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Jewish Lobby Group Seeks to Make Criticism of Israel Illegal

"The Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy " (CIJA) was created in 2002 by Canada's Jewish corporate giants, notably **Izzy Asper**, **Gerry Schwartz**, and **Heather Reisman**, to coordinate Canada's Israel lobby and manage the 'strategic direction' of the CJC. In 2005, CIJA formed the **Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee (CJPAC)**, a counterpart to the U.S. AIPAC, in time to back the Harper election. It received in exchange unprecedented loyalty to Israel from the Tories.

Since 2002, the CJC has been treating any criticism of Israel as an attack on all Jews: "Jews and Israel, Judaism and Zionism are inextricably intertwined and an anti-Semitic attack on one is an attack on the other. It explicitly labels as anti-Semitic anyone (Gentile or Jew) who criticizes Israeli policy or Zionism. Last summer, as Israel rained destruction on Lebanon and the people of Gaza, the CJC attacked the **United Church of Canada** as anti-Semitic for considering a divestment motion in protest of Israeli war crimes.

Ed Morgan, the outgoing CJC president, and **Bernie Farber**, the CEO, proudly listed their top accomplishments:

- Trying to make criticism of Israel or Zionism illegal as a hate crime;
- Opposing the **United Church's** divestment motion. (They didn't mention that the motion actually passed, largely because many Jews supported it.)
- Attacking **CUPE's** boycott motion;
- Supporting Europe's **Organization of Security and Co-operation** in its "war on terror";
- Organizing Israel propaganda tours for 25 city mayors, 25 Ontario police chiefs, and 20 Assembly of First Nations." (**Diane Ralph, Fortress CJC: The CIJA Take-over**)

(Don't) Talk Radio

You can still say pretty much anything you want in Canada *if* you're speaking a language other than English. A melancholy fate for the language that carried liberating concepts of freedom and rationalism around the globe. On September 13, music promoter **Bruce Allen** made the following comments on **B.C.** radio station **CKNW's** editorial spot: "It seems more and more that we are being pilloried by special interest groups that just want to make special rules for themselves. This is easy to solve: these are the rules, there's the door. If you don't like the rules, hit it. We don't need you here. You have another place to go -- it's called home. See ya." Allen "specifically mentioned **RCMP** officers who wear turbans instead of the traditional hat, and a decision by **Elections Canada** to allow women to wear *burkas* to vote, 'when it's clear voters have to be able to be identified at the polls.' Allen said, 'We have laws in this country. They are spelled out and they're easy to get a hold of. If you're immigrating to this country and you don't like the rules that are in place, then you have the right to choose not to live here. [But if you choose to come to a place like Canada then shut up and fit in.]" (**CTV**, September 25, 2007) In a lockstep outpouring of intolerance, "the **Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission** has received 268 written complaints [including one from Richmond **MP Raymond Chan**. Sworn to uphold rights and freedoms,] the former **Liberal** federal multiculturalism minister called on Allen to retract his [deceptive, inaccurate] 'inflammatory, discriminatory remarks' and apologize. If Allen does not, he should step down from his role on the

Vancouver 2010 ceremonies planning committee, added Chan. ... 'With that kind of commentary, I think it important that he cannot be organizing events that are going to show Canada to the rest of the world.'" (**Vancouver Province**, September 26, 2007)

Can't Get Enough Of Mr. Chan?

Outraged **MP Raymond Chan** does not seem like the obvious choice for a morals lecture. Two years ago, it was revealed that as "federal **Liberal Multiculturalism Minister**, **Raymond Chan** funnelled \$4,900 from his 2004 election campaign into his own companies, and another \$3,600 to the treasurer of one of those companies. ... Chan's campaign paid \$3,400 to **Greenwood Academy** and **Grand Canadian Academy** for advertising. Chan, MP for Richmond, owns **Greenwood Academy** through a company called **Grand Canadian**. The school is in Nanjing, China. All of its students are Chinese citizens. Hardly the place a Canadian politician would go looking for votes. That \$3,400 is slightly more than Chan spent advertising on **Fairchild Radio's** **AM** and **FM** stations combined, and it's nearly three times more than he spent advertising in **Ming Pao**, the largest Chinese newspaper in the Lower Mainland. Greenwood's treasurer, **Klement Mui**,

was also paid \$3,600 by the campaign for undisclosed services rendered in May and June of 2004. ... What it adds up to is that Chan's companies and the company treasurer got slightly more than \$1 out of every \$10 spent on the campaign. ... After his re-election, Chan was appointed secretary of state for multiculturalism ... and his first major trip was to China in January 2005 with the **Team Canada** trade mission. There, among other things, Chan helped open doors [and ink deals] for **Michael Lo** and **Queenie Tin**, the principals in **Kingston Education Group**. The New Westminster-based Kingston group operates [**Kingston College** as well as] **Lansbridge University**, a private college with branches in Chan's Richmond riding and another in New Brunswick. It also operates home-stay, high school programs for Chinese students in Burnaby, Markham and Niagara Falls, Ont. ... Chan's conflict-of-interest disclosure says that he is sole owner of **Grand Canadian Academy Inc.** and 70 per cent owner of **Grand Canadian Academy (Nanjing) Inc.**, two private companies that operate a school in China, as well as co-owner of **Global Business Development Inc.** ... In March 2005, Lo and Tin renamed one of their numbered companies **Grand Canadian Academy (China) Inc.** So, when did they buy into the school? That's not clear, since Chan never disclosed to the ethics commissioner who owned the other 30 per cent of the school. And the **B.C.** government's **Independent School Inspector's** office still lists Chan's company as the owner. ... People who donate to political parties don't expect their money to end up in the candidate's bank account -- personal or corporate. And taxpayers, who foot a large part of the bill for trade missions, don't expect cabinet ministers to be furthering their own personal interests overseas. [No-o, that's exactly what Canadians came to expect of nest-feathering Liberals. Then, a year ago, college impresario **Michael Lo** quietly resigned from a very exclusive club, the Premier's **Chinese Community Advisory Committee**, and withdrew his services] as an organizer for the **B.C. Liberals**, a party to which he and his companies have contributed at least \$61,000 in campaign donations over the last four years. ... The political campaign donations took place *before and after* the provincial Liberals rewrote legislation governing private career training institutions in 2003, abolishing the government-run **Private Post-Secondary Education Commission**. In its place the government created an industry *self-regulated body* called the **Private Career Training Institutions Agency**. A year after the change, the Liberals appointed Lo to the **PCTIA**. He was chair of the agency's *quality assurance committee*, which is supposed to ensure

institutions registered or accredited with the agency meet certain standards." (**Vancouver Sun**, October 7, 2007) Yes, we laughed too. At the same time, the province pulled **Kingston College's** licence when it was revealed that foreign students were being seduced with promises of earning a master's degree through an affiliate college, the **American University in London (AUL)**. On closer inspection, **AUL** proved to be headquartered over a **London betting shop**. Shortly thereafter, BC announced that its **Advanced Education and Education** ministries and **Private Career Training Institutions Agency** were investigating Lo and Tin's **Lansbridge University** as well. "The investigative report by **PCTIA** registrar **Jim Wright** said Kingston college used 'various subterfuges' to conceal its activities. [But it's not like everyone minded] 'It appears that as long as Kingston College was able to fulfil the expectations of students by delivering their degrees, the students had no interest in raising any concerns,' the report says. 'In fact, it appears the students were complicit in maintaining a code of silence . . .'" (**Vancouver Sun**, October 23, 2006) Tainted campaign contributions, penny ante slush funds, low friends in high office, fake degrees from diploma mills? Come to think of it Chan is well qualified to lecture on the benefits of multiculturalism. Hey, like everyone else, we're only asking for the chance to learn!

Richard Warman Threatens Free Dominion

Free Dominion (<http://www.freedominion.ca>) is a conservative website and group of former **Reform Party** members eager to see strict conservative principles and policies followed in the newly amalgamated **Conservative Party of Canada**. This June they found themselves the subject of a complaint -- amazingly this one not by **Richard Warman** -- under **Sec.13.1** -- the **Internet** censorship provisions of the **Canadian Human Rights Act**. The complaint had to do with postings by one of their correspondents critical of one of Canada's privileged minorities -- homosexuals.

The **Free Dominion** folks were shocked at this assault on free speech. We had warned more conservative people -- religious and otherwise -- that they too would join more outspoken people -- like Zundel and young White nationalists -- as victims of **Sec. 13.1** censorship. After all, it's not really about "hate", it's about throttling of dissent and criticism of privileged minorities. The complainant, a Quebec academic, withdrew the complaint, apparently not having the stomach for a protracted battle. It seemed that **Free Dominion** had dodged the bullet. But, not so fast. **Connie Wilkins** and her husband now find themselves threatened with libel action by the litigious **Richard Warman** who loves to dish out abuse and complaints, criminal and otherwise, but is hyper thin-skinned about any criticism of his anti-free speech activities. He howls every time he's called a censor. [He's filed 26 **Internet** censorship complaints and numerous **Sec. 319** "hate" law complaints. He's no censor or thought control wannabe. He's Canada's foremost supporter of free and open discussion and, yes, North Korea's **President for Life Kim Jong Il** is a genius.) **Connie Wilkins** continues the story: "Tonight we answered a knock on our door and we were served with papers from **Richard Warman** (famous human rights complaint filer). Apparently Mr. Warman is planning to take us to court over some of the comments he found when he was self-googling. We would really appreciate the help of those of you who are gifted in on-line research. Any of the comments he is complaining about that can be proven to be true would, I believe, be dismissed in court."

Appeal of Zundel's Maximum Sentence Denied

Dissident **Ernst Zundel** received the maximum 5-year sentence allowed and a German court of appeal refused to credit him with the two years he served in solitary confinement as a political prisoner in Canada.

"I am one of several defence attorneys who appealed the verdict of **Mannheim District Court**, in which **Ernst Zündel** received the maximum sentence for making politically undesirable utterances. That verdict also stated that Mr. Zundel's two years of confinement in Canada while awaiting extradition would not be taken into consideration. Our appeal was rejected by the **Bundesgerichtshof** (**Appeals Court of the Federal Republic**) on 12 September 2007.

The **BGH** refused to consider the appeal, even though there were numerous grounds for appeal that were obvious and absolute. The **BGH** chose to ignore all of them. The **BGH** mentioned only two points. One was that my office did not receive more than 20 volumes of documents, with the result that I was unable to make copies of them. This means that I would not have been able to examine the subject documents anywhere except the business office of **Mannheim District Court**. The **BGH** considered this to be nothing out of the ordinary, despite the fact that it is totally out of compliance with established practice. In a single terse sentence, the **BGH** stated that Mannheim Court's refusal to consider the two years confinement in Canada did not constitute legal error. Thus, the **BGH** upheld a verdict that had been pronounced in a trial that was absolutely without precedent in the Federal Republic." **Jurgen Rieger**

Liberal Director Replaced for "Insensitive" Remark

So strong is minorityitis today in Canada, that anything but the slurpiest grovelling to minorities can cost a man his job, even a Liberal. **Liberal Leader Stephane Dion** is reassigning his party's national director in one of several shuffles expected this week, while another member from Quebec has withdrawn his candidacy. **Jamie Carroll** is one of Dion's closest associates, but sparked controversy over purported comments he made about hiring Quebecers. Last week, during a closed-door meeting, Carroll is alleged to have said that if he hired more Quebecers, he would also have to hire more Chinese staffers. Some at the meeting took offence to the alleged remarks, and waves of unrest rippled through much of the party, especially among Quebec ranks. Even deputy leader **Michael Ignatieff** called for Carroll's dismissal. Dion stood by Carroll, claiming he was misinterpreted and rejected calls for his resignation. But on Tuesday, word emerged that Dion was poised to replace him in an effort to quell dissent within the party. According to **The Canadian Press**, the move is not being described as a firing or resignation, but rather as a reassignment. (**CTV.ca**, Oct. 2, 2007)

"The federal Liberals' national director is accusing the party of besmirching his reputation following his controversial comments last week about the hiring of francophone Quebecers, **CBC News** has learned. **Jamie Carroll** ... came under fire after comments made about Quebecers during a meeting last week. 'I believe the events of the past week can only add up to a public and unjustified besmirching of my name and reputation, and, unless further steps are taken, the constructive dismissal of me,' **Jamie Carroll** wrote in a confidential letter addressed to senior party executives. Carroll, who was handpicked by **Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion** for his post, says his reputation has been 'permanently damaged' by a 'public attack ... launched against me.' ... Carroll came under attack after a meeting last week during which he was urged to hire more francophones for Dion's staff. According to some witnesses, Carroll is said to have responded: 'Do we also have to hire people from the Chinese community to represent the Chinese community?'" (**CBC News**, Oct. 2, 2007)