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The Political Re-education of Jeffrey Rubin

In the terminal corruption of a multicult state, truth doesn't matter, only the sensitivity of favoured minorities. Such a state cannot long stand, as stroking, lies and sensitivity replace the hard facts and truth upon which sound judgements are made. Meet **Jeffrey Rubin**. He's chief economist for the World Markets division of the **Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce**. In reporting on his story, the **Globe and Mail's** (August 27, 2005) **Margaret Wente** noted that his is "widely respected for his sharp mind, and his writing is unusually colourful for an economist. Perhaps, too colourful for the times we live in now. Because of a passing comment most people wouldn't pause to notice, Mr. Rubin was found guilty of insensitivity by his own employer, which issued a public apology for his misbehaviour. To signal its sincere contrition, the bank also instructed him to attend a training session in cross-cultural diversity, devised especially for him." What had Rubin said or done? In his April 5 monthly report **Monthly Indicators**, aimed at sophisticated investors, Rubin wrote: "The first two oil shocks were transitory, as political events encouraged oil producers to seize full sovereignty over their resources and temporarily restrict supply. This time there won't be any tap that some appeased mullah or sheikh can suddenly turn back on." In other words, no one is artificially turning off the oil taps. As the world in running fully out with existing tapped oil capacity, oil prices will continue to rise. Virtually no one argues that Rubin is wrong.

However, a few days later the **Council on American Islamic Relations-Canada** sent a protest to the bank complaining that Rubin "is promoting stereotypes of Muslims and Arabs." **CAIR-Can** executive director **Riad Saloojee** demanded that the **CIBC** issue an apology and that Rubin be made to "undergo sensitivity training regarding Muslims and Arabs." Duly chastised, Rubin had to attend a 2-hour session prepared by **Laraine Kaminsky of Graybridge Malkam**. The political re-education session cost the bank's shareholders a shocking \$5,000. The **Globe's Margaret Wente** got to take the same session for the discount price of \$1,500. When Wente pointed out that in the 1970s, to which Mr. Rubin contrasted the present situation, much of the world's oil was, in fact, controlled by leaders who called themselves and were called sheikhs, "Ms Kaminsky conceded these points. So, where, I asked, did Mr. Rubin err" 'He was misinformed,' she said."

Political correctness is a form of the irrational. Of course, what Rubin said was true. However, under political correctness, he just shouldn't have said it. This is like the wave of insanity that swept over China during the **Red Guards** era destroying many lives and putting education on hold for a decade. Wild Maoist youth surged through the land denouncing even party leaders as "capitalist roaders" or "agents of U.S. imperialism," often on a whim. The poor wretch would be dragged before a "mass democracy meeting," forced to wear a dunce cap and a sign listing his crimes. He'd be denounced and often beaten. There's be no chance for him to offer a defence. In total disgrace, his ears ringing to the curses of the mob, he'd be marched off to execution or, if he was lucky, to prison or a re-education session in the countryside carrying nightsoil for peasants. The Canadian way is a bit gentler, but no less irrational. There isn't even an attempt to suggest that Rubin's views were erroneous

In discussing Rubin with Wente, the political re-educator Ms Kaminsky said that he's started off on the wrong foot. Unlike Wente

who brought a coffee for Kaminski, Rubin brought one only for himself. "Hospitality will be your first lesson," Wente was told. By not offering her a coffee, Rubin had been guilty of "cross cultural insensitivity," Kaminsky said. Let's look at that. Both Rubin and Kaminsky are White and, if one can judge by their names, likely Jewish. Where's the cross-cultural sensitivity? Radical feminists have been on a rip to two decades. Many a man has had his ear ripped off by some buzz-cut harridan insisting that he not demean her or treat her as a weaker creature if he opens a door for her or offers to get her a coffee. Rubin might well have feared a sexual harassment accusation had he brought teach a coffee or appeared too sucky. That's the beauty of political correctness: you never know the rules. That's great for the exploding diversity industry and trainers and re-educators like Ms Kaminsky.

Wente made a very good point. The **CIBC** isn't doing very well at its business: running a bank competently and delivering a good return for shareholders. She noted: "The bank's reputation is in tatters. ... Its headlines have been just awful --the shocking \$2.8-billion settlement over the **Enron** scandal, accompanied by an admission of criminal behaviour; the collapse of **Global Crossing**; the mutual funds market timing scandal; the errant faxes containing personal customer information that wound up in a West Virginia scrap yard." Yet, seemingly incapable of good business judgement, the Bank publicly humiliated one of its star performers and sent out a press release "to remind people that in June, it celebrated Diversity Month for the 13th year." Former **CIBC President John Hunkin** retired at the end of July, having just announced the shattering \$2.4-billion legal settlement for wrongdoing in the Enron affair. Yet, despite this and other dismal failures, he carted off "\$52-million in stock and securities. In addition, he pocketed nearly \$15-million in salary and bonuses since he took over as **CEO** in 1999." So, at **CIBC** failure is rewarded. Financial writer **Eric Reguly** comments: "**CIBC** has an uncanny instinct for locating landmines, The bank got whacked in the 1980s with loans to **Dome Petroleum**, which went bankrupt. In the same decade, it wrote off \$1.2-billion in loans Third World countries. In the early 1990s, the collapse of **Olympia & York Developments** carved a \$1-billion hole in **CIBC's** side." (**Globe and Mail**, August 13, 2005) Oh, well, **CIBC** can always smack the customer with higher fees to pay for these failures, these extravagant executive packages and diversity re-education for Mr. Rubin.

Warman Addresses the ARA & Persecutes Winnicki, Demanding \$70,000 for his Hurt Feelings

There have been some new developments in the campaign by Ottawa lawyer and self-appointed **Internet** watchdog and censor **Richard Warman**. First, Warman, so to speak, came out of the closet – ideologically. He was the keynote speaker, August 6 at the annual conference of the violence prone **ARA (Anti-Racist Action)**, the street thugs of anti-racism. Here is the way he was promoted on the **ARA** website.

"**Richard Warman**, a human rights lawyer from Ottawa, Ontario will be this year's keynote speaker. With over a dozen human rights complaints against neo-Nazis and other hatemongers currently being processed by the **Canadian Human Rights Commission** and the Tribunal, Richard has gained international recognition and praise for his strong independent fight against the wilful promotion of hatred online. Richard has won two cases so far, is waiting for two more

decisions to be handed down, and the rest of the cases are grinding their way through the system. He was also a key component in the efforts that led to the demise of "**Western Canada For Us**", a now defunct neo-Nazi organization that was based in the western provinces. He will be addressing the necessity of a multi-prong approach to fighting neo-Nazis and their hate – the legal work required in the courts, and the front-line activism needed in the streets." Interestingly, the **ARA** is in such bad odour that, after they'd announced they were coming to the **London Gay Pride Parade**, July 10, to "confront the fascists" – that is pro-family counterprotesters from the **Northern Alliance** and **CAFÉ**, they proved too much for even the homosexual organizers. The **ARA**'s own report on their attendance complains: "The Pride committee, frightened by the threats and lies of the police (who used lies sounding ironically similar to that which white supremacists commonly say about us) had to officially revoke the invitation of **ARA Toronto**."

It seems that Warman planned to be in Toronto for a week. August 8, a **Canadian Human Rights Tribunal** opened into the charge laid against London activist **Tom Winnicki** for postings on a U.S. private chat room forum. Warman claimed to be outraged at some of Winnicki's more colourful remarks. So outraged that he returned again and again to this forum of like-minded people to be outraged.

Warman has laid at least a dozen complaints against websites and people whose views he doesn't like. It may actually beat working for a living. How would you make \$70,000? You'd probably have to pull a lot of overtime or take a second job. **Richard Warman** lays a human rights complaint against some dissident whose views he doesn't like. When the person blasts him on-line and reveals what's been done, Warman shrieks "retaliation" and demands big bucks. It worked two years ago in the **Fred Kyburz** case in Alberta. When Kyburz took a few verbal shots at Warman, he squealed like a stuck pig, alleging he was afraid. Kyburz ignored the tribunal hearings, saying they were beneath contempt. The tribunal duly awarded Warman \$30,000. Kyburz is, apparently, judgement proof and Warman has yet to collect a single shekel.

On to **Tom Winnicki**. Tom called Warman a few choice names after Warman attacked him in the media and laid the complaint and got his then **ISP** to cut off his service in September 2003. According to the report by **Randy Richmond**, Warman's pal at the **London Free Press**, Warman was afraid. "The commission is seeking a \$10,000 fine and \$70,000 in damages, due largely to a later complaint filed by Warman that claims Winnicki targeted him personally after the first complaint was issued. Warman testified many messages claimed he was Jewish and therefore an enemy of the White supremacist movement. 'We're coming for you, you Jews -- and your servile dogs too,' said one message. His alarm at the messages jumped when he learned Winnicki had been charged by Toronto police with carrying a throwing knife and other weapons to a demonstration. Alarm turned to fear when a message appeared in the spring, showing his photograph with a star of David, like a target, on his forehead under the heading 'My enemies', Warman said. 'That caused a fair bit of fear,' he said. " (**London Free Press**, August 8, 2005) "Warman expected a strong reaction from White supremacists," writes his pal Richmond in another puff piece in the **London Free Press** (August 2, 2005). "His family is worried about the threats and Ottawa police have developed a security plan for him, which he will not discuss. 'You have to walk a fine line between being concerned and being paranoid.'"

It's interesting that the Ottawa police have a plan to protect Warman, but much threatened activists like myself – a victim of several **ARA**

assaults – have never been so honoured by the men in blue. All this fear talk must be seen as nonsense. Warman goes after individuals, threatening their rights and reputation, and then screams when they strike back verbally. He's like the brat who goes by a group of kids and taunts them. When they chase after him, he goes squealing to his big brother that the other kids are picking on him. What it's all about is the \$70,000 Warman hopes the Tribunal will award him.

Tom Winnicki had hoped to defend himself. However, he was overwhelmed by the mountain of material dropped on him by the **Canadian Human Rights Commission**, much of it at the last moment. He asked for an adjournment and won his request on August 8. He has retained Toronto lawyer **Chi-Kun Shi**. The case has been adjourned until October 17. -- **Paul Fromm**

Ernst Zundel's German Trial to Start Nov. 8

Authoress **Ingrid Rimland** reports that her husband, political prisoner **Ernst Zundel**, will go on trial November 8 for what is scheduled to be a five-day trial. (Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16, and 24) "Just a few days ago, I received the text of these charges in German - 14 points. Those who are able to read these charges with an open mind, will know they are an indictment not against **Ernst Zundel** who speaks the truth as he found it and knows it, but against a country that prides itself on being a 'democracy'. The bulk of the charges pertains to documents that have been posted on the **Zundelsite** for some 8 years, translated into several languages. They are introductory essays ("Holocaust 101") to Holocaust Revisionism and come in eight languages. You can read for yourself what they say if you are so inclined. (<http://www.zundelsite.org/101.html>). A few of Ernst's **Germania** letters sent to his world-wide network of friends and supporters are also found politically objectionable. These letters were legal in Canada, where most of them were written, thanks to the Supreme Court ruling in 1992 giving Ernst the right to say what he believes to be the truth, and they are legal in the United States, based on the First Amendment to the Constitution. They were not written in Germany, where draconian laws are locked in place that serve the State of Israel and not the German people."

Censorship Isn't Really Censorship, Fed Court Decides As It Pulls Plug on Quebec Radio Station

The **Federal Court of Appeal** has upheld state political censorship and once again left the Charter's guarantee of freedom of speech and freedom of the press in ragged tatters. "In a final bid to stop federal broadcast regulators from closing down Quebec City's controversial radio station because of offensive and abusive comments, **CHOI-FM** will ask the **Supreme Court of Canada** to overturn today's **Federal Court of Appeal** ruling, which upholds a decision to pull the station off the air. The president of **Genex Communications Inc**, **Patrice Demers**, whose company owns the station, said he will fight until the end to protect ... his station's right to freedom of speech against the **Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's** decision to revoke **CHOI-FM's** license in July 2004. 'It is the first ever station closed for verbal content in Canada,' Mr. Demers said. 'It is a major concern ... for Canadians that government and five bureaucrats in Ottawa close down a station because they don't agree with what was said.' 'It must be clearly understood that this appeal, contrary to the apparent belief and desire of the appellant (**Genex Communication**) does not give rise directly or in general to a comprehensive debate over freedom of speech. The issue is, and remains, whether the **CRTC's** discretionary decision not to renew the appellant's license was made judicially and in compliance with the rules of natural justice, the standards of procedural fairness and its own procedures,' Justice [Gilles] **Létourneau** stated. " (**Globe and Mail**, September 1, 2005)