician's reputation as a 'fervent supporter of democracy, patriotic pride and resistance to invading forces.'" (**CTV**, June 28, 2005) Not that we tolerate anything like that kind of thing locally, as immigration critics like Brad Love have found out as he languishes in jail for writing newspapers about Black crime.. On June 28, the **Supreme Court** ruled that Canada may indeed remove Mugesera as an inciter of genocide. It really is time for Canada to consider joining with advanced nations in imposing a reasonable valuation period before handing out citizenship like after-dinner mints. The penultimate twist in this snakepit ethno-fest is that, in a completely fresh reading of the speech, the 8-0 **Supreme Court** decision against Mugesera was arrived at in the absence of **Rosalie Abella**, recused after Mugesera's lawyer, **Guy Bertrand**, reminded the court that Abella's husband **Irving**, and justice minister **Irwin Cotler** -- former presidents of the **Canadian Jewish Congress** both -- had participated in public forums where Mugesera's crimes had been denounced. In a final irony, "Bertrand also said he was shocked by the court's criticism of him for suggesting that Cotler and others participated in a Jewish conspiracy to get Mugesera out of Canada. The judges called that claim unfounded, unprofessional, unacceptable and reminiscent of an anti-Semitic sentiment that ought to have disappeared from Canadian society. Bertrand preferred to let Mugesera's family argue that he can't be racist because he is white and he defended Mugesera, who is black." (**Canadian Press**, June 30, 2005) In his salad days, Mugesera said: "These people should begin leaving while there is still time to go and live with their people, instead of living among us." Today, the patriot has no intention of going anywhere near Rwanda and justice minister **Irwin Cotler** has made quite a little show of declaring that Mugesera will not be extradited to face a death penalty charge -- a stipulation with which **Martin Ngoga**, Rwanda's deputy chief prosecutor, has already agreed. But Mugesera is exploring a new dodge -- asking that his case be heard in Canada, never mind that Canada has no earthly authority to do any such thing. But a shaky grasp of the central tenets of the case have served Mugesera quite as much as a court system subject to the mysterious gravitational pull of race and ethnicity -- among prosecutors, judges and attorneys general -- no less than the genocidiste and his victims.

Pay Now, Buy Later

Canadians have been chafing at the thought of picking up the slack for immigrant shortcomings for some considerable time. In matters **ESL**, a 1997 "poll found that only four per cent of British Columbians believe government should continue to solely fund such programs. The **Vancouver Sun** and **CBC-TV** poll also found that 51 per cent of B.C. residents think both government and ethnic groups should fund multiculturalism while 39 per cent feel only ethnic groups should pay. The survey found that 65 per cent of British Columbians feel that immigrants should be required to speak English or French before moving to Canada while 34 per cent believe it shouldn't be a requirement. The poll also found that 79 per cent want new immigrants to contribute to **ESL** programmes.." (**Vancouver Sun**, November 10, 1997) Several strongly articulated preferences by a clear majority and Ottawa responds, nearly ten years later, with hundreds of millions more tax dollars dedicated to precisely the same kinds of programmes endorsed by, in the case of **ESL**, 4 per cent of respondents.

Can't Live Without Seasonal Workers -

- And can't live (long) with them. The immigration department likes to cite the **Seasonal Agricultural Worker (SAWP)** programme as the well-oiled exception to the shambolic rule, but evidently even model programmes can be disastrous in the right hands: "An **HIV**-positive man charged with infecting his ex-wife, who died of an **AIDS**-related illness last weekend, faces additional charges after five women came forward complaining he had sexual contact with them, without disclosing his condition [but police suspect there will be more: A detective described the man as 'very sexually active'] **Ian Williams**, 43 [is facing] five counts of aggravated assault and endangering life after the five women contacted police. ... **Mary Williams** met the accused in 1993 after he came to Canada from Trinidad on an agricultural visa. She was a Trinidad-born Canadian citizen. [Her daughter, **Michelle Kelly** said the two] married but, after learning she'd contracted the virus, 'mom tried to pull the papers, call the government, call Immigration, but nobody ever did anything about it,' said Kelly. Williams was granted his landed immigrant status around 1996 or 1997, she said. 'The day he got his papers, he walked out, he went and got disability, and they went and gave it to him,' Kelly alleged." (**Toronto Star**, May 18, 2005) "Canada's ambassador to Jamaica in Fall 2003 said that Canada may reduce or eliminate the 5,000 Jamaicans a year from the **SAWP** because of illegal immigration and drug-smuggling. About 850 Jamaican farmworkers deserted during the past six years; most have not been found." (**Migration News**, January 13, 2004) **Pierre Pettigrew** has called the programme a "great success."

Your Morning Laugh

According to eldest daughter **Zaynab**, the **Khadr** family's noisiest mouthpiece, "the Khadrs are good citizens. 'We pay our taxes and our papers were always in perfect order.'" (**Globe and Mail**, December 9, 2005) That is, as long as they had them in hand. The Khadrs were chronic "losers" of passports.

This Country Has Room For Only One Class Of Victims: Angry Aussies Fight Back

Although hastily dressed up as a "neo-Nazi rampage," Australia's December race riots were really just the latest entry in a worldwide phenomenon of escalating (multi)cultural clashes. While *laissez faire* theories about cultural relativism may appeal to lawmakers and the elite, the champagne classes do not normally live with the gritty consequences of their policies. "Long-festered ethnic tensions erupted into violence at Cronulla Beach near Sydney [when] a group of Middle Eastern men were assaulted by mobs of angry locals. The local Member of Parliament, **Bruce Baird MP**, claimed the public outcry was revenge for the Bali bombings and September 11. But Baird also explained that a series of high profile rapes in the area had spurred locals on and that a group of Middle Eastern men had attacked two Aussie lifesavers the previous weekend. Locals claimed to the media after the riots that they were sick of Lebanese Muslim gangs calling their daughters and wives names, and throwing cigarette butts at them. [Immigration advocates should remember that when immigrants 'enrich' our nations by moving here, they bring with them more than new recipes and unique dance steps. The problem Down Under really began with a trial that wrapped up a week earlier.] Four days after he set foot in Australia, the rape spree began. And during his sexual assault trial in a New South Wales courtroom, the Pakistani man began to berate one of his tearful 14-year-old victims because she had the temerity to shake her head at his testimony. But she had every reason to express her disgust. After taking an oath on the **Qur'an**, the

man -- known only as MSK -- told the court he had committed four attacks on girls as young as 13 because they had no right to say 'no.' They were not covering their face or wearing a headscarf, and, therefore, the rapist proclaimed: 'I'm not doing anything wrong.' MSK is already serving a 22-year jail term for leading his three younger brothers in a gang rape of two other young Sydney girls in 2002. [The sounding of his acronym **Musk**, seems to fit this vile visitor.] In his own defence, he argued that his cultural background, was responsible for his crimes. And he is right. In some parts of Pakistan, sexual assault -- including gang rape -- is officially sanctified as a legitimate form of enforcing the social value system. One village council recently ordered that five young girls should be 'abducted, raped or murdered' for refusing to be treated as chattel. The girls were aged between six and thirteen when they were married without their knowledge, to pay a family debt. And when **Mukhtar Mai's** 12-year-old brother was alleged to have committed an offence in a small Pakistani farming village, the village council ordered that his sister be gang-raped. So, she was taken to a hut where four men repeatedly assaulted her. According to the **Human Rights Commission of Pakistan** there were 804 cases of such officially orchestrated sexual assault in 2000, and 434 of these were gang rapes. And if that isn't bad enough, the victims of these atrocities are then expected to commit suicide because rape victims bring irreparable shame upon their family. So, as **MSK** committed his acts of rape while visiting Australia, he was simply perpetuating his own cultural heritage." (Assyrian International News Agency, December 12, 2005) Well, perhaps **MSK** is just not observant, "**MSK** had visited Australia nine times [as a novelty Islamic defence, he noted] he was drunk at the time of the offences, and was not taking the anti-psychotic medication prescribed for him by his father, a doctor." (The Advertiser, December 9, 2005) The problem is that no one wants to tell Australia's young women that they must adopt the *hijab*. Apparently, all this multicultural "enrichment" was too much for the stout Aussie lads on the beach at Cronulla as they struck back at their tormenters. More enrichment from Denmark: "An Islamic mufti in Copenhagen, **Shahid Mehdi**, has sparked political outcry ... after stating in a televised interview that women who do not wear headscarves are 'asking for rape.'" (Copenhagen Post, September 24, 2004) In Britain, "**Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi**, the Muslim cleric currently on a controversial visit to Britain, believes that female rape victims should be punished if dressed 'immodestly' when assaulted." (London Telegraph, November 7, 2004) In Sweden, "Swedish girls **Malin** and **Amanda** were on their way to a party on New Year's Eve when they were assaulted, raped and beaten half to death by four Somali immigrants." (Front Page Magazine, December 15, 2005) Finally, in Canada, **Erika Martyn** was abducted and alternately beaten and raped by **Mohamed Hagi Mohamud** over the course of four interminable hours. This reoccurring criminal explained he thought the mother of three was a prostitute. (Canadian Immigration Hotline #180)

HEALTH WATCH

Sprouts For Health!

Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 14, "648 cases of Salmonella [were] reported across Ontario. Public health officials had been investigating the outbreak since Nov. 23, when cases of illness were linked to sprouts produced at **Sun Wah Trading's** Toronto facility, the largest in the province. On Nov. 25, **Toronto Public Health** issued an order against the producer to stop distribution." (Toronto Star, December 14, 2005) Public health crisis or not, the Canadian media is rarely able to report the unvarnished, multicultural truth. In reality, **Sun Wah** was not just ordered to cease distribution, but to shut the facility. Five days later both **CBC** and **CTV** were heaping fulsome praise on the company: "**Sun Wah Trading Inc.** has voluntarily recalled the

affected product from the marketplace." (CTV, November 30, 2005)

Very commendable. Two days later the good corporate citizen came out swinging: "**Newton Wong**, a lawyer for **Sun Wah**, protested the plant shutdown, saying investigators have yet to prove a link between the salmonella cases and his client. 'There's no salmonella' there, he said. 'Whatever tests they've been doing ... the plant is clean, it's safe.'" (Toronto Star, December 2, 2005) Not so clean and safe as might be hoped: On **Christmas Eve**, "the **Canadian Food Inspection Agency** [was] *again* warning consumers in Ontario and parts of Quebec to avoid eating mung bean sprouts distributed by **Toronto Sun Wah Trading Inc.**" (CTV, December 24, 2005) Would there have been the same fancy footwork if the tainted food had come from, say, **Angus' Home Made Haggis** or **St. George Hot Cross Buns**? Salmonella enteritis bacteria are found in the intestines and faeces of infected animals and humans; sprouts and other raw fruits and vegetables can be contaminated if they come in contact with impure water, animal manure, or an infected food handler who has forgotten to wash his hands with soap after a trip to the toilet. Symptoms usually begin from 12 to 36 hours after a person consumes a contaminated food, and, while most people recover without treatment, in some cases the diarrhoea may be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. In such patients, the infection can spread and can cause death unless treated promptly with antibiotics. The most vulnerable among us -- the elderly, infants, and those with impaired immune systems -- are those most likely to experience severe illness.

CRIME WATCH

Mad, Bad, Living With Mom And Dad

"Almost 100 men in rival Indo-Canadian gangs in Vancouver have been murdered since 1994, often execution-style, over drug deals gone bad. 'Most of them have been killed by guns and most have been killed in public,' said Vancouver police Insp. **Kash Heed** of the death toll in and around the city. The problem among Indo-Canadian gangsters is multi-layered, steeped in cultural issues and fuelled by British Columbia's lucrative marijuana trade that is increasingly seeing the drug being trucked across the U.S. border. ... Heed said there's no typical profile of an Indo-Canadian gangster who may find himself in over his head and, too often, dead. 'Some are recent immigrants, some are fourth generation (Canadians),' he said, adding that while some gang members aren't so well off and have little education, others are university-educated and from affluent families. [So much for 'root causes!'] All young gang members, however, have a few things in common -- starting with machismo. 'There have been instances where because someone bumped into you at a bar or looked at you the wrong way, the dispute's carried on and people have been murdered because of it,' Heed says. ... Heed sees no end to the death toll resulting from a lifestyle that is attracting Indo-Canadian males to a world of flash, cash and women. 'I definitely do not see it stopping,' he said. 'I see it carrying on and I see us trying to do the best we can to either suppress it or control it.' Heed's concern is that the violence is continuing to spill onto the streets and endangering the lives of innocent people. They include a woman who was shot in the head recently as she lay on her couch watching **TV** during a gun battle between Indo-Canadian men outside her Port Moody, B.C. condo complex. ... Vancouver police are now trying a new tactic that involves *telling gang members' families* about their sons' activities. Most of the men, some in their late 20s, still live at home with their parents. 'We are going to the families early on and we're telling them exactly what their sons are involved in and that we expect them to take action because I don't want to be telling them that their son is in jail or on a slab in a hospital morgue,' Heed said. **Harbans Kandola**, who heads a group called **VIRSA** (meaning *heritage* in Punjabi) said the first priority in tackling gang violence among youth is to educate parents on instilling discipline, particularly among boys. Kandola's

group has developed an eight-week parenting program to help Indo-Canadian parents learn about the differences between their upbringing in India and the pressures their Canadian-born kids are up against. 'Cultural conflict is a huge issue, a huge issue,' he said. The tendency toward favouring boys in the culture has produced what Kandola calls Generation S - for Generation Spoiled. 'When a 19-year-old has a \$50,000 car you're asking for a death warrant,' he said. 'Our research tells us that 70 per cent of the boys who are killed are either the only son or the first son.' People who arrive in Canada with nothing often focus on providing a home for their children through hard work that can mean being away from their kids to the point that they're neglected, Kandola said." (Canadian Press, December 27, 2005) Or that people who arrive in multicultural Canada wouldn't have a clue how to impress community standards on their sons.

Bling, Bootie And The Big Sleep

Someone going by the street name **Cheesehead**, was doing a stretch in prison when **Jamal Hemmings**, 17, allegedly impregnated his girlfriend. On Nov. 9, the paternity dispute was settled when sperm donor Hemmings was shot and killed. **Amon Beckles**, 18, witnessed the killing and was in turn shot dead on the church steps outside Hemmings' funeral. While it was widely reported that attendees were bristling with guns -- one was in fact recovered from Beckles' lifeless body -- few reported that three men followed Beckles outside and opened fire. No 911 call was logged from among the nearly 300 people crowded into the church. On **Christmas Eve** the lead was flying again, as **Turf Grassway** -- a daycare just south of Toronto's world class Jane-Finch intersection -- was letting out: mothers tried to shield children with their bodies as "two black men between 17 and 25 years of age," fatally shot **Cordell Skinner**, 25, several times in the head and neck. He was, as the saying goes *known to the police*, who declined to say how many offspring Skinner had notched up. But it was the **Boxing Day** killing of **Jane Glenn Creba** that would set a new low for Toronto low lives. Irrespective of the crowds thronging Yonge Street, a group of 15 to 20 sociopaths opened fire, killing the top student and elite athlete and wounding six others. Relieved of a 9mm **Ruger** when he was picked up, suspect **Andre Thompson** was fresh off a 30-day stretch for armed robbery. Mr. Thompson can have few complaints about what passes for justice in Canada: Crown attorneys have withdrawn at least 12 charges against him over the last two years. He was charged with gun possession on at least one other occasion -- in 2004, at the residence of **Amon Beckles**, the same chap who made such a mess of the church steps. Thompson should have been at the wrong end of a long prison stretch. It's no great surprise that he isn't: In its **7th Survey of Crime Trends** (1998-2000), the **UN** declared criminal sentencing in Canada most lenient among the world's 35 most lenient countries. And, just before it collapsed in unpleasant odour, "the Liberal government opposed a bill put forward by **Conservative MP Darryl Kramp** more than a year earlier because it included a mandatory minimum sentence [for gun crimes] of as much as 10 years, which [**Justice Minister Irwin**] **Cotler** argued would violate the **Charter** as cruel and unusual punishment." (Globe and Mail, January 4, 2006) So, "at risk youth" means young thugs that might be "at risk" of jail, as opposed to innocent 15-year-old girls "at risk" because they went shopping with their older sisters? Canadians seem able to grasp the problem: In an **Ipsos Reid** survey taken after the carnage, 78% cited lax judges as a "major factor" in gun violence. Hedging about the Boxing Day shoot out, the dithering prime minister stammered, "I think, more than anything else, the shootings demonstrate what are, in fact, the consequences of exclusion." *And still they gaz'd and still the wonder grew, that one small head could carry all he knew.* In the headlong panic to duck the issues, Toronto mayor and all round embarrassment **David Miller** bleated: "The system you have in place in the U.S. is causing violence

to be exported to my city." Ooh, that darned American efficiency. "Since the early 1990s, crime rates have dropped in 48 of the 50 states and in 80% of American cities. Over that same period, crime rates have risen in six of the 10 Canadian provinces and in seven of Canada's 10 biggest cities [in fact] Canada's overall crime rate is now 50% higher than the crime rate in the United States. [Of course, under the unenlightened American system, criminals are frequently sent to prison] a Canadian criminal is 80% less likely to go to jail than his American counterpart." (National Post, January 3, 2006) If the criminal justice system fails to give satisfaction, our immigration courts function like the hind end of a pantomime horse: When police cracked down on Toronto's chronically warring Tamil gangsters in 2001 (on several occasions after machete-play, human hands were recovered from doughnut shop floors,) "detectives estimated that most of the violence was perpetrated by non-citizens, many of whom had already been in and out of jail. The plan was to round up the thugs and ship them back to Sri Lanka, once and for all. ... Four years after the roundup, nearly 30 deportation cases remain unresolved. ... The reputed ringleaders all remain in Canada. Only six lesser figures have been sent back. [More drug-selling gang fixtures include] Honduran refugee claimants in Vancouver. Their [refugee] claims are rejected 95 per cent of the time. Yet, dozens linger long enough to openly deal crack cocaine in the city's downtown. ... This has been going on for nearly a decade." (Globe and Mail, April 18, 2005) While it is maddening to hear chicken-hearted politicians regurgitate bromides about marginalized youth deprived of mentoring programmes, we would concede that it *is* about poverty. A certain poverty of mind and spirit is indicated when one segment of society is persistently shooting into a crowd of innocent bystanders in some vain errand to salvage their "respect." In 2004, 11-year-old **Tamara Carter**, sitting with her mother, was shot in the head when gangsters opened fire on a crowded Toronto bus. They were ostensibly aiming at another young black man who'd told them to lose the gangster posturing and foul language. Callous? Absolutely, but hardly up to 1996 **Caribana** standards: When British nurse **Cicely Malcolm** was caught in the crossfire, various disadvantaged and marginalized members of the crowd would relieve her of assorted accessories as she lay bleeding out on the pavement.

The Gang's All Here!

Thanks to knuckle dragging immigration policies, it's not all local gunfights between rival punks. Crime and extortion can fund terror groups and they can be big business: A decade ago, the **UN** estimated the cost of "transnational criminal activity in developed states at two per cent of annual gross national product (GNP). The potential transnational crime-related losses for Canada in 1995 would have been about \$14.8 billion, based on a GNP of \$742 billion." (Transnational Criminal Activity, **CSIS**, 1998) Apart from the triads -- **Big Circle Boys** (or **Dai Huen Jai**), **Kung Lok**, **14K**, **Wo Group**, **Sun Yee On** (also known as the **Yee On Commercial and Industrial Guild**), and other Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and Korean gangs, other violent street gangs in major Canadian cities include, in the "**Vancouver** area: **Independent Soldiers** -- primarily Indo-Canadian members; **UN Gang** -- mostly Indo-Canadians, Asians, Persians [the diverse **UN Gang** -- cute isn't it?] **Toronto**: Some Black gangs derived from **Bloods** and **Crips** in the United States but may not be derivatives of the founding American gangs [blended with Jamaican posses]. Asian, Latino and Tamil gangs also prevalent in the city. **Montreal**: Some Haitian and Jamaican gangs: **The Reds** -- for Bloods; the **Blues** -- for Crips. **Calgary** and **Edmonton**: Self-named Asian gangs **FOB** (**Fresh off the Boat**, although many members born in Canada); **FK** (**Fresh off the Boat Killers**); **Crazy Dragons**, **Crazy Dragon Killers**. **Winnipeg**: African street gang **Mad Cowz**; aboriginal gang **Indian Posse**." (Canadian Press, December 27, 2005) The "diversity" is killing us.